

Bentonia, MS

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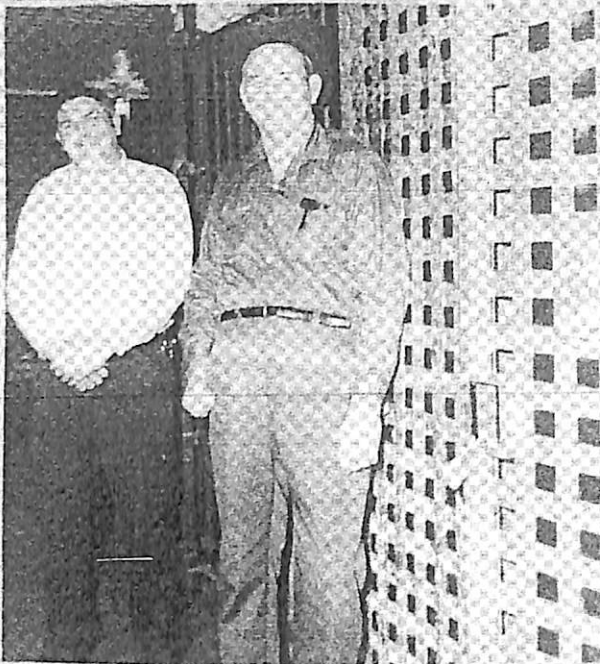
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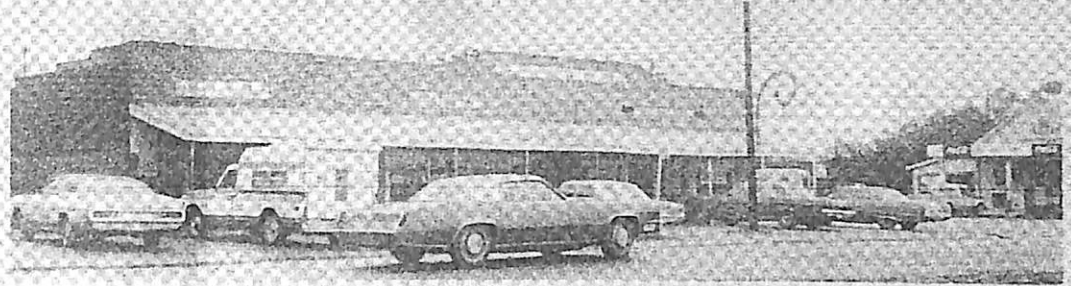
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Ken Smith and camera visits Bentonia



THE LAW IN BENTONIA

Most of the law in Bentonia is enforced by these two men, Owen White, left, who is also the fire chief, water commissioner and street commissioner and George Howell, the night marshal, who also owns the cafe. The lock-ups are far from escape proof. White has often called on the Yazoo County Sheriff's department for assistance and said, "they have never taken longer than 30 minutes to be here."



BENTONIA EAST

Toby's Goods has been run by Toby Passions for almost 20 years. Next door is Stegalls. On the same side, not pictured, is the barber shop, city hall, Community Action Association, a motor parts company and other shops.



BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL

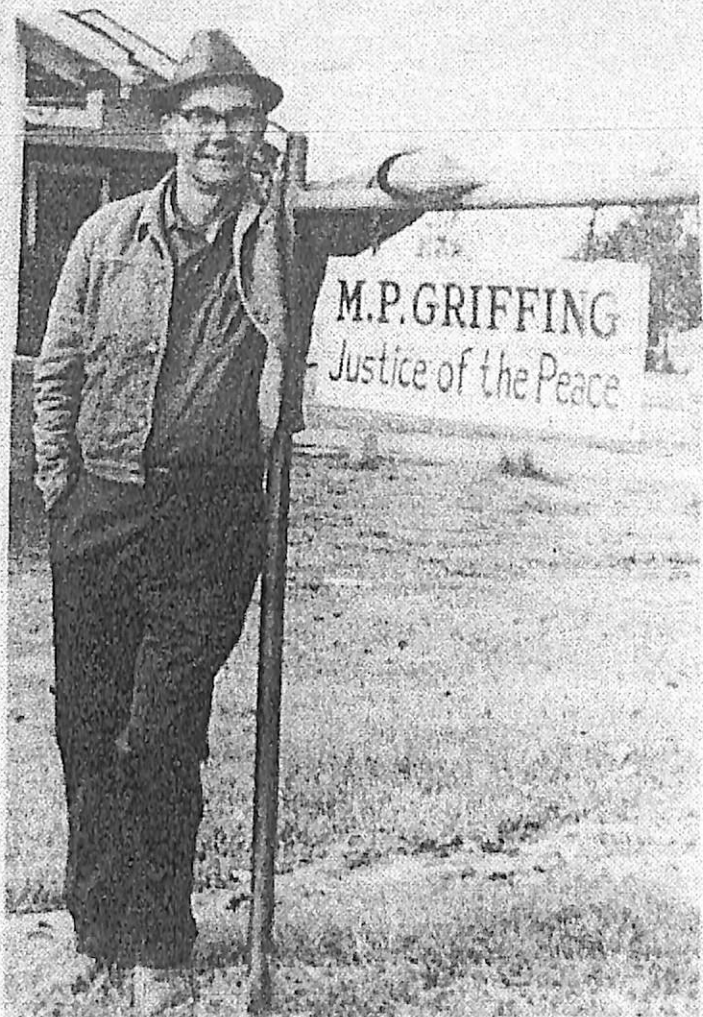
Just north of Bentonia is the school.



coming soon

*Nancy Cotton will soon
be at your favorite grocer's*





JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

M. P. Griffing serves as Justice of the Peace in Bentonia. Most of his business comes from Highway 49S and the Highway Patrol radar. He spends most of his time managing a farm.

Bentonia is a crossroads community some 15 miles from Yazoo City on highway 49S and state highway 433. Actually, the main highway goes around Bentonia proper, but a few stores and service stations have moved the half-mile to the roadway.

No one is really sure how Bentonia got its name, but legend goes that a wealthy planter promised to build a large church there if the town would be named for his wife. The name Bentonia was given to the town, but nobody can recollect the church.

The 1970 census figures said that Bentonia had 556 souls

within its city limits, but Banker Frank Simpson Jr. said this figure was misleading. "A large part of our population lives outside of the city limits in the country."

Frank Simpson Jr. came to Bentonia to put in a small branch of the Bank of Flora. He said, "We planned this as a sort of convenience, but it surprised us." The surprise came with the acceptance of the bank and its "fantastic growth." In the few years the bank has been located in Bentonia, there have been two additions to the building.

"At this rate," Mr. Simpson

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Yazoo City Herald

Social Activities

District nurses have meeting in Yazoo City

Holmes, Humphreys and Yazoo District Nurse Association No. 14 held its regular monthly meeting on Monday in the conference room of King's Daughters Hospital. Mrs. Jeanette Sligh presided and there were 17 members present.

After a short business meeting, the members enjoyed a holiday social meeting. Gifts were exchanged and delicious refreshments were served in the quiet decorated room.

The meeting adjourned until the next month beginning on Monday, Jan. 15.

Holiday meet of DKG chapter held in Canton

The Christmas meeting of the Canton Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held at the



BENTONIA WEST

A cluster of stores fill a strip on each side of the railroad. To the west is the cafe, Hancock's general merchandise, a farm implement dealer, the drug store and the post office.

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MAYOR AND CITY CLERK

Mrs. C. W. Martin serves as city clerk and is also a wellspring of information about their town. Sam Parker is the mayor and has served in that post for four years, he is very willing to promote his city.

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said with a grin, "we might move the main office to Benton and make Flora the branch."

Everyone does not agree with Mr. Simpson however. Toby Passons, one of the grocers, said he couldn't see much improvement in business. But business is steady and the people who are there have been there for some time, such as C. W. Hancock, Mrs. J. P. Stegall, and Pete Logan the barber.

Sam Parker, the mayor for about four years, and a former sheriff of Yazoo County said, "We've grown a little, not a lot, but three or four new houses spring up every year. It's hard to find a place to live in Benton."

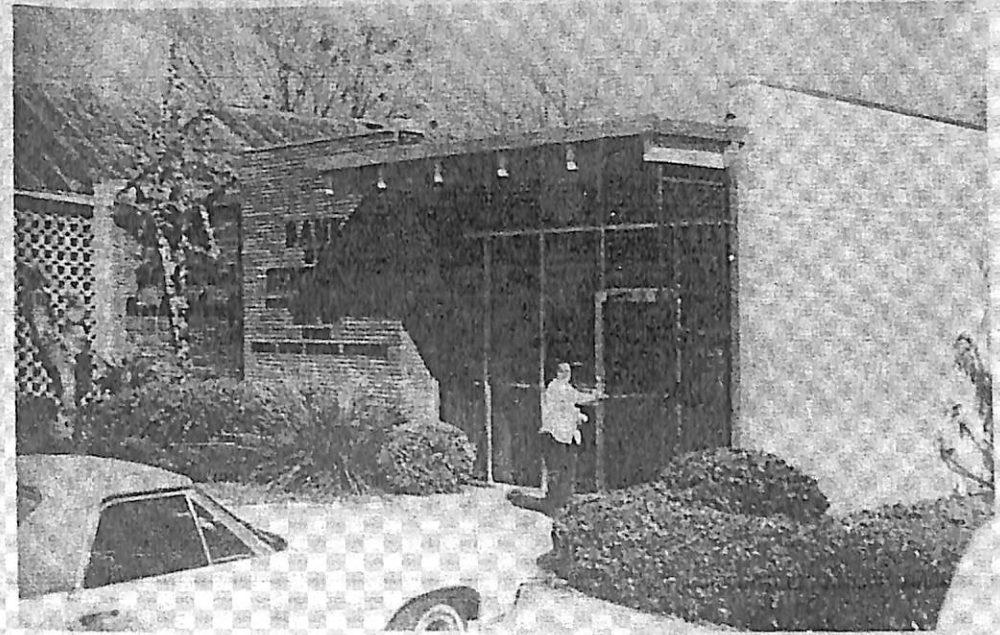
Mayor Parker listed improvements such as the laying out of some new water lines,

hooked to the nearest fire plug until a truck from Yazoo City can arrive.

"We have a police car on order. It's passed the board already, but the government is helping out and it had to be approved by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. We're hoping it goes through." Until the new car comes, Owen White will continue to use his pickup and the night marshal, George Howell, will use his car.

M. P. Griffing, the Justice of the Peace for Beat One, said being a small town JP was not all "it's cracked up to be." He's not that busy, in fact he manages one of the Holmes & Barrier cotton farms most of the time.

"The State Highway Patrol's radar hookup on the highway has brought me some business,



BANK OF BENTONIA

The bank that started out as a convenience stop and was remodeled twice to keep up with the rapid expansion, probably the newest building in town.



SECOND BIGGEST INDUSTRY


The Cathy-Williford-Jones Co. sawmill has the second largest payroll in Benton. The largest is "Red" Hancock's Construction Company just outside of town on Highway 49.

AT BACHELORS CLUB PARTY


Miss Martha Swayze and Bill Anderson were in Jackson Friday night for a Bachelors Club party.

The Christmas Ball was at the Country Club of Jackson.

Members entertained their dates with a cocktail party and banquet prior to the dance.



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Mayor Parker listed improvements such as the laying out of some new water lines, drilling a new well, re-blacktopping some of the streets, doing sewer work and adding a night marshal.

Mayor Parker made a trip back to the office to comment to this reporter that the improvements did not cost the taxpayers "not one nickle."

When asked about what the city planned to do with the revenue-sharing money from the federal government, Mayor Parker said, "I'll leave that up to the board."

The "board" consists of E.W. Martin, D.L. Graham, Paul Ferriss, D.E. Ross and L.O. VanDevender.

Bentonia is not without industries. Mayor Parker said W.S. "Red" Hancock Construction Company had the largest payroll followed by the Cathey-Williford-Jones Co. sawmill and two cotton gins, the Planters Gin Company and the Bentonia Gin.

The town still depends mostly on agriculture and the two gins do quite well.

"We have three or four farmers who work 1,000 to 1,500 acres of cotton every year," the mayor said.

Owen White, the day marshal and also the fire chief, water commissioner and street commissioner all rolled into one, commented, "We're planning on getting a fire truck right away." At the moment two fire hose spools are hauled behind his pickup truck and

"The state highway patrol's radar hookup on the highway has brought me some business, but not much." Still, he wouldn't trade Bentonia for somewhere else.

See photo on A-8

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Simmons and two children of San Antonio, Texas spent a recent visit here with his mother, Mrs. Annie Laurie Simmons and brother, James Robert Simmons and family.

members entertained their dates with a cocktail party and banquet prior to the dance.

AT LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

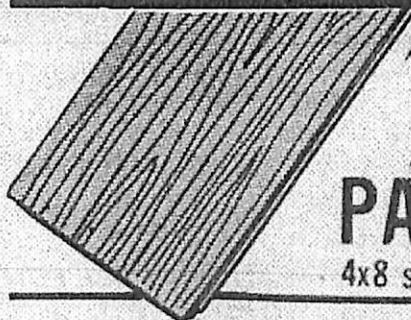
Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Lanoux attended a recent three-day Landscape Design School at Mississippi State University.

Mrs. Lanoux is secretary of the Landscape Design Council for the state and assisted with registration at the school.

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READY FOR ACTION

Bentonía Mayor Sam Parker (right) and Police Chief George Howell stand by the fire truck recently purchased for the town's 20-plus volunteer fire department.



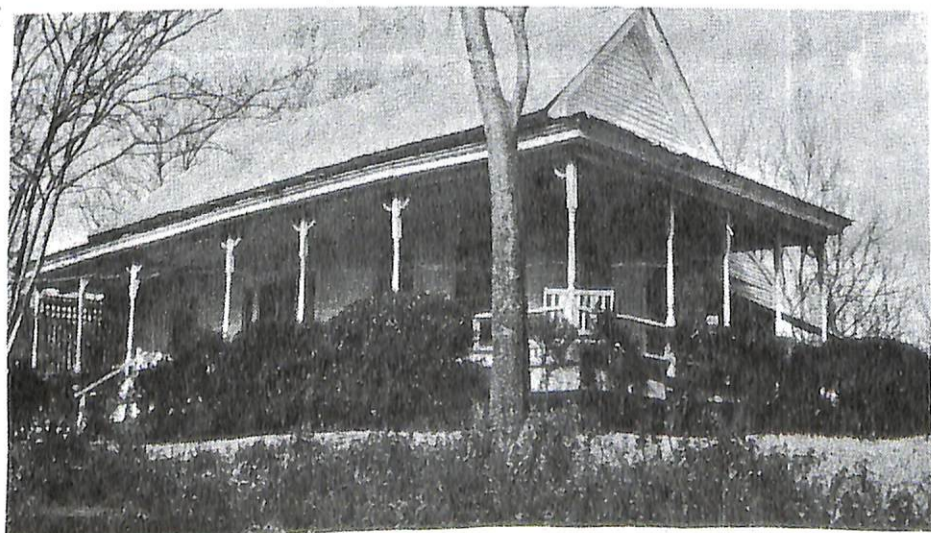
HOWELL'S CAFE AND HOTEL

George Howell operates this cafe and four-room hotel in Bentonía. The hotel is usually full, he says, with construction or oil field workers.



BENTONIA'S MAIN STREET

Most of the town's businesses are on this street or on the street which faces it across the Illinois Central tracks.



ANTEBELLUM HOME

The old Sadler home, now occupied by the M. T. Kirk family, is one of the authentic antebellum homes in Bentonía.



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Bentonia: Self-reliant and progressive

"We do everything ourselves," says Mayor Sam Parker of Bentonia; "we don't depend on government help."

Indeed the self-reliant town of Bentonia does do it all, and apparently is doing most things right, for the population of the town is growing in an agricultural area where most small towns are showing a decline.

Part of the reason for the town's success is the fact that, although agriculture is still the largest economic factor, it is rapidly being overtaken by other interests which are employing more and more labor.

W. S. Hancock's oil field service company and the Cathey-Williford Jones Lumber company are both large employers, with work forces that fluctuate, but usually number approximately 100 men each.

The population in the town of Bentonia is 545, says Mayor Parker, but the Bentonia trade area is much bigger, pulling from all the surrounding communities. People come into Bentonia to shop, the mayor says, from Satartia, Phoenix, Benton and even Yazoo City.

Approximately 80 per cent of the adults living in Bentonia work in Yazoo City or Jackson. With the improvements being made on Highway 49, Bentonia is taking on more importance as a residential center for commuters. New houses are constantly being built and no house in town stays vacant long, Mayor Parker says.

The retail sales of the nine businesses inside the town limits are climbing, with the average monthly sales tax for the city approximately \$1,000.

The city is proud of its 20-man volunteer fire department, its police department with two fully-equipped radio cars and its new sewer pumps, bought and installed with no bond issue and no government help.

In addition to Mayor Parker, the members of the Board of Aldermen in Bentonia are D. E. Ross, Thomas Stevens, Dennis Graham, Dean Hopson and Billy Jo Ragner. George Howell is police chief and also heads up the volunteer fire department.

The town is interspersed with beautiful modern homes and graceful ante-bellum ones. During the spring, it is

especially lovely with flowering shrubs and bushes in almost every yard.

Representative of the modern, progressive spirit of Bentonia, Hancock is planning a new, much larger office to be located on the new Highway 49 bypass. The growing oil field service company does about 30 per cent of its work in Yazoo County, and is spreading out rapidly into surrounding states.

Bentonia started out in 1828 as Pritchetts Crossroads and stayed Pritchetts until 1883, when the railroad arrived. The name was selected to honor Miss Bentonia Johnson, whose family owned most of the land on which the town was located. Much of the land which now comprises Bentonia also originally belonged to the Rosenberg and Cannon families.

Other early settlers in the area, many of whom still have descendants in and around Bentonia, were the Hancock family, who operated the Bentonia Hotel from 1906 until it burned in 1832; the Kirks, the Martins, Richardsons, Bradshaws, Shackelfords, Daltons, Days, and Links.

"There Will Never Be Another One Like Him"

The rocking chairs around an unusual heating stove are not in use during these hot, hot August days, but, soon the days of fall will turn into winter and Champ Simmons and his friends from Bentonia will enjoy sitting around talking about what is going on in the hustle bustle of downtown Bentonia.

Like Champ, who one of his friends said, "There will never be another one like him," the stove is almost one of a kind. At least it is the only one like it your writer or Mr. Simmons has ever seen.

The stove is of the Jove brand. The bottom is similar to many you see. It is round, with shakers at the bottom and a door through which wood is put.

The unusual feature is the top drum. The drum catches the heat and saves it from going up the chimney and out of the building.

We hear a lot about saving energy and this is one that Champ Simmons says really works.

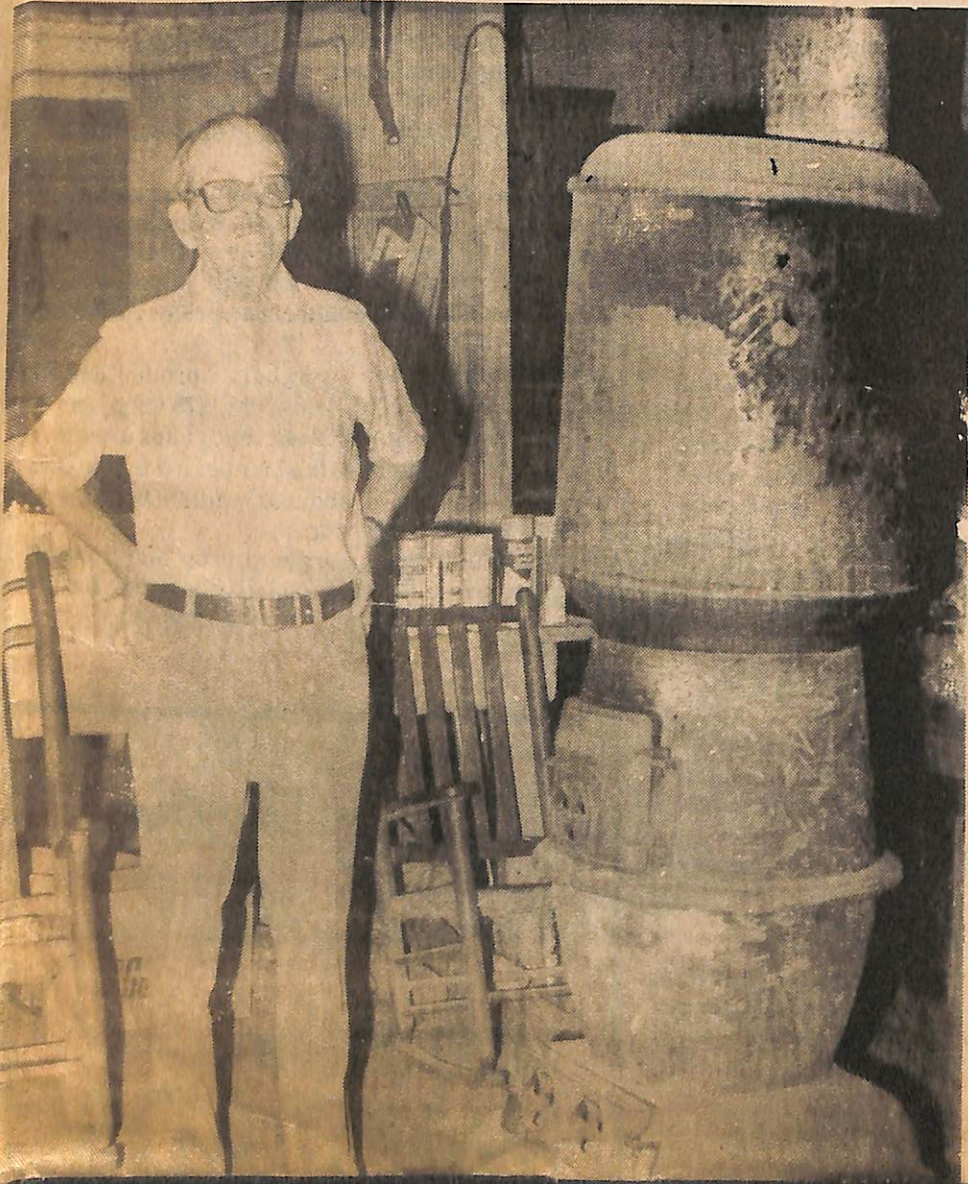
The stove pipe is made locally as it rises 2 stories straight up to the top of the store, then across to the chimney. Due to the height, Mr. Simmons stated that he has it specially made as the boughten stove pipe rusts out fast. The pipe is made of a heavy

guage material that lasts several years.

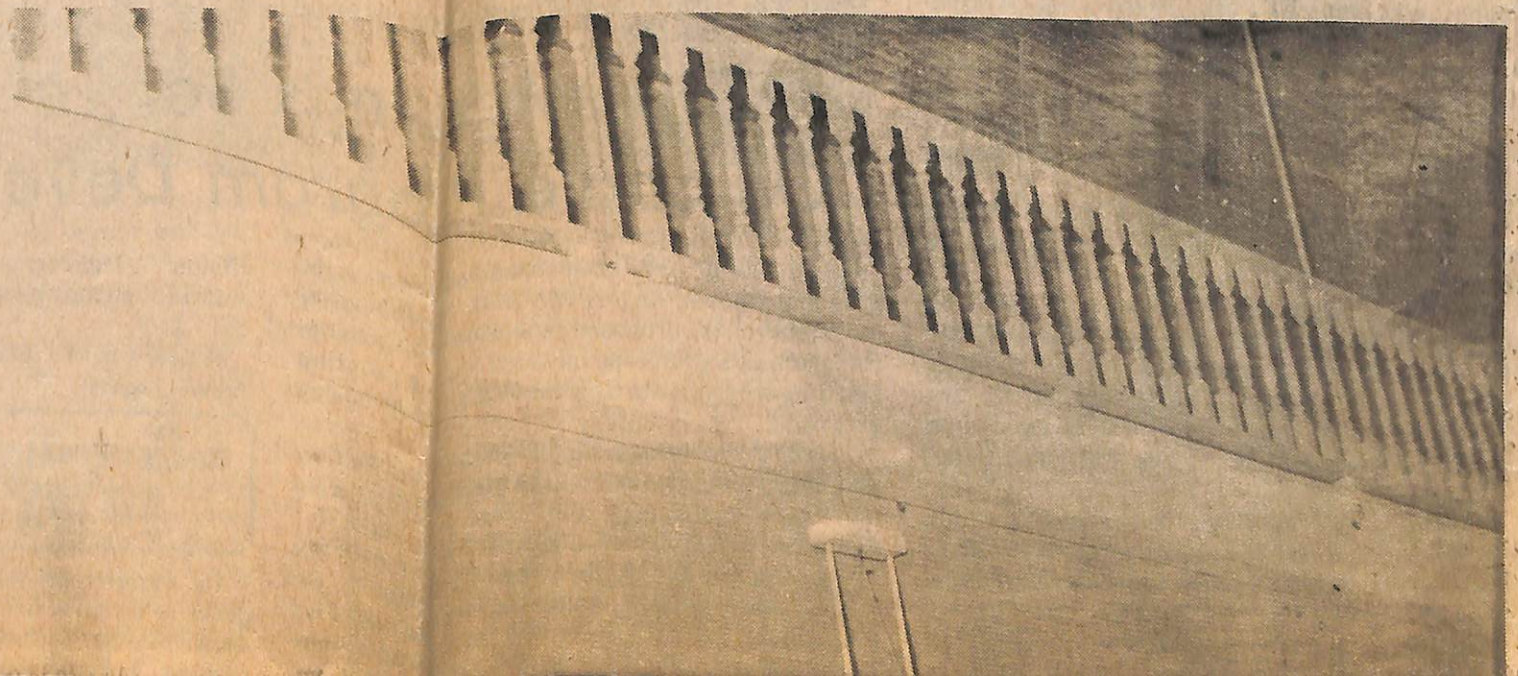
Like the stove, Mr. Simmons belongs to the Champ Simmons General Merchandise Store. Mr. Simmons came to Bentonia over 50 years ago as an employee of R. K. Whitehead. The Whiteheads were a well todofamily. They were planters, owned a gin, and the general merchandise store. Champ worked for them for several years and after their death, he became the owner of the general merchandise store.

The store has an unusual interior because of the balcony all the way around it. The balcony isn't used today as part of the store, but it goes around and you can imagine the activity that went on when the store was new. Most general merchandise stores were only one floor, with no balcony.

Champ, who is about 70, comes to the store each day. He likes to visit with the people of Bentonia. He closes the store when he wants to, and opens it when he wants to. He likes to visit and the store, with the rocking chairs, and round wood burning stove, have been his home during th day for over 50 years.



CHAMP SIMMONS—Sits proudly on the counter of his store. This picture was taken a few years ago when the store was in the height of its development.



JOVE—An antique wood burning stove, and energy saver, is shown by Champ Simmons. The stove is located at the Simmons General Merchandise Store in Bentonia.

BALCONY—At the Simmons General Merchandise Store is very unique and eye catching.

Weekend Craft Demonstrations Scheduled At Ridgeland Crafts Center

Superintendent C.W. Ogle announced today that the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi is sponsoring weekend craft demonstrations during September at the Ridgeland Crafts Center at milepost 102.4 on the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Demonstrations are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Dan Overly, Director of the guild, and responsible for arranging the demonstrations provided the

following special weekend schedule of Mississippi craftpersons for the month of September:

September 6-7, George Berry of Piney Woods—Woodcarving.

September 13-14, Dean and Barbara Parks of Clinton, Jewelry Making.

September 20-21, Milton Hairston of Jackson, Glass.

September 27, Bob Heath of Jackson, Blacksmithing.

September 27-28, Chet Goodyear of Gulfport, Traditional Woodworking.

Special corn shuck doll making demonstrations are conducted on an unscheduled basis by Mrs. Martha Garrott. Additional information on demonstrations may be gotten by calling the crafts center at 601-856-7546.

Both Messrs. Overly and Ogle explained that the demonstrations were adding another dimension to the interpretive value of the crafts center and help

to enrich the experience of the crafts center visitors.

The crafts center is in full operation seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with sales and exhibits of Mississippi handicraft items.

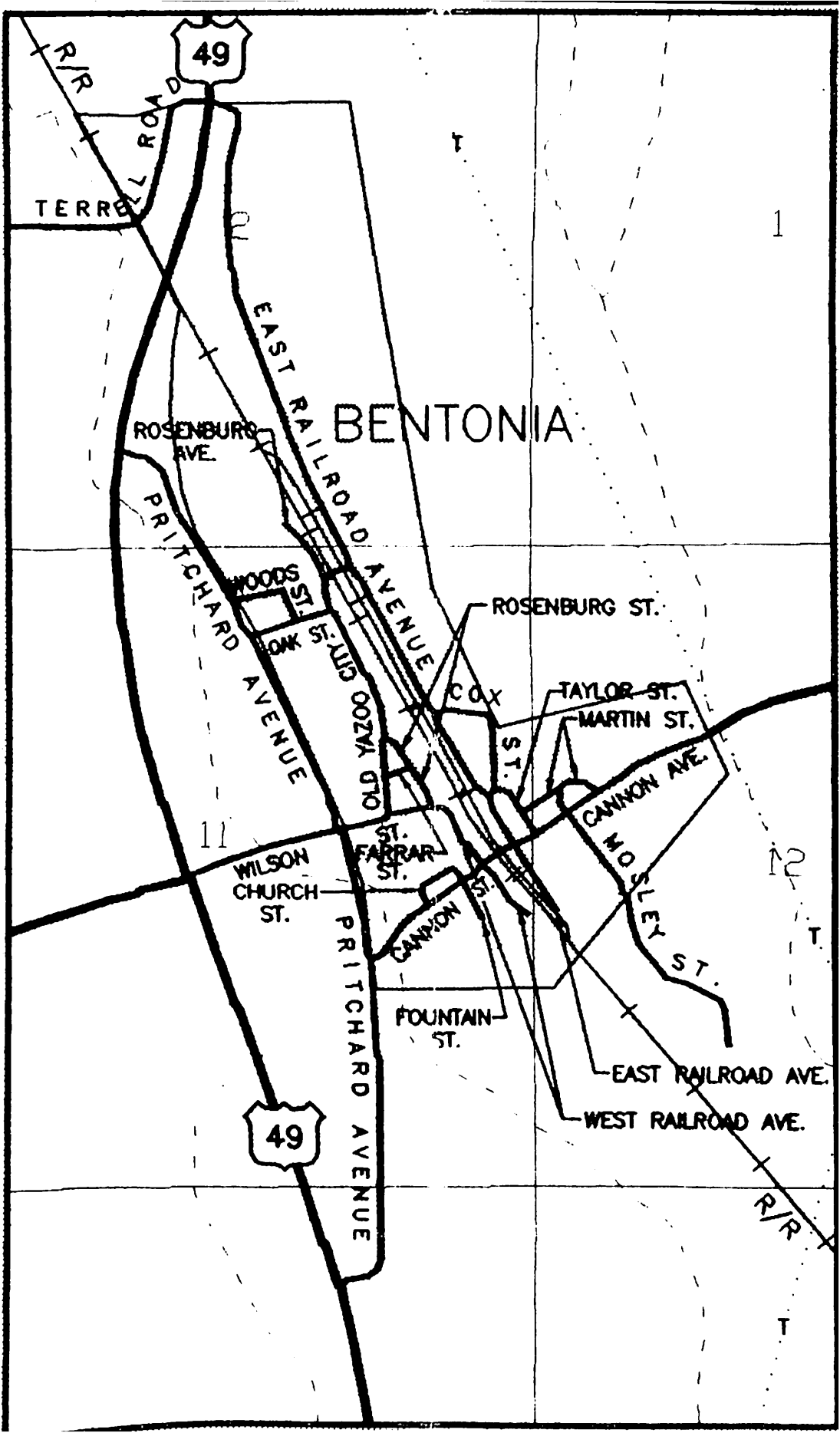
Local residents and parkway visitors are invited to visit the crafts center at Ridgeland and take advantage of the variety of programs being offered by the Natchez Trace Parkway and Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

Consulting Scholar At Penn

Dr. Frances James, professor of anthropology at the University of Mississippi, had been named consulting scholar to the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. Dr. James, one of eight consulting scholars, has been appointed to the Syro - Palestinian section of the museum, one of the world's leading archeological teaching and research centers. Consulting scholars serve as advisors to the museum, and are recognized internationally as archaeology specialists.

POLICE REPORT					
Fines Assessed By Yazoo County Municipal Court					
Name	Age	Address	Offense	Fine	Arresting Officer
Alvin Evers	46	313 W. 13th St.	Illegal sale of beer to minor	\$500 appeal bond	Woods, Felton
Eddie Young, Jr.	36	417 Lamar Ave.	Public drunk	\$20.00	Powell
Jerome Griffin	18	102 Fouche Apt.	Dist. peace, A&B	90 days all but 5 days susp.	Adam
Mitchell Allen	32	Lindsey Lawn Apt. 70	A&B	30 days suspd.	Adam, White
Fannie Mae Rodgers	36	Apt. 112 Fouche	Threatening	90 days suspd.	Adam
Gloria Ann Rodgers	18	112 Fouche Apts.	Dist. peace, dest. priv. propt, A&B	90 days suspd.	Felton
John Griffin	56	102 Fouche Apts.	A&B	90 days suspd.	Felton
A.B. Adams	NL	Mushroom St.	Public drunk	time served	White
L.D. Jackson	NL	NL	Public drunk	time served	Adam
L.D. Jackson	NL	NL	Littering	time served	Adam
Bettie Richardson	40	Rt. 4 Box 90	Resist. arrest	\$500.00	Dean, Rector
Bettie Richardson	40	Rt. 4 Box 90	Public drunk	\$20.00	Dean, Rector
Bettie Richardson	40	Rt. 4 Box 90	Ind. & Prof. lang.	\$50.00	Dean, Rector
Albert Ezell	35	Lukeway Apts., Waynesboro	Public drunk	\$20.00	Tharp, Auger
Lula Mae Robinson	20	Rt. 2 Box 96, Tchula	Shoplifting	\$75.00	Dean
Dorothy Robinson	24	Rt. 2 Box 96, Tchula	Shoplifting	\$75.00	Dean
Melvin Johnson	27	373 Elm St.	Cont. of court	pd. out 8-11-80	Dean
Elton Nichols	45	213 Holmes St.	DWI	\$105.00	Adam
Roger Lee	29	Shady Lane Apt. 13H	Exp. sticker	\$15.00	White
Roger Lee	29	Shady Lane Apt. 13H	No DL	\$15.00	White
Elton Nichols	45	213 Holmes St.	Fail to yield rt. of way	\$25.00	Adam
William Kuhn	36	Eden	Exp. sticker	\$15.00	Geralds
Melvin Upechurch	20	336 Webster Ave.	Reckless driving by spd.	\$15.00	Scott
Monty Fletcher	22	Rt. 2 Box 239	Exp. tag & sticker	\$30.00	Branch
Jimmy Simmons	23	Satartia	No tag, double parking	\$25.00	Crouch
Claude Murphy	64	410 S. Yazoo	Exp. tag	\$15.00	Branch
Henry Weaver, Jr.	56	100 Water St.	Run stop sign	\$15.00	Adam

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EAST RAILROAD AVENUE

ROSENBERG ST.

COX ST.

TAYLOR ST.

MARTIN ST.

CANNON AVE.

WILSON CHURCH ST.

FARRAR ST.

CANNON ST.

W. SILEY ST.

FOUNTAIN ST.

EAST RAILROAD AVE.

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City, March 7, 1890

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Houses, Fences and Traces Demolished. IN FIVE MINUTES TIME \$15,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY IS DESTROYED

List of the Sufferers and Frauds of the Wind.

A terrific cyclone struck Bentonia on Thursday evening last at 3 o'clock, the wind coming from the Southwest, blowing to North-east. The storm was about 300 yards wide, and in its path almost everything was swept away. Two clouds, one from the South-east, the other from the North-west, came together about two miles west of Bentonia, and in its fury made irresistible headway, blowing down massive forest trees, houses, fences and chimneys as though they were matches or straws. The wind was followed by a terrible flood of rain. The storm lasted between three and five minutes, and in that short space of time it destroyed about \$15,000 worth of property in the vicinity of Bentonia, wounded several persons, although we are glad to learn none seriously.

From Capt. H. L. Taylor we get the following list of property damaged and destroyed:

WEST OF BENTONIA.

At Hon. W. D. Gibbs' Woodbine place, two cabins, chimney to residence, servants' houses, forest trees in front yard and shrubbery were blown down.

The iron roof of tin house on Mr. Hutchens' place was blown off and the smoke-stack of the engine blown down; other houses and the fences were more or less damaged.

WEST OF BENTONIA.

The residence owned by Mr. J. S. Bell and his mother, demolished, Mrs. Bell being badly cut about the head and face from falling timbers.

Dr. Green's residence and out-houses, Three new cabins of Capt. H. L. Taylor's, one blown off the blocks, the other two torn to pieces. The colored church and parsonage were lifted off their block foundations and slightly damaged. Fifteen cabins on estate of V. M. Cannon blown down, and several other houses, more or less damaged.

The houses and fences of Mr. J. G. Berg were also badly damaged.

THE BRIDGE.

The windows were blown out, the rotten platform, 150x22 feet, made of heavy oak timbers, was lifted up, turned over and torn all to pieces. On the platform was a pair of cotton scales which were turned over, but not hurt in the least.

A little south of the depot, on the east side of the track, three cotton seed houses were blown down, the largest one had between eight and twenty tons of seed in it, and several of which were destroyed.

THE NORTHERN.

The wind played havoc along this line, no building escaping damage, many destroyed.

On the north end the two houses, one occupied by Mr. M. B. McDaniel, mother and sister, the other by Mr. Johnson, were demolished. Mr. Johnson's

The HERALD places the name of Robt. C. Hudson, Esq. of this city, at its unjustical to-day for State delegate to the Constitutional Convention. In doing this we do not wish to underestimate the worth of other gentlemen in Yazoo county who would wear the honor with credit and distinction to themselves and the county. But the fact must not be overlooked that Yazoo county will have four delegates, that is, if Holmes does not insist unjustly for the better delegate, which would still leave us three to select from the county. Yazoo county has often gone before State and District Democratic nominating Conventions asking that they recognize its claims and give to its worthy candidates the offices to which they aspire. Each time these Conventions have ignored its requests, defeated its candidates, and upon several occasions given the office to counties having Republican majorities. This may be policy, but it is not good Democracy. Mr. Hudson is known all over the State, he is recognized as one of its able young lawyers, possessing a mind equal to those many years his senior. He is sound upon economic and constitutional law, knows well how to frame laws that will stand the severest tests before the highest courts of the State and nation. Has taken a deep interest in all the questions now before the people, and while wise in judgment, quick at perception, he is at all times open to conviction. He pointed closely the defects of the present State Constitution, knows well what amendments are needed to put Mississippi on a par with the foremost of the Southern States, and of the United States. His Democracy is good, his logic unassailable, his ability known, his character above reproach, and with all he would prove himself of any delegate. In the State Convention in his wisdom elect Robt C. Hudson, it would be a credit to the State and an honor which Yazoo county would appreciate. We place him before the people believing that no man in the county would receive a more popular support, and trust that our county convention will give him that endorsement which will give him the right to carry out his duties. In electing Mr. Hudson, Yazoo county and the State would pay a tribute to a worthy man, his claims go before the people and the county insist that the State Convention nominate him.

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Death of Dr. D. F. McManan.

Dr. D. F. McManan, of Yazoo county, died on Monday, March 4, 1890, at 10 o'clock, P. M. He was in the 81st year of his age. He was born in Virginia, and came to Yazoo county in 1810. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a devoted and successful physician. He was a man of high character and great ability. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. C. W. McManan, and several children. His funeral will be held on Monday, March 11, at 10 o'clock, P. M., at the residence of his wife.

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... doctrine in it and plenty of
... were compelled to leave but a
... from Grabb, an an-
... W. T. S., and four river news
... week. They all appear in this
... paper.

Sheriff D. C. Love sold 68 pieces of
... tax lands Monday, the
... realized being \$1,242.80. We
... if any county in the State of
... size can make a better showing.

The subject of Prof. C. D. Thomp-
... paper at the teacher's institute
... 22, 1890, will be "Old Education
... The New," instead of "Course of
... for Country Schools," as an-
... nounced.

We hope that with the approach of
... our convalescing citizens may
... improve. Some of them have
... hard time fighting the grip, and
... very much worsted from the ef-
... s of it.

We are informed by Dr. W. Y. Gad-
... physician that a perceptible
... for the better was noticed yes-
... day. It is the sincere hope of his
... friends that he may entirely re-
... ver, though he is yet critically ill.

Our worthy Chanery Clerk, S. S.
... llin, has been fighting the grip for a
... Being no respecter of persons,
... bowed him as easily as any of its
... merous subjects. We are glad, how-
... to know that he is fast improv-

The store house belonging to Mrs.
... ue Horton, on Main street, is being
... very much improved. An addition of
... feet is being built to the rear and the
... building renovated throughout. When
... finished it will be one of the most com-
... plete buildings on the street.

We were very much gratified on go-
... ing to the cemetery Tuesday evening
... to see the great improvements being
... made there by the city. Walks are laid
... all the place drained and in many res-
... pects the grounds beautified. We trust
... the work will continue until the cem-
... etery is put in good shape.

We felt complimented last week to
... hear a prominent citizen of Holmes
... county admit that Yazoo county should
... name the floater delegate for Yazoo
... and Holmes to the Constitutional Con-
... vention. The gentleman remarked
... that as Holmes would have the floater
... representative two years hence it was
... right to give Yazoo the delegate.

Our community sympathize with Mr.
... and Mrs. C. L. Hyatt in the death of
... their infant daughter, Nannie Laurie.
... funeral services were held at the resi-
... dence of Mrs. R. P. Hyatt Wednesday
... evening, and the remains of the little
... babe interred in the city cemetery. To
... parents and relatives we offer our con-
... pliance in their sad bereavement.

Mr. W. G. Harlow this week pur-
... chased the interest of his partner in
... their fancy grocery and confectionery
... store, and in future will conduct the
... business in his own name. Messrs. Ed-
... ar Olden and Austin Barbour will
... manage the business during Mr. Har-
... low's absence on the road. The HER-
... ALD wishes continued success to all
... parties interested.

The many friends and admirers of
... Miss Lottie Gadberry in Yazoo City
... will join the HERALD heartily extend-
... ing congratulations upon her marriage
... to Judge Moseley, of Dennison, Texas,
... on Tuesday last. The ceremony
... was performed at Sherman, Texas, the
... bride being Miss L. A. Kidd, aunt of the
... bride. No man was ever more
... fortunate in the selection of a wife than
... Judge Moseley, who has secured one
... of Mississippi's most gifted and accom-
... plished daughters. The bride's dress
... was made by Mrs. Westing and Mrs.
... Fleming of this city, and is said to
... have been one of the most elegant ever
... worn in Yazoo City.

platform was a pair of cotton scales
... which were turned over, but not hurt
... in the least.

A little south of the depot on the
... east side of the track, three cotton seed
... houses were blown to pieces. The largest
... one had between eight and twenty
... tons of seed in it, one-fourth of which
... were destroyed.

FRONT ROW.

The wind played havoc along this
... line, no buildings escaping damage and
... many destroyed.

On the north end the two houses, one
... occupied by Mr. M. B. Johnson, mother
... and sister, the other unoccupied,
... were demolished. Mr. Johnson re-
... ceived several slight wounds from fall-
... ing timbers.

The store-house of Mr. A. G. Beck-
... dale was demolished.

Part of the roof of warehouse and
... chimney of store of Mr. Frank Wilson
... blown off, and the building damaged.

The drug store of Dr. C. B. Holm-
... was slightly damaged.

The awning, front windows and
... front of Capt Taylor's store blown in
... and the building out of plumb an inch
... and a half or two inches.

Mr. S. G. Wilson's store badly dam-
... aged.

The building of Capt Taylor's, oc-
... cupied by Mr. Crabbe as a resi-
... dence, damaged so badly that it will
... have to be rebuilt.

DAMAGES ELSEWHERE.

The first residence struck was that
... recently rented and furnished by Mr. J.
... M. Harris. The building was badly
... damaged, but fortunately Mr. Harris

Mr. F. C. Wilson's residence and
... fence blown down and his furniture
... carried away by the wind.

The residence of Mr. W. W. Perry
... badly damaged, while the front fence
... and gallery of the residence of Mrs. B.
... Purvis were destroyed.

The Methodist church, which cost
... about \$1200, and the public school
... building, were completely demolished.
... Luckily school had been dismissed
... about half an hour before the cyclone
... struck the building.

The residences of Mrs. C. A. Richard-
... son and Mr. J. R. Ricks were slightly
... damaged, and a new cabin in the yard
... of Mr. W. W. Perry blown away.

On Capt Taylor's home place much
... damage was done. The tin roof was
... lifted off his gin house, fences dem-
... olished and six out-houses carried away.
... A large pine tree was wrenched off,
... part of it falling on the gallery of his
... residence, smashing the ballusters into
... splinters. In the yard a servant's
... house was lifted off of its block foun-
... dation, carried six feet, setting it upon
... the ground so easy that not even a
... glass was broken out of a window nor
... nail drawn from a plank. The house
... is in as perfect condition as though
... there never had been a cyclone in a
... hundred miles of it. In the stable lot
... a colored man was struck in the head
... with flying missiles, knocking him
... senseless for awhile. He is all right
... now.

On the Rose place the gin house and
... fences were blown down and several
... cabins unroofed.

At Mr. F. Steinreide's two cabins
... were blown down, part of the roof tak-
... en off the gin, stables and out-houses
... badly damaged.

A colored man from the Rose place
... reported to Capt Taylor yesterday that
... his yard was "luminated" with trees
... blown down by the cyclone.

The only thing reported killed is one
... cow, but several persons were bruised.
... Considering the severity of the storm,
... the number of stores and residences de-
... molished, it is a miracle that no lives
... were lost. While sympathizing with
... our friends in their loss of property we
... congratulate them at the same time up-
... on their fortunate escape from either
... instant death or being crippled for life.
... We are glad to learn that Bentonia will
... not be allowed to remain in its present
... condition, but that her enterprising cit-
... izens intend rebuilding and repairing
... their damaged property at once.

BLACK-DRAUGHT cures Constipation.

Death of Dr. D. F. McMahan.

Dr. D. F. McMahan, a native of
... Yazoo City, Miss., died at
... Yazoo City, March 1, 1890, Dr. D. F. McMa-
... han in the 51st year of his age.

The deceased arrived in Yazoo City
... with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Gibson,
... from his home in Florida two weeks
... ago. He was quite feeble when he
... came, but it was thought with gentle
... nursing, the best of medical skill, that
... he would regain his usual strength and
... vitality. Age, together with long sick-
... ness, had overruled it, however, and at
... 1 o'clock on Monday night while the
... silent watchers stood about his bed,
... amid the sobs and grief of loved ones,
... his spirit passed quietly from the body
... which had so long entombed it, into
... the presence of the God who had formed
... it, sustained and given it life for so
... many years, which had been years of
... usefulness to his fellow-men and of de-
... votion to his family.

Funeral services were conducted at
... the residence of Dr. R. L. Dunn on
... Tuesday evening by Rev. Dr. Wood-
... ward and Rev. Chas. E. Cunningham,
... and the remains carried to the city
... cemetery and laid to rest there to await
... the sounding of the trumpet on the res-
... urrection morn.

To the bereaved relatives the HERALD
... extends sincerest sympathy.

Dr. McMahan was born in Union
... District, South Carolina, January 12,
... 1839, living at his old home until 1883,
... when he moved with his two daughters
... to Marion county, Florida. Upon early

In all his life he was devoted
... family and as true as the nee-
... pole to his friends. His
... many years ago, and now
... daughters of that once un-
... happy family are left to
... death of an affectionate father
... he rest in peace.

Washed by Bilectin

A lethargic, dormant condition
... is hardly to be overcome with dra-
... gics and nauseous cholagogues,
... pleasanter and far more effective
... of arousing the organs when some-
... is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, ve-
... the medical fraternity, tested by
... for many years. A resumption of
... organ of its secretive function, with
... itly attendant upon health, a regu-
... larity of the bowels, and a renewal
... are the no less happy and certain
... using the Bitters systematically.
... effect is never painful and drench-
... dency being rather to perpetuate
... than to produce a copious action
... nervousness, debility, kidney
... neuralgia it subdues effectually.

PATTI ROSA.

Again the Yazoo Orchestra
... succeeded in securing an excel-
... lence, Patti Rosa, one of the
... tresses now in the South. She
... appeared at the Opera House to-
... day with a strong company in the con-
... "Margery Day." Wherever
... appeared the press and people
... highest terms of commendation.
... London Globe, one of the
... critics, says of her:

"Miss Patti Rosa has con-
... cealed, and so far as last nig-
... ting was concerned, has con-
... was frequently and warmly
... and at the close was called
... curtain to receive the con-
... of her admirers."

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI

FURNITURE.

Don't try to sleep on
... ken down bedsteads; and
... old shaky chairs; in fact
... your old furniture, and go
... ers Piano and Furniture Co.
... a nice outfit. Their price
... that you will never miss
... furniture sold on either
... ment plan or for cash. The
... Co. also carry a full line
... Organs of the best makes.

The Cincinnati Times-
... Patti Rosa, who appears
... house tonight.

Patti Rosa is a
... of music creation, making
... of her performance.

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boro, Tullahoma and Chickamauga campaigns, and during the Atlanta campaign was one of the gallant field officers of Walthill's brigade. After many battles, and two days after he had been commissioned brigadier-general, he was mortally wounded at the battle of Ezra Church, near Atlanta, July 28, 1864.

Bentonia, an incorporated post-town in the southern part of Yazoo county, on the line of the Illinois Central R. R., about 15 miles south of Yazoo City. It was named for the Christian name of Mrs. Hal Green, a resident. Its population in 1900 was 167; estimated in 1906 to be 400.

Berkson, a post-hamlet in the northwestern part of Lawrence county, on the Mississippi Central R. R., about 7 miles north of Monticello, the county seat. Since the advent of the railroad the town is prospering.

Bernard, Joseph, chairman of the Permanent committee of Natchez district, and a landholder there under Spanish grants, died September 20, 1797. It is said of him in the Ellicott Journal, "He was a gentleman of good understanding, sound judgment, and of the most inflexible integrity. From his youth he was strongly attached to republican principles, and it may truly be said that he expired serving the United States. His easy manners, benevolence and hospitality were of that cast that he only needed to be known to be esteemed."

Berryhill, S. Newton, was born October 22, 1832, and while he was an infant his father settled in the wilderness of what is now Webster County. The log school house with one window and one door was his alma mater, and during the first forty years of his life he rarely went out of the neighborhood. Besides these limitations he became a confirmed invalid early in life, unable the remainder of his days to stand on his feet, yet he became fairly proficient in Latin, French, German and music, besides English, science and mathematics. He taught school near his home for many years, and became widely known as the "Backwoods Poet." He went to Columbus about 1875, and was for some time editorial writer on the Columbus Democrat. His book, entitled "Backwoods Poems," was published in 1878 at Columbus. He was elected treasurer of Lawrence County and served two years. In 1880 he returned to his home in Webster County, where he died January 8, 1887.

Berryville, a post-hamlet of Yazoo county.

Berryville, an extinct village of Scott county, and its first seat of justice. The town was located about four miles southwest of

ENTINEL

Nov. 15, 1906

\$1.50 THE YEAR

BENTONIA BURNED

THURSDAY NIGHT

Five Stores and One Residence Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

ORIGIN OF FIRE A MYSTERY

Total Loss to Neighborhood of Thirty Thousand, Insurance About Half That Amount.

attendance of our public schools, which opens a month too early, will be better, since more children can be spared from the cotton fields.

The people of Beat One held their Sabbath-School convocation at Phoenix, with the Wesley-chapel congregation, on the first Sabbath of the present month. The program was a good one, and the exercises splendid and instructive throughout. Several papers showing much thought and culture were read, while addresses and essays were interspersed throughout the day, too numerous for time and space to take up in detail, but all evinced the fact that the gentleman at the helm, who writes his name L. H. Taylor, is the right man in the right place, and that much interest in the League is being taken along the important line of Sunday-school work. Among the visitors at the convocation are to be mentioned your "Sambo", Holloman, of Flora, and Mr. Sidney "Near", of Silver City. Mr. Holloman delivered some practical remarks up on the occasion, his text being, "Where Are the Boys Today, and Oh, Young Man Where Are You Diving?"

He said that no one ever grows too large for a place at the Sunday-school. The address of welcome was made by the Hon. W. W. Coody, which was brief but to the point and presented in a sensible manner.

The closing address was made by Rev. Ferguson, who is gifted with oratorical powers, and with a fine command of language. We hope to see him returned to this field, as he is very acceptable, not only to his own denomination, but to all the people at large.

With a lookout for a big Christmas edition, I remain, yours in haste.

SCRIBE.

Our oilheaters are the best made, The Hardware.

chandise, stock valued at \$12,000, insurance \$8,000; building valued at \$5,100, insurance \$1,000.

H. G. Terrell, general merchandise, stock \$2,500, no insurance; building \$1,500, insurance \$1,000.

R. M. Rice, general merchandise, stock \$3,000, insurance \$500; building \$1,500, insurance \$800.

R. M. Rice, residence, valued at \$600; insurance small.

L. D. Hamberlin, drug store; stock valued at \$6,000, insurance \$4,500.

The building belonged to W. A. Cannon, and was valued at \$1,500, with insurance of \$750.

Dr. S. D. Luse, office, building owned by R. M. Rice. Dr. Luse's fixtures and instruments valued at \$700, insured for \$500.

All the above-named buildings were completely consumed, together with the stocks contained therein, very little being saved. The fire originated in the office of the Gaddis-Whitehead Co., store, and the origin is a mystery.

only one left in the block and this was due to the fact that there was a vacant lot between his store and the others, and that his building was partially protected on that side by galvanized iron. Good work was also done by friends in keeping the roof wet with water during the progress of the fire.

Mr. Elmore Wallace, one of the sufferers of the fire, who was in the city Monday, stated that while heavy losses by the fire, Wallace Bros. would rebuild as soon as their insurance could be adjusted. He understood that probably all the balance would rebuild, except Messrs. Terrel and Rice, and they had not fully decided what they would do.

The loss is quite a heavy one to Bentonina, and much sympathy is felt for those whose property was destroyed.

Prof. Whitfield Delivers Splendid Address and Several Papers Read.

The regular monthly meeting of the Yazoo County Teachers' Association was held in the court house last Saturday forenoon, and was largely attended, there being about sixty teachers and about the same number of trustees and patrons in attendance. Prof. H. L. Whitfield, State Superintendent of Education, was present and delivered an address, touching the rebuilding of the schools of Mississippi and the duties of the teachers, trustees and patrons. Prof. Whitfield's address was replete with good, wholesome advice along practical lines, and was listened to with much interest by those present.

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John Ellzey's graduation class



Edward Courant



Rita Douglas



Beth Sheffield
W. Grad.



Richard Carl
Grad.



Mrs. M. Magard
Sponsor



Mr. Ralph Sears
Sponsor



Miss Patricia Nelson
Sponsor



Lynn Kelly
W. Grad.



Ricky Blankett



Jerry Altman



Johnny Gilroy

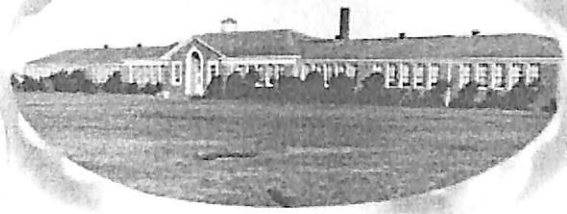


Betty Wade
Grad.



Al Blankett

Bentonia High School



Class of 1965



Thomas Hilderbrand



Ruth Patterson



Gary Sigford



Jimmy Johnson



Marilyn Hilderbrand



Ricky Kilcrease



Buddy Smith



Janell West



Jack Ryan



Aubrey Phillips



Ernest More



David Swaton



Nancy Davis



Bruce Perry



Richard Sadler



Della Bowman



Gary Davis



Betty Ketchum



Walter Richardson



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Raymond Scroggins



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Richard Greel
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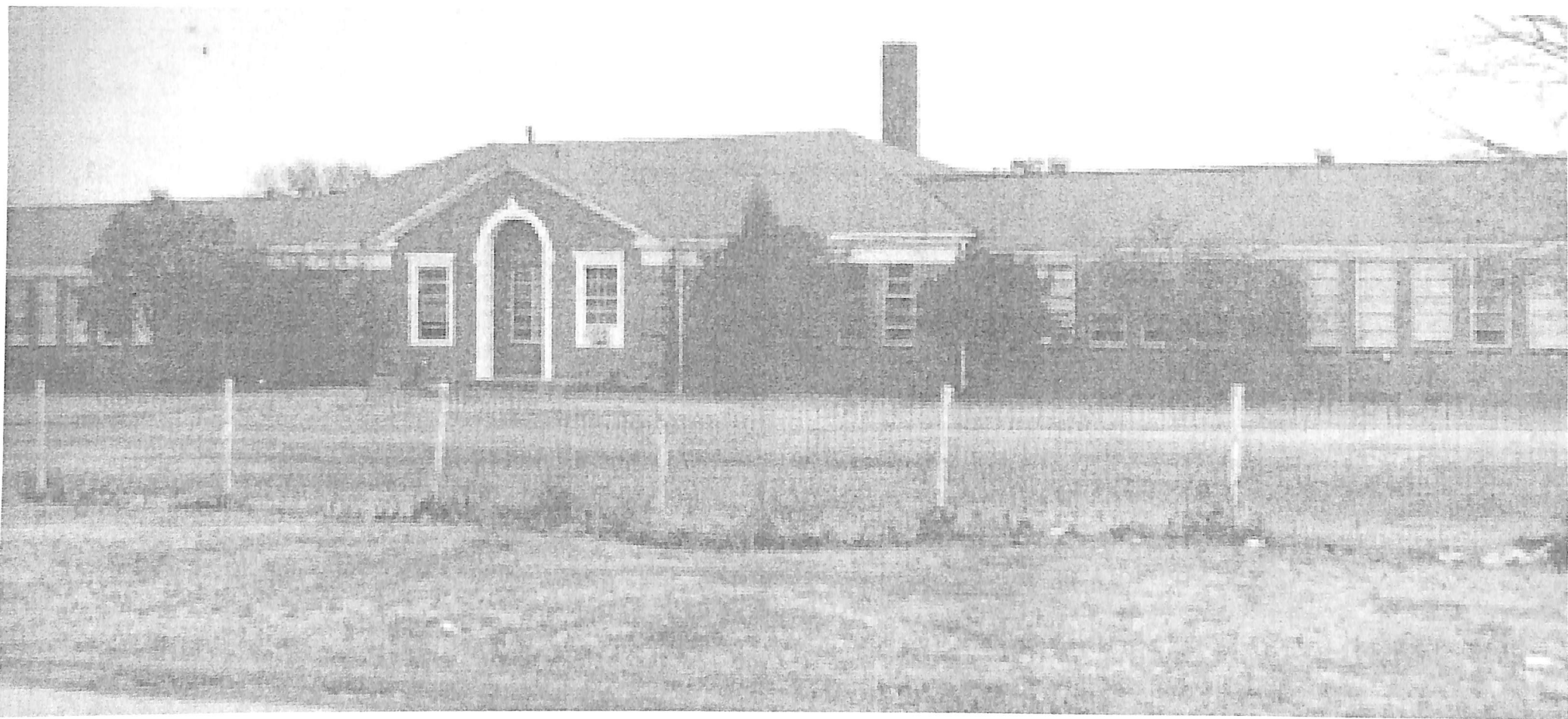
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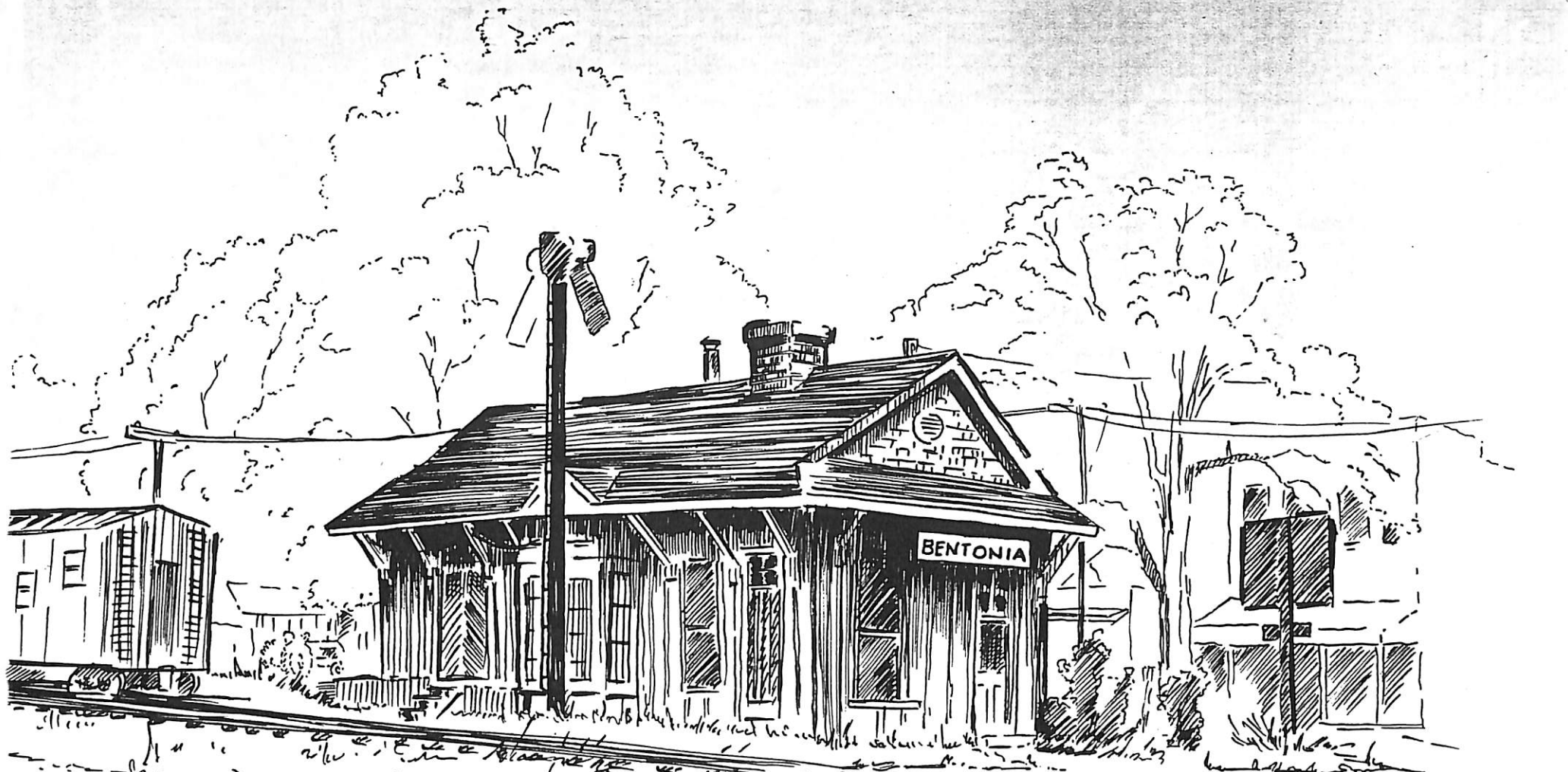
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Sketch of Bentonia
May 1968

Wayne Neal
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SATARTIA

Satartia, evidence indicates, was settled between 1820 and 1830 and probably among the first settlers were O. W. Brazeal and Job O'Neal.

The settlement, probably the oldest in Yazoo County, was incorporated in 1833. During the 1800s it was the shipping point from which the cotton of a wide area moved by steamboat to New Orleans.

There are several old cemeteries around Satartia, one on the Richard's Place where most of the names were written in Hebrew. Another, called the Old Boeberg and White Cemetery, is on the J. C. Newman property. All of the cemeteries are at the foothills because of the flooding over delta lands.

The Sentinel was begun at Satartia Feb. 17, 1876 by A. T. and W. O. Norrell. C. L. Calbourn and H. A. Dalton purchased the paper in 1877 and moved it to Yazoo City.

There are many tales of bygone days about Satartia, tales of romance, valor, adventure, self-sacrifice and courage which went to make the country in the early days.

Stately homes of another period stand today to

testify of the large land holdings and the magnificence of another era.

Today, Satartia has its business houses catering to the community and it is here that the cotton farmers bring their product to be ginned.

BENTONIA

Bentonia, on the Y&MV railroad and U. S. 49 Highway 15 miles south of Yazoo City, originally was known as Pritchetts Cross Roads and was formed about 1828.

The name was changed to Bentonia in 1883 when the railroad arrived. The name of the town was selected in honor of Miss Bentonia Johnson whose relatives owned part of the land where the town first was located.

The land for the right of way for the railroad was given by M. H. Rosenburg and V. M. Cannon. Both of these families were pioneer settlers. They also gave part of the land for the townsite.

From the beginning the town was the center of a prosperous farming section and in 1932 it was incorporated and is now governed by a mayor and board of aldermen. Lonnie Day was the first mayor.



BENTONIA HOTEL LONG AGO—On the upstairs porch are Bob Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Day and Dr. Steve Luse. The Hancock family is on the

lower porch and on the steps are R. K. Whitehead and Henry Henderson.

R. Hancock in 1906 purchased the hotel in Benton and his family operated it until it burned July 17, 1932.

M. T. Link and his family moved to Benton in January 1902 and the family played a large part in the development of the town. Link operated Link Newcomb Lumber Company. One of the largest planters in the area was W. M. Puffer.

Other early day families in the community were the Moseleys, J. L. Shackelfords, W. P. Richardsons, T. K. Kirks, M. T. Daltons, Days, and W. H. Martins.

Among the first settlers in the Phoenix community were the names Adams, 1818; Hamberlin and Hilderbrand, 1818; Coody, 1830s; Dilley, Quinn, Lee, Wiles, Smith, Alexander, Bullen, Marley, Cook, Holoman and Hart.

A postoffice known as Claibornsville was established in the home of Methodist Minister S. T. Dilley. Mail was carried by horseback once a week from Benton to Vicksburg by way of Claibornsville and Bethany.

Each settler contributed his skills to the community life. Ben Smith built cotton gins, Richard Carmen made and laid bricks. Others superintended the operation of mills for sawing lumber or grinding grain. There were the brush arbor preachers, a few school teachers and doctors. Wesley Chapel Methodist and Hebron Baptist churches finally came into being.

It was a time of hard work. But, most accounts say it was a happy life until tension with the northern states became the topic of conversation in the general stores in the late 50s.

Soon the young men tramped through the hardwood forests to the J. W. Hall place to join the Sartatia Rifles, Company I, Mississippi Volunteer Infantry as other men joined other outfits throughout the South.

Food became more and more scarce, especially salt. New clothes were hard to come by and it took courage and ingenuity to keep going. Then Grierson's raiders came through the community burning buildings and killing livestock. In April, 1863, the two-story home of J. H. Lear was put to the torch. Next came Wesley Chapel Church, the large Tom Maben home and the cotton gin of Moses Hamberlin with 30 bales of cotton. Nothing in the path of the raiders was spared.

Then the war was over and the hardships and indignities of "Reconstruction" were endured.

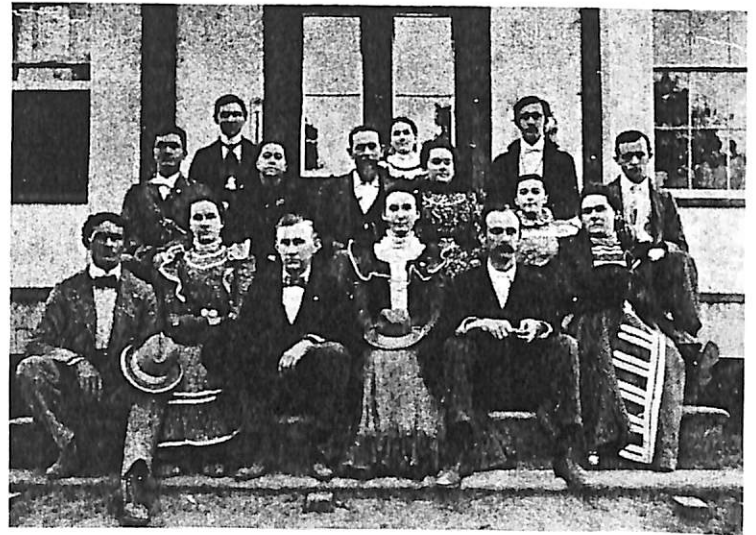
In 1866, the name of the Claibornsville post office was changed to Phoenix—named for the bird of Egyptian religion, who, like the community, arose from its own ashes. The new post office was located in the I. M. Logue store near the present home of L. M. Coody.

Homes, churches, schools, mills, gins, and lives were rebuilt. Clubs and lodges became active.

But Phoenix was not destined to become a large town. The post office and school were discontinued



BUSINESSMEN OF FREE RUN, 1890—Among those pictured are John Purvis, Jim Smith, Tom Boswell, John Harper, Louis E. Vandevere, Albert M. Vandevere and Henry Mathews.



DEASONVILLE—This photograph was taken on the porch of W. A. Brown's general store at Deasonville in 1889 and is labeled "business men and women." Front row, left to right: W. A. Brown Jr., Miss Nola Brown, Bob Stubblefield, Miss Mable Dixon, E. L. Pepper and Etna Ann Brown. Middle row: W. R. Brown, Mrs. Lizzie Harris (postmistress), W. A. Brown Sr., Miss Bessie Brown, Miss Lisa Harris and Tom Harris. Back row: Raymond Pepper and Miss Mada Brown.

in 1953.

Direct descendants of the first settlers make up a good number of the present residents of the Phoenix community.

EDEN

When railroad men came to what is now Eden in 1884 they had experienced much difficulty in securing right of way for their project and expected the same treatment at the Eden site.

However, Mr. Ingersoll, owner of the land, turned out—to the surprise of the railroad agents—to be very co-operative. He gave the right of way to them at once, without any trouble.

"This must be the Garden of Eden," one of the agents remarked in utter disbelief.

From that day on the area became known as Garden of Eden, or just, Eden.

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Reunion held

Smiling faces dominated the scene at the Anding High School reunion last Saturday evening, with former students coming from as far away as Saudi Arabia to be reunited with old friends.

The classes of 1950-55 were honored, and about 120 former class members showed for the banquet. Several teachers, all now retired, reminisced about the old days while their former students sat listening attentively. Programs for the event served well as paper fans, for although the name of the school has since been changed to Benton High, the building is still the way it was in 1950—no air conditioning.

"I can remember a lot of paddlings and a lot of ear tweaking," Samuel Carter, a former student and reunion chairman, said with a smile.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Calcote were two of the honored guests at the reunion.

Calcote had been coach and history teacher at the time the students had attended school at Anding High. Mrs. Cornelia Passons, from the class of '52, said that many of the former students hadn't seen him in 28 years. "He was one of our favorite teachers," she said.

The evening's program consisted of an assembly with a welcome, a recognition of teachers, recognition of deceased class members, a reminiscence of classes, and an invocation, followed by a dinner.

Reunion committee members were Elaine Hinson Selby, sec.; Martha Sanders Hilderbrand, class of 1950; Wylla Dean Warnock McCoy, class of '51; Cornelia Passons Passons, class of '52; Patricia Stevens Sanford, class of '53; Sarah Passons Davis, class of '54; and Glendora Murrell Sherman, class of '55.

Summer plans to fight decision

By ROBERT SHAW
Associated Press Writer

winning by a plurality, or by less than a

SMILES ALL 'ROUND—Everyone is smiling at Anding High School reunion, held last Saturday evening at what is now Benton High. Approximately 120 former students from 1950-55 at-

tended the event, and former teachers were on hand to reminisce about the time that was the fifties.

But will it last? Chinese have more freedoms than before

By JOHN RODERICK
AP Special Correspondent

PEKING (AP) — A fragile mood, tinged with a dash of freedom and buoyed by the promise of better things to come, separates the China of 1971 from that of 1979.

The eight years between those dates marked the heightened American awareness of this populous and richly varied country.

It began with an invitation to a U.S. table tennis team to play here in 1971 and reached its peak in a simple ceremony in the U.S. liaison office on last New Year's Day when Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) — wearing a stickpin of tiny crossed U.S. and Chinese flags — toasted the establishment of Sino-American diplomatic relations.

Now, in the heat of a new summer,

one may wonder whether the new mood will, like a toy balloon, over-inflate and burst. But for the moment it undeniably is here, confirmed daily by the level gaze of ordinary Chinese in the street, the readiness to laughter and dissent, and a new zest for life.

After a decade of deadening drought, the arts have sprouted young, green leaves. The theater, dance, movies and literature have opened their doors to fresh new winds and they enjoy a popularity without precedent.

For a few months this year even political expression had a remarkably free heyday. Thousands of youths poured into Tien An Men Square to thump the tubs for democratic freedoms, the rule of law, wider contacts with the West. It was a heady, yeasty time but it could not last.

The old leaders who had granted

these liberties were not prepared for the excesses which followed. When democracy walls sprouted all over the big cities demanding the overthrow of veteran leaders, including Deng himself, the old men saw not human rights advocates but fanatic Red Guards who had disgraced them in the 1960s cultural revolution.

The clampdown which ensued has not touched off any major mass protests, perhaps because after the violence, confusion, and factionalism of the turbulent era over which the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung presided, the country yearns for stability, modernization and the modest rise in living standards everyone expects.

Mourned by some, ignored by others, Peking's lone democracy wall and those in other big cities have lost the news-making quality that went with

political denunciations. But it remains a marketplace for unorthodox ideas, a forum for the bizarre, the unusual and the merely foolish.

That the tattered posters still speak of love, injustice and poetry readings reflects the new Peking — awareness of living, the Chinese joy and anger of being alive.

The old conformity has been shattered and the Chinese are encouraged to believe that now they can be individuals even though their dress may be uniform and their lifestyle not yet, by Western standards, anywhere near free.

This is a quantum leap for millions inured to regimentation, obedience and slavish imitation. It seems salutary that the old timers complain officially that the young Chinese have gone to the dogs, that they don't understand the

sufferings of their elders and that they lack discipline. The battle between generations here as elsewhere is what keeps things moving.

By contrast the year of "Ping Pong Diplomacy" now seems somber, depressed, heavy with menace. In 1971 Americans were beguiled by the smiles and the prospect of normal relations with an old enemy. What no one saw was that the smiles concealed something awry in the Chinese state. What one didn't see were the hundreds of thousands of the silent, whose lives were ruined, their freedom snatched away. There was no evidence of the pall which had fallen over the creative impulses of a gifted people.

Chairman Mao dominated the Chinese scene in those days, an infallible presence no one dared question. Mao died in 1976 and today ordinary

Chinese do not hesitate to analyze his life, to say he should have refused to cling to power into his old age. He should, they say, have left the running of the party and state to more practical people.

To say that life today is perfect, that yesterday's China was a regimented Sparta and today's a freedom loving Athens, would be an exaggeration. There are shadows. One can have delightful acquaintances but no intimate friends. A foreigner will always be a stranger here.

And the Chinese themselves won't ever, under a controlled political system, say or do what they really want to do. But the openness of society is, according to long time residents, remarkable by comparison with the past. Many non-communist countries have fewer liberties.

OPINION

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WASHINGTON TODAY

McGovern eyeing White House?

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are days, Sen. George McGovern confesses, when he gets that fleeting urge to run again for the White House.

Between the lines of an hour's conversation with the senator from South Dakota, it becomes evident that the

to prove to establish himself as a serious contender for another Democratic presidential nomination.

For he carries the image of a loser, the biggest ever, the man who carried only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia when he ran against Richard M. Nixon in 1972.

To dispel it, McGovern would have to

their prime target list for the next elections, McGovern thinks he is in pretty good shape, although he acknowledges it might be a difficult race.

Republicans say they think they could beat him with a candidate like Gov. William Janklow or Rep. James



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ANDING HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Class of 1951

June 9, 1979

Janie Ferris Adams
Rt. 3
Couhatta, Louisiana 71019

Jo Ann Rodgers Auble
2301 Rodney Drive
Champane, Illinois 61820

Lamar Bradford
609 Flag Chapel Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39209

William Carter (Joyce Tress)
Rt. 3, Box 218
Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Mac Cessna (Bobbie June Martin)
3004 Creshill Drive
Laurel, Mississippi 39404

Lawrence Cheatham
Rt. 1, Box 79H
Greenwood, Mississippi 38930

Max Dale Cooper
University of Alabama Medical Center
Birmingham, Alabama 35294

Frances Briggs Easley
1701 Fort Worth Hwy. #24
Weatherford, Texas 76086

Frances Cessna Glasco
Rt. 2, Box 243
Jackson, Mississippi 39209

James R. Harris
Rt. 3
Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Bobbie Cates Hicks
642 Millicent Way
Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

Louise King Jacobs
60 Killarney Court
Houma, Louisiana 70360

Wylla Dean Warnock McCoy
Rt. 2, Box 21
Benton, Mississippi 39040

Grady Milner
980 Ferndale Road
Oreno, Minn. 55391

Danny Perry
Housing Supervisor
King Saisal Hospital
P. O. Box 3354
Riyada, Saudia Arabia

Nancy Boone Puckett
Rt. 2, Box 293A
Terry, Miss. 39170

J. B. Robinette
Rt. 1, Box 148
McComb, Miss. 39648

Martha Perry Sills
2759 44th. Ave.
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

Dorothy Galloway Vandevender
Benton, Mississippi 39040

Curtis Whitfield
1127 Woodell Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Sam Windham (Joyce Woodruff)
940 Poleman Road
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107



VIP'S AT BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING



BENTONIA HOMECOMING



BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION - class of 1954. Front row from the left Wanza McConnell Sands of Midland, Gwendolyn Henson Phillips of Louise, Ms., and Sarah Passers Davis of Benton, Yazoo City, Yvonne Beets Tucker of Ms., Eloise Dave Graham of Springfield, Ark., Mrs. Marion Lewis, Class sponsor; Mrs. Olive Love, class sponsor; Flora; Billy Sudduth, and Mary Jane Williams Sudduth of Monroe, La.



BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION - class 1951. Front row from left Jo Ann Rodgers Auble of Champagne, Ill.; Janie Ferris Adams of Couhatta, La.; Louise King Jacobs of Houma, La.; Wylla Dean Warnock McCoy of Benton; Francis Cessna Glasco of Jackson; Dorothy Galloway Vandevender of

Benton; and Nancy Boone Puckett of Terry, Ms. Back row Sam Windham of Shreveport, La.; Danny Perry of Rujada, Saudia Arabia, Mac Cessna of Laurel; Lawrence Cheatham of Greenwood, and Curtis Whitfield of Jackson.

Bentonia Homecoming



HONORED - Mrs. Olive Love was honored at the Bentonia High School Class Reunions - 1950 through 1955.

MECHANICSBURG NEWS

After being an overnight guest Thursday night in the W.T. Stubblefield home of Benton, Mrs. Annie Roberts of Delta City was a visitor in the Herbert Hilderbrand and Basil Hilderbrand homes, leaving Sunday morning to attend Church Service at her home church at Delta City.

Mrs. Martha Hilderbrand celebrated her 94th birthday on Saturday. Among the visitors Saturday were the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Hutto and children William and Karen, and Mrs. Frank Keen of this area, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Newbanks and daughter Kate of Minter City, Mrs. Mattee Halford of Yazoo City and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Martin and grandson Brandon Martin of Benton. Visitors on Sunday were Mrs. Ilice Ann Layton, Mrs. Helen Hilderbrand of Vicksburg, Mrs. Jerry Bray and son Ray of Jackson. Other visitors on Tuesday were Mrs. Esther Mae and Miss Lena Anderson.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wanda Williams in winning \$400 for submitting the winning suggestions in her work. Mrs. Williams works at Packard Electric in Clinton, Miss.

Mrs. Leo Martin, Mrs. Arneal Germany and Mrs. Mignon Alward were visitors Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Neal Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pettis of Jackson were Sunday in the Billy Pettis Home.

Mrs. Hubert Davis is now at home after several days in the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, we hope she will continue to improve.

Dwight Sibley visited with Paul Stupka Monday night. Paul plans to leave for California on Wednesday, where he will serve as a summer

After the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand, Kaye Hilderbrand returned to Hattiesburg on Monday afternoon to resume her work on Monday morning. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand and Kaye were in Edwards to attend the Woods Reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Mill3r.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sibley and sons of Batesville

VanDevender Moss of Flora; Annette Cheathan Long of Laurel, Ms., Eloise Dave Graham of Springfield, Ark., Mrs. Marion Lewis, Class sponsor; Mrs. Olive Love, class sponsor;

Natchez; Paul Wesley Robinette, Fred Eldridge of Jackson; Elaine Hinson Selby of Yazoo City, Yvonne Beets Tucker of Flora; Billy Sudduth, and Mary Jane Williams Sudduth of Monroe, La.



BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION - Class 1952. Those who attended of the class were Joycell Hancock Smith of Yazoo City, Elwood Henson of Jackson, Bobby Martin Cessna of Laurel, Betty Bartow Weber, Hardy Ziealar of

Donaldsonville, La., Cornelia Passons of Bentonia; Rita Myers House of Jackson; Hilary Bond of Tinsley; Sarah Carter Aultman of Lonoke, Ark.; Melba Gary Holt of Yazoo City; Floyd Griffin of Yazoo City, and Olive Mae Robinette.



MRS. SAM PARKER - was one of the teachers attending the Bentonia High School Class Reunion.

POLICE REPORT

Fines Assessed By Yazoo County Municipal Court

Name	Address	Age	Offense	Fine	Arresting Officer
Robert Spurlock	Apt. 168, Delta Circle	27	DWI		Hopson, Woods
Clarence Woods	Rt. 4, Box 444, Y.C.	52	DUI	\$100	Hopson, Woods
Arbey Smith	329 Brandon St., Y.C.	25	DWI	\$50	Scott
Charles Mauk	Rt. 1, Bentonia	32	DWI	\$100	Becker
Charles Woodard	3622 Bishop St., Y.C.	23	Speeding	\$100	Adam
Arbey Smith	329 Brandon St., Y.C.	25	Caused accident, no D.L.	\$22.50	Scott
Charles Mauk	Rt. 1, Bentonia	32	No tail lights, no brake lights, imp. head lights	\$30	Becker
Jay Soday	1316 Calhoun Ave., Y.C.	25	Run red light	\$30	Adam
John Humphries	Rt. 4, Box 202 Y.C.	18	Run red light	\$15	Adam
Harry Carter, Jr.	Box 110 Clubview Apt.	25	Speeding	\$10	Adam
Tony Murphy	Rt. 2, Box 1168 Vaughan	23	Speeding	\$19.50	Adam
Barnette Johnson	Rt. 2, Benton	20	Run red light	\$18.50	Washington
William Richardson	1900 Gordon Ave., Y.C.	24	No state D.L.	\$15	Washington
Kevin Upchurch	Rt. 2, Y.C.	18	Speeding	\$15	Dean
Thomas Ketchum	627 E. 11th St., Y.C.	30	Run red light	\$25.50	Bradshaw
Vivian Hudson	736 E. Jefferson, Y.C.	30	Run stop sign	\$15	Fleming
Roosevelt Hatchett	Yazoo City	21	No state D.L.	\$10	Rector
Major Fisher	527 Calhoun	26	Sell liquor without license	\$15	Rector
Blondie Dew	1215 Silvane Cone, Y.C.	19	Shoplifting	\$300	Woods
Betty Henderson	715 Johnson Alley, Y.C.	42	Shoplifting	\$75	Kendrick
Buster Tyer			Threatening	\$75	Dean
Florida Thornton	116 E. 2nd St., Y.C.	37	Threatening, ind. & profane lang.	\$35	Jones
Harry Young, Jr.			Destroy private prop.	\$50	Washington
Jimmy Lee Smith	1022 Watthall	53	Public drunk	\$50	Carter
Othal Young	157 Delta Circle, Y.C.	35	pub. drunk	\$20	Hopson, Kendrick
Arnold Creel	233 N. Willow Dr., Y.C.	27	Vio. beer ordinance	\$20	Hopson, Woods, Rush
John W. Griffin	102 Fouche, Y.C.	53	Public drunk, dist. peace	\$50	Branch
Robert Thompson Jr.	Rt. 2, Tchula	34	Dist. conduct	\$45	Adam, Felton, Hopson
Freddy Vanleave	Rt. 1, Y.C.	21	Dis. conduct	\$25	Crouch, Branch
Laura Walker	Louise	19	Petit larceny	\$25	Crouch, Branch
Charlie Wright	220 3rd, Y.C.	57	Threatening	\$75	Adam
Calvin White	148 Fouche, Y.C.	20	Ind. & profane lang.	\$75	Adam, Becker
				\$25	Adam, Hopson

missionary. After the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand, Kaye Hilderbrand returned to Hattiesburg on Monday afternoon to resume her work on Monday morning. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand and Kaye were in Edwards to attend the Woods Reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Mill3r.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sibley and sons of Batesville were weekend visitors with Mrs. Neal Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Sibley. On Saturday night approximately 30 members of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sibley family, enjoyed a fish supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Sibley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hilderbrand accompanied Mrs. Leo Martin to Yazoo City Wednesday afternoon to consult a physician.

Miss Diamond Mosley of Cleveland was an overnight visitor Saturday in the Jack Sheffield home. Other visitors Saturday evening were Larry and Mike Sibley of Batesville, Brenda and Sue Douglas of Bentonia and Dwight Sibley of this area.

Mrs. Arneal Germany, Mrs. Billy Pettis and sons were in Yazoo City Wednesday on business.

Miss Betty Rea Cargil accompanied her mother, Mrs. Fred Cargil to Yazoo City Tuesday to consult a physician.

Bible School began Monday morning at 8:30 going through Friday, at Hebron Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Bill Hutto as the director. There was a good attendance each day with a dinner on Friday at the noon hour.

Mrs. Fannie Belle Irwin and Mrs. Alice Foster of Benton were in the Hebron Community Wednesday morning at the Hebron Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sibley and sons Mike, Larry and Mark of Batesville, Miss Diamond Mosley of Cleveland, Mr. Ray Sibley of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Sibley and son Dwight, and Mrs. Frank Chaney of this area were among those who attended the Matthews Reunion at Forest.

Mrs. Maysel Richards, Mrs. Don Wilkerson and sons of Jackson, Mrs. H.S. Grey and daughter of Valley, Mrs. Richard Creel and children Wendy and Jeffrey of Bentonia, Mrs. Leo Martin, Mrs. Arneal Germany and Herbert Hilderbrand of this area, were visitors Sunday afternoon in the Roy Glenn Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker of Mexico were visitors several days this week with Mrs. August Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. James Lancaster, after attending the Sadler reunion at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burrough, Barbara Ann and Tim were in Vicksburg Monday where Mrs. Burrough consulted a physician.

Family night dinner was held at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, with everyone enjoying the meal and fellowship in the fellowship hall. Among those from a distance were the Rev. and Mrs. John Evans of Yazoo City.

Mrs. Mattee Halford of Yazoo City, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Newbanks and daughter Kate of Minter City were Saturday afternoon visitors with Mrs. Mignon Alward.

The Sadler reunion was held June 3 at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, with approximately 100 attending this occasion and lunch served at the noon hour. Attending from a distance were from Yazoo City, Bentonia, Vicksburg, Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sheffield and Mrs. Neal Daniel were dinner guets Thursday in the Steve Cook home of Vicksburg.

Yazoo Extension Homemakers Received Top Honors

Yazoo Extension Homemakers received top honors in state energy competition:

1st place County program - Lyle Fulgham, Chairman; 1st place Club program - Town & Country; Delores Fulton, chairman; 1st place District award - Free Run Club; Susie Hutto, chairman.

Energy conservation practices and educational programs created an awareness of efficient energy usage among Extension Homemakers. Outreach included both adult and youth audiences.

Mrs. Charles Fulgham, Council President, commends all community clubs and leaders who directed activities throughout the year for the County Extension Homemakers Council.



MRS. W.C. ALDERMAN OF FREE RUN EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB - received community Beautification Award made by Mr. Rudy Huff at the recent State Homemakers Council, Mississippi State University. Club chairman for the project was Mrs. Louise Edmonds who promoted Community Pride and mail box improvement. Past club president, Grace Winstead and the 1979 president, Mrs. Phillip Vandevere assisted and directed activities contributing to award qualifications.



FIRST PLACE WINNER OF COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAMS - was won by Lyle Fulgham, Yazoo Chairman of Extension Homemakers. Howard Langfitt presented check at recent State Homemakers Council.



FIRST PLACE CLUB AWARD IN THE STATE ENERGY CONTEST - was received by Yazoo Town & Country Extension Homemakers by Helen Fulgham and Delores Fulton. Outstanding areas of accomplishment included innovative educational efforts for youth and adults.



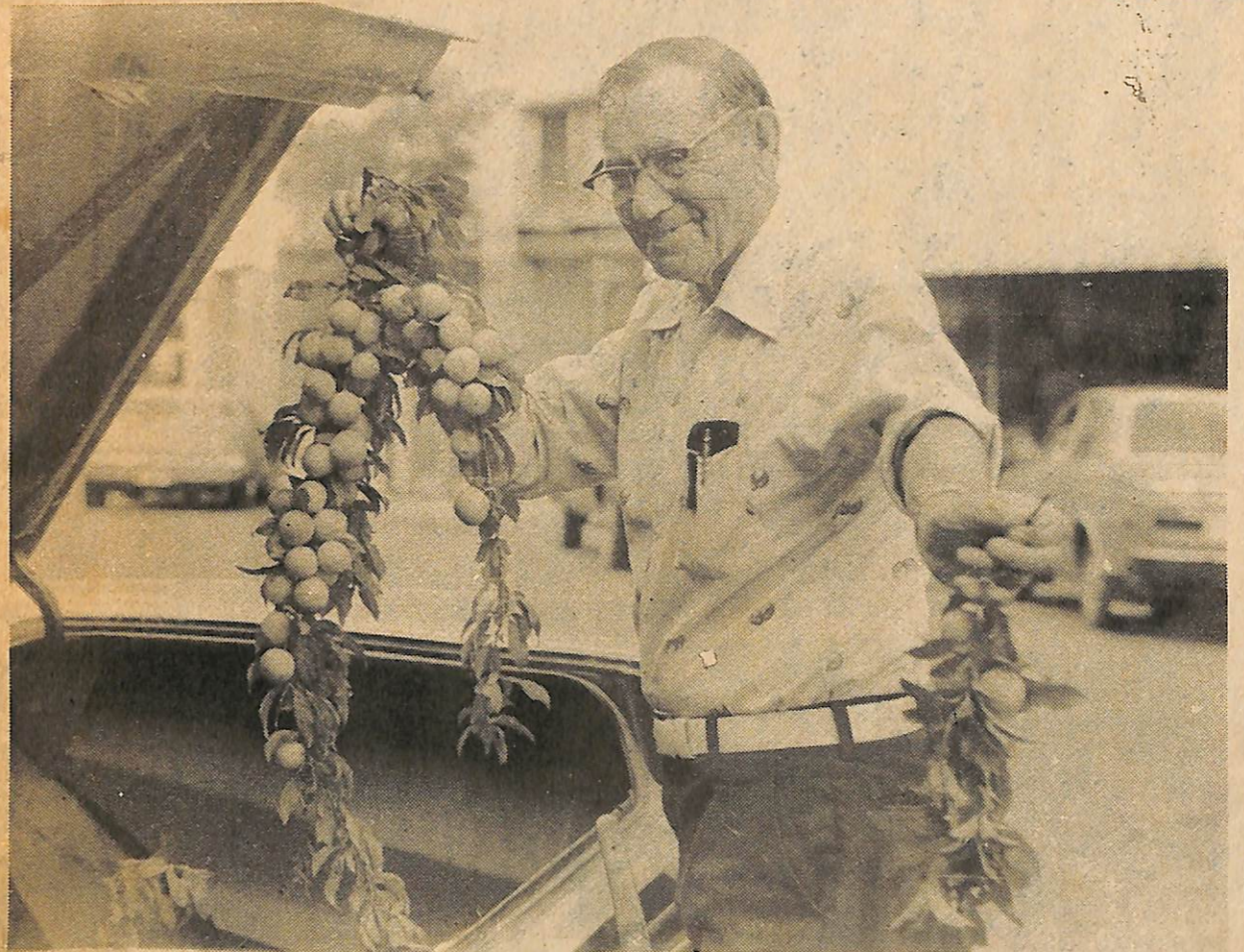
FREE RUN EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB - represented by Susie Hutto received 1st place District Energy Award made by Howard Langfitt, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Electric Power Associations at State Council meeting held at Mississippi State University.

Ron Ohlmeyer Selected As One Of The Outstanding Young Men Of America

Ron Ohlmeyer, son of Colonel (USAF Retd) and Mrs. Harold Ohlmeyer, grandson of Mrs. H.L. Mathews, Rt. 2, this city and the late Mr. H.L. Mathews.



HELEN FULGHAM - received a certificate for Town & Country Extension Homemaker Club for 100% subscription to the Homemaker. Mrs. Edwin Roberts, State Public Information Chairman presented the award at State Council. Also receiving this award was Free Run Club, Mrs. Phillip Vandevere, chairman.



TOMMY HALE - shows off his excellent plum crop. Mr. Hale is from Holly Bluff.

BENTONIA NEWS

Rev. Robert Gibson and David H. Magers both of Bentonia were straight A and Dean's List students for the past semester at Mississippi College. Both are to be congratulated.

Miss Amy Crabtree of Bentonia was one of the poster contest winners in a contest sponsored by the Yazoo - Humphreys Cotton Wives Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kirk and children of Flora were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. "Red" Hancock.

Mrs. Herbert Lee and Miss Amy Lee were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Spears in Martha Coker Convalescent Home in Yazoo City.

Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Martin was among the host and hostesses entertaining with a breakfast party honoring the Manchester Academy seniors, of which their son was among the graduating seniors.

Mrs. Minnie Martin was a guest for several days of Sheriff and Mrs. Tom Sadler and visited with other relatives and friends before returning to the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Martin of Benton.

Mrs. Neal Grey and son, Chancey were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Preacher" Kirk.

Mrs. Elmer Lancaster was in Jackson on Tuesday to be at the hospital with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lancaster, and also to be with her granddaughter, Jada Lancaster who was undergoing some test.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hilderbrand and two sons of Purcell, Oklahoma arrived for a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hilderbrand and his

sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Irwin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Creel and family all of Bentonia.

Mrs. Joe Brooks of Oil City was a business visitor in Bentonia on Wednesday. Mrs. E.O. Conn was a recent visitor with her mother, Mrs. A.M. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts was recent visitors at Care Inn with his father, Mr. Clyde V. Roberts.

Jason Lancaster spent Wednesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lancaster while his parents were at the hospital in Jackson with his sister, Jada who was having some tests.

Charlie Carslile is attending revival services this week at Liverpool Baptist Church near Tinsley.

Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. John W. Martin were business visitors in Bentonia Wednesday.

The Annual Sadler Family Reunion was held recently at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church. There were approximately one hundred and one decendance attending.

Among some of those from out of town attending were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker of New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Sadler of the Gulf Coast, Mrs. Lucy Stone, Mrs. Helen McCune and Mrs. Mattie Harreld of Bedias, Texas, Mrs. Lydia Herron and Mrs. Mattie V. Harper of Texas, Mrs. Daisy Wood of Oregon and Wayne Sadler, others from Bentonia, Vicksburg, Jackson, Yazoo City also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lambeth had as recent guests Mrs. L.D. Schoonover, Miss Nina Pepper and Mrs. B.A. Holaday, Jr., all of Louise. Mr. Lambeth is a former resident of Louise and has many friends there.

Mrs. Minnie Martin visited in the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan a baby for severa lays. They all attended the Sadler Family Reunion at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church.

Vacation Bible School was in progresu last week at Hebron Baptist Church.



1949 CLASS REUNION - of Bentonia High School. From the left Sue Lee Paul Bennett of Beverly, Massachusetts; Catherine Hawkins Berberette of Lakeland, Florida; Geneva Beets Burton of Bentonia; Hilda Burton Hammack of Houston, Texas; Gloria McConnell Kirk of Bentonia; Oliver Ray Lancaster of Baton Rouge, La.; Helen Callihan Manor of Dover Community, Gladys Carter McMaster of Yazoo County; Mable Hennis Strickland of Yazoo City; Imogene Myers Williams of Alexandria, La.; Elizabeth Graham Woods of Jackson; Grady Porch of Jackson, Jack Porch and George Ray Ely of New Orleans.



OTHER CLASSMATES - to attend the Bentonia High School reunion included from the left Kern Nolan, Katie Kates, Steve Johnson, Edna McCormick, Dot Vandevender, Dot Vandevender, Vivian Potter Couxton, Lorena Hancock, Elwood Jones, Velma Lee Adams, Alice Fay Johnston, Barbara Ann White, Thomas Kirk, Dorothy M. Dowel, Thomas Pettus, Dewey Myers, D. L. Ashley, Yvonne Tucker, and Sarah Davis.

Other Former Classmates At Bentonia High Reunion

Other Classmates at Bentonia who responded at the reunion were Dewey Myers, married to Juanita Renfroe. They have two children and live in Jackson, where Dewey is employed as a salesman for Marquette Cement.

Billie Arrington Milner has two children. She lives in DeRidder, Louisiana where she works for Boise Southern Company (paper mill). Billie says that she likes gardening, yardening, sewing and needlework.

Barbara Ann Gerrard White, Barbara Ann and her husband, John Purser, have five children. They live in Jackson where she is employed at Westfield High School.

Vivian Porter married Kellon Cauthers. They have three children and live in Baton Rouge where they own a grocery store. Vivian enjoys traveling.

W. A. Passons is married to Ruby Moberly. They live in Yazoo City and have three children. W. A. is self-employed as a builder and likes to hunt.

Dot Johnson married David M. McDonald. They live in Yazoo City and both work for their own business, Paradise, Inc. The product of their factory is casket shells.

B. B. Neely is married to Margaret Tye. They live in the Dover Community. Petie works for MCC and

likes to fish and hunt.

Marion O. Martin is married to Nell Morrow. They have two children and 5 grandchildren. Marion Odgen has a used car business and enjoys golf and fishing.

Grady Porch is married to Ruth King. They have 1 child. They live in Jackson, where Grady is employed by the Jackson Fire Department. Grady likes hunting and fishing.

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Jack Porch married Patricia McCoy. They have three children and live in Huntsville, Texas. Jack is employed by Genesco and lists as his hobby "buses".

Thomas Pettus is married to Peggy Harrison. They live in ElDorado Arkansas and have two children. Thomas is self-employed as an electrical contractor. He enjoys golf.

Lathan Davis married Sarah Passons. They have two children. Lathan and Sarah live near Bentonia. He is a paint contractor. Likes to hunt and fish.

Ray and Sylvia (Finley) Hines live in Galena Park, Texas and have two children. Ray is owner of Galena Park Tire and Sylvia works for American Natural Gas. Ray has been part time Music Director in

various churches for the past 20 years. Sylvia enjoys arts and crafts.

Barbara Nell Green is married to James Friedline. They have two children and live in Georgia. Hobbies are flying and sailing.

Bette McNeese married James P. Byrd and has three children and one granddaughter. Bette lives in Atlanta where she has an Arts and Crafts Shop (Corner Cuboard Crafts). Bette is a master teacher of tole and decorative painting.

Edna Kirk is married to Randy McCormack. They live in Yazoo City and hve two childre. Edna works for the farmers Home Administration.

Katie Mae Kirk married Robert Kates. They have four children and live in Myrleville Community. Katie is employed at the Bank of Bentonia.

Tranny Covey is married to Emma Claire Renfrow. They have four children and live in Richmond, Mississippi. Tranny is self employed as a brick mason.

D.L. Ashley and his wife, Dorothy Saxton, live in Yazoo City where D. L. is employed at the Post Office. They have four children.



CE REPORT

Yazoo County Municipal Court

Offense	Fine	Arresting Officer
DWI	\$100	Becker, Scott
No D.L.	\$15	Becker, Scott
Drag Racing	\$25	Becker, Scott
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No drivers license	\$15	Becker, Scott
Leave scene	\$25	Crouch, Branch
Run red light	\$15	Fullilove
No D.L., run red light	\$30	Scott
No D.L.	\$15	
Block Traffic	\$5	Becker
Exp. tag	\$15	Rector
Cause Accident	\$25	Felton
Shoplifting	\$50	Kendrick
Auto theft reduced to trespass less than larceny	6 mo. jail	

BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL 1948 CLASS REUNION - those attending left to right Theda Windham Barnes of Picayune; Odell Beets of Bogalusa, Louisiana; Elise McKay Caudill of Brandon; Delorese Foster Dozier of Benton; Jackie Perry Ely of New Orleans; Majorie Thomas Hancock and "Sonny" Hancock of Jackson; Blanche Henson Hester of Yazoo City; Samuel Jones of Bridge City, Texas; Elmer Lancaster of bentonia; Charles Snowden of Jackson; Ruth March Sowell of Houston, Texas; Fay Martin Tyson of Rodessa, La.; Dorothy Saxton Ashley of Yazoo City and Bonnie Ferriss.



HELLO TEACHER! John Ed Manor greets one of the teachers, John Odum, at the Bentonia High School Class reunions of 1944 through 1949.

Class Of 1947 Of Bentonia High School History

Robert E. Burton married Jewell Ivers. They have 2 children and live in Jackson where Robert works for the Mississippi Highway Patrol. He lists as his hobbies baseball and fishing.

Naomi Fears is married to Meredith Smith. They live in Virginia Beach, Virginia and have 2 children. Naomi enjoys golf and swimming.

Paul Ferris is married to Bonnie Woodruff. They live in Bentonia and have 2 children. Paul works at Mississippi Chemical Corp. He enjoys watching TV.

Macel Gary - no answer.

Sarah Mae Hancock married Leon Rice. They have 3 children and live in Bentonia. Sarah Mae enjoys needlework.

W.H. Hardaway is married to Florene Martin and they have three children. They live in Bloomfield, New Mexico where W.H. is employed at El Paso Natural Gas. They enjoy rock hunting and fishing.

J.D. Iasigi is married to Bobbie Jean Heshner. They live near Bentonia in the Scotland community. Joe has 3 children. He is self-employed in building, repair and remodeling. Joe likes skeet shooting, hunting and fishing.

Jewell Ivers - see Robert Burton.

Ray Heard - no answer.

Henry Jackson - no answer.

Ray Jones has 3 children, lives in Yazoo City where he is self-employed as an electrician.

Billy McConnell is married to Jeanne Glisson. They have 4 sons and lives Yazoo City. Billy is self-employed as a logging contractor. Billy likes to hunt.

James McMillin married Bobby Cox. They have 2 children. James lives in Stephens, Arkansas, is self-employed and enjoys golf, munting and fishing.

Pete Logan - no answer.

David Miller is married to Catherine Woodruff. They live in New Orleans, and have 3 children and 1 grandson. David works for Agri-Trans Corporation. They enjoy tennis and bridge.

Fay Rodgers is married to Clifton Milner. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. They live in the Fletcher's Chapel Community in Yazoo County. Fay is a homemaker and Clif works for MCC.

Robert E. Smith is married to Dorothy Melton. They have 3 children and live in Huffman, Texas. Robert Edward is employed in Houston and likes to play golf and fish.

Catherine Woodruff - see David Miller.

Ruby Whitfield - no answer.

Class Of 1946 Bentonia High Class History

Jimmie Mae Hancock is married to Steve Johnson. They live in the Dover community. Jimmie and Steve have 3 sons and three grandchildren. Jimmie enjoys crafts of all kinds, also enjoys playing golf.

Emma Lou Kirk is married to Robert Myril (Shag) Neely. They live near Little Yazoo and have four children and 4 grandchildren. They are active members of Central Baptist Church. Emma Lou works for M-RS Manufacturing Company in Flora and enjoys sports and handicrafts.

Grace Kirk married Wilbur Harpole. They have 2 sons and 2 grandsons. Grace works with Yazoo County Schools. She and Harpole live near Bentonia, where she enjoys painting, reading and collecting junk.

Wanda Kress married J.J. Arender. They have 1 child. They live in Satartia where Wanda works at the Post Office. She lists fishing and reading as her hobbies.

Catherine Ledlow is married to Swayze Plunkett. They have one son. She is employed at Sears in Yazoo City.

Roy Lunn is married to Eloise Jackson. They have 3 children and live in Jackson where Roy is employed with the Capitol Commission (State of Mississippi). Roy also is a member of the Bobby J. Combo, a music group from Jackson. He lists hunting as his hobby.

Ernest Robinson is married to Martha Wade and lives in Yazoo City. Ernest is employed at Weber's Grocery and enjoys vegetable gardening and raising rabbits. They have 2 children.

Josephine Smith - no answer.

Margaret Powell lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is married and has 2 daughters.

Harold S. Tucker is married to Yvonne Beets and they have one daughter. Bud and Yvonne have lived in Flora for 26 years. He is employed at M-R-S Manufacturing Company. Bud enjoys hunting, camping, and all sports.

Peggy Weir married Richard Lowe. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. Peggy and Richard live in Birmingham, Ala. Peggy owns and operates a needlework shop.



BENTONIA HIGH SCHOOL 1946 CLASS REUNION - members who attended the recent class reunion. From the left Grace Kirk Harpole of Bentonia; Jimmie Mae Hancock Johnson of Dover Community; Roy Lunn of Jackson, Emma Lou Kirk Neely

of Little Yazoo; Ernest Robinson of Yazoo City; Harold S. "Bud" Tucker of Flora; W.A. Passons of Yazoo County, Petie Neely of Yazoo County, and Lamar Barnes.



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ALL THE WAY - through 12 grades of school. This group were especially happy to see each other. Pictured are Mrs. Lorena Hancock, their sponsor, Katie Mae Kirk Kates, Steve Johnson, Edna Kirk McCormic, the 12 grade group, and classmates Kermit Nolan and Vivian Porter Cautheron.

***** Bentonia High School Class Of 1948 *****

Class of 1948 members and where they are located.

Jewell Allgood, no response from the class inquiry.

Odell Beets is married to Lucy Tucker. They have three children and live in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Odell works for Crown Zellerbach and loves to hunt and fish.

Oliver Callihan, no response from the inquiry.

Emmett Callihan, no response from the inquiry.

Floyd Briggs no response from the inquiry.

Delorese Foster is married to Arthur Dozier. They have one child and live in Benton, Mississippi. Delorese is employed as a bookkeeper for R.D. Hines, Inc. and is Secretary-treasurer for Yazoo Planters Gin Company. Her hobbies are reading, shopping and visiting with the grandchildren. She and Arthur have taken a 16 year old orphan girl to send to school and care for. Delorese says she's getting lazy in her old age, but to us she leads a pretty active life.

Joyce Germany is married to Mike Morgan and they have one child. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

Lee Ronde "Sonny" Hancock, Sonny is married to Marjorie Thomas. They have two children and live at 125 Wentworth Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Sonny works for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Blanche Henson, is married to Pat Hester. They have two children, Brenda is 21 and a senior at Millsaps and Andy is a freshman at Holmes, Jr. College. They live in Yazoo City and Blanche works at Mississippi Chemical Corporation as Payroll Supervisor and her hobbies are needlework and reading.

Samuel Jones is married to Rebecca "Becky" Parker and they have five children. They live at Bridge City, Texas and Samuel works at Gulf Oil Chemical in Orange, Texas.

Elaine Kelly, is married to Herbert "B.B." Stampley. They have four children and two grandchildren and live in Jackson, Ms.

Macke Leshe is married to Muriel Mohon. They have one daughter and one son and live in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Macke works at Western Electric.

Laura Elise McKay is married to Denver Caudill. They have four children and live in Brandon, Ms. Elise is a homemaker.

Faye Martin is married to Norman Tyson and has two children. They live at Rodessa, Louisiana and works in Atlanta, Texas, both love fishing and camping.

Florence Martin, see W. H. Haraway, Class of 1947.

Juanitta Mohon, no response from the inquiry.

Mike Morgan is married to Joyce Germany. They have a son and live in Jackson, Ms. Mike is employed by South Central Bell in Jackson

Jackie Perry is married to George Ray Ely and they have two children and live in New Orleans, Louisiana. Jackie is a

homemaker and loves to work in her flower garden.

Meadow Perry has one daughter, Phylis, and lives in Yazoo City. Meadow works at Mississippi Chemical Corporation.

James Porter is married to Dorothy Ann Stampley. They have one child and live in Jackson, Mississippi.

Laura Frances Shackelford is married to Eugene Brooks. They have three children and several grandchildren. She is a homemaker and lives in Bentonia, Mississippi.

Charles Snowden is married to Betty Sue Harrison and they have four children. Charles works at McRae's Metro Center in Jackson and says since becoming a Christian eight years ago he lives a completely different life than he used to. He loves golf, spots, fishing, football and softball.

Marjorie Thomas is married to Sonny Hancock. They have two children and live in Jackson. Marjorie works for Dr. James N. McQueen.

Louise Strong, no response to inquiry.

Theda Windham is married to Buddy Barnes. They have three children. Buddy is pastor of the New Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune and Theda works for Mason Chamberlain, Inc.

Bonnie Jean Woodruff is married to Paul Ferris. They have two children, a daughter 27 and a son 23. Bonnie is a homemaker and they live in Bentonia and both love camping.

Clyde Clunan, no response from inquiry.

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Elmer Lancaster married Charlene Sadler. They have four children and live in Bentonia. He is self-employed.

Ruth March is married to Elmer G. Sowell. They have three children and live at 11947 Drifting Wind, Houston, Texas. Ruth works for American National Gas Producing Company, and enjoys bowling and playing with her two grandchildren.

Former teachers who attended the Bentonia Class reunions held last week were.

Velma Lee Adams, who lives at 155 Hayes Drive, Jackson. She works part time at the Belhaven College Library. Her hobbies are reading, going to concerts, plays, museums, exhibits of flowers, and handicrafts. Miss Adams, also, does some volunteer work at the Mississippi Nursing Home and Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Lorene S. Hancock lives in Yazoo City at 1339 Jackson Avenue. She is retired but says that she stays too busy to work.

John W. Odum lives near Midway where he is a farmer.

CHARGERS - front row from the left John Fuller, Stephen Bowman, Al Worthy, J.J. Arender, Glen Renfroe, Kevin Kirk, and Holly Pigg. Back row Coach Larry Perry, Monty Perry, Roger Hancock, Jay Burton, Jimmy Zila, Bob Ragland, and Clay Williamson and Coach Jerry Burton.

Attendance At Summer

Reading Conference At DSU

More than 300 persons attended the recent Summer Reading Conference at Delta State University.

The 10-day workshop was coordinated by Dr. Ernie Dishner, director of the DSU Reading Center, and featured reading experts from across the nation.

Yazoo countians attending the 40th annual conference included: Martha Shipp of Benton; Claire Smith of Vaughn; and Dorothy Dailey of Yazoo City.

POLICE REPORT

Fines Assessed By Yazoo County Municipal Court

Name	Address	Age	Offense	Fine	Arresting Officer
Robert Ward	Rt. 4, Broad Lake, Y.C.	43	DWI & affidavit 00742	\$150	Dean
R.P. Green	1632 Gordon ave., Y.C.	65	Old warrant run stop sign	\$10	Becker
Rebecca Miller	Yazoo City	23	Violate 1 way	\$5	Washington
Johnny Geachelli	Greenville	49	Speeding	\$19.50	Kendrick
Eddie McDonald	Jeffeson St., Y.C.	23	No tage, imp. park	\$20	Becker
Devin Campbell	High St., Y.C.	18	Run stop sign	\$5	Jones
Bryan Brooks	Louise	18	No D.L., run stop sign	\$30	Scott
R.P. Green	Gordon Ave.	65	Speeding	\$19.50	Becker
Mary Johnson	Charles St., Y.C.	43	Vic. Sec. 67-181 1972 L.C. Law	\$500.00	
Debra Tate	Belzoni	27	Shoplifting Gibsons	\$50	Kendrick
Paul Graves	Rt. 3, Y.C.	57	Public drunk partial pay	\$20	Rush

EDEN NEWS

Baptismal services were held Sunday morning for those who made profession of faith during recent Bible School. The school closed on a Sunday night with a recognition service that reported an average attendance of 50.

Rev. Joey Bennet and family were recently in Houston to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

A talent show, under the direction of Mrs. Netherland and Mrs. Hunt was given Sunday night for the benefit of the G.A.'s and Acteens that they could attend camp.

Acteen girls returned home Friday from Camp Garaywa after a week of activities and Chrstian training. Those who were able to attend were, Holly Kuhn, Theresa Kuhn, Penny Kuhn, Payy Street, Cindy Vickers, and Debbie Vickers.

CHILDREN NOTE! There will be a puppet show at the church Saturday, June 30, 10:30 A.M., Ages 5 - 11. There will be refreshments. The Puppet Show will be the puppets from First Baptist Church of Yazoo City.

A group of our men and boys attended the Brotherhood cookout at Concord Baptist Church on Thursday night.

Christy and Tamra Street have returned to their home in Lake Providence after a week as guest of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Street.

Mr. and Mrs. V.R. Netherland have as guest their granddaughter, Elizabeth, of Alabama.

The John Davis family were overnight guest of relatives in Vicksburg, Saturday.

George Bennett of Gulfport has returned to his home after a visit here in his brother's home.

Homecoming was held at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church on Sunday after the morning message lunch was served on the church grounds.

Mrs. Holeman, Juanita and Kathy were guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Acy at Blackhawk on Saturday. Other guest were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weaver and children of Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn and children of Tunica were Sunday guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Holeman.

Mrs. Elva Strickland has been dismissed from the local hospital and is visiting in the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Strickland Jr.

Paige Webb, of Atlanta, is a guest of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Tinnin.

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Stricklin and family of Tulsa, Okla. were weekend guest of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shoops.

This And That

By Carolyn Garrard

Why is it?

When we finally get four lane roads from east to west and north to south, we don't have enough gas to ride on them.

When we get our children grown we've either too tired or too broke, or both, to do all the projects we dreamed about.

When we clean up our house no one comes to see us.

The day the sink is stopped up, the dog gets sick on the carpet, and we miss the garbage man, everybody from first cousins to best friends drop by.

When we finally don't have to worry with baby sitters, we're too old to stay out all night.

When we can at last afford to buy every delicious morsel our heart desires in the grocery, we're too fat to eat it.

My husband looked over my shoulder and ask permission to write one of his own: Why is it after spending all afternoon cleaning out the boat, checking the motor, buying bait and getting away to the lake, it's always the day before the fish are really biting?



BASEBALL MOTHER - Mrs. Minnie Fuller tries on her son, John Fullers glove, to see if it fits.



ROBERT WINSTEAD - Free Run 4 - H Club, placed 1st in the State Seed Identification Contest last week at Mississippi State University. Robert will receive a trip to State 4 - H Convention July 18 - 20 in Jackson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winstead of Free Run.



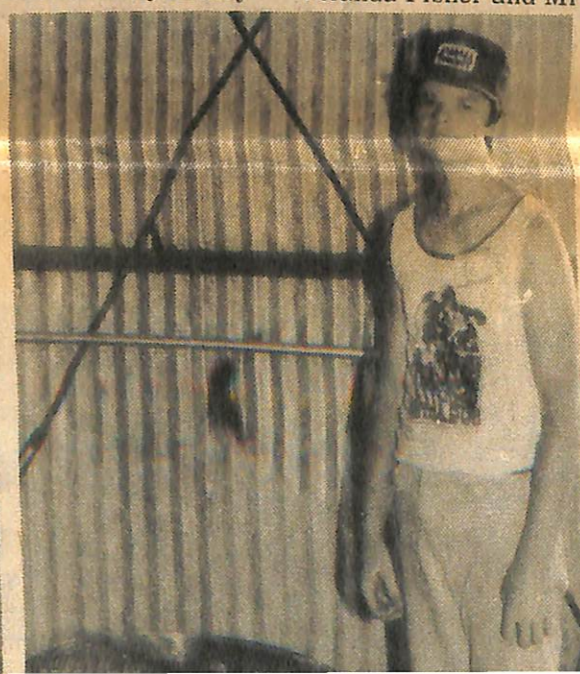
BENTON BULLDOGS - won 8 games and lost 0. They are left to right (front row) Rodney Davis, Bert McDaniel, Billy Veazley, Stevie Saxton, Mark Saxton, Yancy Ladner and Bubba Nivens. Back row (l to r) Brian Davis, Michael Burns, John Pilgrim, Jess

Moore, Thomas Dixon, Johnny Fair, Dwayne Ward and Robbie Coker. Coach is John Coker and not pictured (John Hogue). Sponser - Miller Tire Mart, Buster Miller.

4-H'ers To Compete In District Contests

Yazoo County Junior 4 - H'ers will be competing Thursday in District contests at Copiah - Lincoln

Junior College at Wesson, Ms. These outstanding youngsters will be representing Yazoo County as they



Manchester Academy Opens Another Kindergarten Class

Due to a great deal of interest in the kindergarten program, Manchester Academy is taking applications for an additional class for five year olds for the school term 1979 - 80. Manchester uses the Economy reading program and the kindergarten is a readiness period preparing a child for the phonetic approach to reading, presented in a Christian atmosphere thus helping create in the child a healthy self - concept and a favorable attitude toward learning.

A child should be five before September 1 in order to be enrolled in kindergarten for the fall term. The registration fee is \$10; tuition is \$30 per month.

Application forms may be picked up at Manchester Academy office between 8:30 and 2:30 Monday through Friday. For further information, call 746 5913 or 746 - 2224.

Sewage Line Denied

Cleveland Bowman appeared before the Mayor and Aldermen at Mondays regular meeting, several other residents from Twelfth Street and Bennett Street area were present. Mr. Bowman ask that a line be put in for sewage disposal for his hbm. He stated that sewage was all over the ground.

City engineer stated it would cost \$44,000 to get a sewage line into the area. It was voted not to put the sewage line in at this time because the City locked funds. Mayor Charles Fulgham stated that when the City limits were expanded this money could be gotten by a bond issue. Twenty eight lots are in the area, could be approved by FHA if they had city services available.

Mr. Bowman stated that springs in the area fill up septic tanks.

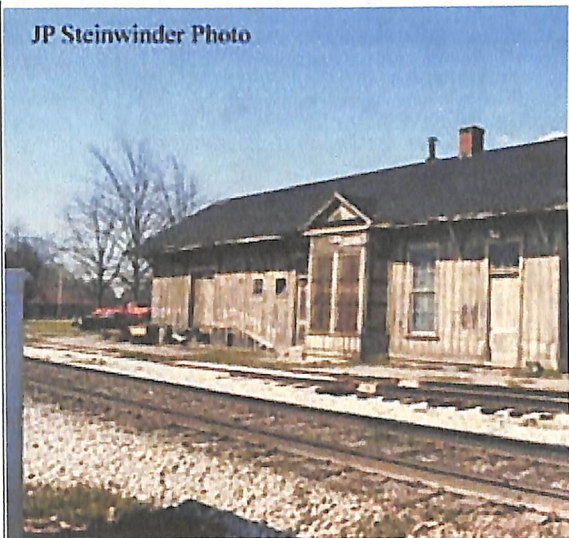
demonstrate the result of their practical learning experiences by participating in more than 50 different contests.

Those participating in visual presentations will be Lilly Harris, horse visual; Liza Harris, swine; Phyllis Vandevere, foods; Fair Barbour, horse; Rebecca Ellis, foods and Dee Fisher, sheep.

In judging and miscellaneous contests 4 - H'ers will be demonstrating various talents and skills in making decisions. Those participating will be Johnnie McCloskey, seed identification; Phyllis Vandevere, Plant & Weed Identification; Rebecca Ellis, Foods & Nutrition Judging; Leslie Matthews, Photography Judging; and Mary Margaret Swayze, Share-the-Fun Talent Contestant.

Adult leaders of these youth attending will be Mrs. Yolanda Fisher and Mrs. Barbara Swayze.

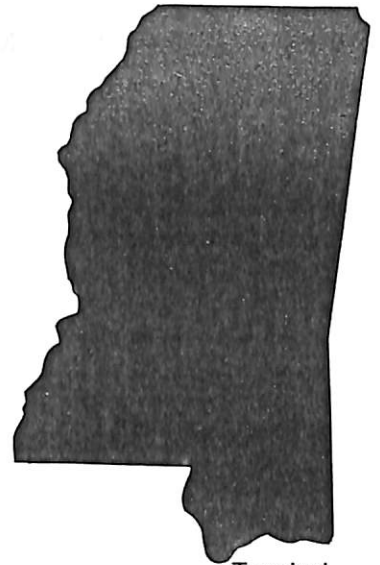
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BENTONIA (Yazoo County)

MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY DATA



Date compiled January, 1980

LOCATION

Distance to:

Jackson, Mississippi 27 miles
 Memphis, Tennessee 184 miles
 New Orleans, Louisiana 208 miles

NOTE: Distance computed between central business districts.

POPULATION

	1970	1960	1950
County	<u>27,314</u>	<u>31,653</u>	<u>35,712</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>53.5 %</u>	<u>59.3 %</u>	<u>61.8 %</u>
City	<u>544</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>496</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>42.1 %</u>	<u> %</u>	<u> %</u>
Estimated 1970 population within 30 miles	<u>200,000</u>		
Estimated population	<u>514</u>	<u>27,300</u>	
	City (1977)	County (1977)	

TRANSPORTATION

Highways serving area:

U.S. primary 49 Interstate _____
 State primary 433

Railroads: Illinois Central Gulf

Piggyback ramp No

Bus service: Municipal _____
 Intercity Greyhound

Motor freight carriers:

Name	Terminal Facilities
<u>Shippers Express</u>	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Air service:

Nearest commercial airport Thompson (Jackson)
 Distance 35 miles Runway length 8,500 feet
 Airlines Delta, Frontier, Republic
 Daily flights 31 (non-commuter)
 Other airports and distance Barrier Field (Yazoo City) (20 mi.), Hawkins (Jackson) (25 mi.)

Waterways: Community on navigable waterway No

Nearest port Yazoo City
 Distance 17 miles Channel depth 9 feet

Parcel service: United Parcel

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Mississippi

LABOR FORCE
Estimated 1979

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Number	Total Assets, 1979
Local	_____	\$ _____
Branch bank from another city	1	\$ 24,250,000
		Total
Savings and loan associations:	Number	Assets, 1979
Local	_____	\$ _____
Branch from another city	_____	\$ _____

COMMUNICATIONS

	Daily	Weekly
Newspapers	_____	_____
Radio stations: AM _____ FM _____		
Television stations: Local _____ Reception 4		
Cable television No Reception (with cable) _____		
Telephone service South Central Bell		
Telegraph service (Western Union) No		

GOVERNMENT

Municipal government:
 Type Mayor-Aldermen
 Zoning regulations No Planning commission No

Police department:
 Personnel: Full-time 3 Part-time _____ Patrol cars 1

Fire department:
 Personnel: Full-time _____ Volunteer 5
 Equipment 1 fire truck
 1 pumper truck (750-gpm)
 Fire insurance rating 9th class
 Service provided to industrial areas beyond corporate limits
 Same as in town

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity: Supplier(s) Miss. Power & Light
 Local distributor(s) Miss. Power & Light

Water:
 Utility name Town
 Source(s) Wells
 Plant capacity 360,000 gpd
 Average daily consumption 50,000 gpd
 Peak consumption 60,000 gpd
 Storage capacity 25,000 gallons

Natural gas:
 Supplier(s) None
 Distributor(s) _____

Fuel oils: Available from Local

LP gas: Available from Local

Sanitary sewer Yes Percent of community covered 100 %
 Treatment plant type Lagoon
 Capacity 0.15 million gallons/day
 Present load 36 %

Storm sewer No Percent of community covered _____ %
 Method of garbage disposal Sanitary landfill

RECREATION

Art museum	_____	Indoor movie	_____
Municipal auditorium	_____	Parks: Local	_____
or coliseum	_____	State, Federal	_____
Auto race track	_____	Skating rink	_____
Amateur theatre	_____	Swimming pool	_____
Ball field	1	Tennis court	_____
Bowling alley	_____	YMCA	_____
Convention center	_____	YWCA	_____
Country club	_____	Zoo	_____
Golf course	_____	Other:	_____

LABOR FORCE (County Data)

Estimated labor force, 1979 9,380
 Males 5,790 Females 3,590
 Manufacturing employment, 1979 1,570
 Wage and labor survey available Yes

EDUCATION

Public school district: (Yazoo Co. Dist.)

	1979-1980		1979-1980
	No. schools	Teachers	Enrollment
Elementary	<u>3</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>1,052</u>
Secondary	<u>2</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>545</u>

Private, parochial schools: _____

	1979-1980
	Enrollment
Vo-tech centers (Post-secondary):	
<u>Hinds Jr. Col. (Jackson-27 mi.)</u>	<u>1,194</u>
<u>Holmes Jr. Col. (43 mi.)</u>	<u>595</u>

Colleges:

	1979-1980
	Enrollment
<u>7 col. in Jackson area (27 mi.)</u>	<u>15,658</u>
<u>Holmes Jr. Col. (43 mi.)</u>	<u>1,278</u>

Public library _____ **Total volumes** _____

CLIMATE

Temperature: Monthly average, January, 1979 34 °
 Monthly average, July, 1979 82 °
 Total annual rainfall 51 inches
 Total annual snowfall 0.36 inches
 Prevailing winds S
 Average elevation 250 feet (mean sea level)

CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES

Protestant 2 Catholic _____ Jewish _____

HOTELS, MOTELS

Hotels, Motels _____ Total rooms _____

TAXES

(Tax year 1979)

Property taxes

Area	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment Ratio			
		Land	Buildings	Depreciable Personal Property	Inventories
City	\$ <u>10.00</u>	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %
County	\$ <u>28.00</u>	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %
State	\$ <u>4.00</u>	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %
City school	\$ _____	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %
County school	\$ <u>22.00</u>	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %	<u>20.0</u> %

Total effective rate/\$1,000 of actual value:

Inside city	\$ <u>12.80</u>	<u>12.80</u>	<u>12.80</u>	<u>12.80</u>
Outside city	\$ <u>10.80</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>10.80</u>

Local nonproperty taxes:

City:	Retail sales	<u>No</u>
	Income (wage)	<u>No</u>
County:	Retail sales	<u>No</u>
	Income (wage)	<u>No</u>
State:	Retail	<u>5</u> %
	Individual income	
	Minimum rate	<u>3</u> %
	Maximum rate	<u>4</u> %
	Corporate income	<u>3-4</u> %
	Corporate franchise	<u>0.25</u> %
	Intangibles	<u>No</u> %
	Gasoline	<u>9</u> ¢/gal.

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals _____ Beds _____
 Doctors _____ Dentists _____

Bentonla _____, Mississippi

MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Number of Employees		Union Carpenters & Joiners
		Male	Female	
Cathey-Williford-Jones Co.	Hardwood lumber	65		
Mid-State Paving Co.	Paving mixtures & blocks	49	2	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Name	Acreage		R & D Center Site File Code
	Total	Available	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

REMARKS

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Organization _____
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Bentonia Residents Receive New Fire Truck



TANYA WILSON - of Baton Rouge, Louisiana is visiting two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beets. Tanya is five years old. Her mother is the former Linda Beets.

She was the first one to get her picture with the new Bentonia fire truck.

Bentonia residents received their first brand new fire truck Tuesday morning about 9:45 a.m. The town has had a used fire truck for about nine years. The new truck is a Ford and the fire department is a volunteer group.

The volunteers are Bobby Tyer, Barry Caffey, Richard Sanders, Henry Guthrie, Gary Warrington, Rick Stewart, Joe Perry, Bubba Johnson, Ronnie Renicher, C.E. Passons, Owen Davis, Wesley Willis, James Willis, W.H. Beets,

D.L. Graham, Kenny Ferris, Bud Griffin, John Patterson, Willie Berry, Larry Allen, Ques Allen, George Slalts, and Dennis Manning.

The Mayor Sam Parker and Aldermen, Henry Beets, D.L. Graham, Joseph Martin and L.O. Vandevender are proud to be able to furnish the new fire truck to the city of Bentonia. They will keep the old fire truck and have 2 vehicles if they are needed.

The truck when fully equipped will cost about \$50,000.



BILL ESTES - gives the mayor of Bentonia, Sam Parker, a set of fire truck keys and in return receives a checks for a new fire truck that was delivered Tuesday.

Sheriff's Department Busy

On Tuesday, August 12, the Yazoo County Sheriff's Department received a report of a stolen truck tire and rim. According to an official at the Sheriff's Department, the tire and rim were stolen from the back of a pick-up owned by Richard Lang of Jackson. Mr. Lang had his vehicle parked at Ryan's Grocery on Hwy. 3 when the theft occurred. Property stolen was totaled at \$150.00.

The Sheriff's Department investigated a breaking and entering at the residence of Rodney Hunt in Eden on Tuesday, August 12. Reported stolen was a collection of old coins. A suspect, Ricky White of Eden, age 22, has been arrested for the theft.

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sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

According to a Sheriff's Department official, the subject(s) gained entrance into the building by cutting the glass of a window. A Sony 21" color TV and a Sony record player were stolen from the showroom.

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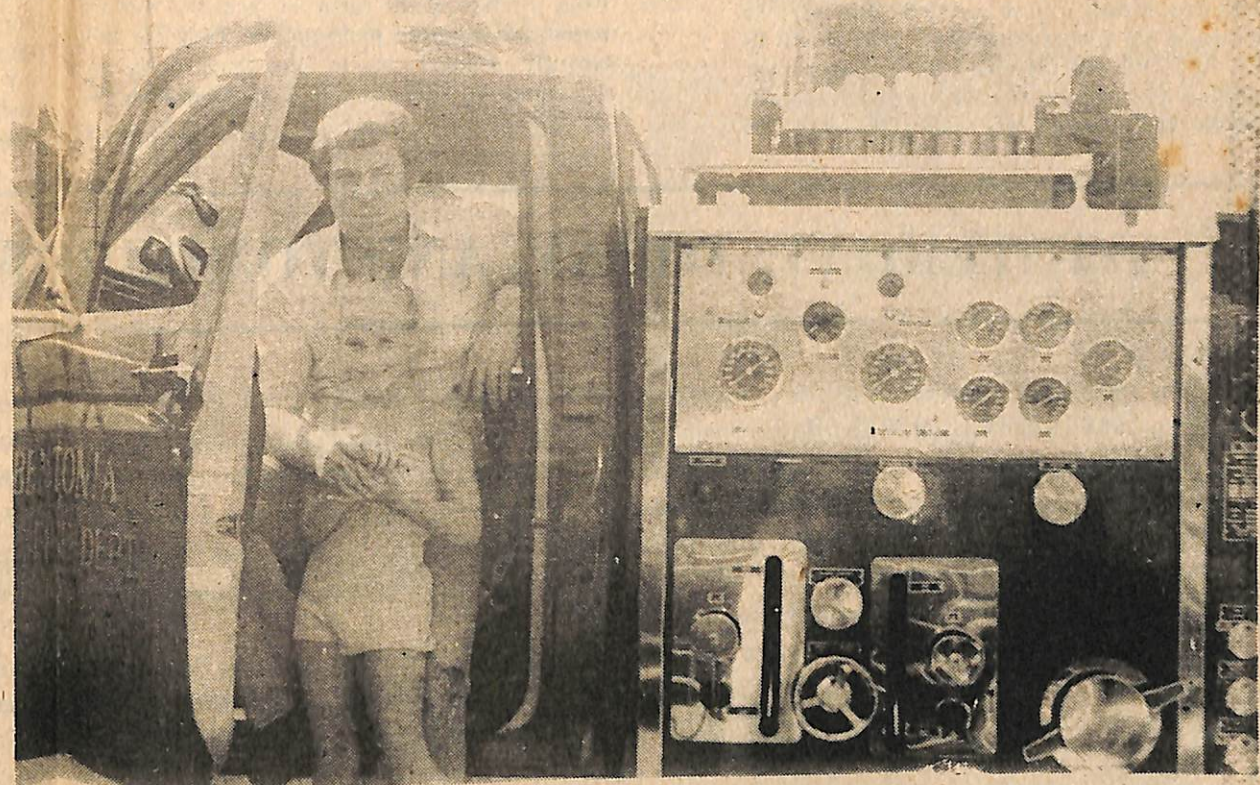
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STATE RECORD WINNERS - - These Mississippi 4 - H'ers were among the state project winners named at the State 4 - H Convention held in Jackson recently. Winning 4 - H'ers and their projects are, seated from left, Katherine Lutz, Yazoo County, food and nutrition; Anna Rose, DeSoto County, entomology; Angela Rowsey, Panola County, food

preservation; and Robin Hammond, DeSoto County, health. Standing, from left, are Kevin Still, Panola County, wood science; Jeff Harden, Bolivar County, swine and David Morris, Panola County, forestry. Many state winners will advance to national competition. (Extension Service Photo)



TOBY PASSONS - and daughter Paige, look over the new Bentonia fire truck. This is the first brand new truck the department has ever had.

Henderson Returns From Western Pacific

Navy Gunner's Mate 2nd Class James Henderson, son of Mildred Henderson of P.O. Box 213, Louise, Miss., has returned from a deployment in the Western Pacific.

He is a crewmember aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Gridley, homeported in San Diego. While deployed, his ship operated as a unit of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

During the cruise, the Gridley acted as an escort for the amphibious readiness group in the Indian

Ocean, the largest force of Marines that has ever been deployed to the area of the world.

In addition, the ship visited a number of cities in Japan, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Africa and Australia.

The Gridley is 533 feet long and carries a crew of 396. It is outfitted with guns, missiles, torpedoes and anti - submarine rockets.

A 1972 graduate of Humphreys County High School, Belzoni, Miss., Henderson joined the Navy in September 1974.

HJC Awards Scholarships To County Students

Holmes Junior College has awarded scholarships to four Yazoo County students.

Thomas B. Nutter, Flora, has been awarded a President's scholarship for the 1980-81 school year. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of an ACT composite score of 25 or above and covers the cost of fixed fees, room and board at the institution.

Thomas, a recent graduate of Tri-County Academy, is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, Tri-County Hall of

Fame, All Conference in football two years, All Conference in basketball two years, All State one year, and received the American Legion Citizenship Award his senior year. He plans to major in engineering at HJC in the fall.

Sherri Gordon, Yazoo City, has been awarded a Dean's scholarship. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of a composite ACT score of 19-24 and covers the cost of fixed fees at the institution. Sherri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy

Gordon and is a graduate of Yazoo City High School. She was a member of FBLA and FHA and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to major in Business and Office Technology this fall.

Robert F. Neely, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Neely, Jr., of Yazoo City, has also been awarded a Dean's scholarship. A recent graduate of Yazoo City High School, Robert is a member of the National Honor Society and was the artist of his school's newspaper.

Jamie Leigh Davis of Benton has been awarded a

Dean's scholarship and a Salutatorian scholarship (\$100.) Jamie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grady Davis, Jr., and graduate of Benton Academy. She plans to major in Secondary Education (English) at Holmes.

While in high school, Jamie was a member of the Beta Club, Chorus, Homecoming Court (1979 and 1980), Beauty, Most Beautiful, Cheerleader, honor student, Civitan Club, and co-editor of the 1979-80 annual.

Library Bylines

By Bettye B. Crout

This week, Bylines features Jon Scheer, Director of the Yazoo Library Association.

I recently attended the annual conference of the American Library Association. The association was formed in 1876 when 103 people met in Philadelphia to discuss librarianship. Current membership exceeds 35,000, composed of librarians, organizations, library trustees, and others interested in promoting and improving library service. Over 14,000 people gathered this year in New York City to examine new materials and equipment and to discuss the best ways to organize, promote and distribute the vast quantity of information our society produces.

Perhaps the most important feature of each year's conference is the exhibits of new products for the library. One attraction is the many authors present autographing their books or posters. In recent years, though, the center of attention has been the growing number of vendors displaying new machines, especially computers, designed to assist in every aspect of library work.

Computers have long been seen as potentially useful to libraries, but it took recent technological improvements to bring them to reality. Clerical and repetitive tasks involved in book circulation were the first obvious choices. Sharing of cataloging information was enhanced with the advances in telecommunications and increased computer storage capabilities. Now card catalogs and even some books are being replaced with information available only through a computer terminal.

Ricks Memorial Library so far has entered only indirectly into the computer age. Books are purchased and processed for us by the Mississippi Library Commission's Processing Department

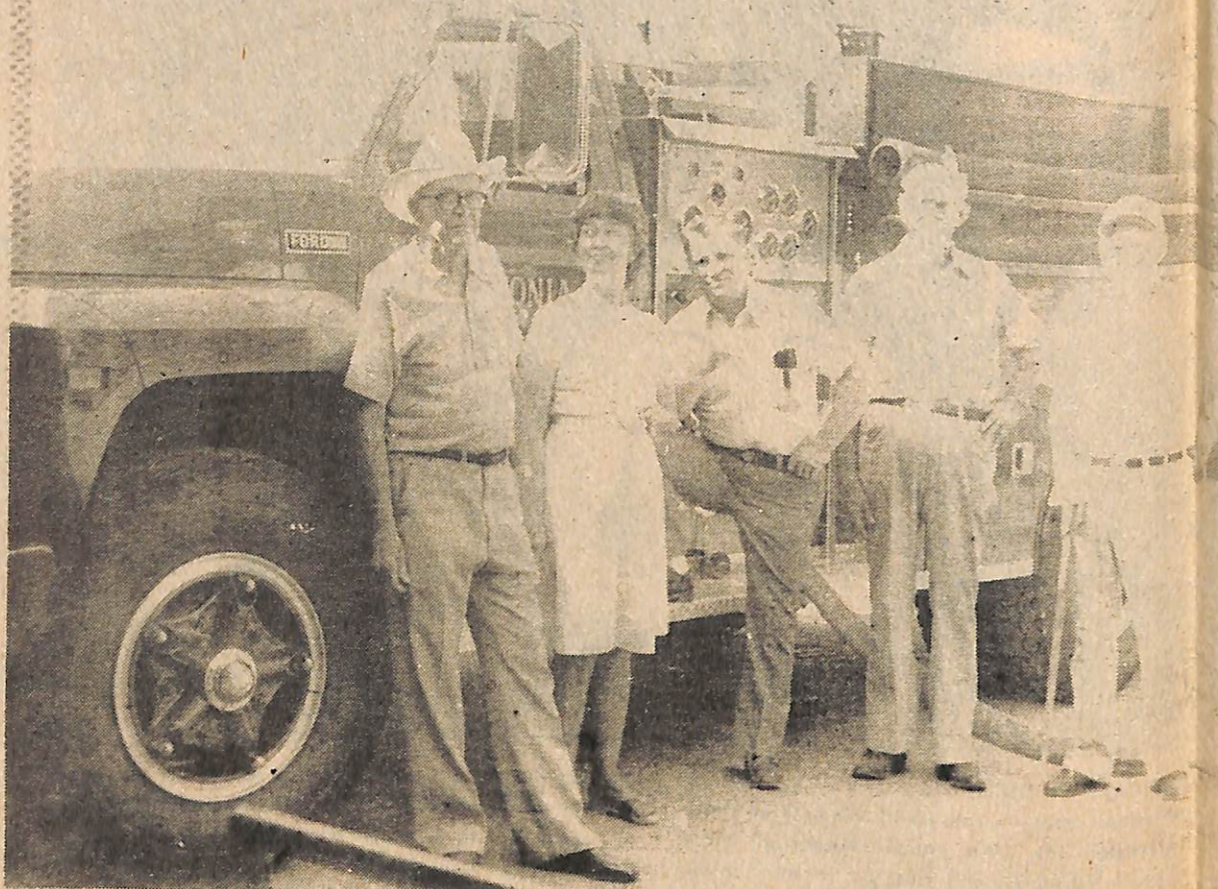
which utilizes two computerized systems. In addition, the Library Commission has entered all of the information from their card catalog into a computer and produced microfiche copies for libraries across the state. Thus, we can now examine their catalog to determine if they own an item which we do not have.

Other libraries in Mississippi are also utilizing computers. The Jackson Metropolitan Library System is entering its card catalog information into the same file as the Library Commission for eventual publication of a joint microfiche holdings with statewide distribution. Several of the university libraries are able to search national data files when doing detailed research.

One public library deserves special mention to demonstrate what can be done at only a minimal cost. The Greenwood-Leflore Public Library has purchased a home micro-computer system. Utilizing a telephone hookup, they are able to order books and search national data files, two capabilities not previously possible with this type of equipment. In addition, the computer is used to keep track of the library's bookkeeping. Their innovative use of the small computer surprised the experts who were doubtful of their success.

Whenever discussions center around computers and microforms, someone invariably predicts the demise of the book. Yet I just cannot picture curling up in bed with a microfilm reader or a computer terminal. They are necessary tools in our continuing attempts to make available man's expanding knowledge, but they never can replace a book.

Thanks Jon. See you at Ricks!



BENTONIA VIP'S - present to see the new Bentonia fire truck as it arrived in Bentonia on Tuesday were from the left Mayor Sam Parker, City secretary Beverly Willis; alderman L.O. Vandevender, D.L. Graham and Henry Beets. Not present for picture was Alderman Joseph Martin.

BLM Proposes Wild And Scenic River Rules

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus announced today that he has tentatively selected 192 tracts involving 915,838 acres for an oil and gas lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS No. A62) scheduled to be held September 30, 1980.

Andrus also announced that the 40 tracts scheduled to be offered under a fixed net profit share bidding system would use a captial recovery factor of 1.0 instead of the 1.25 announced in the proposed Notice of Sale issued on May 30, 1980. These 40 tracts would continue to be offered using a profit share rate of 50 percent. This bidding system was established by Department of Energy (DOE) regulations published in the May 30, 1980, **Federal Register**. DOE is now considering the bidding systems proposed for the tracts in this sale.

Fifty - nine tracts will be offered under a cash bonus with a sliding scale royalty formula which is a slight modification of the sliding scale system that has been used in previous sales. Twentey - two tracts will be offered on a cash bonus basis with a 33 - 1/3 percent fixed royalty. The remaining 71 tracts will be offered on a cash bonus bid basis with a fixed royalty of 16 - 2/3 percent, the conventional bidding system most often used in OCS oil and gas lease sales.

Later in August, a final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Profit Sharing Variable Changed In Bidding

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) can establish protective local rules for the Wild and Scenic River areas it manages under rulemaking published in the August 4, 1980, **Federal Register**.

Depending upon the need for protection, officials will be able to require permits for use and limit the numbers of permits issued. BLM officials also can issue rules on camping, hiking, fires, sanitation, safety and other activities in these areas.

The rulemaking allows BLM to issue orders consistent with those of the National Park Service and Forest Service where management responsibilities are shared with those agencies.

The rules also set penalties for activities that could damage resources.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act requires that these areas be managed to protect the characteristics of the river corridor which qualified an area for Wild and Scenic Rivers designation.

The rules will be effective September 3, 1980.

Hugh Smith To Be Ordained To Ministry

Hugh Smith, Jr., will be ordained to the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church at 1408 Jackson Avenue, Sunday, August 17 at 2:45 p.m. Some of those participating in ordination service are Dr. Wayne Kimbrough, pastor; Rev. Ken Jordan of Meadville; Rev. ...

Interior To Host Workshops To Discuss Desertification

The Department of the Interior will hold a series of four workshops in western States this month to get public comment on a report concerning the process of desertification in the United States Interior Under Secretary James A. Joseph announced today.

Joseph said the comments will be used to help the Department prepare its final report on desertification. He said the report is in response to commitments made at the United Nations Conference on Desertification held in Nairobi, Kenya in 1977, to which he led to the U.S. Delegation.

A draft copy of the proposed report, "Desertification in the U.S. - Status and Issues," prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, has been sent to persons invited to attend the workshops. Joseph said he hopes the workshops will provide information and viewpoints that will enable the Department to prepare a most meaningful final report.

The term "Desertification" was coined in the 1960's to describe the apparent encroachment of the Sahara Desert into more productive lands in North Africa and also into the Sahel Rgionn to the south. Today the term is defined as "the continuous and sustained decline of the actual and potential biological productivity or arid and semi arid lands that, in a self - accelerating fashion, ultimately leads to desert - like conditions."

Desertification is recognized as a world problem, and one that is of particular concern in the United States because of naturally occurring arid and semi conditions in many western States.

"One - third of the world's land area is arid," Joseph said, "but while productivity in these areas is low, they also support 14 percent of the world's population. When man abuses arid lands, he creates a potential for desertification, and unless the process can be reversed millions are impoverished by the resulting loss of productivity."

The workshops will bring together representatives of State Government; national professional and trade association; Federal agencies, commercial, industrial and agricultural

organizations; environmental and conservation groups and interested individuals representing private consulting firms, the scientific community professional societies and others.

Workshops will be held at the following locations:

Participants from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming, will meet at the Northern Hotel, First Avenue and 28th Street, Billings, Montana, on August 11 and 12, 1980.

Participants from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California, will meet at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel, 1109 Main Street, Boise, Idaho, on August 14 and 15.

Participants from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma, will meet at the Albuquerque Inn/Convention Center, 2nd Stree and Marquette Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on August 18 and 19.

Cotton Disease Payments Requirements

Some cotton that was severely damaged by the heavy rains of July 21 has not been reported to the ASCS office. If a sizable acreage was lost, there are at least two reasons that the diaster acreage should be reported. One important reason is that where cotton is destroyed to the extent that it is not practicable to continue working, the total acreage should be reduced to the acreage that will be harvested so that the yield can be maintained as high as possible. Another important reason is that a record should be made of the destroyed acreage so that it can be included in your total acreage if weather or other conditions over which you have no control cause you production to be less than 75 percent of the farm payment yield. Where the flood rains or other disaster cause your cotton to be so badly damaged that it is not feasible to continue working it, and you report the loss before the land is disked or plowed, the production from the disaster acreage is set at zero.

When all cotton is harvested and you report the total production for the farm, the farm yield for 1980 will be based on the harvested acreage. If you do have a disaster and have filed your report before the land is disturbed, disaster payment will be based on the planted acreage.

Be sure to remember that a disaster report is required to be filed within 15 days after the disaster strikes or the date that you decide to abandon the crop. Don't just quit working a field of cotton and let it grow up and wait until fall to report it.

If you decide to file a disaster report, your ASCS office needs to know in which field the cotton was damaged and the acreage damaged. Farm visits will be made to verify the damage and the acreage. Do not destroy the cotton until after you have requested disaster credit if you think that you will file for disaster payment.

Call or come by The ASCS office when we can help you.

Moody Hall
County Executive Director



Hugh Smith

Railroad buff restoring depot

Bentonia landmark has new home

By VERNON SIKES
Staff Writer

GLUCKSTADT -- If all goes as planned, what used to be Bentonia's old train depot will soon be a spot dedicated to the enjoyment and general edification of Boy Scouts.

And, if you've got an interest in railroad memorabilia, for your enjoyment, as well.

Dr. Donald C. Guild, a Jackson psychiatrist, has already invested a considerable amount of money in the project.

Back in 1992 he spent approximately \$15,000 just to move the depot from the spot it sat for more than 100 years and set it up here.

Guild, a railroad buff from way back, bought the condemned depot after Bentonia city officials said they didn't want it.

"When I was a kid, I went up to my father's hometown in Canada," Guild said as he explained how he became a railroad buff. "He was a doctor in Mississippi in 1925 and when you went to his summer home, you went to the beach, went sailing, or you met the train that came through twice a day.

"There wasn't much to do the month we stayed there except take it easy, so I met the train. My folks bought me an engineer's suit, so as a six- or seven-year old, I put my engineer's suit on and met the train. The train crew just adopted me and they let me ride the engines and blow the whistle and do everything."

Today, this lifelong train aficionado has one of his most recent additions, the Bentonia depot, sitting with four cabooses nearby -- a fifth



Dr. Donald C. Guild has relocated old Bentonia depot to his property in Gluckstadt

caboose has been staked by his son who wants to live in it as he attends medical school next year -- all in the middle of 76 acres of mostly open land. An upscale neighborhood is scheduled to be built several hundred yards to the rear.

"I think the only person more enthusiastic about railroading is Mr. (V.L.) Taggart of Benton," Guild said. "When he saw the (story about moving the depot) in the paper, Mr. Taggart called me and said he was glad for what I was doing in saving the depot.

"He has just been a great help. He worked the Yazoo district for the (Illinois Central)

and then he worked for the Cotton Belt, so he knows a tremendous amount about railroading."

Guild's dream is to turn the depot museum and the surrounding property into a Boy Scout's paradise.

"I'd love to have a scout troop out here every week," he said. "I think the real pleasure I get is to see the kids exposed to things they may never have a chance to see again or don't know anything about."

Inside and out, the depot still looks pretty much as it did when it sat alongside the tracks near Bentonia's Main

Street for 10 those many years.

"I wish I could set a completion date for the depot, but I'm the same as the federal government. Budgetary constraints," he explained. "I'm working on it a little bit and I try to spend \$300 to \$400 a month on it. That's my exercise and recreation."

Guild dates the heart pine and cypress depot's original construction at around 1890, a time when square nails were used. "It was built to last," he said.

"It went through, as near as we could figure, two or three

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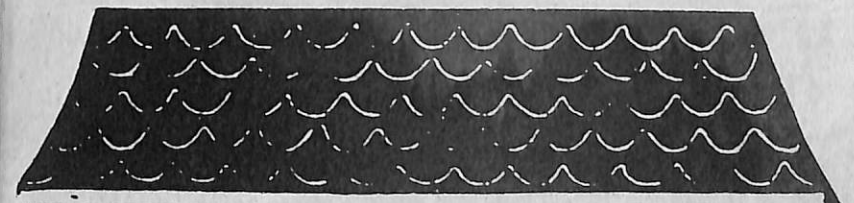
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By **CHRISTY G. KIGER**
Community Editor

From Jimmy Buffet to the B-52's and the Four Tops to 70's disco, the Jim Johnson Orchestra is a musical legacy to the man behind the music.



Johnson

Jim Johnson grew up in Bentonina ... in the Paradise Plantation community to be more precise. He went to high school at Bentonina High and

furthered his education at Mississippi College, garnering a business degree. Johnson left college and went home to farm with his father as preordained by his parents.

"I did that for three or four years and found out in a big hurry that that was not what I was interested in," Johnson said.

In the 1960's when rock and roll music was beginning its ascent into history books with the likes of Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis, he moved to Memphis where every street corner jumped with a new beat or sound.

"I always knew that that's what I'd like to do. I'd always just banged on the piano. After a couple of years, I started playing solo at the University Club and ... later added three pieces.

"We played most Saturday nights at the Memphis Country Club and moved on over into the private country clubs.

"All of the private country clubs decided that's where I needed to be. I decided that was my market.

"I met just about everybody I knew in Memphis out of those clubs and became friends with a lot of them and still am friends with them.

"By the 70's, I had gotten up to six pieces and I was the house band at the Rivermont Hotel which, at that time, was THE place to be at the time. We just slowly evolved during the 70's."

And for the past 6-8 years, the band has included a dozen members. The Jim Johnson Orchestra currently consists of five horn players, five rhythm players, and two female singer.

Johnson arranges all the music for the orchestra, fronting it with the piano.

"Our whole process it through word of mouth ... no agent," he said.

For the past 30 years, the

process has worked well for them.

"I have no plans to retire, ever," he said. "It's wonderful to be able to make a living doing something you love."

So it is that the Jim Johnson Orchestra has played every type of music for every type of audience near and far.

His website, www.jimjohnsonorchestra.com, includes a partial song list that spans the gamut of musical tastes from the big band sounds of "In the Mood" and "It Had to Be You" to the sultry "When a Man Loves a Woman" and, then, even the hard hitting "Old Time Rock'n Roll" and "Respect."

Johnson has mastered the art of reading his audience. When a feel-good, upbeat mood is to be set, out comes the sound of "Mustang Sally."

When the crowd demands a more intimate dance song, "Unforgettable" rolls through the air.

The group plays primarily private parties and gala events, including those such as the past inaugural balls for the President of the United States.

"(Bill Clinton's) actually gotten up with his saxophone and played with us. That's how we got to Washington," Johnson explained. "I don't make politi-

cal statements. I make music.

"The reason we do what we do is because I have the best players in Memphis."

The places they've played include such sites as the Rainbow Room in New York City's Rockefeller Center last New Year's Eve and this New Year's Eve at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis.

They have played at the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, New York, and the Swan House Ball in Atlanta.

There also was the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Mont., where they presently are trying to secure an engagement there again.

They've also played at the Sheraton Universal in Burbank, Calif, the Crystal Charity Ball in Dallas and the Tennessee Gubernatorial Inaugural Gala in Nashville.

Johnson handles the booking and travel arrangements for the 12-piece group, which includes the likes of teachers, a stock broker, an executive with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and a couple who are professional musicians who do jingle work.

The group's CD, recorded live from a studio in Memphis, is entitled "Dance!" and should be available at Dr. Rock Record Shop this week.



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WELLS FEST 2006

WellsFest 2006 will be held at Jamie Fowler Boyll Park Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. benefitting The Emergency Shelter for Children. For more information, visit www.wellschurch.org or call 601-353-0658.

Yazoo County community is 'progressive'

By Barbara Harris

Jackson Advocate News Service

Community leaders in the Yazoo County hamlet of Bentonina, Miss. have worked toward progress for many years – quite successfully it seems – but leaders say much remains to be accomplished.

Therefore, citizens have formed the Bentonina Progressive, Inc., a 501C non-profit whose first major undertaking is building a community center.

Bentonina is located in the largest of the state's 82 counties, approximately 12 miles south of Yazoo City, 12 miles east of Sataria and 25 miles north of Jackson.

It is a small agrarian community, and according to the 2000 census, has a population of 575, one-third of which is African American.

Though Yazoo County is the

state's largest, the organization says it only has nine deputies.

"Four out of five councilmen, four out of five school board members, two out of five county board members, the city's mayor, superintendent, the sheriff, chief of police and fire chief are all black," Bentonina Progressive president Lucious Turner Jr. pointed out. "Yet our situation remains unchanged."

"In Bentonina, for example, there is a reservation for blacks as responsible citizens," Turner explained. "We elect our officials to very important positions believing something positive will materialize for our community, but it is to no



Turner

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Gala kicks-off Breast Cancer

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Blues at the Blue Front



Photo by Jason Patterson

Eighteen students from Colorado Springs, Colorado visited the Blue Front Cafe Saturday to hear the music of Jimmy "Duck" Holmes and Bud Spires and learn about how Bentonia's unique style of blues music was created.

Colorado students experience the Bentonia Blues

By JASON PATTERSON
Managing Editor

BENTONIA — Midway through a smoking set of blues, Jimmy "Duck" Holmes pointed to a picture of the late Jack Owens and offered a lesson in the origin of the Bentonia Blues.

"That man couldn't read or write, but he created his own style of music that is known far and wide," Holmes said of his mentor.

The style that Owens creat-

ed in the Blue Front Cafe has been heard around the world and many fans and students of the blues have visited Bentonia to see where it all began. Holmes learned that style directly from Owens and proudly carries on the tradition.

On Saturday a group of 18 students from Colorado Springs, Colorado visited the Blue Front Cafe to learn about the Bentonia Blues from the guys who helped create

In addition to being treated to a live performance by Holmes with Bud Spires on harmonica and sharing vocal duties, the students got to hear about what makes Bentonia's brand of blues unique.

Holmes explained that Owens developed his own way of tuning the guitar he called "cross note tuning" and that is one reason the Bentonia Blues has its own sound.

"It's a unique tuning I learned from him," Holmes

said. "It was a style of tuning he made up. It was started right here in Bentonia and know it's known worldwide. Usually folks say it's something like D minor of open E, but he called it 'cross note.'"

The students drummed along to the music on table tops during the performance and listened attentively whenever Holmes talked about the history.

"It's pretty amazing," said

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Blues (from page 1):

Students call trip "amazing"

student Blake Ramsey, 15. "It's cool because a lot of people don't get the chance to see the actual blues artists perform. A lot of people are never exposed to this culture."

Student Katie Winfrey, 14, said she enjoyed learning about how different types of blues originated in certain areas.

"It's interesting learning about the different styles of blues music and how they

learned stuff," Winfrey said. "It's been an amazing experience."

Instructor John-Alex Mason said his group of students will be traveling across the Mississippi Delta learning about blues culture. The group is staying at the Shack Up Inn in Clarksdale where they will visit the Delta Blues Museum and other historic sites, as well as points of interest in Cleveland, Leland, Rosedale and others.

LIVE FROM BENTONIA

■ Bentonia native earns dream job in Oklahoma City
By **JASON PATTERSON**
Managing Editor

Every time Charles Bassett looks into the lens of the camera in front of him it's like he's looking into the eyes of a million viewers.

The Bentonia native takes it all in stride. He's been working as a news anchor for years and it goes with the territory, but sometimes having such a large audience can be a little stressful even for the veterans.

"As the years go by you get comfortable, but it's always in the back of your mind that any little mistake you make will be seen by so many people," Bassett said.

That might be more pressure than many would want to endure, but for Bassett it's a small price to pay to be living out his dream as a news anchor. He was recently promoted to weekend co-anchor at KWTU NEWS 9, a CBS affiliate in Oklahoma City.

Bassett said the news has always been a part of his life, and he decided at an early age that he wanted to be a part of the profession of journalism.

"Growing up in Bentonia I was always exposed to the news," Bassett said. "My mom was always watching WLBT or WJTV, and she was always reading newspapers. I knew I wanted to be a part of it, and I knew I wanted to be a serious journalist and not in entertainment."

The son of L.C. and Christine Bassett of Bentonia, Bassett joined the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Bentonia High School in 1984, and he was deployed overseas during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. During his Air Force



Special to The Herald

Bentonia native Charles Bassett is a weekend news anchor for a Oklahoma City station that is watched by around a million viewers each newscast. Being a news anchor was a lifelong dream.

service he began working toward his studies in journalism.

Bassett graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1994 and landed his first news job just before he finished school.

"I wasn't actually on camera at that time, but a few months later I got my first on air job in Pensacola, Florida," Bassett said.

Bassett served as a news reporter for five years in Pensacola and was then promoted to weekend anchor. In 2005 he accepted a job as a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor in Oklahoma City. Now he is the co-anchor of a

newscast that is watched by approximately a million viewers each broadcast.

Bassett may be a long way from Bentonia, but he said his thoughts are often on his hometown.

"I come back several times a year," Bassett said. "My parents are still there, and I go and see them every chance I get. I was last home for Mother's Day. I hated to miss the Bentonia Blues Festival this year. I wanted to be there. When I retire and do all the things I want to do in my career, I'm going to move back to Bentonia. It's home."

Bassett said growing up in the small Yazoo County community shaped him into the

person he is today.

"We didn't have a lot of the influences that kids have today," he said. "Nobody did drugs, and everybody went to church. It was a perfect place to grow up."

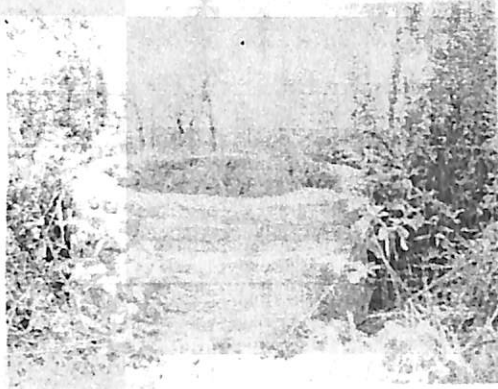
Those values stuck with him. In fact about the only thing he's lost is his Bentonia accent, at least when he's on the air.

"People often tell me that I don't sound like I'm from the South," Bassett said. "I guess at some point I lost my accent, but it comes right back when I'm back home. The way I sound when I'm talking to my parents and the way I sound on the air are two very different things."

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WILLIE PUGH HOME—on Batmore Place Plantation standing on the porch is Mrs. Patsy Pugh in her 80's who lives with her son. She has been on the Batmore Place Plantation off and on for 30 years or more.



CIVIL WAR SEEP CISTERN—This well of hand made brick, made on the place by slaves gave water for a large number of slaves and Grant's army as they came through the area.

Batmore Place Union Army Watering Place During Civil War

On a plantation called Batmore Place a few miles east of Flora is the remains of what used to be a settlement of slave quarters during the Civil War. Today there are only 8 houses left. The outstanding feature of the area is an old hand made brick well, where history was enacted, as General Ulysses S. Grant, on his way to Vicksburg camped here with his soldiers and men for three days and the animals and men were given water from the brick well that is on the plantation.

The 1600 acres of gentle rolling land are owned by Mrs. W. E. Hardeman. The plantation was first purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hal T. Jones in 1938 from the Federal Land Bank. In 1952 Mr. James passed away and Mrs. Jones then married Mr. W. E. Hardeman. It is located on the banks of Persimmon Creek and over 400 acres of it is planted in cotton this year.

Mr. Hardeman was very interested in the history of the area. He said he had cleaned bodock hedge from around what used to be the slave quarters. Apparently it was planted to keep the slaves in the area where the homes were located.

He didn't remember the houses but Mr. L. Childress had told him a long row of closely built houses used to be in the area. Another bodock hedge surrounded a five acre field where vegetables were grown. There is also a cemetery in the area but no tombstones mark it.

One unusual feature of the slave quarters was the baby womens house. When the slaves went to work the children were taken to this house for the baby woman to keep. The house was marked with high windows to keep the children

from getting out. Two large fire places were in this house. They measured six feet across and a kitchen was off to the side.

The Hardemans said the houses were apparently built before the Civil War. The buildings are put together with pegs. The pieces were cut perfectly and then slipped together and secured with the pegs.

The bricks for the well and the fireplaces, which were in all the houses, were made in the area near the baby womens house.

With the remains that are left one looks over the cotton fields and would like to have seen the area over a hundred years ago when Grant was camped there. Many points of history are being lost to time except for the few stories that are handed down from one generation to another.

Rev. Walker Suffers Heart Attack

FLORA—Early Wednesday morning, Rev. James E. Walker suffered a severe heart attack and was rushed to Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

He is reported to be resting comfortably and though in serious condition it is hoped that he will be able to serve his congregation again before too long.

Rev. Walker has been pastor of the Flora Baptist Church for the past 12 years and has been very active in community work. His services to the Flora residents will be very much missed until he is able to again be back at his calling.



JACK PITTS—1972 Director for the T&C, placed 3rd p the Mares at Halter Division of the August 12 horse show. Miss Bailey, owned by Billy McConnell of City.



AUTO PARTS STORE FOR BENTONIA—The old Thiggin Store Building next door to the Bank of Benton has been selected by Richardson Brothers Auto Parts as the location for a new service for the Benton area. The hope to open about October 1 and carry a complete line of auto parts, batteries and tires.



DWIGHT JASPER—former T&C Saddle Club Pl showed Pope's Gold, owned by C. H. "Hayes" Va Benton in the 70 and under gelding at halter division show. The pair placed 1st place in their class.

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WILKES RIDES AGAIN



Special to The Panther Pause

By Thomas Wetzel
Panther Editor

Unknown to many students, teachers actually have lives that go on outside the walls of Yazoo County High School. Some faculty members and a majority of students probably do not realize that Mrs. Martha Wilkes, a history teacher at Yazoo County, is also a horse rider renown throughout states like Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi for raising beautiful horses.

Mrs. Wilkes developed her love for horses at an early age. As a toddler, her parents would place her on horseback and slowly let her ride, and at the age of four, she received Smokey, a Tennessee Walking Horse. From then on, she developed a personal hobby of raising her own show horses. Today, Mrs. Wilkes owns five magnificent horses, three of which have custom Big Shoes, and the remaining two have flat shods. Why's this important? She varies her horses' shoes to give more depth to her horses' individuality.

- ~ Jeb Steward, a 19-year old Tennessee Walking Horse
- ~ Beau, a 6-year old Chestnut Tennessee Walking Horse who, incredibly, has never received lower than 2nd Place when shown.
- ~ Santana's Dancer, a 5-year old Tennessee Walking Horse whose sire is a 4x World Grand Champ.
- ~ Falcon Sir Percy, a 4-year old Tennessee Walking Horse.
- ~ Pushers High Priestess, a.k.a. Honey, is a 2-year old silver-gray filly horse that will be displayed for her first time in the 2-year old Mares and Geldings Competition.

"Since I am yet to have grand children, all of my free time goes into showing all of my horses, but most of all, I enjoy riding and meeting different people from all over the South who also watch and participate in the horse show competitions." said Mrs. Wilkes with a heart warming smile.

Mrs. Wilkes has accumulated many awards through her horse showing experiences, most of them resulting in First and Second places. In addition, when she was 16 she was named Senior Rodeo Queen at the Yazoo County Rodeo. Her sister, Mrs. Eugenia Walker, was selected Junior Rodeo Queen during the same year at the age of 12.

Mrs. Wilkes attended her next competition during February 22-23 in Marshall, Texas. She will also participate in the Jackson Charity Horse Show on April 10-12.

Bentonia bluesman performs at the National Blues Awards Show

■ Holmes' latest album "Done Got Tired of Trying" nominated for Best Album
By JAMIE PATTERSON
Herald Reporter

Jimmy "Duck" Holmes doesn't like talking about himself too much.

The 60-year-old musician knows he can play good music, but he would rather just talk about the blues.

Even though he was nominated for Best Acoustic Blues Album at the 2008 National Blues Music Awards, Holmes is quick to turn the conversation back to the music.

"I don't play to compete," Holmes said. "I play because I was sitting around with the guys who played the Bentonia blues."

Holmes is the only person still alive who can play the Bentonia blues, a haunting style of blues originated by Henry Stuckey, Skip James and Jack Owens.

Owens often performed at the Blue Front Cafe in Bentonia. Holmes' parents owned the juke joint, and he would often sit with the musicians as they played their hearts out.

Holmes said he has tried to teach younger musicians the Bentonia blues, but it has not worked out just yet.

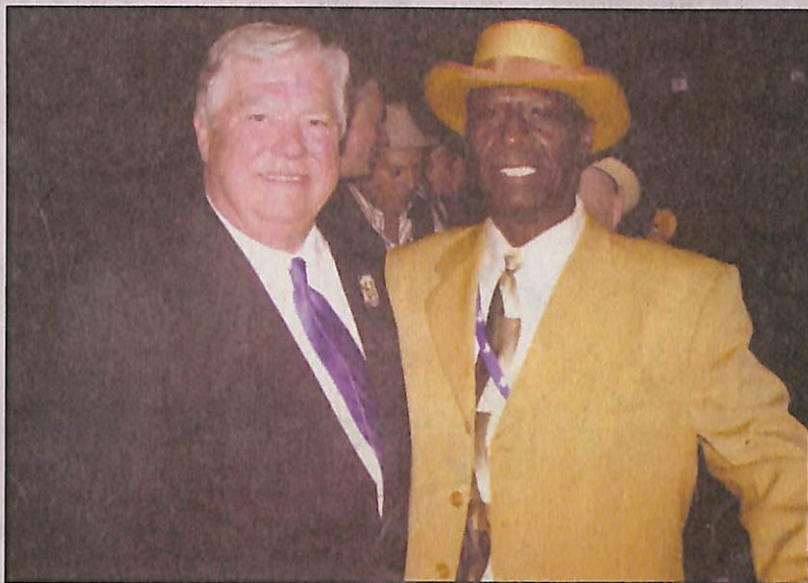
"Young people today want to just take off," Holmes said. "That is not how it works."

Holmes' recent album, *Done Got Tired of Trying*, was a big hit with critics. The album was nominated for best album at the National Blues Music Awards, which was held in Tunica last week.

"I didn't win, but I was so proud to even be nominated," Holmes said.

Holmes' carefree attitude can be heard when he talks about meeting Gov. Haley Barbour at the award show.

Instead of talking about himself,



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Gov. Haley Barbour (left) with Bentonia blues musician Jimmy "Duck" Holmes at the National Blues Music Awards.

Holmes spent the evening talking about the blues with the governor.

"Barbour knows what the blues means for the state of Mississippi," Holmes said. "Blues is the only music that came straight out of Mississippi."

Holmes said he believes Barbour appreciates what the music does for the state.

"Barbour has put a lot of emphasis on how important blues music is," Holmes said.

The Blue Front Cafe recently received a historic marker, and hundreds of people from around the world visit the old juke joint. Holmes has been known to pick up a guitar and play a few tunes for visitors.

"Blues is a dying art," Holmes said. "But it is still part of our history. Bentonia is rich in blues history. You can't deny it."

Holmes tours the world to perform the blues, but the front porch of the Blue Front is just as enticing to him as the streets of Paris.

"The Bentonia name stands out," Holmes said. "I could have taken offers to go all over the world, but I belong here."

Holmes will be traveling to Italy this summer.

Many people from around the world are familiar with Holmes' music. At the Blue Front there are signatures on the wall from people from England, Norway and Australia.

Holmes said people from all over the world were present at the awards show. He was the opening act.

"They knew I played hard country blues," Holmes said. "They knew I would set the tone for the rest of the night."

Holmes may not have taken an award home from the ceremony. But he takes with him a legendary style of music that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

"I just enjoy that somebody enjoys what I am doing," Holmes said. "That is the greatest thing about it all."

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From the Family of
Cailton Norwood Shaffer
Heartfelt Appreciation



God placed a special man in our lives as an earthly example of Godly living;

Blessed us with a precious man whose service was based on giving.

He taught us much about life, death, and spirituality;

Loosing such a precious soul, placed a dim light on reality.

Our loss has been difficult, yet we know that the Lord will see us through;

We understand how fortunate we are because of people like you.

You've been there for us: be it nourishment, visits, floral tributes, or phone calls.

For these reasons, we truly thank you all

You'll forever hold a special place in our hearts

Because of the love you are depositing in our lives,

without him, as we make a new start.

"Our Family Continuing to Serve Your Community"

Wilma Styles Shaffer

Owner, President, & Licensed Funeral Director

From Norway to Bentonia



Photo by Jamie Patterson

Whitney Whittington (left) greets a group of tourists from Norway at Woodbine, the home of Janet Whittington in Bentonia.

Norwegian tourists visit Mississippi in search of the blues

By JAMIE PATTERSON
Herald Reporter

When a Norwegian tour group arrived at Woodbine in Bentonia last week, they spent the first few minutes gazing up at the enormous antebellum home.

They had never seen such a grand private home. Many of the visitors eased off behind the home because they were unsure where the house ended.

"We have no houses like this and no heat like this," one visitor said, as he wiped his

brow.

Woodbine, the home of Curtis and Janet Whittington, is just one of the many stops the group will visit on their tour of historical blues sites.

Ronnie Eldridge has been working with the tour group for the past three years. He guides the group around Jackson, Bentonia, Indianola and other Delta communities to visit juke joints, blues festivals, night clubs and birth places of musicians.

"The group has slowly built up," Eldridge said. "The first

year, there were 10 people. The second year, it grew to 20 people. This year, we have 50 people because that is the maximum number of people we can hold on the bus."

When the group first arrived in Jackson last week, they visited a blues club and ate breakfast on Farrish Street.

Once the group arrived in Yazoo County, they first headed to Woodbine. Bluesman Nehemiah "Skip" James lived on the old plantation.

Whittington had the carpet rolled out for the tour group.

Dressed in authentic attire, Whittington and her daughter-in-law Whitney Whittington gave the group a brief history lesson about James and Woodbine.

"It was such a great day, and I thought the group was so lovely," Janet Whittington said. "It was obvious they had prepared for their trip. They knew what scenes from *O'Brother Where Art Thou* were filmed and everything."

The Whittington family also

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offered mint juleps to the tour group. Many of the visitors were unsure about the drinks, but there were a few who were busy writing down the drink recipe.

"One lady called it 'a local beverage of unknown origin,'" Janet Whittington laughed. "I guess it was some kind of tour joke for them."

After finishing their drinks and relaxing under Woodbine's porch, the group headed to the home of Bud Spires.

Spires, a blind blues harmonica player, lives in a senior citizens' apartment complex in Bentonina. He performed for the group on the front lawn of the complex.

Eldridge said the group also made an unexpected stop in Yazoo City to eat and do a little shopping.

"They really liked Yazoo," Eldridge said. "We plan on making it a major stop for next year."

The group will leave Mississippi and travel to Nashville and Memphis. But Eldridge said the group is constantly telling him how they are having a good time in the Delta.

"There are some real blues fans in Norway," Eldridge said. "They are really having a great time."

The only thing that has caught the group off guard is the Mississippi humid heat.

"We have snow in Norway," one



Photo by Jamie Patterson

Whitney Whittington looks on as Janet Whittington and Tempie Coghlan serve refreshments to a tourist group visiting from Norway.

visitor said. "That is fantastic. We are not use to heat like this."

Eldridge said guided groups could visit twice next year. He said he understands why so many

visitors want to come to the area.

Eldridge moved to the area about 30 years ago because of the blues.

"I see it how they see it,"

Eldridge said. "If you grew up somewhere, you take it for granted, and you don't really see it for what it is. I see it like the tourists see it, and I still get excited."

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Bentonia Blues Festival set for next Saturday

■ Event will also mark 60th anniversary of the Blue Front Cafe

By **JAMIE PATTERSON**
Herald Reporter

The sound of blues will be floating through the air next week as the town of Bentonia prepares for its annual blues festival.

The Bentonia Blues Festival has been a hot attraction for over 30 years. The festival will celebrate its 36th year, marking it as one of the oldest festivals in the state.

The festival will be held on June 21.

"It may not be the biggest festival in the state, but I believe it is one of the most popular," said Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, who started the festival.

Holmes said this year's festival, which is sponsored by both the Bentonia Blues Society and Yazoo County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, will have an array of blues and gospel acts. He said the festival will have more gospel acts this year than it has in the past.

Holmes also said vendors will return to the festival with booths full of homemade baskets, purses and other arts and crafts.

"We have more vendors and arts and crafts vendors getting on board," Holmes said. "The vendor part has really been stretching out."

The enticing smell of hot dogs and hamburgers will also float through the air as food vendors will return to the festival this year.

There will be something for both the young and old at this year's festival, but the blues will remain the

same.

"Oh, we're not going to mess around with any blues rock stuff," Holmes said. "Just straight, hard, real blues."

Holmes said he anticipates a large crowd this year. He said the festival has grown over the years, but bad weather sometimes may affect attendance.

"I expect it to be better than last year based on the response I have been getting from people



Holmes



Photo by Vernon Sikes

As one music lover's shirt from last year's Bentonia Blues Festival correctly states, the Bentonia Blues is alive and well. Blues fans will flock to downtown Bentonia next Saturday for a day of good food and good music.

calling me," Holmes said. "One running in competition with thing that will help us is that I any other festival in the state don't think the festival is See Festival, Page10

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Festival (from page 1): *Holmes among performers*

on that weekend.”

The town's support of the festival also helps with its operation, Holmes said.

Holmes said the success of the festival runs deep within his family.

“The festival has to do with

the legacy of the Blue Front Cafe itself,” Holmes said. “We will also be commemorating the 60th anniversary of the cafe.”

The juke joint was opened by Holmes parents, Cary and Mary, in the 1940s. On its front steps, the Bentonia Blues was

performed daily by some of the legendary bluesmen.

“I would like for this year's (festival) to be a tribute not just to the Blue Front but to people like my parents who helped keep the blues at the center of Bentonia,” Holmes said.

YAZOO COUNTY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
BENTONIA, MISSISSIPPI



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

"A Celebration of Home, Family & Friends"

August 8 - 10, 2008

A community extravaganza about Yazoo's vibrant community, rich heritage and wonderful people. Enjoy the food, games, entertainment, gospel music, revival, and more!

Dear Family, Friends and Community,

Greetings from Chairperson, Lubertha Wilkerson - Westfall, daughter of Anderson Wilkerson and Ivory Woodard - Wilkerson; Co-Chairpersons, Vivian Y. Stuart, Quinceola Hogue - Chambers, Lottie Dale Jones - Watson and the Yazoo County Community Festival Committee. We welcome you to our **2nd Yazoo County Community Festival**.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" Phil. 4:13 (KJV). When things seem impossible, all we have to do is have faith in **GOD** and wonderful things happen.

God has allowed us to see a "New Year." Great programs are being planned by the committee to bring family, friends and community together. Our second community extravaganza is being organized to highlight beautiful Yazoo County, its vibrant community, rich heritage and wonderful people. This event will include food, games, entertainment, gospel revival, honorees and more ...

We hope to see you at all three events (see itinerary and time enclosed). Appropriately themed ... ***"A Celebration of Home, Family and Friends."***

Sit back and enjoy a fun - filled family event! God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Vivian (Vikki) Wilkerson - Stuart, Founder
Granddaughter of Anderson Wilkerson and Ivory Woodard -
Wilkerson

&

The 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival Committee

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HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 8, 2008

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival. I hope you will find this opportunity to bring family, friends and community together to highlight beautiful Yazoo County, its vibrant communities, rich heritage and wonderful people to discuss current issues and strategies both productive and enjoyable.

Known as the "Gateway to the Delta," Yazoo City sits atop lush rolling hills rising abruptly from the fertile flatlands of the Mississippi Delta. Kudzu-covered hills, shared memories and regard for tradition give Mississippians a strong sense of community. We know things that really matter endure – traditions like respect for the land, for each other and for a job well done. For this, we really appreciate the 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival.

The theme of the 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival is *A Celebration of Home, Family and Friends*. I have no doubt that the 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival will succeed in doing just that.

Many thanks are due to the host city and the 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival organizers. I applaud their efforts to once again put on this outstanding event. Again, welcome to Mississippi and have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Haley Barbour

## 2007 Governor's Proclamation



### A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the County of Yazoo, Mississippi was established on January 21, 1823, and was the 19<sup>th</sup> county established in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the diverse culture of Yazoo County has produced a range of notable residents including the late comedian Jerry Clower; authors the late Willie Morris and Zig Ziglar; actress Stella Stevens and blues signers Gatemouth Moore and Jack Owens.; and

WHEREAS, the biggest asset to the County of Yazoo is its vibrant communities, rich heritage and wonderful people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim, August 17-19, 2007, as:

### *Yazoo County Community Festival Weekend*

and further extend my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.



HALEY BARBOUR

# State of Mississippi

The United States of America accepted Mississippi as the 20th state to enter the union. Information from [www.theus50.com/mississippi/information.shtml](http://www.theus50.com/mississippi/information.shtml) (modified)

**State Name:**  
Mississippi

**Abbreviation:**  
MS

**Capital of Mississippi State:**  
Jackson located in Hinds County

**Date of Statehood:**  
December 10, 1817

**Mississippi State Population:**  
2,921,088 (US Census 2005 estimate)

**Primary Agriculture:**  
Most of Mississippi's acreage is devoted to soybeans but cotton is the largest cash crop. Mississippi ranks third in the nation in cotton production. The state's farmlands yield important harvests of corn, peanuts, pecans, rice, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, soybeans, and food grains as well as poultry, eggs, meat animals, dairy products, feed crops, and horticultural crops.

**Primary Industry:**  
Mississippi remains the world's leading producer of pond-raised catfish. Mississippi boasts 100,000 of the 140,000 total acres nationwide of catfish ponds.

# State of Mississippi

**Mississippi State Nickname:**  
The Magnolia State

**Mississippi State Motto:**  
Virtute et armis (By valor and arms.)

**Mississippi State Flower:**  
Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)  
(Legislation of 1952)



**Mississippi State Tree:**  
Magnolia (Legislation of 1938)

## Yazoo County

Yazoo County is the largest county in Mississippi

City, Towns or Villages

Yazoo City

Little Yazoo

Benton

Bentonia

Anding

Eden

Holly Bluff

Lake City

Linwood

Midway

Myrleville

Oil City

Pickens

Renshaw

Sartartia

Tinsley

Vaughan

Zeigleville

## 2007 NOTABLE NOTES

*Feeling blessed and grateful ... thanks to you.* Thank you for making it possible to attend a wonderful group of activities during the festival.

*Henry Whitten (IN)*

*Thanks for being ... so nice, so thoughtful, so giving ... Vicki,*

The Family Celebration was a success. I enjoyed everything. Thanks for a great time and thank you for all the information on our family and the information you are still researching for me ... *so doggone great!*

*Love you, Tommy G. King (TN)*

In a time where people are divided by their differences, events that celebrate the ties that bind us are so important. The *Yazoo County Community Festival* represents the proud heritage of our ancestors. It is through our works their legacy lives on into the next generation.

*Vanessa Y. Stuart and Sam Onipede (NC)*

**YAZOO**  
The Gateway to the Delta

## HISTORIC MUSIC HIGHLIGHT

The 2008 Yazoo County Community Festival is being held in the Historic town of Bentonia, Mississippi. The hometown of famous blues artists and the origination of the international acclaimed Bentonia Blues.

As a Historian, it is a wonderful experience to visit the hometown of my ancestors, beloved parents (deceased), elders, relatives and friends. I enjoy stopping by the Historic Blue Front Cafe', talking to Jimmy "Duck" Holmes about the wonderful history of the blues music indigenous to the people of Bentonia.

"Duck" is such a gracious person that no matter when I call he always has time to talk about the history of the blues, give advice for the preparation of the Yazoo County Community Festival and encouraging words.

When you are in Bentonia, tour the town, stop by the Historic Blue Front Cafe', learn about the historic marker that was presented to the cafe' in August 2007, study the Blues Trail, view the websites; I assure you, "you will be in for a treat."

### The Blue Front Cafe' Historical Marker

The *Blue Front Cafe'* opened in 1948 under the ownership of Carey and Mary Holmes, an African American couple from Bentonia. In its heyday the Blue Front was famed for its buffalo fish, blues and moonlight whiskey. One of the couple's son, Jimmy Holmes took over the cafe' in 1970 and continued to operate it as an informal, down home blues venue that gained international fame among blues enthusiasts.

*information taken from the Blue Front Cafe's Historical Marker  
permission from Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, owner, operator 8-1-08*

#### Blue Front Cafe

108 East Railroad Ave.  
Bentonia, MS 39040  
Jimmy "Duck" Holmes  
(662)755 - 2278  
(662) 528 - 1900

Music and Blue Front accessories for sale

[www.bentoniablues.com](http://www.bentoniablues.com)

[www.brokeandhungryrecords.com](http://www.brokeandhungryrecords.com)

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*To: Family, Friends and Community*

*We Welcome You To Our  
2008 Yazoo County Community  
Festival  
Bentoniam, Mississippi*

*August 8-10 (Friday - Sunday)*

*Free Admission To A Fun-Filled  
Family Event  
Games, Honorees*

*\*\*\* Food & Vendor Items On Sale  
\*\*\**

*Bring Your Own Chairs For*

*Saturday,  
August 9th at 1263 Passon's Rd.  
(off Highway 49)  
Bentoniam, MS*

*Enjoy The Entertainment !!!*

*See*

*attached Festival Itinerary for more  
information*

*or email to request a copy*

*The Yazoo County Community  
Festival Committee*

**ITINERARY**

**1. Hotel Accommodation:**

Best Western Canton Inn, 137 Soldier Colony Rd., Canton, MS 39046; Microwave and refrigerator, two double beds, free continental hot and cold breakfast; Cost \$65.000 plus 9% tax (\$70.85 with tax); Approx. 20-30 minutes from Bentoniam; All rooms blocked under Vivian Y. Stuart, Yazoo County Community Festival; Please call (601) 859-8600, reserve under your name and credit card.

**2. Car Rental:**

Enterprise, 101 Howard Wilson Lane, Flowood, MS 39232, tel. # (601) 932-5824, open Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am - 12:00 noon, closed on Sunday; Approximately 10 - 15 minutes from airport; It is cheaper to book a car rental away from the airport. Airport taxes are higher; "Please be a Comparative Shopper."

**3. Main Events:**

**Welcome/Hospitality:** Friday, August 8, 6:30pm - 10:00pm ... Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 951 Highway 433 South, Bentoniam, MS, Rev. Charles I. Bradley, Senior Minister; \* Very Light Menu,\* \$7.00 meal fee, same for child or adult.

**Festival:** Saturday, August 9, 12:00 Noon - until, The Anderson Wilkerson Estate, near the home of the beloved, late Maggie and Earline Hogue, 1263 Passon's Rd., Bentoniam, MS (off Highway 49); Bring your own chairs to the Fun-Filled Family Event ... food, games, music, vendors, gospel revival, Bentoniam Blues and more ...

**Service:** Sunday, August 10, 3:00pm, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 8859 Anding Oil City Rd., Bentoniam, MS, Rev. Dr. Glenn S. Nicks, Senior Minister; \* you are welcomed to join us after the service at Howells Restaurant, 618 Center Park Lane, Yazoo City, MS 39194, tel. # (662) 746 - 9194, \*\* all meal payments are to be arranged by you. \*\*

**It's Your Day:** Monday, August 11 ... Monday is your day to see the beautiful sites of MS, visit family and friends or just relax.

**Safety:** Please take all necessary precautions to keep you and your family safe while traveling. You are responsible for your children, do not leave them unattended at any time.

**See You In Mississippi!**

Sincerely,

Vivian (Vikki) Wilkerson - Stuart

Founder, Co-Chairperson, Yazoo County Community Festival

# 2008 HONOREES

## The Anderson Wilkerson

### Heritage Award

Juanita Hogue, (IL)  
 Mary Emma Parker, (NC)  
 Mattie Robinson, (CT)  
 Hazel Evans, (NY)  
 James Wilkerson, (NY)  
 Mary Ruth Wilkerson, (NY)  
 Ardell Wells, (MS)  
 Luvenia Jones, (MS)  
 Paul Jones, (MS)  
 Ruby Lee Demus – Owens, (MS)  
 Philip Demus, (MS)  
 William Abshaw, (OH)  
 Norman Manning, (SC)

### Ministry / Community

Rev. Mary C. Jones, (MS)  
 Rev. Willie Richardson, (MS)

### Education

Charles Sean Allen, (MS)  
 Julia Ellis, (MS)

## Music

Eddie Ellis, (MS)  
 Carrie Lee Vaughan – Goodman, (MS)  
 Mario Medious, (FL)

## Business

Walter Bell, (MS)  
 James Powell, (MS)  
 Oretha Jones, (MS)  
 Lisa Camphor, (MS)

## Honorary Mississippian: The Anderson Wilkerson Heritage Award

Clara (Tump) Hester. (IN)  
 103 + years young, daughter  
 of Mack Vassar Sr. and Ella  
 Armstrong

# HONOREE - LUVENIA B. JONES

Luvenia B. Jones (MS) ... born in Raleigh, NC; volunteer at the Concord M.B. Church.

I love volunteering ... Missionary work is what this world is all about - **PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE.**

I love nature ... I love insect brooches because insects remind me of the great outdoors; I love working with Youth in my family, church, daycare and community.

I love the Elders ... they are a living history. They don't want much, just respect – “Yes sir, yes ma'am and maybe a short conversation – “Good morning, how do you do?” And for that, they give me a story or two worth more than gold. The Elders are filled with some things no one can take from them – such as experience and common sense. No wonder the Bible says ... “Let him call for the Elders of the Church ... James 5:14, KJV.

I love Family ... A family on one accord is the happiest people in the world. I believe family reunions should be a way of life not a once a year thing.



I love taking pictures ... It allows me to hold laughter, growth, tears and special events in my hands.

## HONOREE PROFILES



Eddie (Mannie) Ellis (MS) ... born in Anding, MS; volunteer at the Concord M.B. Church; President of the Bentonia Community Male Choir; greatest moment is when I met Jesus Christ.

Julia L. Ellis (MS) ... born in Anding, MS; volunteer at the Concord M.B. Church; greatest moment is when I was instrumental in getting a 93 year man to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior; Another great moment is when I taught a man to read.

Ruby D. Owens (MS) ... born in Bentonia, MS; missionary work volunteer; greatest moment ... I love to lend a hand to those in need.

Juanita Hogue (IL)... born in Bentonia, MS; brief story ... I took a trip to Alaska to visit my sister Barbara. I observed the way people live in Alaska. It was a great experience. I am glad I had such a wonderful set of parents who taught me and my sisters to love God and respect other people.



## HONOREE PROFILES



Mary Emma Hogue - Parker (NC) ... born in Bentonia, MS; volunteer at the Salvation Army, homeless shelters and various church programs.

Greatest moments ... I enjoy traveling, visiting family, attending church and spending precious time with my husband.

Paul Jones (MS)... born in Bentonia, MS; volunteer at the Concord M.B. Church. Greatest moment ... When I married Annie; Second is when our first child was born.

James Wilkerson (NY) ... born in Long Island City, NY; founder and volunteer for the Metro Eagles Track & Field Club for youth 6 -18 years old. Great moment ... Marriage to my wife Ruth; Second ... Head Track & Field Coach at Holy Cross High School.

Mary Ruth Wilkerson (NY) ...born in Bethune, SC; co-founder and volunteer for the Metro Eagles Track & Field Club for youth 6 - 18 years old. Greatest moment ... The birth of all my children; Also marrying my husband James and still feeling the same way after 33 years of marriage.



## HONOREE PROFILES



Clara R. Vassar - Hester (IN) ... born in Bear Spring, TN; Brief story ... Residing in Cumberland Furnace, TN, I fondly remember the country school where there were two outhouses, one for boys and one for girls;

Going to fetch water from the springs; Sundays at the local Baptist Church; Going across the bridge to visit Aunt Josie and Uncle Jim Edmondson in Promise Land. Life did not seem hard at all, just natural.

Note: *Clara will be 104 years old on December 24, 2008.*

Philip Demus (MS) ... born in Bentonia, MS; Volunteer at Mt. Olive M.B. Church. Greatest moment ... marrying my wife Ethel and having children; I love attending church.

Rev. Willie Richardson (MS) ... born in Bentonia, MS; volunteer at a nursing home; Greatest moment ... I told my mother when I was 13 years old and Michelle was 10 years old that one day she would be my wife; Michelle and I have been married for 37 years.

I was in the Navy Construction Battalion. In the reserves, I was recruited to go to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. I was in charge of the construction of the divers compound. Years later I met a man who also trained his troops at the same compound that I constructed. He said it was one of the best compounds.



## HONOREE PROFILES



Carrie Lee Vaughan - Goodman (MS) ... Bentonia, MS; Volunteer in devotional service for Cathedral AME Zion Methodist Church. Greatest moment ... When I discovered that I was being called into the ministry.

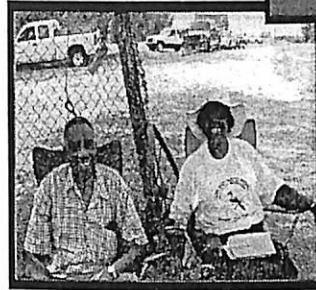
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Mattie V. Robinson (CT) ... born in Bentonia, MS; volunteer at Bethel AME Church. Greatest moment ... Giving birth to my two healthy twin boys, Robert and Richard; Also, being recognized to receive a community service award.

Ardell Wells (MS) ... born in Bolton, MS; Volunteer at Pleasant Grove M.B. Church; Greatest moment ... When I married my wife Rosie Lee; Also, We already had two boys, so it was a great moment when my first girl (Cheryol) was born.







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## Bentonia losing landmark

By VERNON SIKES  
Herald News Editor

A legend was scheduled to leave Yazoo County on Friday.

Bentonia's train depot was lifted from the spot it has occupied since before the turn of the century and moved to its new home in Gluckstadt.

Railroad aficionado Dr. Donald Guild of Jackson, the depot's new owner, awaits its arrival with the enthusiasm of a school boy awaiting the Christmas he receives his first model train.

"I'm extremely excited that I was able to purchase the depot," Guild said. "What I'm trying to do is to preserve as much of the heritage (of railroads) as I can," he said.

Once in Gluckstadt, Guild said he hopes to be able to use it in a museum he has designs on creating.

"I've got three cabooses that I'm going to eventually get set up in connection with the depot and I'm going to open a no-charge museum," he said.

Guild has no family ties to the railroad, but has a broad collection of train memorabilia.

"No, none of my family was in the railroad business," he said. "I just grew up when everyone took the train and everybody loved them. The country, one day, is going to get back to using rail transportation because it's the most economical means of moving people."

The depot will serve as a depository for many items that make up Guild's vast collection of railroad memorabilia, including model trains, switches,

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Workmen prepare Bentonia's turn of the century railroad depot to be moved

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train order sheets, train order boards, bulletin boards, etc.

"There's just too much for me to be able to even scratch the surface," he said.

While he isn't certain of the age of the depot, Guild said it dates back to at least the turn of the century.

"You can tell by the materials that's used in the construction that it's extremely old," he said. "The builders even used square nails in the depot's construction. The last renovation occurred sometime in the 1950s when some construction was done to the front of the depot."

Workers employed by Malone House Movers of Carthage, attempting to use a jackhammer on some of the foundation, said the concrete used in the foundation is much harder than contemporary concrete.

"Maybe it's just gotten harder after having been here for heaven only knows how long," one worker said.

One thing that puzzled Guild is the city of Bentonia's refusal to purchase the property several years ago when it came up for sale.

"I even tried to leave it to some people in Bentonia for them to use as an antique shop but they turned me down," Guild said. "I was going to let them use the depot at no charge but they had to pay the liability insurance and agree to fix it up. They weren't interested in my offer."

He said one problem with occupying the building was the high liability insurance costs since it was located near the railroad tracks.

Guild has not pinpointed an exact date he will open the Gluckstadt museum.

"The opening date really depends on how much money I can get together and I'm going to contact the Railroad Historical Association to see if I can get some help from them," he

said.

This will not be the first railroad museum association for Guild.

Two years ago, a non-profit transportation museum, of which he was a vehement supporter, folded.

"I guess it was the economy that caused it to finally close, but it was a traveling transportation museum that was last located in Columbia. It had six passenger cars, a caboose, a steam locomotive and a diesel locomotive," Guild said.

The Jackson-based psychiatrist is not giving up, though. "It's going to be fun getting it set up," he said. "Of course, there's much work to be done since the movers even had to take the roof off the depot to get it moved.

"But when you have railroads in your blood, that's no problem. I'm just trying to preserve railroad heritage and for that, I don't mind putting out a little work."

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Jamie Patterson

Tommy Hancock recently retired as mayor of Bentonia after 24 years in the mayor's office and eight years as an alderman. Hancock said it was a pleasure to serve the community he has always called home.

## For Hancock public service was never about politics

By JAMIE PATTERSON  
Managing Editor

Even after three decades of service to Bentonia, former mayor Tommy Hancock doesn't consider himself a politician.

"I never described myself as a politician," Hancock said. "If there is something that needs done to keep the town you love, then you just do what needs to be done. It wasn't ever about politics."

With his recent retirement, Hancock, 63, will close another chapter in his life after serving in town leadership for 32 years.

"I've enjoyed it, but it seems like it's time to say goodbye," Hancock said. "Let the new blood come in."

The town of Bentonia holds a special place in Hancock's heart. Before he entered into politics, he was a simple farmer who was raising a family in his hometown.

"I have been here all my life," he said. "I lived south of town on a farm, and we had two children. My family

was growing."

Former mayor Buddy Smith kept pushing for Hancock to become involved on the town's board. Smith saw mayor material inside the 31-year-old Hancock.

"I wanted to get involved with what was going on in the town because my children were here," Hancock said. "My family was going to be here."

Hancock was elected as an alderman in 1981, a position he would hold for eight years.

**"It's a small community where everybody knows everybody. If you ever need a helping hand, your neighbor is there to help. That's just the way it is here."**

**Tommy Hancock**

Hancock remembers those first few years on the board. He was a young man who was learning the ropes.

"I would sit back and listen," he said. "I grew up around all the (other board

members). They looked at me as a young adult, but they were never intimidating."

Hancock found his place among town leaders, and he was elected for a second term as alderman.

"Back then, it wasn't politics," he said. "We just made sure we had a good police force, a drink of water and

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# Schools (from page 1): Issue settled with 16th section property lease

that the Secretary of State's office has "backed up on their stance" on seeking more money for the agricultural lease of Section 16-12N-1E.

In the board's January meeting, Rivers reported that the Secretary of State had refused to sign the agriculture lease on section 16-12N-1E, which was recently leased to Nolan

O'Reilly. Rivers said the Secretary of State's office felt that the bid of \$66 was an inadequate bid compared to the average bid for agriculture leases in Yazoo County being in excess of \$101.

Rivers said the Secretary of State's office had advised him that the school board could offer a five-year lease to O'Reilly if he

agreed to pay \$100 per acre for the agriculture land on that section. If O'Reilly had refused to pay that amount, the school board could have entered into private negotiations with interested parties for a period of one year.

"My recommendation and Barry (Bridgforth's) as well is that (we) honor the contract that we made with Mr.

O'Reilly back in school year. November," Rivers said in last week's meeting.

Since the trustees approved the contract in November, no action was necessary in last week's meeting.

• Heard Gloria Jamison, principal at Yazoo County Junior High School, present an update on student progress at her school.

• Approved a request from Erica Southern, who asked to use the Bentonia-Gibbs gymnasium March 30 for a community basketball game.

• Approved personnel matters, which included the approval of district administrator and principals for the 2013-2014

• Accepted a \$600 donation from Yazoo Valley Electric Power Association to Linwood School for the purchase of library books.

• Approved the revised district school calendar, which calls for classes May 28-30.

• Approved a special education private transportation contract, but not before Trustee Ralph May lodged some concern.

"A parent is taking a 3-year-old (to and from school)," Superintendent Becky Fisher said. "That's by law."

"Where are they taking those 3-year-olds?" May asked.

"It's whatever school

that's closest to where the parent lives," one unidentified school official answered.

"Why do we get involved with kids that (young)?" May pressed.

"It's by law," Fisher responded. "The federal government said we have to. If there's a child that needs help, we have to provide that help."

"I understand that, but it seems mighty young," May said. "It's a little curious to me why we get involved in that youth age."

"We have to," Fisher said.

• Met in executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel.



Rivers

# Sirens (from page 1): Sirens weren't working during recent storms

about 12 years ago.

"It was strictly a private contract," Varner said. "I think we put in two at that time."

A few of the sirens were purchased through a technology grant. Jones said the city should pursue another grant.

"Even if you had access to a grant, what are you talking about," Straughter asked. "This has to do with maintenance."

"It appears we need to try to get another grant for new sirens," Jones quickly responded.

Ward 4 Alderman Aubry Brent Jr. said with the recent tornado that ripped through Hattiesburg, the board should be reminded of the necessity of up-to-date weather sirens.

The board approved paying Priority Technologies for its repairs to the weather sirens.

# Work (from page 1): Varner hopes work can begin in the spring

said. "All I need to do now is wait on APAC, which should open in the first few warm days of March to get the asphalt down there."

The board approved Varner's request, and he hopes to begin the project with the arrival of the spring

O'Reilly publically thanked Danny Miller and Peter Gower, with the street department, on their efforts to repair the road. But he said something else needs to be done.

"We need a pipe in that ditch," he

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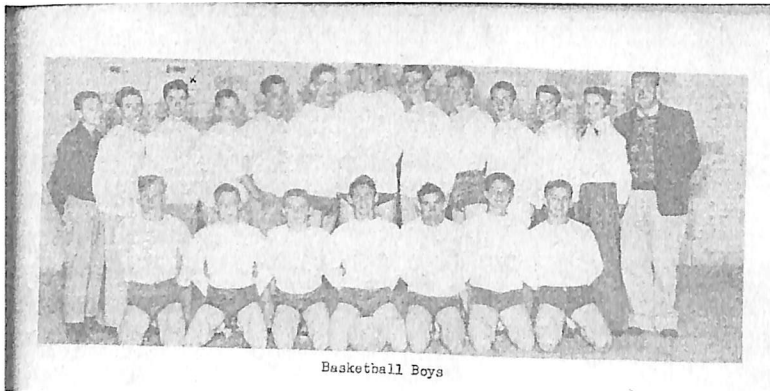
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avail.”

Turner said citizens of Bentonia have a long-held vision of building a community center.

“It is our belief that construction of the center will motivate children and seniors of all ages to develop positive attitudes toward the community,” he said.

The planned center will include senior citizen activities, trade, computer labs, food service, arts and crafts, a library, sex and drug education and a walking track.

Turner has donated three acres of land located off Highway 433 for the center’s home. Blueprints have already been drawn for the building.

The Bentonia Progressive is soliciting contributions to make this vision a reality. Contributions are welcomed no matter how large or small.

“We need help! Please do not fail us,” Turner declared. “Our motto is ‘Any small step combined becomes a giant step.’”

Turner also invites supporters to visit Yazoo County to see the proposed site.

For more information about the proposed community center or to make contributions, contact Turner at 662-755-2335 or Bentonia Progressive secretary Bobbie Blanck at 662-755-2288.

Donations may also be sent to the Bentonia Progressive, Inc., P.O. Box 398, Bentonia, MS 39040.

# Justice

Singletary was later accused of laughingly showing the machete inside the courthouse. Hinds Sheriff Malcolm McMillan is reported to have cautioned Singletary through deputies against carrying weapons into the courthouse but made no attempts to arrest the 10-year judge.

However, the Chicago based American Judicature Society was lavish in its criticism of inconsistencies in the Mississippi justice system. Cindy Gray, director of its Center for Judicial Ethics, said, “The code of judicial conduct

District has a storied and unique legacy. For many decades, the Farish Street area was a vital asset to Jackson’s central business district. It was a thriving cultural center of churches, homes, businesses, restaurants and entertainment venues.

The involvement of local residents, business owners, churches and others in the Farish Street Historic District is central to the success of the Farish Street Main Street Project.

The Mississippi Main Street Association emphasizes self-help and public/private partnerships and requires that the private sector make a monetary investment equal to 25 percent of the funds provided by government grants and allocations.

“We now invite (supporters) to join us in this rare opportunity to champion this revitalization effort in the heart of downtown Jackson,” Dr. Hickman Johnson, core group member and pastor of Farish Street Baptist Church said.

“We need your support to facilitate aggressive economic development through membership in and expertise from the Mississippi Main Street Program, an arm of the National Trust for Historic Preservation,” Johnson said.

The Mississippi Main Street Association is a private, non-profit organization that contracted with the Mississippi Development Authority in 1989 to administer the Main Street Program.

The organization’s mission is to provide Mississippi communities with the information and services to help them accomplish their neighborhood development and revitalization goals.

The Main Street program focuses on organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring or business development.

Cities and towns that participate in the Mississippi Main Street Program commit to a comprehensive, long-term and incremental approach to downtown revitalization.

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actions and to establish CERT at area high schools/cor CERT educates people after preparedness for ha may impact their area; them in basic disaster skills, such as fire search and rescue, team tion, and disaster medic tions.

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# Bentonia's Beginnings

## Bentonia's history runs deep in the county's story

By JAMIE PATTERSON  
Managing Editor

It is and always was the people who made Bentonia a welcoming rural community.

From its humble beginning in the 1820s to its tight-knit atmosphere today, the Bentonia community has its foundation in railroads, rural enterprises and loyal relationships among her people.

Located 15 miles south of Yazoo City, the town of Bentonia was originally known as Pritchetts Cross Roads. The community was established in about 1828.

In 1883 when the railroad arrived, the town's name was changed to Bentonia in honor of Mrs. Bentonia Johnson, whose relatives owned a portion of the land where the town was first located.

M.H. Rosenberg and V.M Cannon donated the land for the right-of-way for the railroad.

"Both of these families were pioneer settlers," the Yazoo County Story reads. "They also gave part of the land for the townsite."

From the very beginning, Bentonia was the center of prosperous farming operations. The community would later be incorporated in 1932 and continued to be governed by a mayor and board of aldermen.

Lonnie Day would serve as the town's first mayor.

Families began to settle in Bentonia, and with them came a mountain of job opportunities and development. R. Hancock purchased a hotel in 1906. His family operated it until it burned on July 17, 1932.

M.T. Link and his family relocated to Bentonia in January of 1902. With them came the Link Newcomb Lumber Company. W.M. Puffer was the largest planter in the area.

Other early pioneer families included the Moseleys, J.L. Shackelfords, W.P. Richardsons, T.K. Kirks, M.T. Daltons, the Days and W.H.



The Yazoo County Story

The Bentonia Hotel provided comfort and shelter for many visitors to the community. On the upstairs porch are Bob Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Day and Dr. Steve Luse. The Hancock family is on the lower porch, and on the steps are R.K. Whitehead and Henry Henderson.

Martins.

A post office, known as Claibornsville, was established in the home of Methodist minister S.T. Dille.

"Mail was carried by horseback once a week from Benton to Vicksburg by way of Claibornsville and Bethany," the Yazoo County Story said.

Community life flourished with each early settler bringing their trade with them. Ben Smith built cotton gins. Richard Carmen made and laid bricks.

"Other superintended the operation of mills for sawing lumber of grinding grain," the Yazoo County Story said.

"There were the brush arbor preachers, a few school teachers and doctors."

With trades came churches as well. Wesley Chapel Methodist and Hebron Baptist were among the first church families in the area.

The people of Bentonia proved to be hard workers. And they answered the call to serve when the Civil War erupted.

"Food became more and more scarce, especially salt," the Yazoo County Story reads. "New clothes were hard to come by, and it took courage and integrity to keep going."

Building and livestock were burned when raiders came through the community.

"In April 1863, the two-story home of J.H. Lear was put to the torch," the Yazoo County Story said. "Next came the Wesley Chapel Church, the large Tom Maben home and the cotton gin of Moses Hamberlin with 30 bales of cotton. Nothing in the path of the raiders was spared."

**"Food became more and more scarce, especially salt. New clothes were hard to come by, and it took courage and integrity to keep going."**

The Yazoo County Story, on Bentonia during the Civil War

After the end of the Civil War, life continued within Bentonia.

The name of the Claibornsville was changed to Phoenix, named for the bird of Egyptian folklore, who, like the community, arose from the

"Homes, churches, schools, mills, gins and lives were rebuilt," the Yazoo County Story said. "Clubs and lodges became active."

Progress with the nearby Phoenix community eventually ceased. The post office and school closed in 1953.

Today, Bentonia holds a post office, numerous historic Blues sites, convenient stores, a restaurant and a county elementary school.

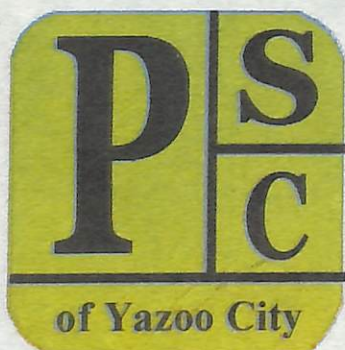
But the pride instilled from those early settlers remains in her streets.

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# Travel (from page 10B): First speed limit within Yazoo City was eight mph, horses also given the right-of-way

stage line. "Then there were the livery stables where anything from a large hack to a small buggy could be rented," the Yazoo County Story said. "Some of the old livery stables had sleeping quarters attached."

Yazoo City also got her first "toll road" in about 1848. A plank road was connected to the east end of Jefferson and extended to Benton.

"This was an improvement over the previous sea of mud and ruts, but the steel tires of heavy wagon trains and the vagaries of weather were hard on the timber and the planks were taken up after eight or nine years and later replaced with gravel," the Yazoo County Story reads.

And then came the rails.

But many Yazooans were sold on the prospects of railroads in the beginning.

"Many Yazoo City merchants, waggoners and boatmen were dead set against the building of a railroad, that 'artificial' method of hauling cotton that they felt would rob the city of much of its trade," the Yazoo County Story reads.

But the rails did come. It wouldn't be until after the Civil War until many realized a railroad would be an advantage.

"It would bring in new settlers, open new lands and create new markets," the Yazoo County Story continues.

The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad brought its first train into Yazoo City in May of 1884. With a large crowd waiting at the depot, Yazoo welcomed the iron train giants.

In 1904, a rail line was built from Yazoo City to Belzoni.

And travelers soon took notice of the automobile.

"Many persons, especially the older ones, were at first suspicious or afraid of the snorting machines which some considered merely a short-lived fad," the Yazoo County Story said. "Actually, the first cars helped the business of liverymen and blacksmiths. Who else was equipped to work on the pesky vehicles?"

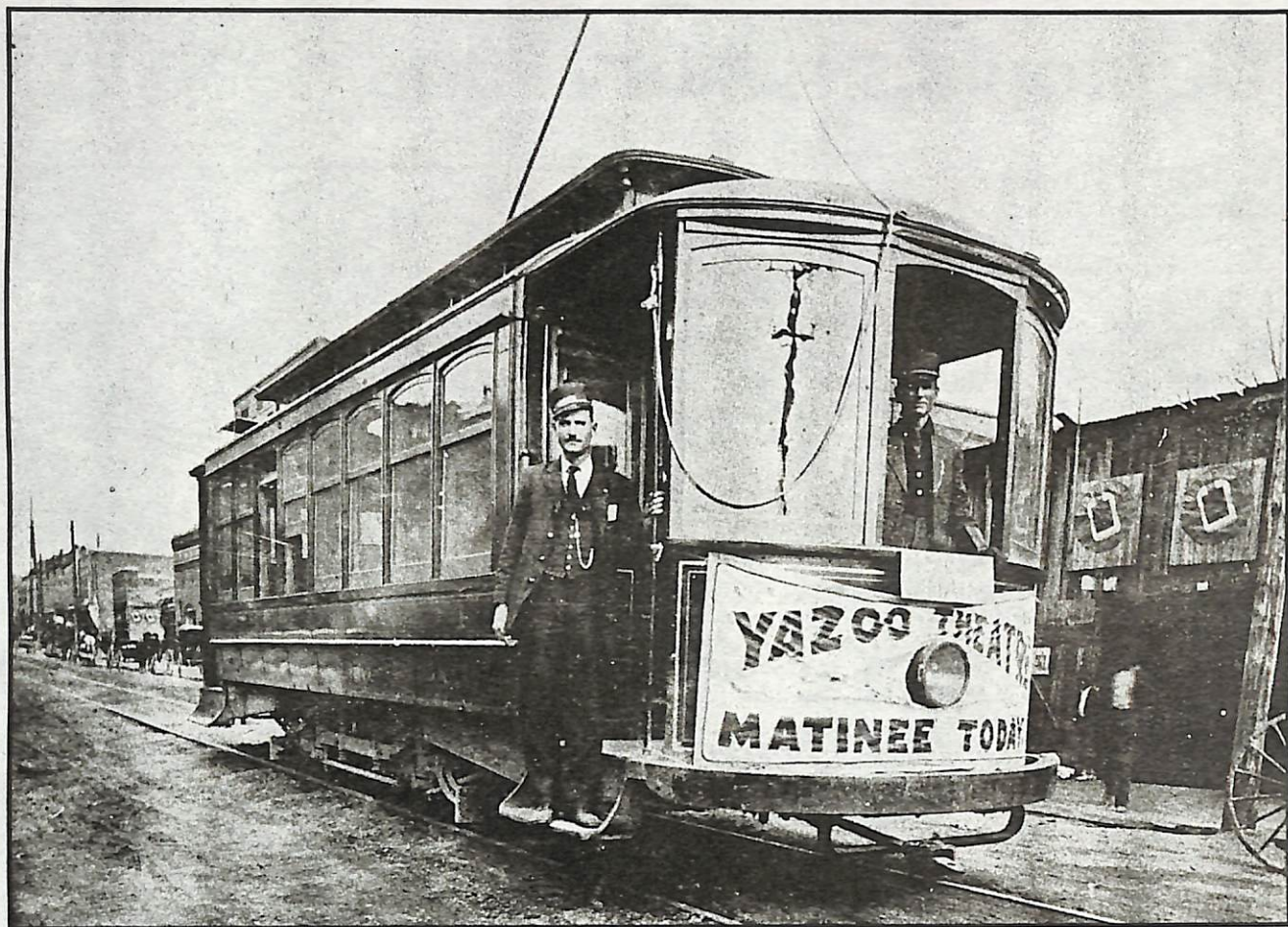
In 1907, Yazoo City placed its city speed limit for automobiles at eight miles per hour.

"And drivers were warned to give the right-of-the-way to horses," the Yazoo County Story reads. "Every car shall be equipped with a horn, bugle, bell or other suitable device for signaling its approach."

**"Many person, especially older ones, were at first suspicious or afraid of the snorting machines..."**

The Yazoo County Story, on the reaction to automobiles

A track for electric streetcars arrived in Yazoo City in 1908. On line ran from the oval park on Grand Avenue south to old Manchester Park. Another line ran east from Main Street to the top of Broadway. A third line also snaked its



The Yazoo County Story

A path for electric streetcars arrived in Yazoo City in 1908.

way around town.

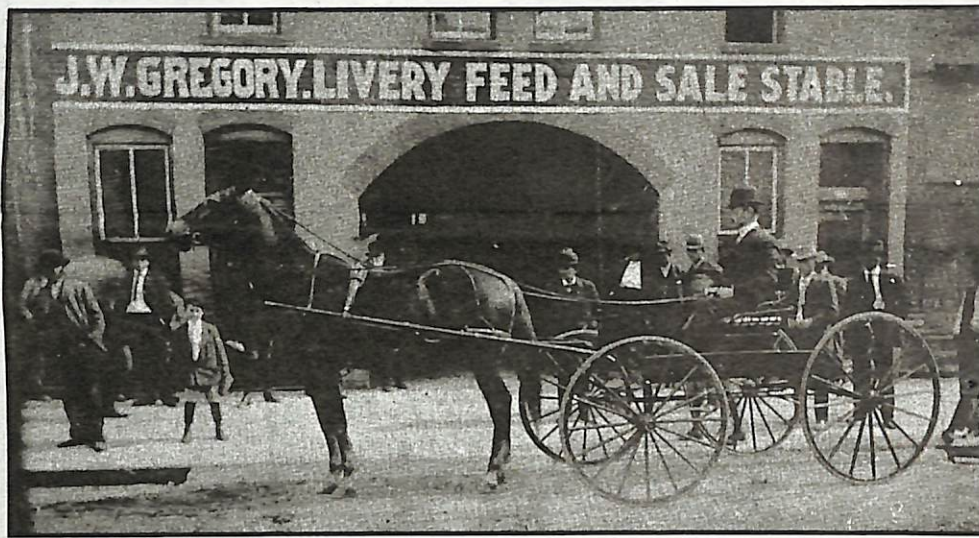
E.G. Rivers was in charge of the system.

"Residents were proud of their fine new streetcars, but the system was never a financial success and was discontinued in 1918," the Yazoo County Story reads.

In 1923, paved streets began to appear in Yazoo City.

History continued her story in Yazoo City with the modes of travel changing, adapting over the years.

But one thing is for certain. Yazoo never slowed down and continues to move forward to the future.



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Livery stables did not disappear with the coming of the first few automobiles. Many residents were frightened of the "snorting machines."

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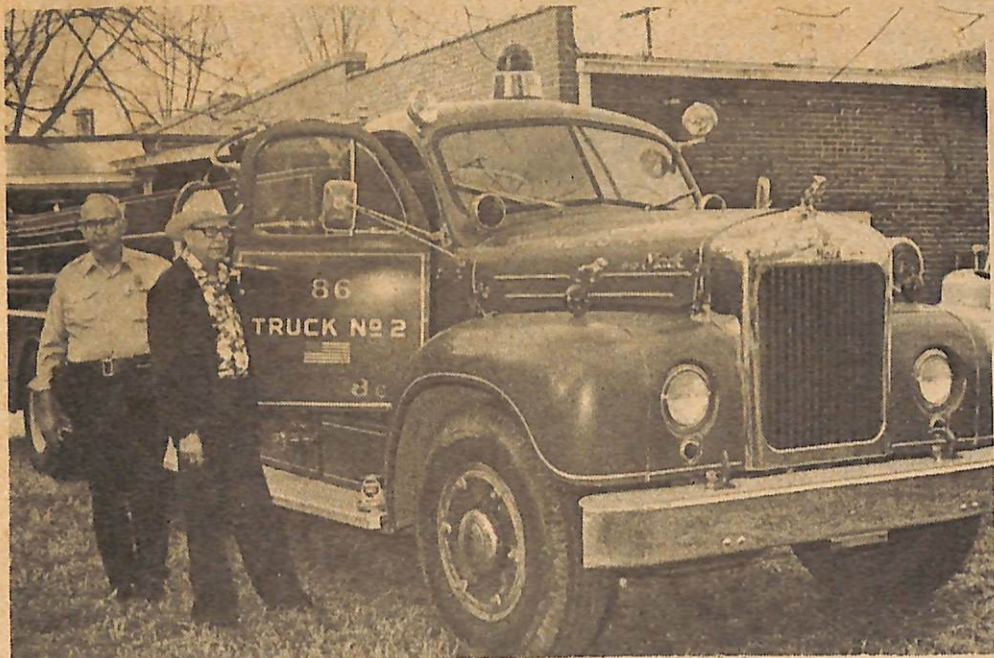
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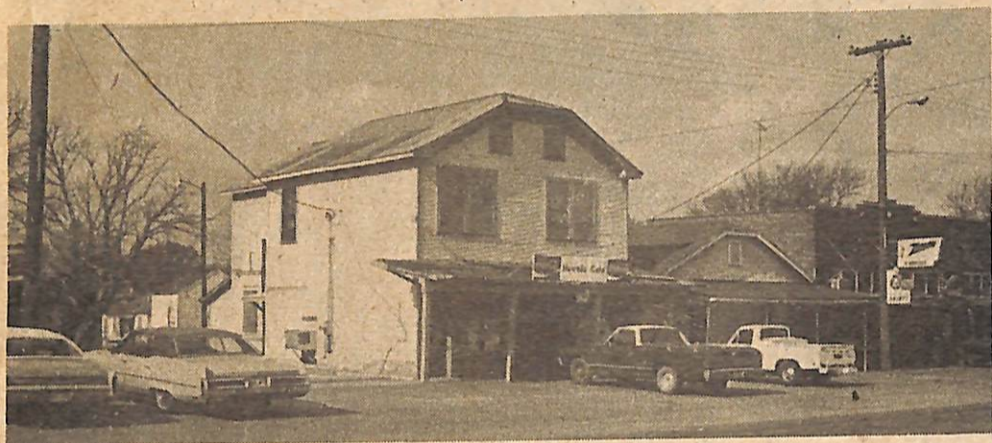
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**READY FOR ACTION**

Bentonia Mayor Sam Parker (right) and Police Chief George Howell stand by the fire truck recently purchased for the town's 20-plus volunteer fire department.



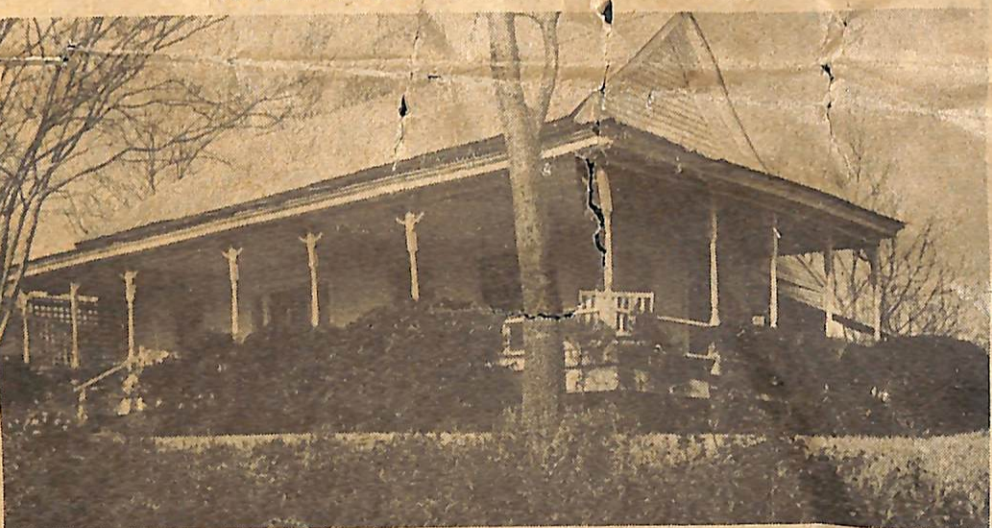
**HOWELL'S CAFE AND HOTEL**

George Howell operates this cafe and four-room hotel in Bentonia. The hotel is usually full, he says, with construction or oil field workers.



**BENTONIA'S MAIN STREET**

Most of the town's businesses are on this street or on the street which faces it across the Illinois Central tracks.



**ANTEBELLUM HOME**

The old Sadler home, now occupied by the M. T. Kirk family, is one of the authentic antebellum homes in Bentonia.

**Bentonia:  
Self-reliant  
and progressive**



# Bentonia: Self-reliant and progressive

"We do everything ourselves," says Mayor Sam Parker of Bentonia; "we don't depend on government help."

Indeed the self-reliant town of Bentonia does do it all, and apparently is doing most things right, for the population of the town is growing in an agricultural area where most small towns are showing a decline.

Part of the reason for the town's success is the fact that, although agriculture is still the largest economic factor, it is rapidly being overtaken by other interests which are employing more and more labor.

W. S. Hancock's oil field service company and the Cathey-Williford Jones Lumber company are both large employers, with work forces that fluctuate, but usually number approximately 100 men each.

The population in the town of Bentonia is 545, says Mayor Parker, but the Bentonia trade area is much bigger, pulling from all the surrounding communities. People come into Bentonia to shop, the mayor says, from Sartatia, Phoenix, Benton and even Yazoo City.

Approximately 80 per cent of the adults living in Bentonia work in Yazoo City or Jackson. With the improvements being made on Highway 49, Bentonia is taking on more importance as a residential center for commuters. New houses are constantly being built and no house in town stays vacant long, Mayor Parker says.

The retail sales of the nine businesses inside the town limits are climbing, with the average monthly sales tax for the city approximately \$1,000.

The city is proud of its 20-man volunteer fire department, its police department with two fully-equipped radio cars and its new sewer pumps, bought and installed with no bond issue and no government help.

In addition to Mayor Parker, the members of the Board of Aldermen in Bentonia are D. E. Ross, Thomas Stevens, Dennis Graham, Dean Hopson and Billy Jo Ragner. George Howell is police chief and also heads up the volunteer fire department.

The town is interspersed with beautiful modern homes and graceful ante-bellum ones. During the spring, it is

especially lovely with flowering shrubs and bushes in almost every yard.

Representative of the modern, progressive spirit of Bentonia, Hancock is planning a new, much larger office to be located on the new Highway 49 bypass. The growing oil field service company does about 30 per cent of its work in Yazoo County, and is spreading out rapidly into surrounding states.

Bentonia started out in 1828 as Pritchetts Crossroads and stayed Pritchetts until 1883, when the railroad arrived. The name was selected to honor Miss Bentonia Johnson, whose family owned most of the land on which the town was located. Much of the land which now comprises Bentonia also originally belonged to the Rosenberg and Cannon families.

Other early settlers in the area, many of whom still have descendants in and around Bentonia, were the Hancock family, who operated the Bentonia Hotel from 1906 until it burned in 1832; the Kirks, the Martins, Richardsons, Bradshaws, Shackelfords, Daltons, Days, and Links.

# Bentonia

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FORM LC

## LAND ASSESSMENT ROLL OF YAZOO

COUNTY, Supervisor's District

(The sum of columns 5, 7, 8 and 10 must equal 1.) (The sum of columns 6 and 9 must equal 11.) FOR STATE, COUNTY AND DISTRICT TAXES AS SHOWN. FOR ROAD DISTRICT

| Number of Tax Receipts | NAME OF OWNER                                               | DESCRIPTION OF LAND<br>DIVISION OF SECTION<br>SURVEY, SUBDIVISION OR ADDITION<br>LOT NUMBERS<br>List Accurately and Describe All Lands<br>Taxable or Not Taxable | Section | Township | Range | TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE<br>Dollars | MEMORANDUM OF EASEMENT RIGHTS | Value of Buildings, Dams, Ponds, Improvements, Other Improvements Owned Separately From the Surface Ownership Dollars | CULTIVATABLE LANDS |                            |  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       | Number of Acres    | Value of Land Only Dollars |  |
| 1                      | 4440 S. A. PARKER                                           | NE $\frac{1}{2}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , LESS 1 A., 44A-379                                                                                      | 3       | 9        | 2W    | 3535                                           | 2                             | 5                                                                                                                     | 180                | 2520                       |  |
| 2                      | 4441 W. P. RICHARDSON, EST.                                 | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                         | 3       | 9        | 2W    | 2840                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 160                | 2080                       |  |
| 3                      | 4441 W. P. RICHARDSON, EST. ✓                               | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                               | 3       | 9        | 2W    | 2720                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 150                | 1950                       |  |
| 4                      | 4445 DENNIS STUCKEY                                         | 1 A. IN E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 44A-379                                                                                                            | 3       | 9        | 2W    | 400                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       | 1                  | 50                         |  |
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| 8                      |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 9                      | 4442 ELKINS FARMS, INC.                                     | NE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                                                                                 | 4       | 9        | 2W    | 2120                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 125                | 1875                       |  |
| 10                     | 4443 LACEY HICKS THOMSON, ET AL                             | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                               | 4       | 9        | 2W    | 5280                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 140                | 1960                       |  |
| 11                     |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
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| 15                     | 4444 ELKINS FARMS, INC.                                     | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                                                             | 5       | 9        | 2W    | 370                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       | 10                 | 150                        |  |
| 16                     | 4445 MRS. ELIZABETH JENSEN & MRS. MARY BELLE ALLEN          | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                                                             | 5       | 9        | 2W    | 290                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 17                     | 4446 LACEY HICKS THOMSON, ET AL                             | S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                                                              | 5       | 9        | 2W    | 570                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 18                     | 4447 C. H. ESTES                                            | SE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                                                                                 | 5       | 9        | 2W    | 1980                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 80                 | 1200                       |  |
| 19                     | 4448 WISE BROS.                                             | W $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                                                  | 5       | 9        | 2W    | 2670                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 80                 | 960                        |  |
| 20                     |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
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| 24                     | 4449 L. F. TWINER, EST.                                     | N $\frac{1}{2}$ E. OF ANDING RD., LESS 160 A. & LESS                                                                                                             |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 25                     |                                                             | RD. R/W, 15A-60                                                                                                                                                  | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 560                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       | 20                 | 220                        |  |
| 26                     | 4450 L. F. TWINER, EST. 1560                                | 160 A. IN N $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                                        | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 1560                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 60                 | 660                        |  |
| 27                     | 4451 SALLIE FUQUA                                           | E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF N $\frac{1}{2}$ OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                                                        | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 285                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       | 9                  | 110                        |  |
| 28                     | 4452 MRS. ELIZABETH JENSEN                                  | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$                                                | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 480                                            |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 29                     | 4453 G. L. LOGAN                                            | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF                                                |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 30                     |                                                             | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , LESS RD. R/W, 15A-53                                                                                                                          | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 2050                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 40                 | 440                        |  |
| 31                     | 4454 C. A. MARTIN 1030                                      | 75 A. IN NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , BF-135 & 15 A. OFF W.                                                                                                                |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 32                     |                                                             | SIDE OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , EM-340, LESS RD.                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 33                     |                                                             | R/W, 15A-58                                                                                                                                                      | 6       | 9        | 2W    | 1030                                           |                               |                                                                                                                       | 30                 | 330                        |  |
| 34                     | YAZOO COUNTY                                                | RD. R/W, 15A-53, 58 & 60                                                                                                                                         | 6       | 9        | 2W    |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
| 35                     |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
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| 40                     | Total after order of State Tax Commission (Carry to Return) |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       |                                                |                               |                                                                                                                       |                    |                            |  |
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|                        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |         |          |       | 28,740                                         |                               |                                                                                                                       | 1,085              | 14,505                     |  |
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FORM 100 LAND ASSESSMENT ROLL OF YAZOO COUNTY

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|                       | T. C. SADLER, JR. <i>640</i>                                                    | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{2}$ , LESS 1 A., 91A-362                                                                                                                                        | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 640                                            | 2                         | 3                                           |                                             |   |
|                       | MRS. HILDA SADLER WELLS                                                         | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                                                             | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 1140                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | CLAUDE H. TAYLOR <i>55</i>                                                      | 5 A. OFF S. END OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ , 25A-457                                                                                                                                | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 55                                             |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | BOSTON BROWN, EST.                                                              | SW $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ & PT. SE $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ S. OF RD.,                                                                                                      |         |          |       |                                                |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       |                                                                                 | EO-631                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 635                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | J. R. SELBY, ET UX <i>500</i><br>MRS. ALLENE H. BEARD &<br>MRS. ALICE R. HARRIS | 1 A. IN E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{2}$ , TX-452<br>PT. E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ S. OF RD., 3A-548 & 65A-                                                                        | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 500                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       |                                                                                 | 464, LESS 1 A., 75A-48                                                                                                                                                                          | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 1600                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | MRS. WITA M. HERRINGTON                                                         | 71.2 A. IN SEC., 18A-273                                                                                                                                                                        | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 845                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | EUGENE E. MARTIN                                                                | 71.2 A. IN SEC., 18A-273                                                                                                                                                                        | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 845                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | EUGENE E. MARTIN                                                                | 40 A. IN SEC., 26A-280                                                                                                                                                                          | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 530                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | MRS. RAIFORD G. MARTIN <i>750</i>                                               | 71.2 A. IN SEC., 44A-105                                                                                                                                                                        | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 850                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | J. V. HILDBRAND <i>750</i>                                                      | 2 A. IN SEC., 18A-276                                                                                                                                                                           | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 750                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | MRS. RAIFORD G. MARTIN                                                          | 46 A. IN SEC., 44A-105                                                                                                                                                                          | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 420                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | DAVIS M. BUSBY, ET UX                                                           | 194 YDS. OFF W. SIDE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{2}$ , 30A-592                                                                                                                              | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 345                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | JOHN A. FEYTON, ET UX                                                           | E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{2}$ , LESS 194 YDS. OFF W. SIDE &<br>LESS 1 A. TO ADAMS, 30A-594                                                                                                | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 935                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | ALF BROWN, ET UX <i>2200</i>                                                    | 1 A. IN E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ , 78A-623                                                                                                                                           | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 2200                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | T. C. SADLER, ET UX <i>2500</i>                                                 | 1 A. IN SW $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{2}$ , 91A-364                                                                                                                                          | 7       | 9        | 2W    | 2500                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |          |       | 1                                              | 2                         | 3                                           |                                             |   |
|                       | UNION WORKING CORP.                                                             | W $\frac{1}{2}$ , LESS 60 A. OFF S. END, LESS 3 A.,<br>81A-295, 297 & 298, LESS UNION WORKING<br>CORP. S/D, PLAT BK. 9, PG. 1 & LESS 1ST.<br>ADD. UNION WORKING CORP. S/D, PLAT<br>BK. 9, PG. 2 | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 3020                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | LACY HICKS THOMPSON, ET AL                                                      | NE $\frac{1}{2}$ , LESS 58.6 A., KS-596 & LESS PT. TO<br>ST. H'WY., QZ-328                                                                                                                      | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 685                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | H. J. ALEXANDER <i>1580</i>                                                     | E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                 | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 1580                                           |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | H. J. ALEXANDER<br>MRS. ALICE H. BEARD &<br>MRS. ALICE R. HARRIS                | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{2}$<br>60 A. OFF S. END OF SW $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3A-548 & 65A-      | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 520                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | H. J. ALEXANDER <i>910</i>                                                      | 464<br>58.6 A. IN NE $\frac{1}{2}$ , KS-596, LESS 2.30 A.,<br>OR-564, LESS 3 A., SZ-558 & LESS 2 A.,<br>R2A-523                                                                                 | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 640                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8       | 9        | 2W    | 910                                            |                           |                                             |                                             |   |
|                       | Total Assessed Value of State Tax Commission (Copy to Report)                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |          |       |                                                | 22,145                    | 1                                           | 2                                           | 3 |

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|                                                           |                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                             | 1                             | 2                                                                                                                 |
| 445                                                       | MISS MAY SHACKELFORD                       | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , LESS 9.7 A., 87A-369 & E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,<br>LESS 2.55 A., EK-615                                           | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 3360                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 445                                                       | W. RAIFORD HANCOCK                         | 180 A. IN S $\frac{1}{2}$ DESC. 61A-81, LESS PT. TO ST. H'WY. & LESS 19 A.                                                                        | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 12155                                       |                               |                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH                      | 5.85 A. IN SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , DL-239, LESS 1 A. OFF E. END, SX-513                                                                                | 1       | 9        | 2W    |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 447                                                       | WILLIAM S. COX                             | W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF W $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 1775                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 448                                                       | F. R. THOMPSON                             | ALL SE $\frac{1}{4}$ LYING E. OF PUB. RD., LESS PT. TO ST. H'WY., RS-568                                                                          | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 825                                         |                               |                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | STATE HIGHWAY                              | R/W IN SEC., RS-369, 371, 373 & 568                                                                                                               | 1       | 9        | 2W    |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY OF BENTONIA, MISS. | 1 A. IN E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SX-513                                                                                              | 1       | 9        | 2W    |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | FRANKIE BURTON, ET UX                      | 9.7 A. IN NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 87A-369                                                                                                              | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 150                                         |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | W. RAIFORD HANCOCK                         | 19 A. IN S $\frac{1}{2}$                                                                                                                          | 1       | 9        | 2W    | 175                                         |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | MRS. HENRIETTA HARRIS DAY                  | PT. SEC. AS DESC. 57A-271 & 81A-556                                                                                                               | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1000                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | WILLIAM S. COX                             | E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , LESS PT. TO BENTONIA CITY & LESS PT. TO ANDING SCHOOL, QY-334                                               | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1120                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | MRS. CELIA A. ALLEN                        | 81 A. IN SEC. DESC. DQ-534, LESS 20 A. TO THIGPEN                                                                                                 | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1105                                        | 2                             | 5                                                                                                                 |
| 449                                                       | MRS. MARION THIGPEN LEWIS                  | 20.04 A. IN NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 54A-39                                                                                                             | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 3300                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | STATE HIGHWAY                              | 15 A. IN SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$ FROM HARRIS                                                                                         | 2       | 9        | 2W    |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | I C RR                                     | 19.62 A. IN SEC., AD-588                                                                                                                          | 2       | 9        | 2W    |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | MRS. IVA RUBY WHITE                        | 1 A. IN SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , IV-51 & LW-191                                                                                     | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 2500                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | MRS. BESSIE M. OSBORNE                     | .74 A. IN SEC. W. OF R/W OF BENTONIA BUSINESS RT. & E. OF U.S. H'WY. 49, NP-374 & LESS LOT, 37A-260                                               | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1000                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | ALLEN OSBORNE                              | .28 A. IN SEC., 37A-260                                                                                                                           | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1200                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | WILLIAM S. COX                             | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , LESS PT. TO BENTONIA CITY & LESS PT. TO ANDING SCHOOL & LESS PT. TO HUDSON, QY-334                                             | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 2450                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | W. C. O'NEAL, EST.                         | LOT IN SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , RU-419                                                                                              | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1000                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | MRS. BARBARA ANN GRIPPING VAN GORDER       | LOT 75' X 150' IN SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 63A-156                                                                                                      | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 1600                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | STELLA WILSON                              | LOT 100' X 202' ON E. SIDE H'WY. 49, 90A-594                                                                                                      | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 2000                                        |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| 449                                                       | IRA HUDSON, EST.                           | A TRIANGULAR TRACT ON E. SIDE H'WY. 49, MZ-347 & QY-356                                                                                           | 2       | 9        | 2W    | 500                                         |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| Total after order of State Tax Commission (Carry to Bond) |                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| Total by Supervisor (August Meeting)                      |                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                             |                               |                                                                                                                   |
| Total by Assessor                                         |                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       | 37,215                                      |                               |                                                                                                                   |

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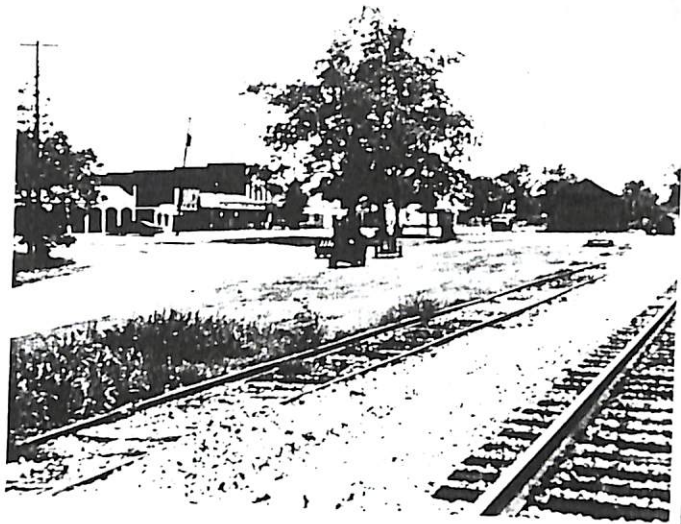
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|                       |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       | Dollars                             |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 1                     | 445 ✓<br>MRS. ELIZABETH JENSEN                                 | 2R 500 ✓<br>E½ OF E½ LYING S. OF MISS. H'WY. #433,                                                                                                |         |          |       | 1                                   |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 2                     |                                                                | LESS THE E. 52 A. & SW½ LYING S. OF MISS.                                                                                                         |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 3                     |                                                                | H'WY. #433 & W½ OF SE½                                                                                                                            | 10      | 9        | 2W    | 6320                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 4                     | 444 ✓<br>LACEY HICKS THOMSON, ET AL                            | W½ OF NE½ & W½, LESS 30 A. IN SW¼, CR-                                                                                                            |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 5                     |                                                                | 186 & LESS 80 A. TO WHITEHEAD                                                                                                                     | 10      | 9        | 2W    | 3725                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 6                     | 447 ✓<br>LEE RONDE HANCOCK                                     | 2R 2920 ✓<br>E½ OF E½ LYING N. OF PUB. RD., MO-510 &                                                                                              |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 7                     |                                                                | MP-289, LESS RD. R/W, KX-184 & NV-223                                                                                                             | 10      | 9        | 2W    | 2920                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 8                     |                                                                | RD. R/W, KX-184 & NV-223                                                                                                                          | 10      | 9        | 2W    |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 9                     | 445 ✓<br>MRS. ELIZABETH JENSEN                                 | THE E. 52 A. OF E½ OF E½ LYING S. OF                                                                                                              |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 10                    |                                                                | MISS. H'WY. #433                                                                                                                                  | 10      | 9        | 2W    | 685                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 11                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 12                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 13                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 14                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 15                    | 449 ✓<br>LOUIS LOGAN                                           | W½ OF LOT DESC. IN 90A-261 & 352                                                                                                                  | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 600                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 16                    | 448 ✓<br>MRS. VIVIAN RYAN COOK                                 | 2500 ✓<br>3 A. IN SE½, WX-287, LESS .18 A., OX-                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 17                    |                                                                | 174                                                                                                                                               | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 2500                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 18                    | 449 ✓<br>MRS. CATHERINE PRINCE                                 | 80 A. IN SW¼, CG-175                                                                                                                              | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 1320                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 19                    | 445 ✓<br>MRS. HELEN S. OMOHUNDRO &<br>MRS. LILLIAN S. BOTTRELL | 10 A. N. OF DOVER RD. IN E½ OF SW¼ &                                                                                                              |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 20                    |                                                                | 3.8 A. IN E½ OF NW¼                                                                                                                               | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 210                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 21                    | 448 ✓<br>MRS. MAX MILLER                                       | 2R 2018 ✓<br>70 A. IN S½, DI-265, LESS 3 A., IT-491,                                                                                              |         |          |       | 1                                   | 2                          | 3                                                                                                         |
| 22                    |                                                                | & LESS LOT. 68A-307                                                                                                                               | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 2010                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 23                    | 448 ✓<br>MRS. W. L. DAY                                        | 1150 ✓<br>27 A. IN SEC., EM-520, LESS 3 A., IT-                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 24                    |                                                                | 256 & KQ-4 & LESS LOT, 63A-451                                                                                                                    | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 1150                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 25                    | 447 ✓<br>PAUL DAY, ET UX                                       | 750 ✓<br>1 A. IN W½, 90A-261 & 352, LESS W½ OF                                                                                                    |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 26                    |                                                                | LOT                                                                                                                                               | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 750                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 27                    | 448 ✓<br>BONNEY E. SMITH                                       | 1 A. IN W½, 62A-215, LESS STRIP OFF E.                                                                                                            |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 28                    |                                                                | SIDE, 14A-188                                                                                                                                     | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 750                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 29                    | 447 ✓<br>LEE RONDE HANCOCK                                     | 2R 720 ✓<br>35 A. IN W½ LYING N. OF PUB. RD., MP-289,                                                                                             |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 30                    |                                                                | LESS RD. R/W, KX-184 & NV-223                                                                                                                     | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 720                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 31                    | 447 ✓<br>MISS LAURA HANCOCK                                    | ALL W½ LYING N. OF PUB. RD., LESS 35 A.                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 32                    |                                                                | TO HANCOCK & LESS RD. R/W, KX-184 &                                                                                                               |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 33                    |                                                                | NV-223                                                                                                                                            | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 1865                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 34                    | 449 ✓<br>MRS. CATHERINE PRINCE                                 | 17 A. IN E½ OF SW¼, KO-505                                                                                                                        | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 240                                 |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 35                    | 448 ✓<br>C. B. STUBBLEFIELD                                    | 2500 ✓<br>2 A. IN SEC., IT-256                                                                                                                    | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 2500                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 36                    | 448 ✓<br>CATHEY-WILLIFORD-JONES                                | 1 A. IN SEC., KQ-5                                                                                                                                | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 2800                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 37                    | 445 ✓<br>V. W. COOK, JR.                                       | 2000 ✓<br>.18 A. IN SE¼, OX-174                                                                                                                   | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 2000                                |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 38                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 39                    |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
| 40                    |                                                                | Total after order of State Tax Commission (Copy to Return)                                                                                        |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
|                       |                                                                | Tax by Supervisor (August Meeting)                                                                                                                |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
|                       |                                                                | Tax by Assessor                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                            |                                                                                                           |
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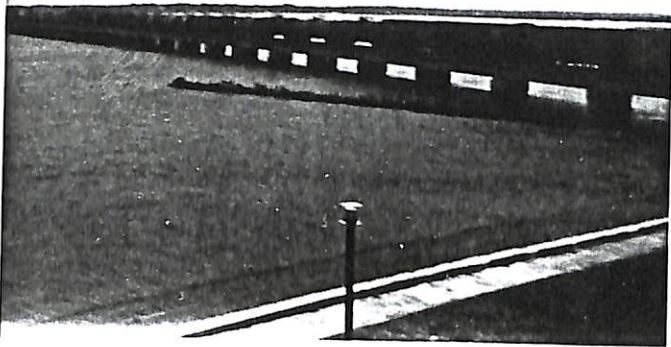
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|                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       | Dollars                             |                           |
| 1                                                            | 4457 WILLIAM S. COX                                     | ALL E½ OF NE½ LYING OUTSIDE OF BENTONIA                                                                                                           |         |          |       | 1                                   | 2                         |
| 2                                                            |                                                         | CITY, QY-334, LESS 5 A., 87A-278                                                                                                                  | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 495                                 |                           |
| 3                                                            | STATE HIGHWAY DEPT.                                     | RD. R/W, KX-184 & NV-223                                                                                                                          | 11      | 9        | 2W    |                                     |                           |
| 4                                                            | 4454 BONNEY E. SMITH, ET UX                             | LOT IN W½, 14A-188                                                                                                                                | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 600                                 |                           |
| 5                                                            | 4481 THOMAS J. KIRK                                     | 4000 LOT 240' X 240' IN SE½, 19A-193                                                                                                              | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 4000                                |                           |
| 6                                                            | 4457 WILLIAM S. COX                                     | ALL THAT PT. E½ OF SE½ LYING E. OF U.                                                                                                             |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 7                                                            |                                                         | S. H'WY. 49 & OUTSIDE BENTONIA CITY.                                                                                                              |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 8                                                            |                                                         | LESS LOT TO KIRK, 19A-193 & LESS 1.84 A.                                                                                                          |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 9                                                            |                                                         | 86A-150                                                                                                                                           | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 865                                 |                           |
| 10                                                           | 4490 PAUL DAY                                           | 100 LOT 100' X 100' IN SEC., 63A-451                                                                                                              | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 100                                 |                           |
| 11                                                           | 4491 HAROLD F. HANCOCK                                  | LOT IN S½, 68A-307                                                                                                                                | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 150                                 |                           |
| 12                                                           | 4492 W. RAIFORD HANCOCK                                 | 1.84 A. INSE½, 86A-150                                                                                                                            | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 250                                 |                           |
| 13                                                           | 4493 BILLY J. WALKER, ET UX                             | 5000 5 A. IN NE½ OF NE½, 87A-278                                                                                                                  | 11      | 9        | 2W    | 5000                                |                           |
| 14                                                           |                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 15                                                           |                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 16                                                           |                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 17                                                           |                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 18                                                           | 4451 F. R. THOMPSON                                     | ALL NE½ E. OF PUB. RD. & E½ OF SE½, LESS                                                                                                          |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 19                                                           |                                                         | PT. TO ST. H'WY., RS-568 & LESS 6.89 A.,                                                                                                          |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 20                                                           |                                                         | 24A-356                                                                                                                                           | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 4020                                |                           |
| 21                                                           | 4452 W. RAIFORD HANCOCK                                 | 9 A. IN SEC., 61A-81, LESS PT. TO ST.                                                                                                             |         |          |       | 1                                   | 2                         |
| 22                                                           |                                                         | H'WY., RS-369                                                                                                                                     | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 120                                 |                           |
| 23                                                           | 4452 MRS. HELEN S. OMOHUNDRO & MRS. LILLIAN S. BOTTRELL | SE½ OF SW½                                                                                                                                        | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 1740                                |                           |
| 24                                                           | 4453 MRS. HELEN S. OMOHUNDRO & MRS. LILLIAN S. BOTTRELL | W½ OF W½ OF SW½, LESS RR R/W, & W½ OF                                                                                                             |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 25                                                           |                                                         | NW½ S. OF BENTONIA & 66.53 A. IN NW½ S.                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 26                                                           |                                                         | OF BENTONIA-DOVER RD. & 15.08 A. OFF N.                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 27                                                           |                                                         | END OF NW½ OF SW½ & E½ OF W½ OF SW½                                                                                                               |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 28                                                           |                                                         | LESS RR R/W, LESS 2.30 A., MP-363; LESS                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 29                                                           |                                                         | 1.12 A. IN NW½, MZ-594 & LESS .51 A. TO                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 30                                                           |                                                         | ST. H'WY., RS-566                                                                                                                                 | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 2065                                |                           |
| 31                                                           | 4492 MRS. HELEN S. OMOHUNDRO & MRS. LILLIAN S. BOTTRELL | NE½ OF SW½, LESS 15.8 A. OFF N. END &                                                                                                             |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 32                                                           |                                                         | NW½ OF SE½ & SW½ OF SE½, LESS 10 A. OFF                                                                                                           |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 33                                                           |                                                         | W. SIDE                                                                                                                                           | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 865                                 |                           |
| 34                                                           | 4401 WILLIAM S. COX                                     | 10 A. IN SW½ OF SE½, WILL BK. E-290                                                                                                               | 12      | 9        | 2W    | 400                                 |                           |
| 35                                                           |                                                         | I C RR                                                                                                                                            |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 36                                                           |                                                         | 14 A. IN SEC., LESS 20,000 SQ. FT.,                                                                                                               |         |          |       |                                     |                           |
| 37                                                           |                                                         | LT-636                                                                                                                                            | 12      | 9        | 2W    |                                     |                           |
| 38                                                           | STATE HIGHWAY                                           | R/W IN SEC., RS-367, 369, 566, 567 & 568                                                                                                          | 12      | 9        | 2W    |                                     |                           |
| 39                                                           | TOWN OF BENTONIA                                        | 6.89 A. IN SW COR. OF NE½, 24A-356                                                                                                                | 12      | 9        | 2W    |                                     |                           |
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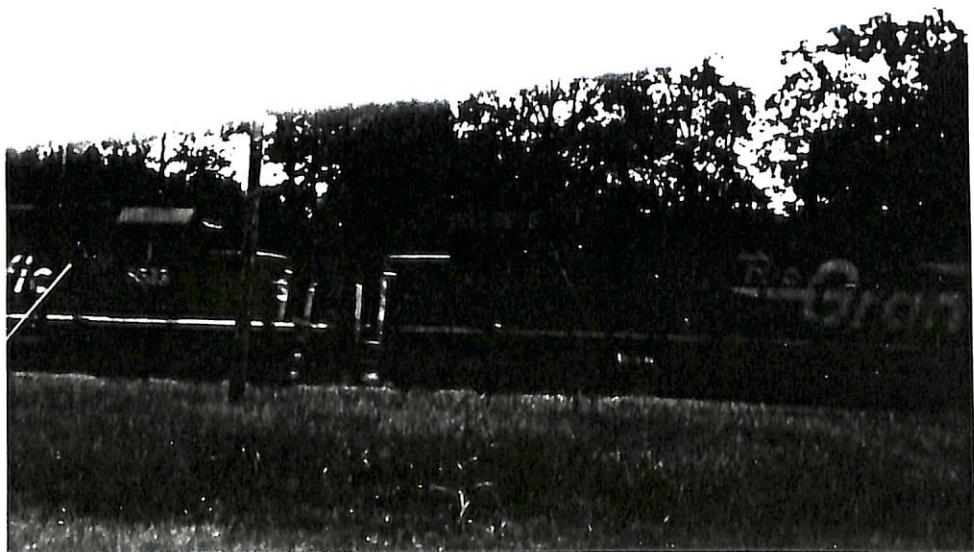


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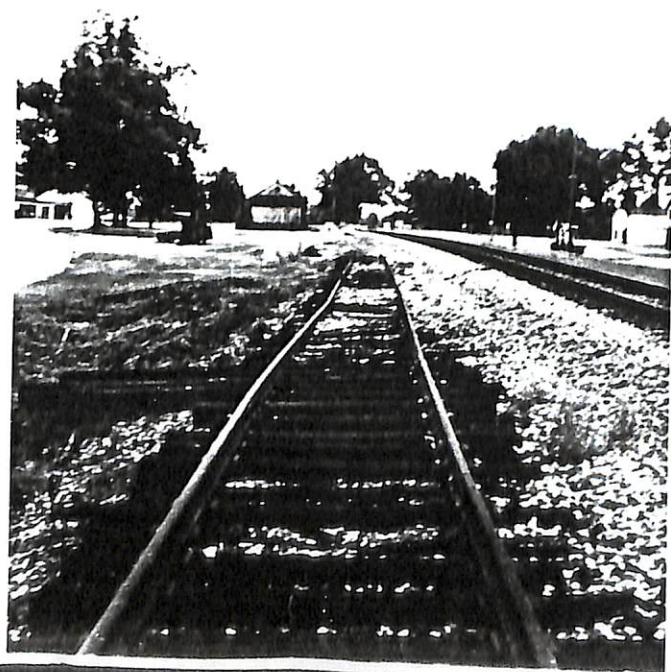
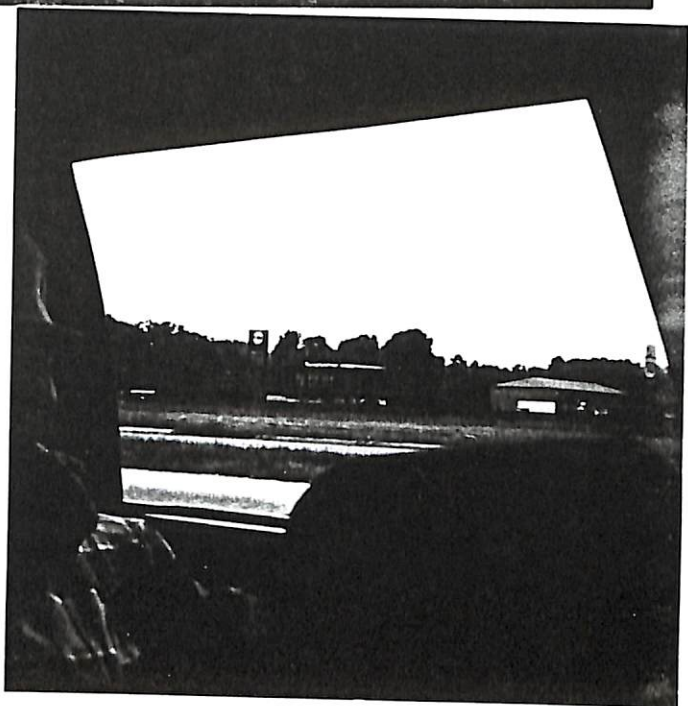
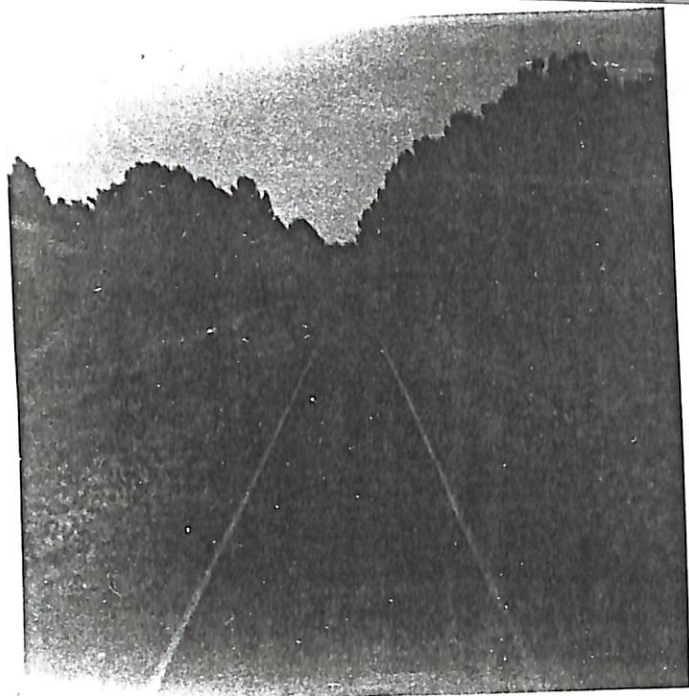




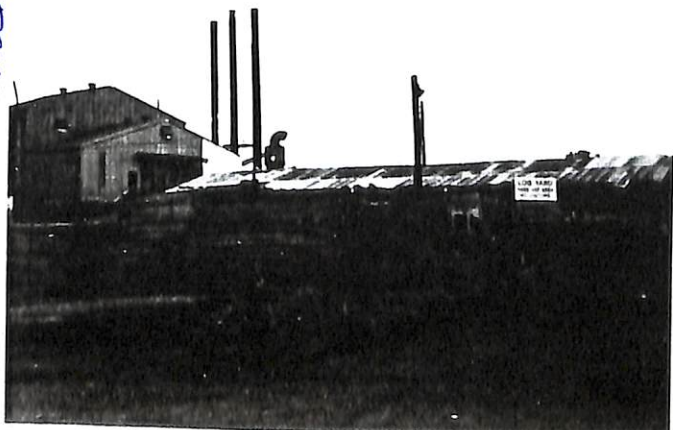
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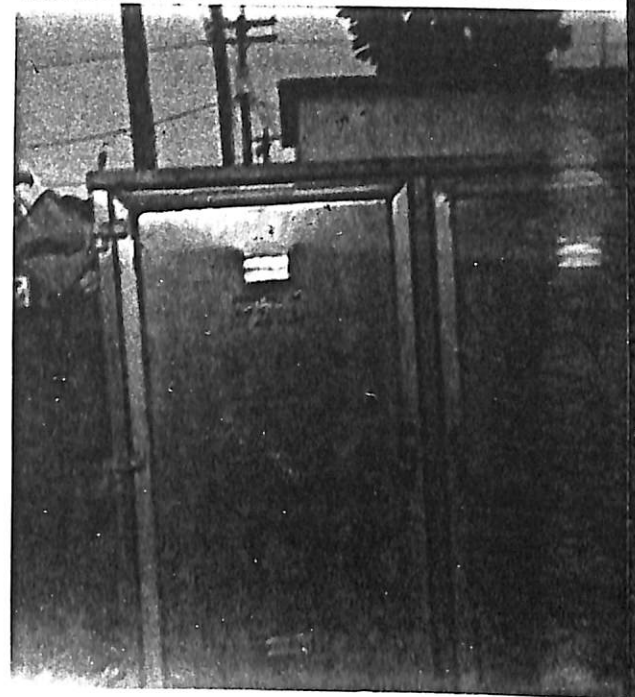
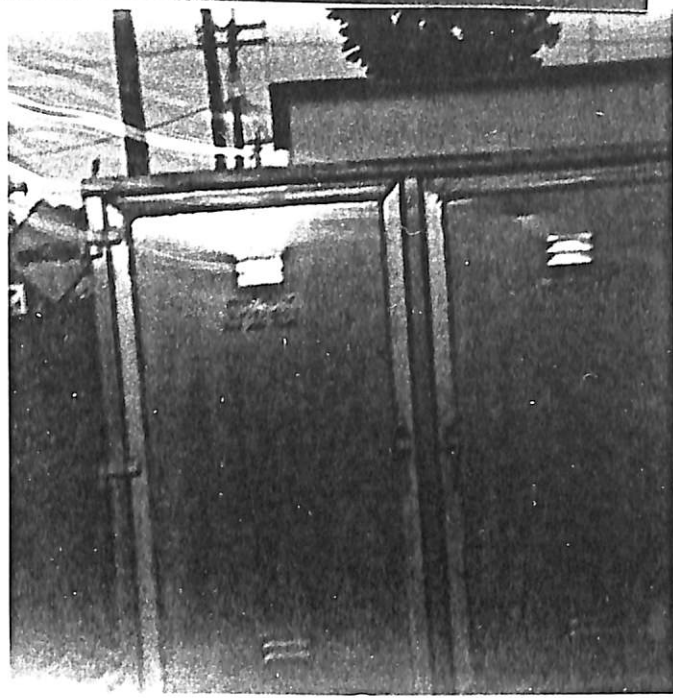
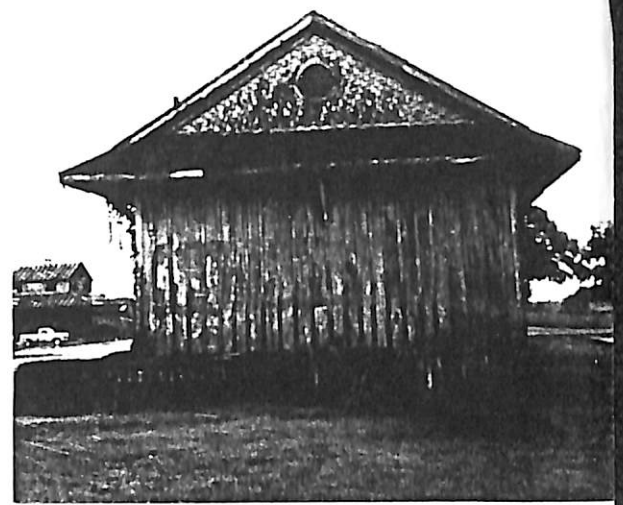
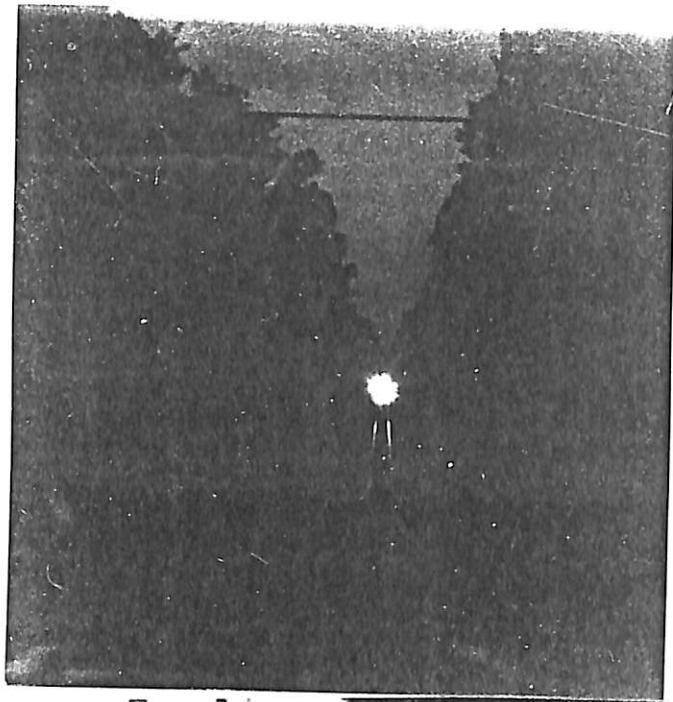


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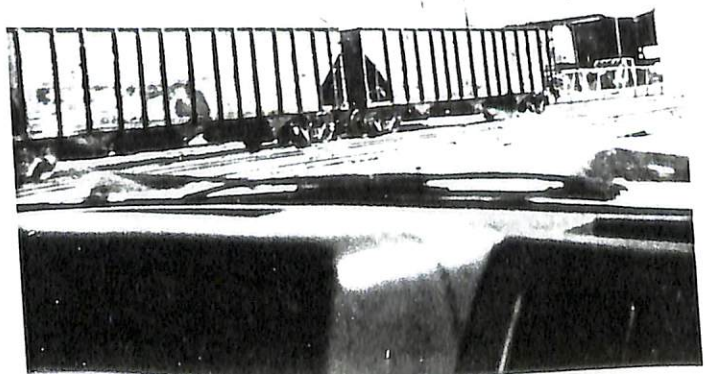
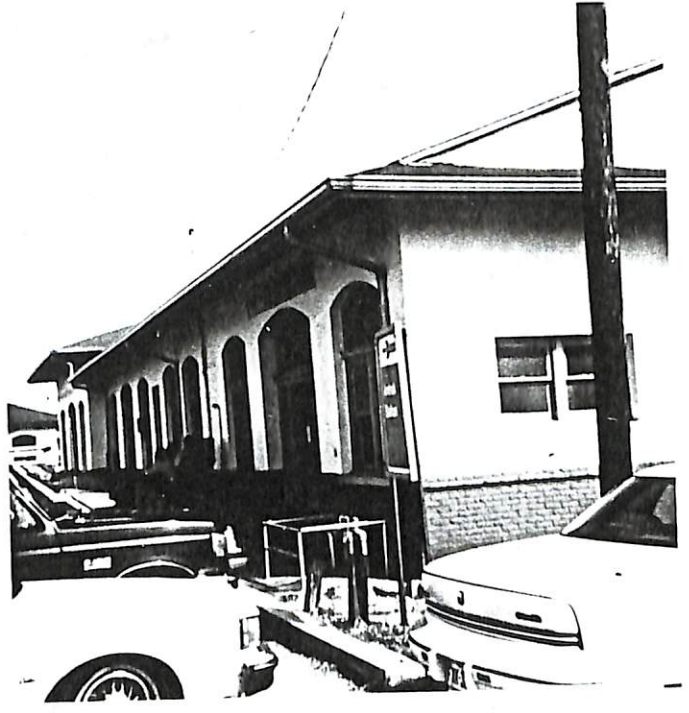
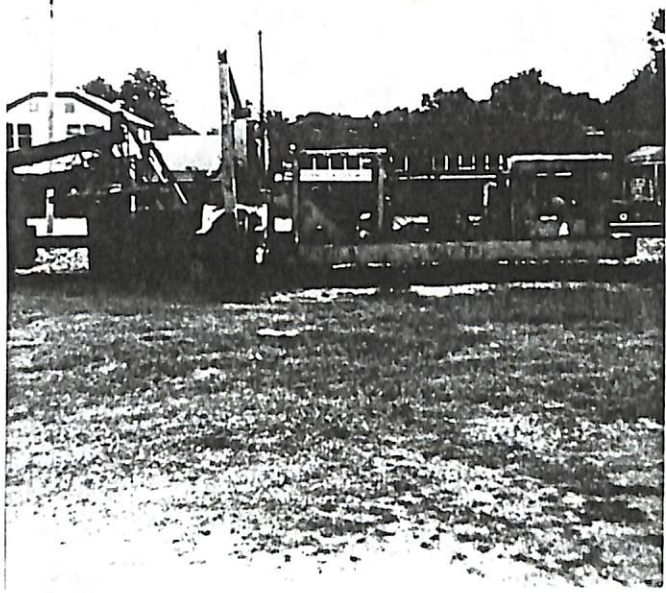
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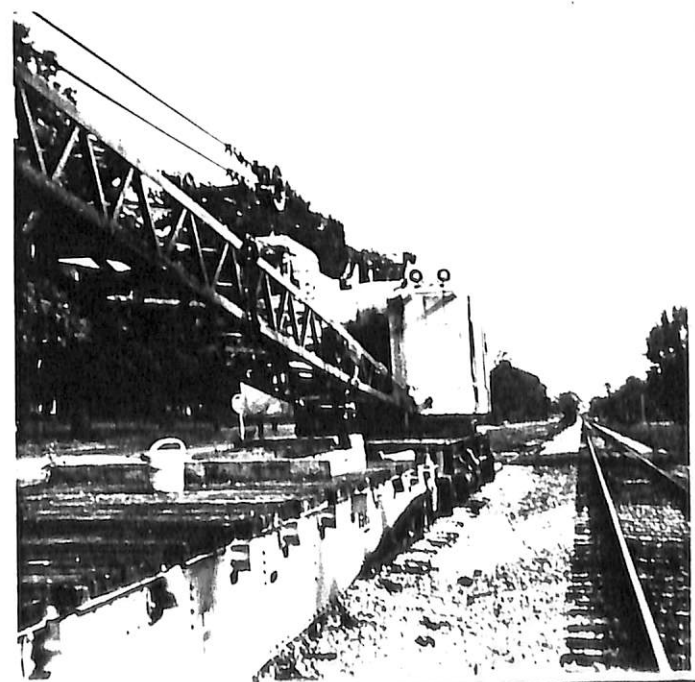
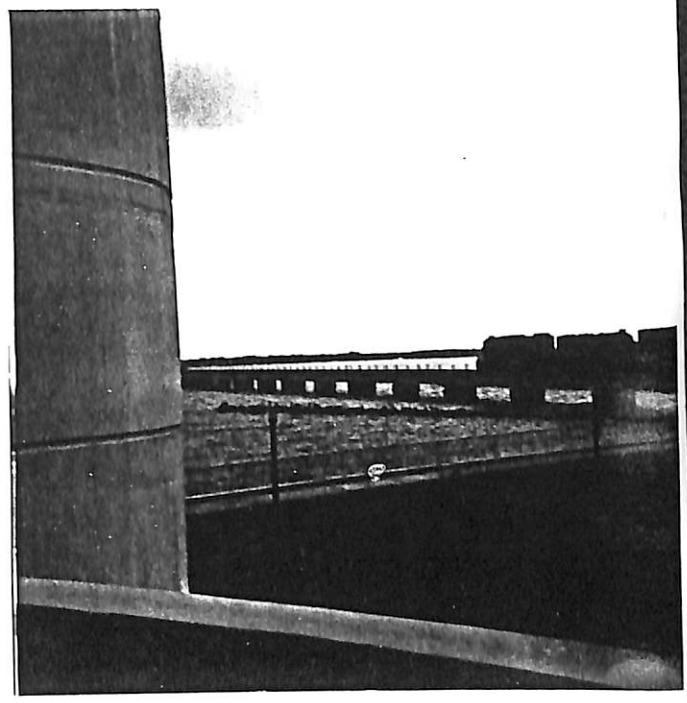
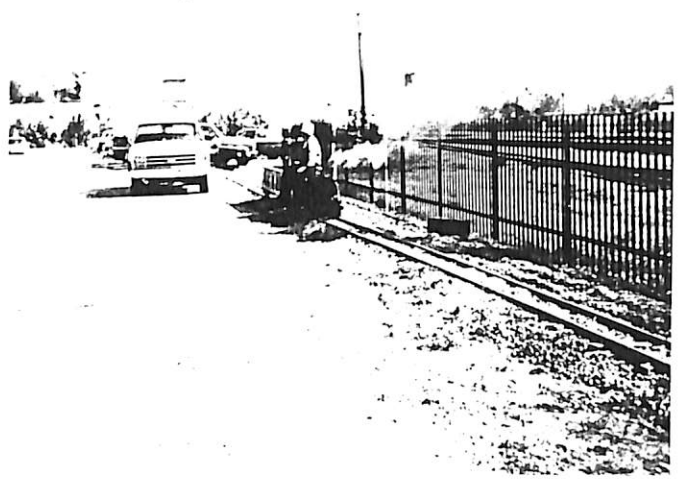


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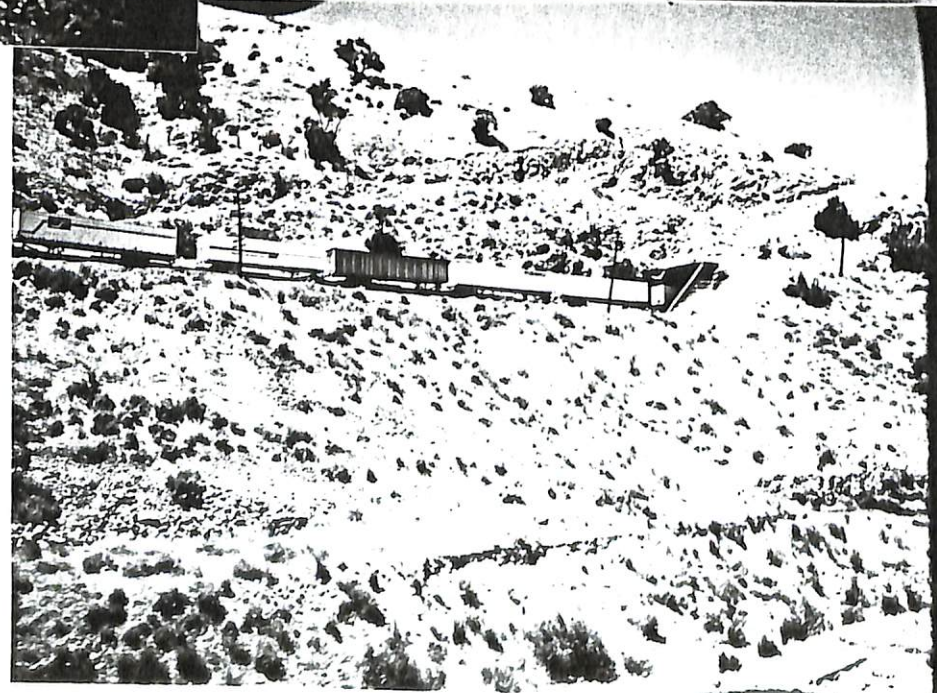
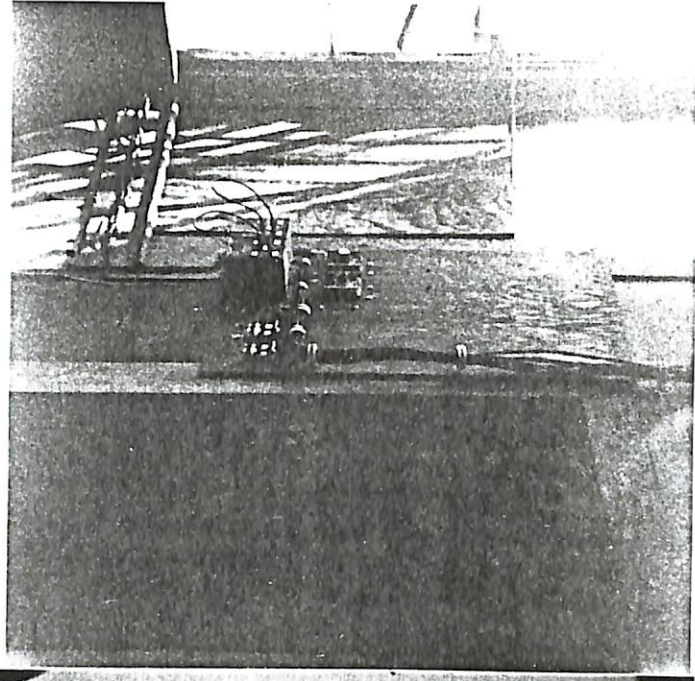
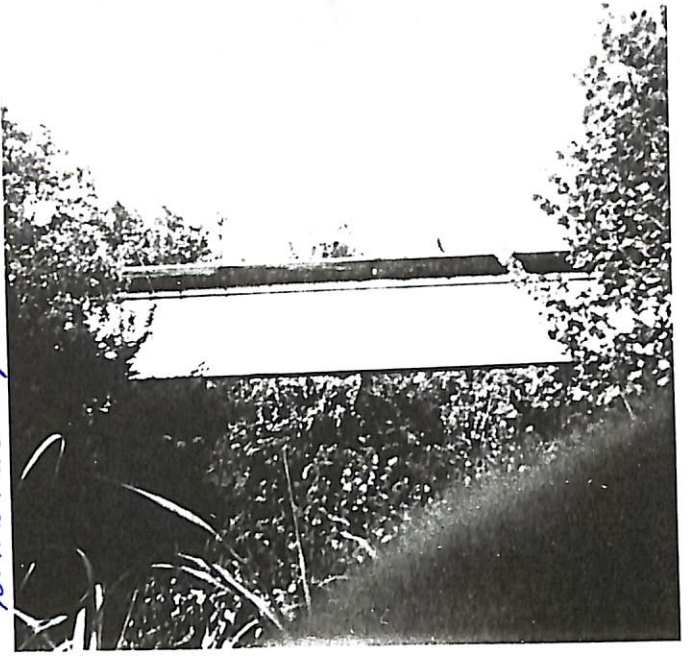
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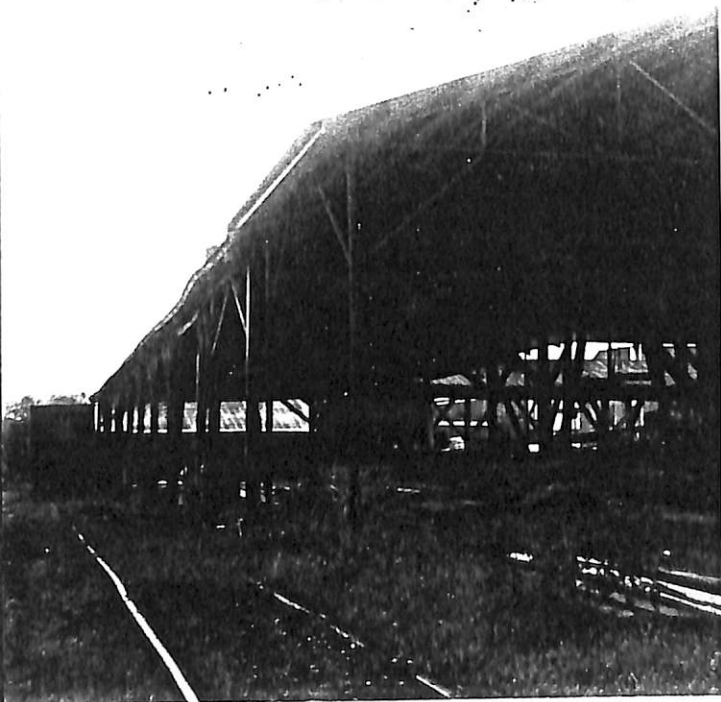
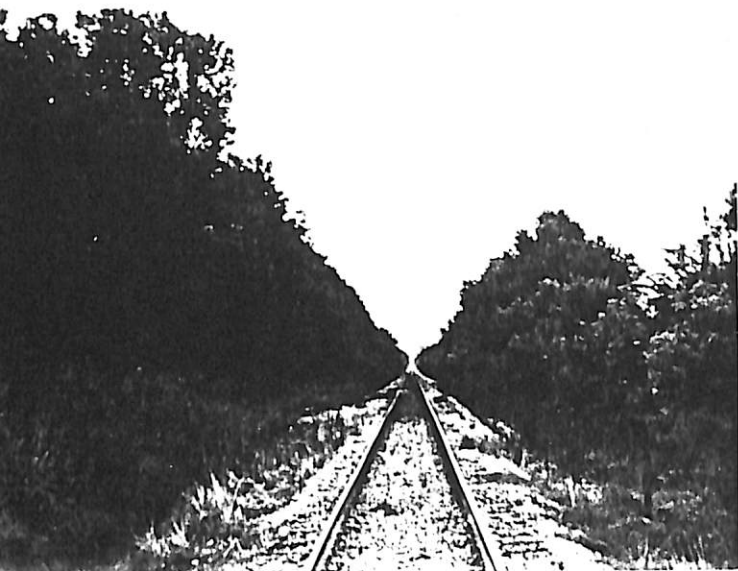


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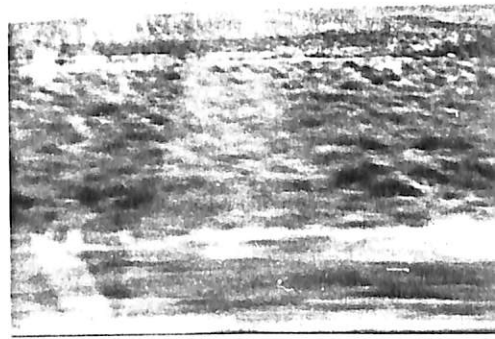
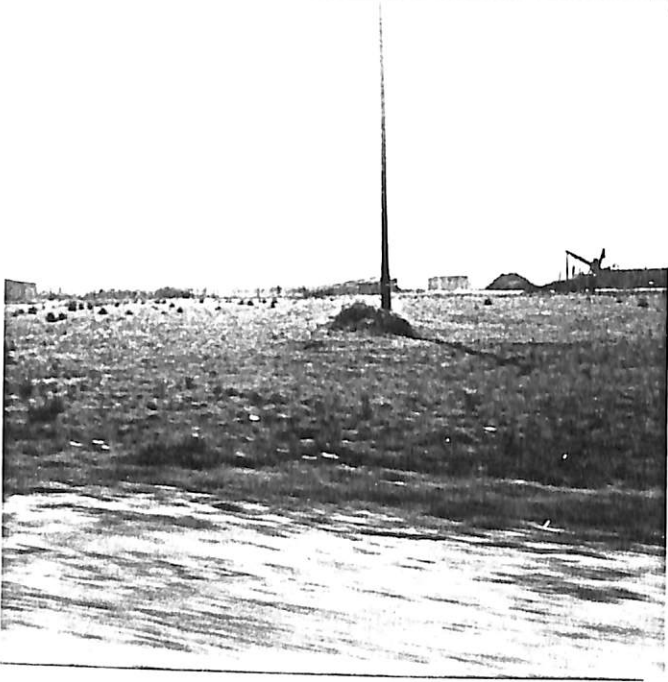
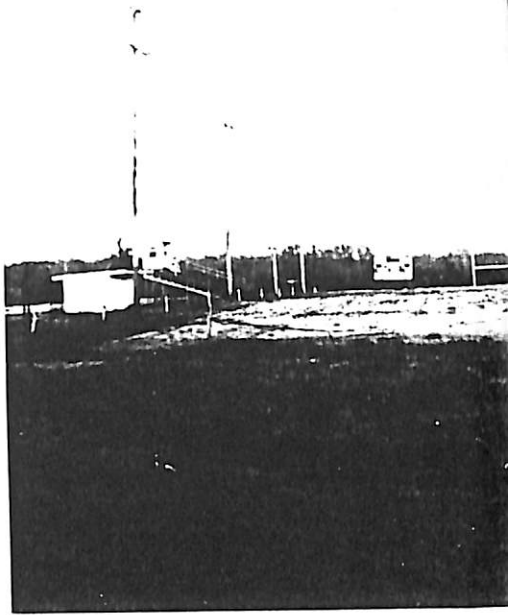
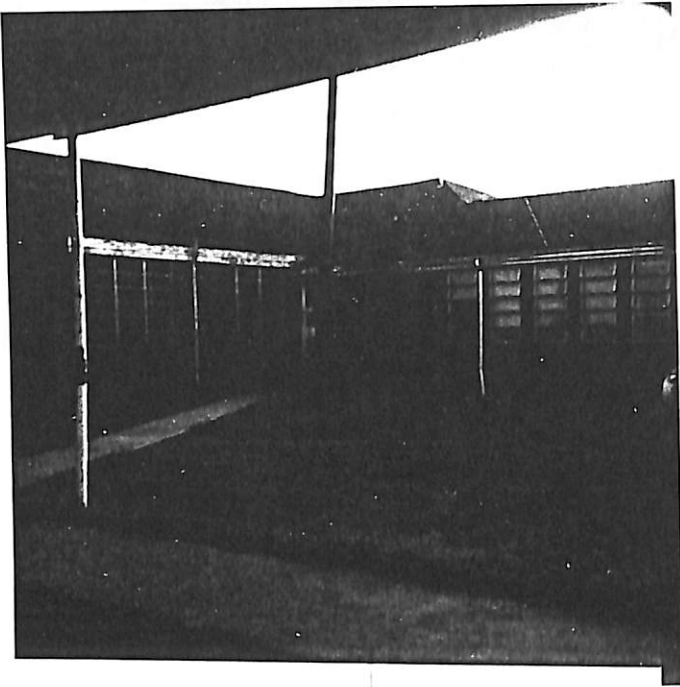
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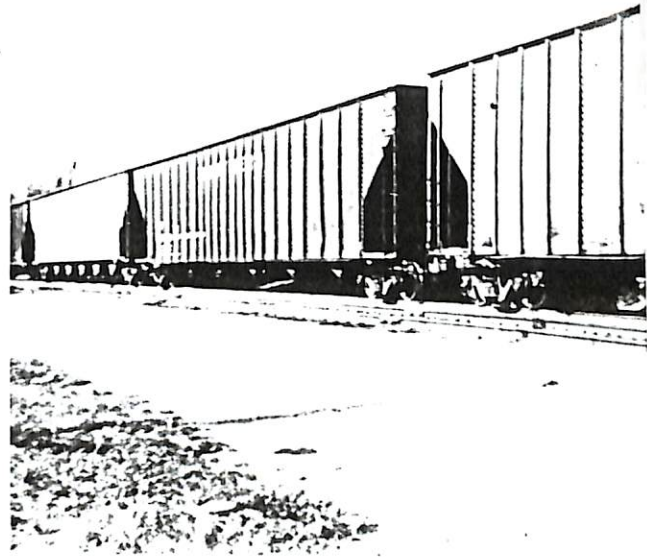
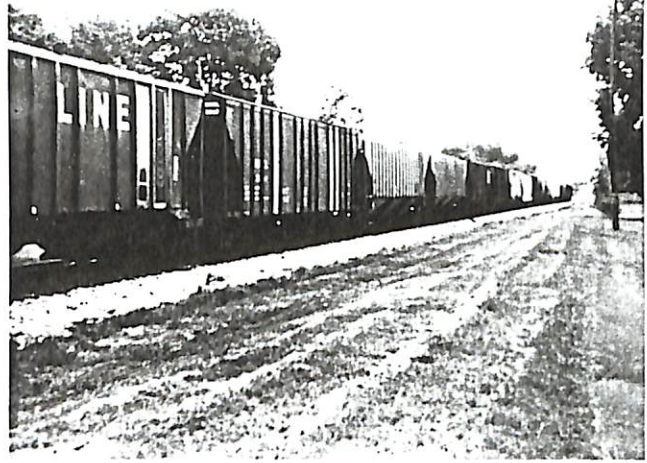
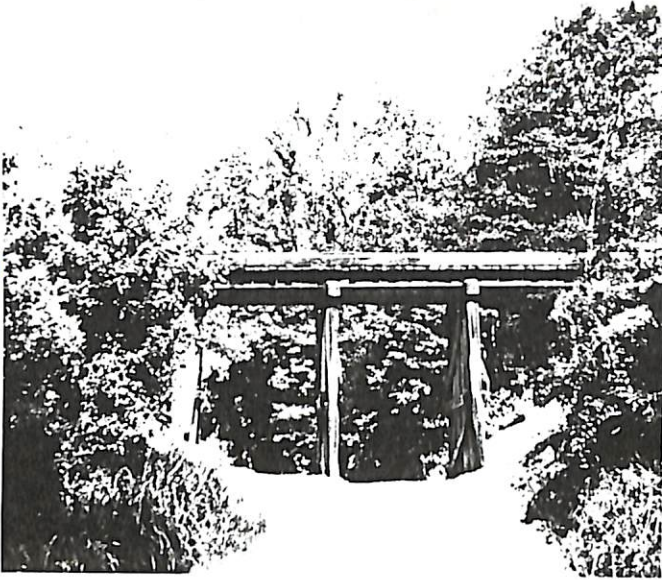


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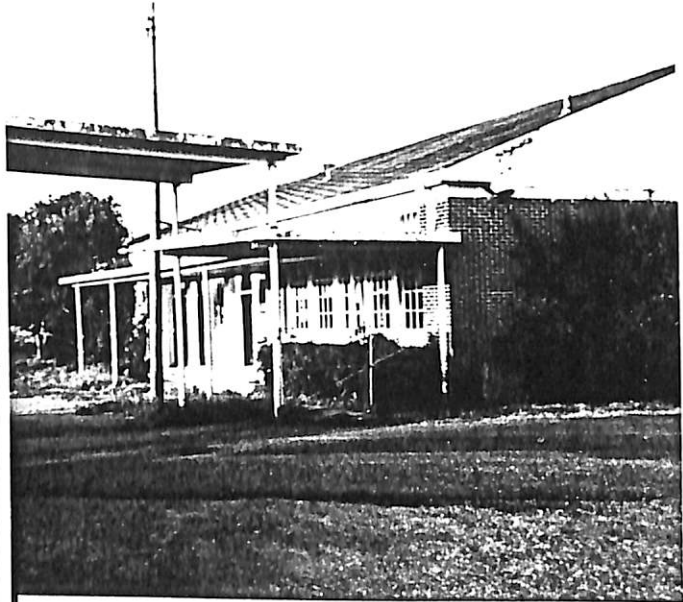
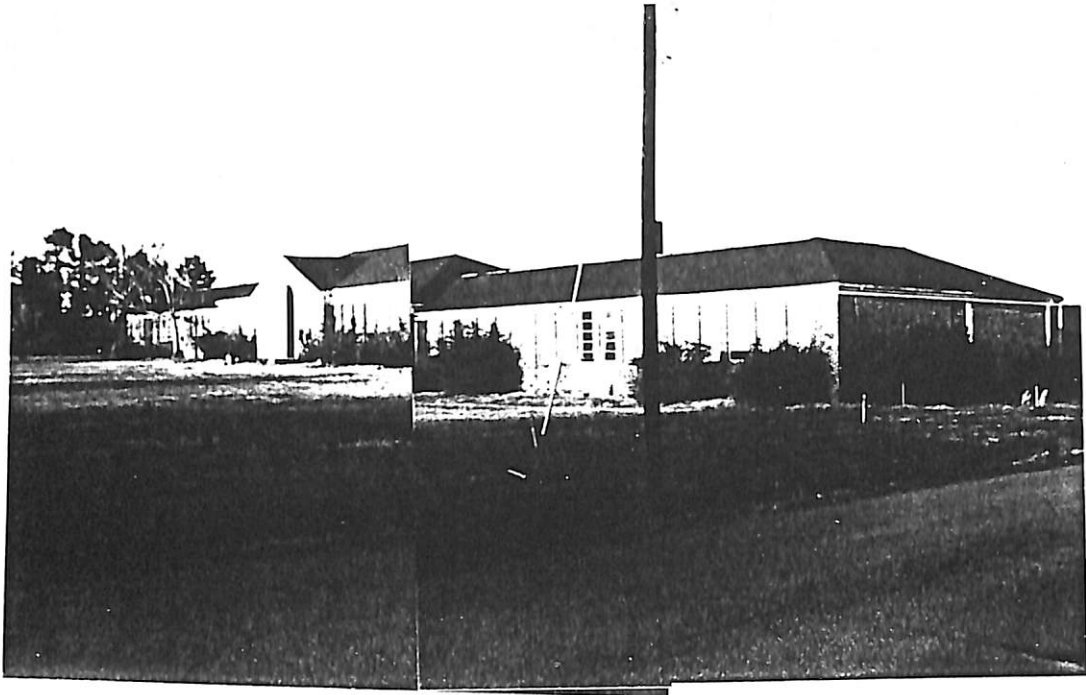


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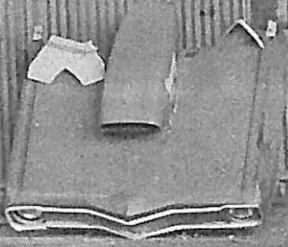


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