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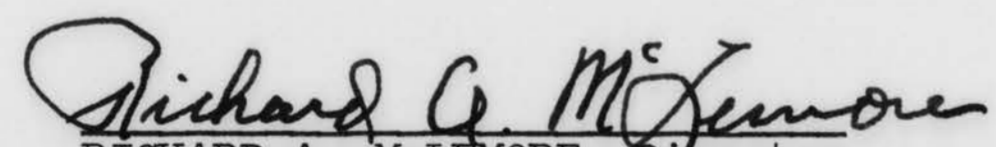
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Pearl River County, ^{Press}
Newspapers and Other Publications

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

There is no paper known to have been in existence in what is now Pearl River County before the 1880s.

In 1886, before the county was established, a small paper was published in Poplarville, which was known as the "Poplarville Sun".

In 1889, the "Poplarville Enterprise" was born in Poplarville, but only lived about eight months.

In 1890, when Pearl River County was established, and Lumberton was included in the county, the "Lumberton Headblock" was considered the county paper. (It was popular until published in Lumberton) until 1904 when Lumberton was taken from Pearl River County and included in the new county of Lamar.

In 1891 we find the "Free Press" published in Poplarville, and gradually rising to take the place of the Lumberton Headblock. It seems to be the county's oldest paper in existence today.

In 1906, when Picayune was admitted to Pearl River County, the "Picayune Item, a Picayune paper established in 1904, became an important paper in the county.

In 1933, the "Democrat" was born in Poplarville, and today finds its way to the homes of Pearl River County.

[ca. 1938]
So today we have three lively weekly newspapers in Pearl River County. The Picayune Item, The Democrat, and the Free Press. There is also a small paper, Store News, edited as a trades paper.

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April 1937
Canvessers--
Janie Eiland
Lucie Beard
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

C. LOCAL CONDITION OF PUBLICATION:

The Lumberton Headblock was a lime wite newspaper published in the interest of the Lumberton business of Lumberton, Mississippi.

"The Lumberton Headblock of 1890 announced" "Subscription \$1.00 per year. Entered at the post office at Lumberton, Miss as second class mail matter. Official Organ of the Board of Supervisor's of Pearl River County. Official Organ of the Marion County alliance. Wednesday May 7th 1890."

On all occasions the Headblock spoke out and favored everybody which added to the advancement of the place and its citizens. It did all it could to bring people and trade to the place. And there is no doubt the paper was a great benefit to the growth of Lumberton. It advertised the town and kept all of its advantages before the public, thereby bringing in an increase in population.

One of the Headblock's outstanding principals was to help to support home industries and build up the county.

REFERENCE: OLD NUMBERS OF THE LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK. 1890 to 1904.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

INTRODUCTION:

"THE OLD HOME TOWN PAPER"

When the evenin' shades are falling at the end o' day,
An' a fellow rests from labor, smokin' at his pipe o' clay,
There's nothing does him so much good, be fortune up and down,
As the little County Paper from the "Old Home Town".

It ain't a thing of beauty and it's print ain't always clean,
But it straightens out his temper, when a feller's fiddling mean.
It takes the wrinkles off his face an' brushes off the frown,
That little county paper from his "Old Home Town".

It tells of all the parties an' the balls of Pumpkin Row,
'Bout who spent Sunday with who's girl and how the crops'll grow.
An' how it keeps a fellow posted 'bout who's up and who's down,
That little county paper from his "Old Home Town".

Now, I like to read the dailies and the story papers too;
An' at times the yellow novels and some other trash--dant you?
But when I want some reading that'll brush away a frown,
I want the little county paper from my "Old Home Town".

February 13, 1913--Free Press.

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NEWSPAPERS:

1. The County's First Paper;

"Poplarville Sun", 1888.

1.
Before Pearl River County was established, we find that a paper was published in Poplarville, the county seat of Pearl River County. At first the paper was a little one-sheet paper published weekly and was called "The Poplarville Sun". It grew to a larger size. It is said the rate of a year's subscription to this paper was one dollar.

The following appeared in the Free Press, a local newspaper.

"POPLARVILLE'S FIRST PAPER"

2.
By the courtesy of our good friend Mr. Wiley P. Smith, we have in our possession a copy of "The Poplarville Sun", Poplarville's first weekly newspaper, dated November 8, 1888, and bearing at the masthead the name of Joe A. Voultrout. It is a four-column four-page paper and some of the advertisements appearing in it are: "T.R. White and Company, General Merchandise. F. Foster, Blacksmith and Wheelwright. R.O. Caver, General Merchandise. John L. Strahan, dealer in everything--Poplarville High School, J.L. Bonner, A.B. Principal."

INFORMATION BY: S.C. Smith, Justice of Peace. Poplarville. 2. Free Press.

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"THE POPLARVILLE ENTERPRISE"

In 1899, Mr. H.K. Rouse published a small weekly four-page newspaper. It included general and local news. The life of the little paper was short having existed only eight months. The price of a year's subscription was onedollar.

1. H.K. Rouse, Chancery Clerk of Pearl River County.

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NAME NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES DOWN TO DATE:LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK:

When Pearl River County was established in 1890, Lumberton was included within its boundary until 1904, when it was incorporated into Lamar County. At that time the Lumberton Headblock was a weekly newspaper and was important in Pearl River County from 1890 until 1904. The Lumberton Headblock was published in Lumberton.

From 1890 to 1904, inclusive, we find the following editors: P.E. Williams, 1890--1894. Williams & Barnes 1895, Williams 1896--1900, Williams and John Street, 1901, P.E. Williams 1902, John Street 1903, and J.H. Hinton, Proprietor and J.C. Street Editor and publisher 1904.

In the vault of the Chancery Clerk's Office, in the Pearl River County Court House at Poplarville, are filed as county records, the numbers of the Lumberton Headblock bound in volumes as follows:

Volume 1.

May 7th 1890	through	December 31, 1890	P.E. Williams
January 7 1891	"	" 23 1891	P.E. Williams
January 6, 1892	"	" 28 1892	P.E. Williams
January 4, 1893	"	" 20 1893	P.E. Williams
January 4, 1894,	"	" 27. 1894,	P.E. Williams

REFERENCE BY Old Numbers of the Lumberton Headblock, 1890 to 1904.

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2. NAME NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES DOWN TO DATE:"LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK"

Volume 2.

January 3rd. 1895	Through	October 17th 1895	Williams & Barnes.
January 2nd. 1896	" "	December 31st 1896	P.E. Williams
January 7th. 1897	" " "	" 23rd. 1897	P.E. Williams.
January 5th. 1898	" " "	" 1898	P.E. Williams
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Volume 3.

January 25th. 1900	Through	July 12th 1900	P.E. Williams
July 19th 1900	Through	December 27 1900	P.E. Williams & Street.
January 3rd. 1901	" " "	" 19th 1901	Williams & Street.
January 2nd. 1902	" " "	February 13th 1902	P.E. Williams
November 6th. 1902	December	18th 1902	John C. Street.
January 1st. 1903	Through	August 27th 1903	John C. Street.

The following numbers are filed in a folder and are not bound in a volume.
 September 3rd, 1903, Through December 24th, 1903, By John C. Street.

January 7th 1904 through May 26, 1904

J.H. Hinton Proprietor.

J.C. Street, Editor and Publisher.

INFORMATION BY: Old Numbers of the Lumberton Headblock, 1890 to 1904.

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Lumberton Headblock, served as the official organ for the following.

1890 Official Organ of the Board of Supervisor, Pearl River County.

1890 Official Organ of the Marion County Alliance.

1891 Official Organ of Pearl River County.

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1892 Official Organ of Pearl River County.

1892 " " " Hancock County Alliance.

1892 " " " The first District Alliance.

1892 " " " Pearl River County Alliance

1893 " " " Pearl River County.

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1902 Official Organ of Pearl River County.

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EDITORIAL ON ADVERTISING

The following ~~is~~ regards to the birth of the Free Press appeared in the Lumberton Headblock February 4, 1891:
The Headblock enters upon its ninth year today (January 4, 1897). The 29th of next May will be eight years it has been under its present management under all circumstance since that time we have laborad earnestly for everything that tendred to build up the town and place it on the high moral plane which it now enjoys.
On account of its demoralizing influence, from time to time we have rejected at least five hundred dollars worth of whiskey advertisements from dealers abroad, depending upon the support of the christian, moral elements of Lumberton and the surrounding country. And we must admit it has been disagreeable. Small, in fact so small that we depended altogether on that for a living. the arbitrary of the Head Block, would have appeared six years ago.

As a general thing our citixens are liberal hearted and progressive, they respond with open pruses to all just calls, and feel a great deal of pride in the advancement of the town. Just look at our advertising columns and see how "liberal" they are in that particular line. A stranger who might pick up the paper with the conclusion that it was published at a wide place in the road where there was no business carried on. Such is not the fact, however, there are 10 or 15 business establishments in town that dont advertise, and there is no denying the fact that advertising does pay. Every liberal advertiser will testify that it does patronize your town paper, liberally and it wont be long beofre you'll quit crying, "business is dull" and "hard times".
-----The Headblock, 1897.

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- 1892 " " " Pearl River County Alliance
- 1893 " " " Pearl River County.
- 1894 " " " " " "
- 1895 " " " " " "
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- 1897 " " " " " "
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- 1900 Official Organ of Pearl River County
- 1901 Official Organ of Pearl River County.
- 1902 Official Organ of Pearl River County.
- 1903 " " " " " "
- 1904 " " " " " " And
- 1904 Lumberton.

INFORMATION BY: old numbers of the Lumberton Headblock, 1890 to 1904.

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EDITOR JOHN C. STREET'S POLICY IN RUNNING A NEWSPAPER.

We quote the following from the Lumberton Headblock for March 16, 1904;

"Some of the State Exchanges are discussing the best methods of how to conduct a county newspaper, all of which is the "veriest of tommyrot!"

We have been in the county newspaper business for some time and have always run it by one simple plan, "Just As We Blame Please!"

EDITOR P. E. WILLIAMS ON POLITICS FEBRUARY THE 25th 1891.

The Headblock stated: "We want it distinctly understood that the editor of the Headblock is not taking sides with or working for anyone candidate in the election. All reports to that effect are only used as electioneering schemes."

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"We have/asked our prices for announcing candidates. For county officers we charge \$5.00, and beat officers \$2.50. The money to accompany the announcement.

REFERENCES: Lumberton Headblock.

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Jennie Elland.

EDITOR JOHN C. STREET ON POLITICS IN 1905.

The following from the Lumberton Headblock September 3, 1905;

"There have been more friendship broken in the recent campaign that can be repaid in the next four years"

POLITICS - The elections are over and the people are heartily glad of it; politics is a thing of the past, and we sincerely trust that we will have a long rest before we are again thrown into the vortex of partisan strife, such as marked the bitter political struggle just closed.

Friends were arraigned against friends; brothers against brothers; father against son. All other issues and all other interests were forgotten. Words were spoken that probably in calmer moments have caused pangs of sorrow; steps were taken that have doubtless been regretted. But it is all past and we may well look back over it all and ask ourselves, 'what was the use? what have we accomplished?'

Now that is over let us forget our political differences; let us banish any bitter feeling that may have found lodgement in our breasts, let us cast away any resentment we may have harbored and let us again stand shoulder to shoulder for the good of our people and the upbuilding of our splendid community. We still have the same magnanimous generous people; the same honest citizenship. Political issues play into utter insignificance when compared to the great issues that confront us here at home.

Issues which work for the good of the community; for your interest and mine. Let us begin with a renewed energy and a determination that will brook no interference."

REFERENCES: Lumberton Headblock, September 3, 1905.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE QUOTED FROM THE LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK:

"Its is said; a discouraged editor in a fit of desperation, dashed off the following,
"The wind bloweth, the water floweth, the farmer soweth, the subscribers oweth, and the Lord knoweth, we need our dues. So come a running, ere we go a gunning!"

This thing of dunning gives us the blues.

"The Lumberton Headblock is a year old. Some one said they wondered if it has any teeth yet. Yes, it is a precocious child has teeth, can talk, walk and raise as much cain as any other young'un of its age!"--June 10th 1890.

The Editor's Dream.

An editor who died of starvation after making Dr. Tanner ashamed of himself, was being escorted to heaven by an angel, who had been sent for that purpose.

"May I look at the other place before we ascend to eternal happiness?" said the editor.
"Easy", replied the angel. So they went below and skirmished around taking in the sights.

The angel lost sight of the editor and went around Hades to hunt him. He found him by a big furnace fanning himself and gazing with rapture upon a lot of people in the fire.

There was a sign up on the furnace, which read; DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS. "Get a move on you" the angel said, "we must go".

"You go on", said the editor, "I am not coming, this is heagen enough for me!"

-- January 2, 1896.

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An exchange got of the following: "If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity, sugar is a luxury. Vicious men are bitter salt, stern men are rock salt, nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar, and pretty girls the fine pulverised sugar. Pass the pulverised sugar please!"
September 24, 1903.

A poem written for the Lumberton Headblock;

"What is your life and mine?"

What is your life and mine?
A fleeting hour at best.
Then why let sorrow in so short a time
Disturb a life we deem so blessed?

What is your life and mine?
That we should grieve o'er things we
cannot help?
Why cross a bridge before we come
To test it, each by individual self?

What is your life and mine
When darkness gathers all around?
Can we not see the star of hope still shine,
And still make earthly happiness abound?

What is your life and mine
Though friends we love unkindly say,
The little things that hurt us so?
Should that drive all the sweet of earth away?

What is your life and mine,
That we should quarrell o'er
Religious themes--a mystery deep, forsooth
Called from the bible, nothing more.

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"What is your life and mine" (Cont'd)

What is your life and mine?
Should we not smile at pain?
After the beautiful sunshine
Comes the refreshing rain.

What is your life and mine?
A meeting sweet, a parting sore.
So down the doubtful aisle of time,
Let's wonder dear, and grieve no more.

What is your life and mine
If children sweet should prattle round
your knee,
And we should miss these baby faces,
one by one?
Why not without regret accept the mystery?

What is your life and mine?
But one of such a bliss so rare?
If properly enjoyed no mortal pen can
write,
Of only heaven half so fair.

What is your life and mine?
But what we make it? then let us try
To live the golden rule, and do,
To others as we wish to be done by.

Tilby (Author)
October 24, 1895.

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Jennie Eiland

THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEMS ARE FROM THE LUMBERTON
HEADBLOCK:

The gin has put up the platform scales and can now weigh cotton by the wagon load. 1890.
-----1890.

B. C. Batson was in town the other day and says Press Bond has gone into the gopher
business, and we may look for him with a load ere long. -----1890.

Editor P. E. Williams gives the history of the Lumberton Headblock as follows:

"A year ago we took charge of the Headblock. We made up our mind that Lumberton was as
good a place to locate in as any within our knowledge. So we pitched our tent here with the
intention of staying. At first we found some obstacles in our way - among a few there was
a feeling which wanted to break up the Headblock, and anything it advocated. By pursuing
a course we thought to be right, we find that our paper has continued to grow in a business
point of view.

We receive new subscribers every week. And have never been compelled to dun a single man.
We don't want our subscribers to take this ^{as} a dun; but will simply remind them that their first
years subscription has expired, and we hope they will renew. We mean those who commenced
when we took charge of the Headblock. All we ask is a fair patronage and we will give you a
paper worth the price asked for it. The Headblock is a fixture here, and will continue to

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Jennie Miland

advocate everything which will tend to developpe this section of the state. And in order to do this, we ask the friends of the paper to assist us in extending its circulation so that it can better accomplish the desired end.

Thank all for their liberal patronage. We enter upon our second year with better hopes and brighter prospects before us.

_____ May 22^d, 1890.

A Purvis boy has a gopher which he works to a wagon. He was seen hauling sand with his gopher team the other day.

_____ June 15, 1890.

Mr. A.B.F. Rawls, the father of Pearl River County died a few days ago. Mr. Rawls was a prominent figure at the State Capital, during the session of the Legislature of 1890 and to his efforts more than to all others, will the people of the new county owe for the creation of the same by the Legislature.

_____ January 20, 1892.

Press E. Williams of Lumberton Headblock has been elected President of the Board of Supervisor's of Pearl River County. We Congratulate Brother Williams on his promotion. This shows that some editors are appreciated by thier fellow citizens.

_____ Jan. 20, 1892.

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Jennie Miland

We have recieved the first copy of the Rip-saw, published at Ellisville, Miss by Dr. W.L. Lee. It is a near paper and we wish it all the success imaginable.—1/20-1892.

A negro preacher sent this write-up to the Lumberton Headblock.

"The editor of the Headblock, is kind enough to allow us to appear in your worthy paper. On next Sunday night we will have a special sermon delivered at the Methodist Church. Subject: "The Orchard On The Hill" Our white friends are invited. Arrangements will be made to accommodate them. Service's at 7:30 P.M. Our little congregation was graced last Sunday night with Mr. Folk.

And last but not least, they made us feel good by leaving word for us to call and recieve five dollars for which I tender many hearty thanks. Ladies and Gentlemen, you my rest assured that you have a warm place in our hearts.

_____ February 20, 1896.

The newspapers of a town are its looking glass. It is here you see yourself as others see you. You smile at them and they smile back at you, frown at them and you are repaid in kindness. They are the reflex of a town. If a town is doing business the newspapers will show it in their advertising columns. If the merchants are spiritless, shiftless fellows whose stores are jumbles of junk and jam. the newspapers will show it by the lack of space they take. If you want the world to know you have a live town, you can let it be known through its newspaper.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM THE LUMBERTON
HEADBLOCK.

(Local items were published weekly by--"Saw Dust")

Camp and Hinton sold nearly 10,000,000 feet of lumber during the year 1890.

Camp & Hinton: This sawmill firm which founded Lumberton certainly believes in the future of Lumberton. _____1903.

It was currentjy reported that Mr. Camp & Hinton, seriously thought of making the World's Fair, folks a site proposition.

Mr. P.E. Williams the editor of the Headbook, has a new job. He is secretary of the Lumberton Building & Loan Association. The limit to this gentleman's executive capabilities is as yet unknown.

The Marvin Brick & Tile Company, organized ^{twelve} some / months ago to afford employees of Camp and Hinton as investment for their surplus cash, has proven a really profitable business venture.

No paper next week. Holiday--December 17, 1903--

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Jennie Miland

news items
THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENTS ARE FROM THE
LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK.

The Railroad Commission has ordered the North Eastern road to build a depot at Derby of this county. _____1895

We are now experiencing the largest snow storm ever known in South Mississippi. _____2/24, 1895.

About one hundred men went to the jail at Purvis last Sunday night and turned ^{out} Will Purvis, the white cap under sentence to hang for murder. _____November 14, 1895.

The Headblock is the oldest paper in the county and has done as much if not more for the advancement of this county and section than-another any other institution. It proposes to make its regular visits during 1896, all opposition to the contrary, not-withstanding, we are here to stay. _____February 2, 1896

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Jennie Eiland

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM THE LUMBERTON

HEADBLOCK.

The Headblock has several hundred subscribers many of which were accommodated by sending them the paper on credit. _____October 1, 1903.

The Road Question: Some of the news papers are begining to urge the legislature to do something for good roads. We would be satisfied if it would first do something for bad roads. _____ March 26, 1903.

No Paper Next Week

There will be no regular edition of the Headblock issued next week. It is a custom with nearly all newspapers to suspend publication for one week during the holidays. And we have always followed this custom. We sincerely trust that joy and happiness will reign in the homes and hearts of our readers throughout this glad season. _____December 24, 1903.

A convict trusty on the Sunflower Farm, who drives an ox team, has petitioned the board of control to allow him to curse the oxen. He says that a man cannot drive oxen without "cussing". All of which is (said to be) true. And the Board of Control realized the fact and readily granted the desired premission, the convict is now rejoicing and cussing. _____April 24, 1904.

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Jennie Eiland

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM THE LUMBERTON

HEADBLOCK.

That the south is the logical timber section of the United States, to which the rest of the county must soon turn for its timber, is a proposition that now admits of no argument. _____January 4, 1904

The law requireing separate coaches for whites and blacks on the steam railroads, has been in force for several years and has given great satisfaction. _____January 21, 1904.

The House of Representative's passed two important bills this week. One increased the appropriation for Confederate Veterans \$50,000, and the other was the "Jim Crow" street car bill, which made street car companies provide separate compartments for the race. This bill passed almost unanimously. _____January 21, 1904.

SMALLPOX IN COUNTY FEBRUARY 11, 1904.

Smallpox prevails in different parts of the county. A few cases in Poplarville, quite a number in McNeill section and said to be not less than fifty cases on Pearl River. _____March 18, 1904.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Kiland

UNUSAL NEWS ITEMS FROM LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK.

Peculiar State Of Affairs:

The machinery of Lamar County's government is on a dead standstill just now and will remain so until the first monday in April (which is next monday). This brings on a rather peculiar state of affairs. The new county of Lamar has been formally created and the officers of Pearl River and Marion Counties no longer have any jurisdiction over the territory in the new county, which was formally embraced in these counties.

Lamar County's officers, or the most of them have been filled by appointment, it's true, but the bill providing for the creation of the county says that the officers shall take the oath of office and qualify on the first monday of the month following their appointment. Hence, from now until next monday the county will be without officers.

-----March 31, 1904.

BILL INCORPORATING THE TOWN INTO LAMAR COUNTY:

So far as legislature is concerned it has been definitely settled that Lumberton is to become a part of the new county Lamar, the bill to that effect having passed both branches of the legislature. It's true that an election must be held and that the proposition must carry by a majority vote within the proposal change, but this will be only a matter of form to comply with the law, as there will be very few votes polled against the change.

The fight has been waged with unremitting determination by both sides for the past month, and the people of Lumberton are justly proud of their triumphs. A large majority of the people of Poplarville opposed the measure and ^{it} it was to be expected Honorable, H.K.

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Jennie Kiland

Rouse, Pearl River County's member of the House of Representative, would also oppose it. But he it said to his credit that he made a pretty fight, based on open, honorable methods and his people have reason to be proud of his course. We of Lumberton admire the way in which he conducted the opposition, even though against us. An honorable contest will always be admired by honorable men.

-----March 10, 1904.

The town of Lumberton seceded from Pearl River County/^{and}her independence has been recognized by Lamar County, and annexed to that bailiwick.

-----1904.

Pearl River County was one of the first counties in the state to lengthen the public school term from four to five months. In 1903, it was still lengthened from to five to six months.

-----November 17, 1903.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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Canvasser-
Jennie EllandTHE FOLLOWING SOCIAL NOTES COME FROM THE
LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK

William—Camp—. At the residence of the bride's father, Captian D.A. Camp, Mulberry Georgia, September 3, by Reverand R.S. McGarrity. Mr. P.W. Williams of Lumberton, Miss^{ISSIPPI} to Miss Ada Camp, of Mulberry.

The bride recieved many and highly appreciated presents from friends for which she returns many thanks. In connection with the above, we copy the following from the Industrial news of Gainsville Georgia. "P.W. Williams of Lumberton Miss, and Miss Ada Camp were married at the home of the bride's parents, D.A. Camp, of Mulberry. Wednesday, September 3, 1890. The bride is a model young lady, and sister of the indomitable D.C. and H.P. Camp of this city. The groom is the editor of the Headblock, a live newspaper, published in the interest of the lumber business of Lumberton."

-----September 10, 1890.

Several young ladies spent Fridgy on Hickory Creek, one mile from Orvisburg. They report a lovely time. Though it was a woman's rights affair. No gentlemen admitted. Excuse me, I made a beautiful mistake, the handsomest little gentlemen imaginable accompanied them. Now friend C— don't shower down fierce incentives on my defenseless head. I didn't forget you; only feared to make wrath of your less fortunate brother.-----By Sparkle. 1890

(Before he married)
A very poplar personage among the young ladies particularly just now is a fine looking

CARVER.

"The editor is courging in Poplarville this week"-----Lumberton Headblock.

Why? Mr. Editor, How unkind of you not to let some of your best friends know the object of your visits.

-----1890

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Canvasser-
Jennie EllandTHE FOLLOWING SOCIAL NOTES COME FROM THE
LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"---so is editor Williams, of the Lumberton Headblock when he sports a pansy in his button-hole and has both hands full of great cream roses, that are tinted and lined with gold. He said their beauty would add a sparkle to the lustre of his fame.

Ah! these men, they are sad flatterers. Even editors like to tell delicious little fibs once in a great while.

-----Sparkle May 7, 1890

A gang of Lumberton members of the local K of P lodge went up to Hattiesburg, last Friday night to conduct an initiation at that place, being requested to perform this service was quite an honor to the Lumberton lodge and judging from reports the boys did the job up.

-----December 17, 1903.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland

THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENTS ARE FROM THE
LUMBERTON HEADBLOCK.

The Lumberton Headblock gets its support outside of Lumberton with the exception of our firm. We do as much or more gratis work than any other paper. Subscribe for and advertise in the Headblock, it has one of the largest circulation of any paper in this section.

-----August 13, 1890.

"You can bet your bottom dime you will get there every time, if you advertise your stock in the Lumberton Headblock.

-----August 6, 1890.

Price has loved voice, and so has quality, but a "duet" between "Price and Quality", brings down the house. Come to our store and see what we have for you in spring dress goods.

-----March 31, 1904.

J.P. Davis will deliver you a good barrell of flour for \$5.50, and five and one half pounds of coffee for \$1.00. Bachelor Brogan shoes at \$1.35 a pair. Just go there and leave your order's they will be promptly filled, you don't have to take a wheel barrow and go for it, he will send them to your house.

-----October 15, 1890

Pearl River County

In 1904, when Lumberton seceded from Pearl River County and was incorporated into the new county of Lamar, the Lumberton Headblock ceased to serve as the County Newspaper. The Free Press, which had been established in the county in 1891, had gained in popularity and was prepared to take the place of the Lumberton Headblock in Pearl River County.

Pearl River County
Local Press-- Other Publications

--- F.R.E.E P.R.E.S.S *---

A County newspaper

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Tupist.

THE FREE PRESS:

The first Free Press shop was located in the old Dr. Z.S. Goss store which was located where the Funeral Home now stands. Mr. Russell was editor at that time. He used a small hand typing arrangement which was set up each week by hand. The paper was a weekly one and the rate was \$1.00 per year.

The paper was a small four page paper giving the news and advertising for the county.

Reference: J.A. Moody.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland

The following in regards to the birth of the Free Press appeared in
Lumberton Headblock, February 4, 1891.

"The dead is alive, and the long lost is found". The Free Press was born again last week. Its birth place was Poplarville. It first saw the light of day in Purvis. After teaching Bro's Dale and Banks how to run a paper in Marion, it concluded that we needed a lesson in the publishing business and has come to show us how to run a paper in Pearl River County. It didn't go the "way ^{Ward's} ducks went" or where the Shangdoodle mourneth after its first born, it went to Poplarville, and it is to fill a long felt want. It is the ~~handiest~~ handiest printing office we know of. Can boom a town— put its business on the high road to success and finish the job in three months and then pull up stakes and seek other fields of usefulness.

The advance agent of the Free Press concluded that Poplarville was just the place for it to be born again, so they planted the material there about Christmas, and after setting about four weeks the free press was hatched. We dont know where the advance agents are; but suppose they are looking for another place to hatch, The Free Press. They change their base so often that their creditors dont know where to send their statements. We will try and let our readers know where their traveling printing office will hold forth next. Verily, this moulder of public opinion, this free press is a printing office on wheels.

-----Headblock, February 4, 1891.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist

COUNTY'S FIRST PAPER;

EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS.

The Free Press is published weekly in Poplarville and is the official organ of Pearl River County.

Editors.

Date.				
April 30, 1891	To October 8, 1891.	H.A. Gieger and A.G. Russels Sr.		
October 8, 1891	To August 26, 1897	A.G. Russel Sr. Editor and Publisher.		
August 26, 1897	" January 13, 1898	J.R. Oliphant Editor & Publisher.		
January 13, 1898	" " " 7, 1909	Mrs. B. ^{Oliphant} Oliphant Associate Editor with----- -----Mr. J.R. Oliphant editor and publisher.		
January 9, 1909	" January 6, 1916	J.R. Oliphant, editor and Publisher.		
" " 6, 1916	" " " 13, 1916	Mrs. B. ^{Oliphant} Oliphant and J.R. Oliphant----- -----Editor and Publisher.		
January 13, 1916	" " " 11, 1917	C.E. Bass editor and Manager of Free Press.		
" " 11, 1917	" " " 18, 1917	J.R. Oliphant editor and publisher.		
" " 18, 1917	" August 16, 1917	G.S. Harman, managing editor, Leopold Locks, -----Editor and Publisher.		
August 16, 1917	" February 14, 1918	J.R. Oliphant editor, and E.R. Williams----- -----Manager.		
February 14, 1918	" June 5, 1919	G.S. Harman editor and publisher.		
June 5, 1919	to September 19, 1919	G.S. Harman editor-D.J. Dismukes, publisher.		

REFERENCE BY: FREE PRESS.

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EDITORS & PUBLISHERS OF FREE PRESS.

September 19, 1919 to May 28, 1920. G.S. Harman associate editor, J.D. Dismukes publisher.

May 28, 1920 " June 11, 1920, G.S. Harman editor, D.J. Dismukes-publisher

June 11, 1920 to March 10, 1921 G.S. Harman editor.

March 10, 1921 to January 8, 1925 Joe M. Holiday publisher, Harman editor.

January 8, 1925 to April 23, 1925 G.S. Harman editor, F.A. Parker publisher

April 23, 1925, to October 7, 1926, G.S. Harman editor--G.C. Vickory, publisher. Miss Bess Stevens advertising manager.

January 7, 1926 to April 27, 1926 Harman editor--Vickory publisher.

April 22, 1926 " October 28, 1926 O.W. Sarrett managing editor--Harman editor/ and Vickory publisher.

October 28, 1926 " July 7, 1927 O.W. Sarrett editor.

July 7, 1927 " November 17, 1927 J. R. Furr editor. E.M. Marchand manager.

November 17, 1927 to December 29, 1932 J.R. Furr editor P.A. Tims managing editor.

The Free Press is only paper in files up to December 29, 1932, in Chambers Clerk's Vault.

At this date, 1937, the Free Press is edited and published by C.L. Jones

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Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

EXTENT OF FILES OF FREE PRESS

Successors of the original publication.

In the vault of the Pearl River County Court House are the following files of the Free Press:

April	30, 1891	To	December	19, 1895	in one volume.
January	2, 1896	"	"	28, 1899	" " " "
January	18, 1900	"	August	27 1903	" " " "
January	7, 1904	"	December	22 1904	" " " "
January	5, 1905	"	"	28 1905	" " " "
January	8 1906	"	"	27 1906	" " " "
January	3 1907	"	"	26 1907	" " " "
January	2 1908	"	"	24 1908	" " " "
January	7 1909	"	"	23 1909	" " " "
January	6 1910	"	"	29 1910.	" " " "
January	5 1911	"	"	19 1912	" " " "
January	2, 1913	"	"	23 1915	" " " "
January	6, 1916	"	"	1920	" " " "
January	5, 1921	"	September	28, 1922	" " " "
October	19, 1922	"	December	24 1924.	" " " "
January	8, 1925	"	"	1925	" " " "
"	"	"	"	1926	" " " "
"	"	"	"	29, 1927	" " " "
"	"	"	"	27 1928	" " " "

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Reference: Free Press files

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~~Successor of the original publication.~~

January	3, 1929	To December	26, 1929
" "	2, 1930	" " "	25, 1930
" "	1, 1931	" " "	24, 1931.
" "	7, 1932	" " "	29, 1932.

Thus making a total of twenty-three volumes, consisting of the Free Press from April 30, 1891 to December 29, 1932.

REFERENCE BX: Free Press Files in the vault of the Pearl River County Court House.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

FREE PRESS:

Local, Civil, and political attitude.

The Free Press carried only the good, fine and clean material for the good of the county. And it did not take side with any one politician whether local, Civil or state. Of course there were editorials on what a politician is expected to do for his state, county or city, for which he is running. No one paper can get very far if it sides with one certain party in politics due to the many different attitudes of its buyers. -----Free Press.

FREE PRESS EDITORIAL 1917.

SALUTATORY.

In taking control of the Free Press it is our ambition to give its county a fair showing. Our desire is that it shall be a paper for all the people of all the county.

We shall have no fads and rides, no hobbies. This shall not be a political paper in the sense of partisanship or promoting the political interest of any one man or set of men. Rather shall we apply to all like the old Jeffersonian Standard. Integrity, faithfulness, and capability.

We believe that the vital factors of life are the home, the school, the church, and the Press, parents, teachers, preachers and editors. -----Free Press 1917.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis--Typist.

C.E. BASS EDITORIAL TAKEN FROM THE FREE PRESS.

The time is ripe in our county for large developments, with good roads, the best schools and the best advertised county in the south. We have more undeveloped resources than any county in the south. Let us get together, put aside all past differences and all make a strong pull for the general upbuilding of our county. Let's convince capital that we want it with us and will treat it right. Within a few years every good citizen will be proud, believe in Pearl River County. We believe in the best for Pearl River County. Good roads, good schools, good churches and equal taxation for rich and poor. We should get value received for every dollar spent. Are all getting value received for the large expenditure of our county? If not who should help remedy such affairs? Make it's you. Let's get the beam out of our own eye first.

-----Free Press, January 20, 1916.

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LOCAL PRESS--OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Canvasser-
Jennie Miland

QUOTATIONS FROM FREE PRESS:

'C.H. Hyde had anything but a pleasing initiation in house keeping. The first evening that he embarked in that unusually happy experience it fell his lot to drive up the elaf. calf And that frisky little beast made him run five miles at least over vallays, hills and brooks, with a thousand turns and crooks. But at last he seized its tail, gave a twist - how both did sail o'er rocky hill, tangled glen, till they reached the new cow pen; sad to say, that calf once fair, is tailless as O'Shanter's mare.

Charlie say's twas a damnable bore, he drives a calf; no, never more.'

FREE PRESS August 24, 1913

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LOCAL PRESS—OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvasser-
Jennie Elland

QUOTATION FROM FREE PRESS
ON EDITORS:

When ^{THE} editor departed for a short vacation, he left a minister editor in charge of his paper. He had been superintending things but a few days when a letter from a "Way-back Subscriber", which read; "You know dern well I paid my subscription the last time I was in town. If I get any more such letters I will come down and maul hell out of you". The minister answered; " I have been trying to maul that thing out of the editor for ten years and if you really come down and maul it out of him, then, my Dear Sir, I have twenty members of my church you can operate on".

-----Free Press--January 25, 1901.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole.

QUOTATION FROM FREE PRESS

BY EDITOR J.R. OLIPHANT.

' I take this opportunity to thank my friends who have stood loyally by me for the past of eighteen years. And, while I am leaving temporarily I shall still, ^{own} property here and remain closely identified with the good people of Pearl River County.

I shall always be proud to acknowledge to the world that I am a citizen of Pearl River County, The "model school county" of Mississippi and the best county of the state."

-----Free Press January 13,-----
1916.

In December 21, 1916, the Free Press gave the following statement of ownership, management and circulation of the Free Press.

" That the names and addresses of the publishers editors, managing editor, and business manager are -

Publisher	C.E. Bass, Poplarville, Miss.
Editor,	C.E. Bass " " "
Managing Editor	" " " " "
Business manager	" " " " "

That the owner is J.R. Oliphant of Jackson, Mississippi. That the known bondholders mortgagees and other security holders owning and holding 1% or more of total amount of bond or other securities are none. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed through the mails or otherwise to paid subscribers during the six months preceeding the date shown above is 1000.

November 27, 1916, by C.E. Bass Editor of Free Press before J.J.J. Scarborough notary public."

----- Free Press, December 21, 191

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Canvasser-
Jennie Milam
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

NEWS ITEMS:

"The Pearl River College football team has recieved the desired support from the business firms this season. We have found the business men always ready to aid a worthy cause.

The Pearl River College is one of the greatest assets we have in the county. The president and faculty are working hard to make it the leading Junior College in the state. The trustees have put it on a business bases and the institution has a bright future under the present set-up."

-----Free Press--November 11, 1936.

THE MASS MEETING
Policy of editor in regards to history of county.

"A mass meeting of the democratic voters of Pearl River County, was held at the court house in the town of Poplarville at 2-P.M. April 27, 1896, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention, which meet in the city of Jackson on thr 29, day of April 1896. When and where the following named persons were selected to represent Pearl River County in said convention to-wit.

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|-----------------|--------------|
| P.E. Williams | A.L. Summers |
| H.F. Smith | N. Batson |
| P.J. Haney | J.E. Wheat |
| J.H. Odom | R. Ladner |
| A.H. Slaydon | R.H. Reeves |
| M.G. Blackwell. | |

The above delegated present were instructed to cast the vote of this county as a unit.

The following named persons were selected as members of the county.

Democratic Executive Committee, Viz:
County at large.

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|--------------|-----------------|
| J.M. Shivers | Dr. J.G. Cherry |
| G.W. Ellis | Boyd Smith |
| A.L. Summers | R.H. Reeves |
| | P.E. Williams |
| | 1st District |
| | 2nd District |

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Mass Meeting (Cont'd)

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|-------------|---------------|
| J.P. Davis- | Geo. W. Bilbo |
| | 3rd. District |
| B.F. Wheat | P.H. Haney |
| | 4th district |
| W.D. Graham | T.R. Martin |
| | 5th District. |

Ordered that a meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee be called to meet in the town of Poplarville on the 9th day of May, 1896, for the purpose of organizing and performing such other duties as were deemed necessary. also ordered that the secretary furnish the three county papers with a copy of these proceedings.

R.H. Reeves,

H.K. Rouse, Secretary.

-----Free Press, April 30-1896.

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LOCAL PRESS--OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

UNUSAL NEWS ITEMS:

A QUOTATION CONCERNING EDITOR J.R. FURR.

The first part of his life was spent in the red hills of north Mississippi, where the little one teacher four month school sent one man to Congress, furnished raw material for two college professors, filled the benches with judges from Justice of the Peace, to Circuit Court, sent Minister's to preach the gospel, and soldiers to Shanghai; A crazy man in the asylum, a representative to the legislature, none to the pen and only ONE to Poplarville.

-----J.R. Furr, Editor ~~idk~~ by Free Press, February 11, 1932.

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM THE
FREE PRESS.

Pearl River County has the "model school system", which is classed as the best in Mississippi. Poplarville has three splendid churches, the best cut over piney woods land in South Mississippi, one of the strongest banks in the state, one large sawmill with a capacity of 75,000 feet per day, and seven smaller ones cutting 10 to 20,000 feet per day. We also have a number of the most prominent mercantile establishments in the state, two or three of which carry about \$150,000 stock. We have 3000 of the best people on earth, Poplarville is one of the prettiest and most prosperous towns in the state.

Seventy miles from New Orleans on the northern railroad right in geographical center of 10,000 acres of the finest timber in the south. -----Free Press, January 1916.

"The Free Press is mailed with clock-like regularity to its subscribers until a definite order to discontinue is received and all arrears are paid in full.

And tis our earnest desire,

That the good lord inspire

Our delinquents to hire

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QUOTATIONS FROM THE FREE PRESS.

Uncle Sam's swift mail flier,
And per some how remit
'Twill be salvation hit
For crowns and harps they'll be fit,
and with the angels they'll sit.

On the other hand we describe as follows the supposed fate of the sinner who dies not remit to-wit.

Thank God, that day is now very near,
When sinners shall cringe in harried fear,
The devil shall pierce their rulling hearts,
With his three-pointed fiery darts
And pile upon their lost, ruined souls
High pyramids of damnation coals.

The pride of their fat he'll fry out well,
To grease the ponderous gudgeons of hell,

Leaving all jokes aside, we do need what is due us. We trust all friends will promptly respond to our good natured appeal. -----Free Press, April 9, 1896.

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LOCAL PRESS--OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

UNUSAL NEWS ITEMS, FROM FREE PRESS:

"Governor T.G. Bilbe spent several days in Poplarville during the last week. He was very much interested in the organization of the calvary troop by Major Featherstone. The Governor addressed the negroes at the colored Baptist Church Sunday night. He urged the young men to enlist and emphasized upon the older ones the need of thrift." --Free Press, April--
-----26, 1917.

"Poplarville has 65 automobiles some of which are the best makes on market." Free Press--
-----September 28, 1916.

"How did it get there?"

"Col. W.K. Easterling brought us a chip yesterday taken from near the heart of a cyprus tree 56 feet from the ground, where the tree was four feet through. The chip shows that it was cut with an ax or hatchet, and the tree had grown over it. The tree was six feet through at the butt, and the chip was found by a gentlemen who was making it up into shingles. How and when was this chip cut at that height, and near the center of the tree? It could not have been cut near the ground when the tree was small, because a cut or mark on a tree never gets any higher after it is made. It must have been cut at the height of 56 feet when the tree was small else it would not have been found at the heart.

The only explanation we can think of is that Noah's Ark must have floated through Pearl River swamp, and that Noah or one of the boys reached out and cut into the tree as the ark was passing by." -----Free Press-----1896.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE FREE PRESS.

At the death of Eliza Jane Portivent Nicholson, who formerly lived at Picayune in Pearl River County, the following announcement appeared in the Free Press:

"Mrs. Eliza J. Nicholson, of The Time's Picayune, one of the most distinguished women of the south, died (last) Sunday.

It will be remembered that her husband, Col. Geo. Nicholson, died recently. Some time before her death Mrs. Nicholson wrote the following verse for her children and asked that it be inscribed on her tomb.

"Our Mother is not dead-

She is only sleeping,

We will meet again where God has said

There is no weeping".'

-----Free Press--February 20, 1896.

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LOCAL PRESS--OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvessers-
Jessie Mae Poole.

NEWS ITEMS FROM FREE PRESS:

"The "Bilbo Special", composed of five or six coaches will carry the Pearl River Countians to Jackson next week, And from reliable information received, there will be a number of "Specials", from other sections of the State. As there will be several thousand people there during the trial of the Lieutenant Governor Bilbo, the citizens of Jackson are going to arrange for special rates for board and lodging for them." ---Free Press: Editorial, J.R.-
Oliphant, June 1914.

"Mr. Marvin Brown, who has so courteously and efficiently served the general public as freight clerk at local station for past few months has resigned to accept a position telegraphing, in order to place himself in line for further promotion in railroad work. Marvin began his railroad career about three years ago, under the splendid tutorship of Mr. R.B. Bayett local agent, and is fast coming to the front ⁱⁿ his chosen line of work. He is succeeded as freight clerk by Mr. Leo Provost, who has been behind the counter of Joe Batson's big store for the past three years." ---Free Press--January 11, 1918.

"The sprightly Free Press of Poplarville ranks prominent among the most welcomed State Exchanges that reaches the office. It is a good local paper and has a newsy editorial page. Brother Russell certainly rustles about, and we wonder how would Poplarville ^{would} grow popular without its Press." ---Free Press--January 1, 1892.

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LOCAL PRESS--OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvesser-
Jennie Eiland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

NEWS FROM FREE PRESS:

"A Buick and a Star held close communion on Main Street the other day. And we are told that the driver's are still seeing stars, whenever they meet. We trust the said stars are heavenly, but we have our doubts." ---Free Press, December 7, 1933.

"Some of our friends think because this paper's name is the Free Press, that they should get it free of charge. But we are going to see to it that every subscriber that is not paid up in advance by the first of the year, will be free from our ravings after that time." ---Free Press, December 7m 1933.

Jessie Mae Poole, canvasser

Poplarville, Mississippi--- THAMES BOARDING SCHOOL--- W.I. THAMES-- principal

400 STUDENTS;

150 BOARDERS;

48 PUPILS IN MUSIC;

44 " " EXPRESSION;

10 " " STENOGRAPHY

15 " GRADUATING

ELEVENTH SESSION OPENS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1902

---Free Press ~~October 20, 1902~~

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Canvesser-
Jennie Eiland

SOCIAL ITEMS FROM FREE
PRESS.

"At the residence of Reverend A.M. Slaydon, Sunday December 13, 1891 at six P.M. by
Honorable J.M. Thornhill, Mr. J.H. Holliman, of Hattiesburg, and Miss Missouri A. Stockstill
Hillsdale
of Hillsdale.

A large number of the friends of the happy couple were present to witness the marriage
ceremony, which was gracefully and impressively performed by Major Thornhill. After
receiving the hearty congratulations of relatives and friends, Mr. Holliman and his lovely
bride boarded the Cannon Ball Train for Hattiesburg, their future home.

For good luck, we threw after them an old shoe and a handful of rice. May the sun of
prosperity shine upon them forever." -----Free Press, December 17, 1891.

Married over the telephone.

"A unique marriage occurred last Saturday night about 11 O'clock in which Reverend J.P.
Culpepper figured as the officiating minister, and the ceremony was eight miles long. That
is, the couple named was John W. Cowart and Miss Lula ^{Harvey} ~~Heneym~~ ^{Smith} stood at the phone in Derby
and the minister at the telephone in Poplarville and by the aid of electricity the nuptial
knot was tied. This is a new wrinkle in matrimony and it may serve to liven up things
in that line, especially the "trade" from Hancock county and it will be in order for Brother
Mitchell to have printed on the margin of the license that he can also perform the *pyeus joyous*
ceremony over the telephone." -----Free Press, May 1916.

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Canvessers-

Jessie Mae Poole
Jennie Eiland
Lula Mae Davis—Typist.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS:

Fire Destroy's Mitchell's Mill here Saturday.

"Fire broke out in the sawmill of Elis Mitchell in Poplarville at noon Saturday and
totally destroyed the machinery and several thousand feet of lumber. The mill was not
accessible to the water mains and the town fire department was helpless in combating the
flames. The loss is estimated at approximately \$5,000.00. The mill employed from forty
to fifty men and had a capacity of 25,000 feet daily. The property was a total loss to
the owners as no insurance was carried. Mr. Mitchell stated that plans were under way to
rebuild.

The planning mill and lumber yard was not damaged. These departments continued operation
without interruption. Plans for rebuilding will increase the production and give work to as
many as probably more men than the original plant it was stated." -----April 22, 1937

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

"One of the busiest men in this town is J.W. Bradshaw, the shoe and harness repairer. The only way we know of accounting for this, is the fact that Bradshaw does the best work of any man in this neck of the woods at prices that are very reasonable. If you want a job done well bring it to J.W. Bradshaw."

-----Free Press, January 11, 1919.

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

(Ellerbe Old Stand)

N. Batson---proprietor

A.A. Dubose---Manager

Poplarville, Mississippi

-----Free Press October 10, 1902

POPLARVILLE STABLES--- J.A. MOODY---proprietor

Good Teams

Careful Drivers

We have large wagons for transfer purposes, and nice single and double teams for driving. Give us a call, Main Street.

-----Free Press March 29, 1900

I also keep on hand a nice lot of buggies and wagons, and our drivers know the country routes perfectly. Drummers and travelling men special attention.

J.A. Moody

Local Press- Other Publications

Jennie Eiland, canvasser

Advertisement from Free Press

In 1900, while S.E. Lance had a big store in Poplarville he gave the Free Press the following advertisement :

Bull Breeches

O, sing a song of breeches,
All sewed with linen thread,
So strong two bulls can't rip 'em
When stretched from head to head.

They Came from old Kentucky,
And widespread is the fame,
At Henderons we make 'em.
Bull Breeches is their name.

We buy the wool and cotton
From which these products grow;
We make the cloth, then cut it out,
With linen thread we sew.

Some are cotton, some are wool,
And others half and half,
The style and fit are splendid
The price will make you laugh.

Hot Miner, bound for Klondike,
You surely need a pair
With pockets full of nuggets,
They will never rip nor tear.

But if at last, the knees become
Too thin and worn and old,
Just tie a string around 'em
And fill 'em up with gold.

When to your home returning,
Bull breeches full of dust,
Up to the skies you'll praise 'em
Because they did not bust.

-----Free Press March 29, 1900

LOCAL PRESS—OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS FROM FREE PRESS:

"Being an advertising man Charlie Hatch couldn't resist telling the world about the fine son Mrs. Hatch presented to him recently. Loyal to his 'profession', he went to the job shop and had the following printed:

'The 1933 Free wheeling Hatch De-Luxe. Specifications: Gregory Charles Hatch, First appearance: March 26, at 12:25 P.M. Make: Boy, when better babies are built, will be to old to care. Weight 7½ pounds. Wheelbase 20 inches, easy to handle and easy to park. Lights: Bright blue lamps automatic dimmers. Horn: High frequency vibrator, Type: Loudest when fuel tank is empty. Tires: yes, but never at night. Fuel: Gravity fed, 4 ounce tank more miles per gallon. Engine: 2 cylinder "WOW" Color: Customary pink. Body: Well insulated, no squeaks, draft ventilation. Special equipment: powder Puff, Gross safty pins. Removalbe seat covers.'"

-----Free Press--February 8, 1934.

"Old style hickory staves, new molasses barrells, half barrells and ten gallon kegs for sale cheap, at W.M. Hyde and Company."

-----Free Press--November 11, 1901.

LEGAL PRESS—OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

Canvessers-
Jessie Mae Poole
Jennie Eiland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

ADVERTISEMENTS FROM FREE PRESS:

"Bring me your eggs and get half a dollar a dozen spot; cash. D.C. McInnis."

Free Press--September 26, 1918.

D.C. McInnis gives 60¢ on December 19, 1918.

McInnis the grocer is selling;

Good flour, 24 pound sacks-----	\$1.85
Corn Meal peck-----	.75
Tomatoes, 1 pound can-----	.09
Suggr, yellow clarified, pound-----	.09
Bacon per pound-----	.44
Swift's Ham-----	.37
Dried Beans-----	.17½
Laundry Soap pound bar-----	.05

Shucks! I've got Hoover "Beat a mile", when it comes to prices."

-----Free Press--February 28, 1918.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS FROM FREE PRESS:

"It is estimated that Pearl River County's production of cane syrup last year exceeded one hundred thousand gallons and yet we have enough "lasses" to lick into next year, if you need syrup there is plenty in Pearl River County and it is the bet in the world."

-----J.R. Parr editor of Free Press, 1934.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Eiland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

THE CYCLONE:

"On the morning of December 7, 1892, at 3:0'clock, a fearful wind and cold passed through the Sones settlement from south-west to north-east, blowing down timber and laying everything in waste that happened to be in its path. Mr. O.E. Sones has about completed a new dwelling and the wind left nothing but the foundation. The house that he was ~~occupying~~ occupying was swept away to the floor. Mr Sones and four little children were in the house. Mr. Sones was badly mashed, a little girl of nine years was ~~spinally~~ spinfully injured; a boy seven years old was blown into the field but not hurt; the other children were but slightly injured. Mrs. Sones and her oldest son were visiting in Louisiana at the time. There was not a building left on the place and the family are without shelter bedding, clothing and food. Mr. Sones was a poor man and the good people of Lumberton Orvisburg, Poplarville, McNeill and surrounding country are respectfully urged to donate something to the distressed family."

-----Free Press-December

12, 1892.

LIGHTNING:

"During a shower of rain at Orvisburg (today) the lightning struck a teamster by the name of Earlin Brown, killing him instantly and three of the oxen he was driving."

-----Free Press--June 27, 1901.

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The Free Press is still being published today, with C.L.Jones as its editor and publisher. One of the most important features of the paper at this time is United States Senator Theodore G. Bilbo's column, which appears weekly. The paper goes to many subscribers in the State as well as to Washington.

The Free Press is the oldest paper in the county in existence. During the World War this paper did outstanding work in the publicity of the different agencies of the war. It did its bit towards the

1. C.L.Jones, editor.

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*** PICAYUNE ITEM ***

A

County Newspaper

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Newspapers and Other Publications

Lucy Beard, canvasser

¹
Picayune ITEM

The first newspaper in Picayune was owned and operated by Eastman F. Tate in 1904. This was the same year the bank was built. Mr Tate was in possession of the paper until 1911 when he sold to Willis Cooper and Professor Thames. They kept the paper four years and sold to Grover Vickery.

Vickery imagined that he could make a county paper out of it, so he moved it Carriere and changed the name to "Pearl River Countain". He kept the paper only a few years and sold to J.R. Furr, who immediately moved it back to Picayune and changed the name back to PICAYUNE ITEM, under which name it is today.

In Picayune, in the office, Mr Furr, the editor, has bound files dating from 1922 to present date. All prior files were destroyed by fire.

The following are filed in the vault of the Court House at Poplarville:²

Volume I

January 12, 1933 to December 29, 1933

Volume II

January 4, 1934 to December 30 1934

Volume III

January 5, 1935 to December 29, 1935

Volume IV

January 2, 1936 to December 31, 1936

Numbers from January 1, 1937 to present date are filed but are not yet bound in volume.

1. J.R.Furr, present editor of Picayune Item and H.R.McIntosh.
2. Files in Chancery Clerk's office.

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Canvassers-

Jessie Mae Poole
Jessie Miland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

PICAYUNE ITEM:

We quote the following history of the "Picayune Item", from a July 1936 issue of the same newspaper.

The Picayune Item was established in 1904, by the late E.F. Tate. It passed from one editor to another after Mr. Tate decided he was through with it, and evidently all were equally careless in preserving file copies, for it is only occasionally that a copy is found further back than 1922. J.R. Furr came in possession of it in 1917, and had kept the files up to 1921, at which time a brick building was built and the office moved from the small frame building, when workmen not knowing the value of these file copies made a bon fire of them ~~from 1922~~ burning all files dated from 1922 to 1936. Since that day the Picayune Item office has file copies neatly bound in books that are carefully preserved.

As far back as 1911 H.D. Thames name appears under the masthead as editor. This issue was published during the campaign of 1911, and in the announcement column we notice the names of I.L. (Perry) Stockstill candidate for representative. It was in this campaign that H.K. Rouse was elected to the office of Chancery Clerk. His opponent was Roderick Stevenson; Loach Smith and M.D. Tate were running for sheriff we believe Mr. J.A. Moody, father of the present sheriff was elected in that campaign. Harvey Stewart whose voice was changing about that time, made his first campaign and was elected Circuit Clerk, over four seasoned politicians. It was during this campaign that Professor C.M. White ran for county superintendent of education. Mr. T.J. Weaver said Mr. Whites favorite statement was that "if you fail to elect me to the office of county superintendent of education, Ladies and Gentlemen, I will gracefully retire to Peck's Pecan farm, and make two blades of grass grow, where one grew before"

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And Mr. Weaver said with the help of a rainy season, he did that very thing.

In the race for superintendent of education, the second primary was run off between T.D. Davis (Mrs. Barnery Whitfield's Brother) and Charely Bass. Bass won and who was next Jessie, but Jessie E. Stockstill, fresh from the law school runs for county attorney against Jack Shivers. It may seem impossible, but for a fact we knew less about politics then, than we do now.

We thought the second primary was held for the benefit of those who decided they had voted for the wrong man and would be given an opportunity to correct the error. We didnt know where there were only two in the race, as was the case of Jessie and Jack, the first primary settled the matter so we went to Jessie and offered our juvenile assistance in the second primary, but Jessie said he believed he would stay out of it while he was out; that he believed Jack was the best man for the place anyway.

Here is the blow that killed Dad Polie. Polie Locke, for representative, we know some yarns about Polie and that race but even in this Nude and Vulgar age, cannot pass but suffice it to say Polie was elected, and he continued in the legislative department of the government, he would have eclipsed the mark he is now making as a criminal defence lawyer.

Another issure of the Item we would like to get hold of is the ones wherein Mrs. H.D. Thames then social editor of the Item and B. Franklyn Smith, at that time bookkeeper in the Bank of Picayune, had a journalistic title over the sacrelegious conduct of several men who shucked off their coats during a firey serman on a hot day at church. Franklyn answered with some remarks we understood, of the extreme low neck dresses the ladies were wearing at that pre-short-skirt age. That was before B.F. was married. We bet a dollar to a doughnut he would not tackle such a problem now, he knows better. That round liked to have cost him his job we heard.

-----Picayune Item, July 1936.

Lucy Beard, canvasser

Picayune Item, continued

The Picayune Item is in existence today in 1937, and is a widely read little paper. Mrs. Ida Clemmons Tuma, who formerly lived at Picayune and wrote poems for the Item, and who is today a successful newspaper lady in California, is a subscriber. There are many others outside of our county and state who are subscribers.

The editor, Mr Furr, through the pages of this little paper emphasizes his interest and encouragement toward the development of the county. He boosts the resources of the county. His paper has done much to promote the dairying and truck-farming in the county. His political attitude is shown to be neutral by his editorials, except in a case of a Pearl River Countain in state or United States Politics. He remains neutral in County politics.

During June 1936 Mr Furr, in his paper gave the WPA Historical Research a front page column on its Treasure Hunt.

The Item is published weekly, going to press every Thursday. It carries many good articles, and editorials. The magazine section is worthwhile and the column "Empty" by Miss May Pearl Hornhill, serves many purposes. It predicts marriages, new business ventures, various and sundry rumors, related curiosities and amuses its readers.

Miss Vera Smith often contributes an interesting and beneficial article. "Congressional Sidelights, by Congressman Wm. M. Colmer appears in this paper. Social items have their place.

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Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

The following shows the policy of the editor, J.R. Furr,
of the Picayune Item, in regards to our future.

"There will be quite a difference in the successful farmer in the future and the successful farmer in the past. The successful farmer in the future will not be the man whose greatest knowledge was to employ means and force to get the most out of a peonage system; to scratch over hundreds of thousands of acres; produce only the raw material to be shipped to industrial centers for preservation and manufacturing. In short, the successful farmer of the future will be an educated man, who was able to take an education without having his ability to do hard work and endure hardships extracted during the educational process. He will be a scientific farmer with knowledge of chemistry, refrigeration and manufacturing.

He will also have the knowledge of marketing what the market requires and how to meet these requirements. Of course there will be many farmers, a majority of farmers, who will not know these things, but can they be classed as successful farmers? Intensive farming will take the place of extensive farming and a live-at-home program with a surplus for sale.—In the language of Henry Ford, a factory on every farm, or every farm a factory.

-----Picayune Item.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

NEWS FROM PICAYUNE ITEM:

STREET LIGHTS AGAIN:

"To satisfy the curiosity of Picayune citizens, ye editor went forth in quest of information as to the whys and wherefores of the street lights again. For several nights "darkness on the Delta", was not a circumstance to darkness in Picayune. Complaints against rates charged by the power company resulted in most of the month of June being a dark month in Picayune.

Records at the City Hall did not reveal anything that would throw any light on the resumption of the street lights. And a call at the power office merely furnished the information that the Mayor had authorized the lights to be turned on as a public necessity, during the nights of ^{fourth} July and to continue so long as public safety demanded lights.

There has been no official settlement on the rate controversy between the Board and Power plant. -----Item. July 6, 1933.

An unusually interesting item of this paper was "The Story of The Old Kimball Home", written by Arthur Ward Smith from data compiled by him from interviews with old settlers while he served as Federal Census Enumerator before 1919. The story appeared written in nine chapters, appeared serially in The Picayune Item. The Seventh chapter did not deal with the story of the old Home, but was quoted from Dunbar Rowland's story "Mississippi's Old Capitol" merely as an effort to prove why nearly all Southerners are "dam democrats"¹

1. Ward Smith, the author.

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THE WEEKLY DEMOCRAT

A County newspaper

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole
Lula Mae Davis-Typist

WEEKLY DEMOCRAT, GENERAL
REMARKS.

P.A.

Mr/Thames has owned and operated the weekly Democrat since August 1933. This paper is published weekly in Poplarville at the rate of \$1.50 per year.

The Democrat office is located in the center of the town behind the old bank building. It is equipped with the best of machinery and is housed in a stucco building.

In 1935 the Democrat got the bid which is a sealed competence bid let each year by the county for the purpose of carrying the official ^{proceedings} ~~happenings~~ of the Board of Supervisors. And has been the county's official organ up to date. There is a complete file of the paper kept in the Democrat office.

This paper is also kept on file in Chancery Clerk's office but has not been bound in book format.

-----P.A. Thames, Editor & Publisher.

The weekly Democrat from

August 1933 to December 1933.

January 1934 to December 1934

January 1935 to December 1935

January 1936 to December 1936

January 1937 to December 1937

P.A. Thames Editor and Publisher from August --1933 to date.

The local, Civil, and political attitude of the Democrat is to better the city county and state in which we live. It does not take any part in the politics, only for the betterment of all concerned. NO party, or parties get any black eye from Mr. Thames editorials. He works for the development of our county in all its resources.-----Democrat.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland,

POPLARVILLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS:

The citizens of Poplarville gathered at the court house here Monday to pay tribute to the deceased veterans of all wars. With appropriate ceremonies sponsored by the UDC and Legion Auxiliary, the program opened with school children singing "Bonnie Blue Flag". Honorable J.B. Mayfield delivered the memorial address. The R.O.T.C. formed a procession and the Pearl River College band rendered music. Miss Francis Durham and Reverend J.P. Calpepper gave short talks.

Flowers were placed on the memorial at the courthouse in memory of the confederate veterans, Spanish American War Veterans, and World War Veterans."

_____weekly Democrat. April 29, 1937.

Canvasser-
Jennie Miland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

SOCIAL ITEMS:

NOTED GARDEN CLUB

"The Garden Club, P.T.A. members and others enjoyed the splendid lecture on roses and other plants by Ben Arthur Davis, garden editor of Hollands Magazine, and president of the weekly newly organized Mississippi rose society, at the Junior High School, April 15, 1937.

Mr. Davis explained the kind of soil, how and when to plant, when to fertilize and kind, when to prune and spray roses.

This lecture was very instructive and enjoyed by a good attendance."

_____weekly Democrat. April 22, 1937.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Elland
Lula Mae Davis-Typist.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS:

"We see by the ads you can buy 10 pounds of sugar in Poplarville for 48¢; renew your subscription to the county paper for \$1.50; and sell your cotton for the highest market price. so there isn't any place you can do better for the money."--September 24, 1936.

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-- STORE NEWS --

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Canvasser-
Jennie Miland
Lula Mae Davis--Typist.

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-- STORCE NEWS --

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Lucy Beard, canvasser

Store News

Store News is a small paper printed by Thigpen Whitfield Hardware Company at Picayune, and is edited by S.G. Thigpen, a member of the firm.

This little paper was first printed in 1924 and has been published continuously since that date. It consisted of nine numbers per year until 1934, when it has been six numbers each year to date.

The paper is principally an advertising medium for the Thigpen Whitfield Hardware Company, and The Picayune Supply; but items of interest from a county development standpoint are regularly carried. There is also a want-ad department free to all customers of these two stores. This feature has furnished some valuable ads and good results have been derived from them. Lost stock, strayed stock, and trades and sales are given publicity.

From four to six thousand of these papers are distributed free to the families in the trading area. The fact that this paper reaches every family within a radius of twenty-five to forty miles of Picayune is the main reason of the value to the publisher.

A most interesting feature of the little paper is the very humorous and witty jokes it carries. These are enjoyed by both old and young readers.

L. Lucy Beard,

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole.

IV. WHERE NEWSPAPERS HAVE COMMERCIAL JOBSHOPTS MENTION SAME

The "Weekly Democrat" of Poplarville and Picayune item of Picayune both have job shops which do printing by contract or short orders. Mr. P.A. Tims.

MAGAZINES.

1. College paper.

The Pearl River College has a weekly four column two page paper giving the happenings of the week, and the jokes as well as the announcements of games and other curricular activities. This paper is mimeographed by the students.

2. HIGH SCHOOL PAPER:

The rural schools of our county have in a few cases, given out weekly mimeographed school paper. The students do the work, and it gives the news of the school as well as jokes on students and teacher.

Two schools, Carriere and Savannah, have had this little paper for some time.

-----Free Press.

May 1937
Theresa Jarrell
County Historian

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1. Give information and data on the lawyers of your county with special attention to outstanding lawyers of the past. Mention brilliant or unusual incidents in professional life or practice.

NONE

2. LAWYERS WHO HAVE BECOME JUDGES:

JUDGE J. C. SHIVERS

Judge Shivers was admitted to the Bar 1900 and has practiced here practically every day since. In 1901 he went into the office with his Father James M. Shivers to practice law. In 1907 he was elected to the State Legislature as Representative from Pearl River County. In 1911 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Pearl River County.

Up until the last month he has had a number of offices offered him but he would not accept them. In 1937 he was asked to fill the unexpired term of Judge Harvey Maghee. Judge Shivers is to rule over the Circuit Court of Pearl River County.

REFERENCE: LEOPOLD LOCKE.

3. POLITICAL POSITIONS HELD BY LAWYERS:

THEO. G. BILBO.

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Theodore G. Bilbo was born October 13, 1877 at Juniper Grove, Pearl River County, Mississippi and is the youngest son of Mr. J. O. Bilbo.

He worked on the farm and attended public school from two to four months out of the year until he was sixteen years old. He then entered the Poplarville High School at the age of eighteen and at the age of nineteen entered the University of Nashville attending three years. After leaving college he taught in the public schools of Pearl River and Hancock Counties. He was afterward elected principle of Nicholson High School and remained there two years. He next taught in the Wiggins High School. During the summer months he canvassed this section of the state in the interests of the schools, speaking in several counties in the interests of education.

During the year 1905, he resigned his position in the school and entered the Law Department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, where during the first year he stood fourth in his class and after one year passed the State Bar examination and practiced law during his second year's course. He then came back to Poplarville and was admitted to the Pearl River County Bar in 1907.

His first venture into the political world was modest. He aspired to be Circuit Clerk of Pearl River County, but was defeated by a small majority. In a short time he was active in politics. His first major political campaign was in 1907 for the State senate from his home district. He won the race in the first primary, at this time he was a trustee of the Clark Memorial College at Newton, Mississippi, Secretary and Treasury of the Agricultural High School Board of Pearl River County, and Clerk of the Hoblochite

3. POLITICAL POSITIONS HELD BY LAWYERS:

THEO. G. BILBO (CONT'D)

papist Association serving for two terms. He held this office one term, keeping in touch with all politics.

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In 1911 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi. In 1927 he was elected governor of Mississippi. Later in 1934 Bilbo was elected to United States Senate, the Office which he still holds.

Bilbo has planned that after his political career is finished he will come back to Poplarville to the "Dream Home" and practice law at the Pearl River County Bar again.

REFERENCE: 1. Free Press, January 3, 1907. 2. Free Press March 31, 1901. 3. Leopold Locke.

3. POLITICAL POSTIONS HELD BY LAWYERS:

The Justice Court dockets of Pearl River County show that Hon. H. H. Parker since his appointment as County Prosecuting Attorney, has secured for the county in the justice courts, fines and sentences on misdemeanor charges to the amount of \$7,947.50 and 2,327 days for jail sentences. He has also prosecuted all felonies in the Justice courts following them up in Circuit Court and has to his credit a large percent of convictions as any practitioners at the bar. It is also a fact that Mr. Parker's services has greatly aided the circuit court in clearing the criminal docket, which is much smaller now than at the beginning of his term. It has not been necessary for the court to utilize the full time authorized by the law, at a single term since he has been in office. For his services during this time the county has paid him about \$900.00 salary, thus the net profit to the county on his work amounts to \$7,047.50. and jail sentences of 2,327 days from the justice courts, where he bears his own expences, together with the saving of time by shortening the terms of circuit court and grand juries and his aid to the district attorney in expediting criminal cases and securing conviction, which is shown by the docket itself.

REFERENCE: The Free Press, 1911.

Governor Hall has appointed Hon. H. H. Parker, County Attorney under the new law passed by the last Legislature. The appointment is a good one and will give satisfaction to the people of Pearl River County. Mr. Parker has served the county in this capacity for the past two years under the old law, and has proven his ability in every respect. The new law enlarges the scope of his duties and carries with it greater re^mun^{er}ation.

REFERENCE: Free Press
New Law Prescribing Duties of Co. Attorney
May 19, 1910

The wisdom of the law creating the office of county attorney has been questioned and we give these facts to show that so far as Pearl River County is concerned, it has proven beneficial, but the phenomenal success obtained here may be due entirely to the energy, ability and untiring perseverance of the officer, who has been true and faithful in the discharge of duty at the sacrifice of private practice. Never failing to respond to a call from the justice courts when his services were needed. In fact we know that the success of his administration as county prosecuting attorney has been largely due to his persistent efforts in the discharge of his duty, and if the other counties of the State can make half the showing that Pearl River has, the law will have proven a good one.

This showing made by Mr. Parker would be a credit to any lawyer in the district, and only goes to prove his qualifications for the office of district attorney he now seeks at the hands of the voters of the district.

REFERENCE: The Free Press, June 21, 1911

3. NAMES OF PRESENT DAY LAWYERS:

J.E. STOCKSTILL

Mr. Stockstill is by no means a stranger to the people of Pearl River County, as he attended school here several terms and graduated in 1906. His splendid demeanor while here endeared him to the people and he has many friends who have watched his advancement in the work with much pleasure.

We present to our readers the name of J.E. Stockstill. Here is held out the name of a man, who is for a greater country and a better people through the enforcement of the law. Mr. Stockstill is diligent in prosecuting as a citizen and in his private affairs. He is to be commended for his present standing and ability in his profession, because his attainments have been varied as a result of his hard work and attention. He was reared on a farm near Picayune and remained there until he had attained the age of young manhood. He then went out and worked his way up to that degree of qualification both as a lawyer and a citizen until he is now well respected and loved by all.

On leaving the farm, he began his career by teaching in the public school during the summer months and attending the Poplarville High School in the winter. He graduated at this reputable institution 1906 with honors. After several years of successful teaching, he turned his attention to the study of law, entering that department of the State University at Oxford in September 1907, where he completed the two years course provided. In the spring of 1909, he came home and entered into the practice of law, since which time he has enjoyed a good practice, handling the cases well. Mr. Stockstill is a progressive citizen and stands for the enforcement of the law and the maintenance of a high degree of morals among the citizens. Believing in home development, therefore he offers to serve the people in whose interests are his own.

REFERENCE. Free Press, 12/20/29.
J.E. Stockstill.

"Hon. Jessie E. Stockstill"

The Hon. Jessie E. Stockstill enters a plea of guilty to the charge of having with premeditation and malice aforethought, faithfully, honestly and diligently served Pearl River County as Representative in the Legislature, and now throws himself upon the good will of his constituency and asks that he receive a sentence of four years in the State Senate.

Mr. Stockstill deserves to succeed the Hon. Henry C. Yaun as State Senator from the Fortieth District, comprising the counties of Lamar, Pearl River and Hancock.

It seems to be generally understood that Lamar furnished the retiring Senator, Pearl River is to have the representation for the ensuing term and Hancock, four years hence.

In presenting his candidacy to the voters of the district, Mr. Stockstill pleads preparedness for the office, that he has a trained legal mind, that he is an experienced legislator thoroughly conversant with the working of the legislature body, well up on parliamentary law and acquainted with the intricacies of the committee rooms and the character of work to be done there, thus he is in a position to immediately render the District a larger degree of service than one not so well versed in these matters.

Mrs. Stockstill was the author several enactments occurring to the benefit of the State and County, and asks that his public career, both officially and morally, be carefully scrutinized. Among his home people Mr. Stockstill bears high character, common sense, firm in his convictions and fearless in upholding his ideals of right. He has a lucrative law practice but, along with his profession he has a commendable ambition to serve the people.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 2/20/1919

3. NAMES OF PRESENT DAY LAWYERS:

"J. M. MORSE"

J. M. Morse, formerly of Gulfport, Mississippi, came to Pearl River County in the year of 1920. He immediately began practice as a lawyer. He held the office of County Attorney for a brief period. He now has a good law practice throughout the county.

"HUBERT PARKER"

Hubert Parker was admitted to the Pearl River County bar in 1907. He was appointed Prosecuting Attorney in 1910. He served in this office until 1912. Since that time he has built up a good practice throughout the county.

"E. B. Williams"

E. B. Williams was admitted to the bar in 1914. He gained prominence as an outstanding damage and title lawyer.

REFERENCE: Leopold Locke.

3. NAMES OF PRESENT DAY LAWYERS:

1
Grayson B. Keaton, one of the rising young lawyers of Pearl River County, was admitted to the Bar in June 1925. After which time he has been practicing law in this county and Mr. Keaton is well on his way to success.

2
R.E. Steen was admitted to the Pearl River County Bar in 1934, and has built up a good practice in the county.

3
There are also practicing in this county, lawyers H.K. McKee, and Tom Weaver. Mr. Weaver was admitted to the bar in the year of 1911. Mr. McKee was only recently admitted to the bar.

REFERENCE: 1 Grayson B. Keaton. 2. R.E. Steen,
3: Tom Weaver.

3. NAMES OF PRESENT DAY LAWYERS:

" J.B. MAYFIELD"

1.
Lawyer J.B. Mayfield was admitted to the Pearl River County Bar in 1927. He has practiced here ever since. In 1932 he was elected as Prosecuting Attorney for this County, and served until 1936.

He is practicing law at present in Pearl River County.

2.
Toxey H. Smith is the youngest of the lawyers in Pearl River County. He was admitted to the State Bar in June 1937, at the age of 22. He immediately began practice in Pearl River County.

Toxey is a young man with force and brilliance, and bids fair to make an outstanding lawyer of this county. He finished his law course at the University of Mississippi.

REFERENCE: 1. Norman Rouse. Acting Chancery Clerk. 2. Toxey H. Smith.

3. NAMES OF PRESENT DAY LAWYERS:

"JOHN C. STREET"

1.
John C. Street was admitted to the Bar in 1902. Lawyer Street was said to be one of the best trial lawyers that the county afforded. He was appointed District Attorney in 1922, served the full term, and later in 1935 was appointed Assistant District Attorney and served until his death, which occurred in December 1937, at Meridian Miss.

2.

"Leopold Locke"

Leopold Locke started practicing law in Pearl River County in 1924. In the same year he was elected as prosecuting Attorney, again in 1927, then in 1935 he ran, and again was elected to this office, which is the present term.

REFERENCE: 1. Leopold Locke. 2. Leopold Locke.

3. POLITICAL POSITIONS HELD BY LAWYERS:

The Picayune of the 12th inst., contains a good cut of our town's man, Representative, J.M. Shivers, accompanied by the following short sketch of his life and useful service.

James M. Shivers, representative from Pearl River County, was born in Marion, Perry County, Alabama, on February 10th, 1884, of ancestry that dated back to the earliest settlement of Virginia and North Carolina, and through the Cherokees of North Carolina.

He was educated at Howard College, Alabama, whose halls he left on April 7, 1861 as a member of Company G of the Fourth Alabama Regiment. He was wounded at Manassas, Va. on the 21st, of July, 1861, being discharged on account of disability from that regiment in December 1861. February, 1862 found him again in the service of the Confederate States as a member of Lumsder's Alabama Battery of Light Artillery, with which he participated in every battle that was fought by the army of Tenn. from Shiloh to Spanish Fort, with only slight wounds.

was surrounded by General Dick Taylor, May 14, 1865. Returning home he balanced to and fro with a plow handle for several years, then to rail-roading, and then studied and practiced law. At State Line, Miss., June 5, 1867, he married Miss Cornelia F. Cooke, daughter of Senator Jack T. Cooke, of Alabama. The fruits of this union are two pair of bright and lovely children. He moved to what is now Pearl River County in 1884 and bent all

REFERENCE: Free Press, November 17, 1922.

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3. POLITICAL POSITIONS HELD BY LAWYERS:

his energies toward the formation of that^{is} county, which is today one of the most progressive and promising counties in the state. Here, he engaged in the practice of his profession, the law, with phenomenal success.

In politics, he was an unyielding Democrat, as also in religion a liberal Baptist. Mr. Shivers was a broad minded and conscientious legislator. While he is ever mindful of the interest of his county and section he was not unmindful of the best interest of the entire state.

2. Col. Shivers was never a member of any other Bar, other than that of Pearl River County.

REFERENCE: Free Press, November 17, 1922.
2. Leopold Locke.

MEMORIAL SERVICE--HON. COL. SHIVERS:

Last Friday afternoon the business of the Circuits Court was suspended for several hours while a memorial service was held in memory of the late Colonel J.M. Shivers, who was an honored member of the local bar.

Addresses were made by Judge J.B. Lampton, District Attorney Toxie Hall, Judge W.A. Shipman, Ex-Gov. T.G. Bilbo, Messers J.M. Morse, E.B. Williams, H.H. Parker and T.J. Weaver, each of whom spoke of the life and labor of Col. Shivers in glowing terms. They recounted his integrity as a lawyer, his bravery as an official, his fidelity as a citizen and his influence in moulding the affairs of Pearl River County and South Mississippi in general.

At the conclusion of the speeches the following papers were adopted by a rising vote: "Resolutions of Respect adopted by the members of the Bar of Pearl River County, November 17, 1922."

"Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst and ranks our most highly respected and beloved brother, lawyer, Honorable James McLaurin Shivers, and wherein the death of Colonel Shivers, The Nestor of Pearl River County Bar, we have lost one of the most valuable citizens of the county and state. Colonel Shivers came to Poplarville in the year of 1884 and has been a regular practitioner at the bar of our county for the past twenty-nine years. Therefore, be it resolved by the bar of Pearl River County that we deeply and profoundly sympathize with the bereaved wife, sons and daughters and the relatives

REFERENCE: Free Press, November 17, 1922.

in the death of their beloved husband, father and kinsman.

Resolved further that we are certain that we voice the sentiment of the entire citizenship of the town of Poplarville and Pearl River County that in the death of Colonel S Shivers our town, county and state have lost one of our most respected, honored and useful citizens and, Be it further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Colonel Shivers a copy furnished by the press with request for publication, and that the same be spread upon the minutes of the Circuit Court of the county, as a permanent and lasting memorial and testimony of the great esteem in which Colonel Shivers was held, by not only the legal profession, but also the entire citizenship of Pearl River County.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo. G. Bilbo
J.M. Morse
J.C. Street

Comittee.

REFERENCE: Free Press, November 17, 1922.

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GOVERNOR BILBO'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE:
January 10, 1918.

I do not hesitate in saying that the State Board of Health has accomplished more for the material wealth, happiness and prosperity of the people of Mississippi than any other department of the State. Science and sanitation in the prevention and control of the diseases that have heretofore destroyed at least 40 or 50 percent of the efficiency of our people in common has made greater strides than any profession in the last ten years in the known world.

Sickness and diseases that are preventable and controlable have been costing our people millions, when by the expenditure of a few thousand dollars and the cooperation of our people, the work projected by our health and sanitary departments will keep us well and thus enable us to exert our maximum strength morally, mentally and physically.

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1. Mississippi's first Board of Health (1877)
(a) If any from your county give a narrative concerning him.

NONE.

2. Secretaries of the State Board of Health since the year 1877.
(a) write a narrative of his work, if from your county.

NONE

3. Present State Board of Health :
(a) Secretary, etc. (Give information as in 1 and 2).
NONE

PEARL RIVER COUNTY, HEALTH

II. 1. THREE EPIDEMICS OF DISEASE HAVE VISITED MISSISSIPPI:

- (a) Yellow fever 1887
- (b) Small pox 1900-1901
- (c) Influenza 1918-1919

2. Elimination of yellow fever mosquito
(Stegomya)

Yellow fever did not ^{first} visit Pearl River County until 1898.

This came about by an unscrupulous act of one of our county boys

There was a boy by the name of Carroll who disregarded the rules of the health officer and made a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, and was exposed to this disease. He came back here and was associated with many of our citizens even after he had taken the disease, thus exposing many to it. This boy died within a short time afterward. There were at least nine cases that can be recalled, the names are as follows;

Charlie Wheat, who only lived about seven days after he took the fever.

H.K. Rouse.

George Calhoun.

George Bilbo.

Mrs. Jack Garrett.

Jessie Caver.

Bill Austin. and last but not least, the man who nursed or helped to nurse the other patients, Mr. E. Howard.

Most of these boys were staying in the hotel where the Carroll boy lived. After the disease ^{bro}ke out, this county was quarintined. It

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took at least sixty days to get the town of Poplarville clear of this fever. The rigid quarantine which followed not only interfered with commerce and trade in the county but also the state.

Doctor W.J. Hunnicutt ^{who} at that time was part time Health Officer and M.D. in Poplarville, nursed these cases by the help of Dr. J.M. Thornhill who was also a M.D.

The State Health Department sent a specialist and nurse as soon as it was notified as to the condition existing here. The Health Doctors gave instructions as to how the epidemic could be stopped and must be stopped.

The Doctors and Health Department and part time Department have been fighting and trying to teach the people of our county the importance of ridng our county of this dreaded disease. The Mississippi State Board of Health gives the information to our county board of health, and they pass it down to us through our local Doctors and through the Health Department.

The Doctors of the county cooperate 100% with the Health Department

REFERENCE: Mr. T.J. McArthur Jr. Dr. J. Ira Woodward.
Dr. Jones County Health Officer.

II.--I. THREE EPIDEMICS OF DISEASE HAVE VISITED MISSISSIPPI:

(c).Influenza, 1918-1919.

(1) There were lots of deaths from influenza in those years. Short of Doctors and nurses, everyone afraid of the disease, there were families that were all sick and suffered from want of attention, and deaths caused from exposure from getting up to soon to help take care of the rest of their family. In 1919 the water was ~~up~~ so the Doctors were unable to get across Hoblochitto Creek in their cars, everyone around Pine Grove had influenza, so Doctor Woodward would walk the trestle on the Pearl River Valley across Bolie, he was met there and carried to visit the sick. Then he would return the same way. This condition existed throughout the county.

(2) Our Red Cross did a fine work during this time. The Women cooked food, carried linens and medicine to the homes that were stricken with enfluenza.

There were many deaths throughout the county. The Doctors were at a loss as to how the disease must be treated to the best of advantage., It is said that this disease killed more people than did the bullets in the dreaded war! It not only hit Pearl River County, but also the whold of the United States^{or} America.

1. DOCTOR WOODWARD. 2. REVERAND BARNEY WALKER IN AN ARMISTICE DAY SPEECH²-NOVEMBER 11, 1937.

III. 1. Part time Health Department, Give personnel.

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Inthe year 1890 Pearl River County was established, we find no other record showing an earlier Health Doctor other than Doctor T.P. Marrion. 1892 T.P. Marrion was elected as part time Health Doctor and served until 1896, when J.G. Cherry was elected, thus showing the time each served.

1898 Dr. W.J. Hunnicutt served six years.
1905 Dr. J.M. Thornhill served one year.
1906 Dr. R.F. Nimocks served four years.
.1910 Dr. W.I. Arlidge served eight years.
1919 Dr. J.D. Williams served three years
1922 Dr. W.I. Arlidge served three years.
1925 Dr. Wm B. Harrison served two years,
with Miss Iva Provost as Laboratory Technician.

1. This information can br found in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors beginning with book one and continueing up to date.

GOOD RESULTS ARE SHOWN IN REPORT OF HEALTH NURSE:

Activities since Mrs. Duket took charge of work.

That much is being done in bettering health conditions in Pearl River County is shown in the following report filed by Mrs. Duke the efficient County Health Nurse. Showing work done since November 1, 1923. The report covers three months. A meeting of the executive committee of the local chapter of the Red Cross of America was held November 6th, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Butler Field secretary presiding. A motion was made and carried out that the funds of the local chapter be used to assist in the county program for Child Welfare Work, Division Corrective Clinics for the children unable to have needed work done. Everyone present, seemed enthusiastic and ready to work. Wards, in Poplarville, and Picayune hospital were donated by hospital authorities, the only expense will be the use of the operating room which is minimum and small incidentals. Such as night-gowns etc. A committee was appointed to visit the Drs. and enlist their assistance/cooperation. A motion was made and carried that the Drs. and nurse use the red cross office as there was no other vacant office in the building.

Weighed and measured children in Poplarville grammar school, 410. Out of this number 186 were 71 lbs, or more underweight. Discussed investigating milk supply with P.T.A. Ways and means of supplying milk to the under weight children in school. A committee was appointed to formulate plans with the assistance of the county health nurse. Assisted the Dentist in examining the children of Poplarville Jr. High School. 190 % examined showed defected teeth. Visited 14 schools and discussed work with

principal and made short talks to children on personal Hygiene.

A meeting of the mid-wives was held at the court house. Equipment was inspected and instruction given. Two pre-natal cases were reported and followed up by the nurse. Instruction given and demonstrations were given to the expectant mothers. They seemed very glad to have my assistance. Five home visits were made to investigate applicants for corrective Clinic. Three Children enrolled for December Clinics.

School Activities.

This month a dental campaign was started in Poplarville Grammar School with the hopes that many of the children needing dental corrective work will take the message home to their parents, and interest them in Mouth Hygiene. The dentists are very cooperative and will arrange free dental Clinics for the children unable as an incentive. The principals have offered a half holiday to the room making the highest percentage in corrective work.

Lunches.

The milk committee of the P.T.A. met with the County Health Nurse in the office, December 4th, and completed plans and means of furnishing milk to the underweight children that are unable to finance themselves. Arrangements have been made to have milk delivered to the school house the first January. Two growth and development classes have been organized with 24 underweights enrolled.

Miscellaneous.

Scales. One pair have been ordered for Orvisburg School.

Visited 11 schools. Sanitary inspection and health talks to pupils in class. Eight visits made in homes of school children. One child brought in to hospital for observation. Diagnosis made by Dr. absorbing pus from infected tonsils, causing a complication of kidney troubles.

Maternity and Infant Hygiene.

A special meeting was held with mid-wives at court house December 18th by Miss Mary D. Orsborne, Supervisor of Maternity and Infant Hygiene, and Miss Violet Crook Itinerant nurse. Midwives equipment was inspected and ^{PER}mits issued and renewal to the ones deemed advisable.

Mother Clubs.

Met with mothers Club of Orvisburg December 23, and organized Mothers Study Club at Henlyfield and Progress. 54 pieces of literature on pre-natal care was distributed. Three expectant mothers instructed in prenatal care. Three homes visited to inspect newly born infants. Seven visits made to mid-wives in their homes. Sanitary inspection made - Three of these mid-wives were practicing with out permits from state.

Health Officer.

Instructed to give Typhoid vaccine to children in Stewart school. In his absence 52 doses were given. Health Officer examined specimen of urine. case mentioned under the heading of school work. Report heavy albumin and advised placing ^{vi} patient in hospital, for observation.

January - School Activities.

This month has been an especially bad month, the weather interfering greatly with my planned visits to county schools, and district meetings with Mothers Club etc. After riding 22 miles in the rain and experiencing the pleasure of getting "suck up" three times, finally arriving at my destination and finding only four members present I decided the Mothers used much better judgement than I did. I made no further attempts to go to the schools and districts where the roads were all but impossible, realizing that was only wasted effort. I concentrated all my energy on nearby schools and districts until the weather permitted me to "Carry On" in districts I have been unable to visit.

Picayune. School.

Arrangements were made by Dr. Arledge, County Health Officer and principal of school with the cooperation of Physicians and dentists in the town of Picayune to examine school children Jan. 28, 1929, 320 children were weighed and measured and examined for following defects, County Health Nurse assisting with the work.

Results noted.

No with diseased tonsils.	148.	No. with heart trouble	5
No with defective teeth.	208.	" overweight	12
" " diseased gums	35	NOX with orthopedic defect	2.
" " defected vision	84		
" " diseased skin	16		
" " defective hearing	6		
" " nasals defects	31		

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Picayune.
Poplarville School.

The health work in Picayune is sponsored by the women's Club being financially and energetically responsible for placing the scales in the school last month. The club is eagerly awaiting their first corrective demonstration. Out of the number of children examined, 184 need home follow-up visits.

Poplarville School.

410 children were inspected and graded on personal Hygiene. Quite a few made A-B - but a greater number made bad C - 12 cases of skin eruption. 20 children received certificates from dentist showing necessary work had been done and were awarded blue stars. Others are under treatments and will be given their certificates as soon as needed work is completed. Out of 52 children enrolled in growth and development classes 48 gained and 4 stationary. 60 half-pint bottles of milk are delivered to the schools daily, and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Cabinet ordered from A.R.C. supplied by school board. Drinking water and toilet facilities in good order.

Orvisburg School.

Weighed and measured and made personal Hygiene inspection:
50 children grades corresponds with Poplarville school.
No with skin eruptions. 8
No. underweight. 27.
One growth and development class organized. Discussed plans and means of placing milk in school. No provisions can be made in the community to furnish milk. No dairy and few cows. arrangements

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have been made with the Model Dairy, Poplarville to send milk out on the train every morning. They are very anxious to have health examination, so they can compete for the cup. Health songs were given to children to learn.

General Health Activities.

Realizing the need of something to stimulate interest in health work the masons were asked for a loving cup. They were especially interested and it was voted that the Scottish Rite Association give the cup. The cup is to be awarded to school making highest average in health work.

Corrective Demonstration.

The first of a series of corrective demonstrations was held this month at the Pearl River County Hospital under the auspices of Pearl River Chapter American Red Cross. Dr. Moody, Surgeon in charge, County Nurse co-operating with Drs. organizations and the people. Cases were reported to county nurse by Dr. in county for follow up visits. County Nurse visited in the homes of the children and made arrangements for the children to enter the hospital. The demonstration was indeed a success. ^{five} ~~five~~ children were operated on for removal of tonsils and adenoids. Children were weighed and measured before leaving hospital and records made. Mothers were advised about health habits and food and asked to bring children back to weigh the same the following month.

Miscellaneous.

No. schools visited 4.
No. visits to schools 9
No. constructive telephones. 12

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Attended shower given to hospital by P.R. Chapter ARC. attended meeting of woman's Club Poplarville.

No of home visits. 11.

Infant Maternity.

One Mothers Club 14 present one Mothers Club 13 present. Three mothers advised about prenatal case post natal visita. 2.

Advise was given mothers in infant care, visits made to mid-wives visits to the office 7 - Equipment inspected.

May 22, 1924.

For the month of April, 1924 made through the County Health Officer to State Board of Health number of cases reported by physicians.

Name of disease.

Influenza.	
Smallpox.	4
Diphtheria	
Scarlet fever.	
Measles.	120
Whooping Cough	12
Chickenpox	13
Pellagra	1
T.B.	1
Syphilis	3
Cancer	0
Pneumonia	30
Mumps	26
Child Bed Fever	0

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III. 1.

(a)

In 1923 the County Board of Supervisors with the assistance of the State Board of Health established a County Health unit which provided a health office in the court house and a county nurse furnished by the State with all information as to how it must operate in county.

2. Later in 1925 the full time Health Department was established. On January 1, 1925, Doctor Harrison who had been appointed as part time Health Doctor in 1924 assumed duties as the full time Health Doctor for Pearl River County with Miss Iva Provost as laboratory Technician.

The department was a direct out-growth of a child welfare program that was executed in the county during the latter part of 1924. The personnell of the organization consisted of a medical director a public health nurse and a clerk microscopist, who have devoted all their time to public health work.

On March 1, 1931 a Sanitary Inspector was added to the force with money contributed by the United State Public Health Service for a drought stricken area.

The cooperating agencies financing the work are the county of Pearl River, the State Board of Health and the United States Public Health and Service.

Public Health Education.

Since the establishment of the Public Health Department an aggressive educational campaign has been waged. Efforts have been made by various means to teach the general public the source of infection. Modes of transmission and common sense methods of prevention of the acute infectious diseases. During the

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FREE PRESS APRIL 29, 1926

Miss Provost returned from inspection trip, finds the Health Laboratory here, although not so extensively equipped as some, still amply able for needs.

Miss Iva Provost who was associated with Dr. Harrison in his work as County Health Officer with county laboratory in the court house building has just returned from a trip to the State Laboratory in Jackson which is under the direction of Dr. T.W. Kemmerer. Since the laboratory in Poplarville is not equipped for the milk and water tests, Miss Provost was much interested in the tests which were being made along those lines in Jackson. She spent about ten days and then went on to the Jones County Health Unit, in charge of Miss Tommie Riddle Technician.

Miss Provost says she was very much impressed with the work that was going on in the State and that our office here compares very favorably with those in other places. In fact she states, that in point of convenience it exceeded many/^{and} that while it may not be so extensively equipped as some it has everything necessary for its needs.

Miss Provost says the appropriation allowed for the maintenance of this laboratory necessitates economy. Not however to the point of doing without the things that are needed. The appropriation is ample for that - but all surplus expenditures must be curtailed. She returned to her office well pleased in every way. Miss Provost's official title by the way, is Clerk Microscopist.

REFERENCE: FREE PRESS, April 29, 1926.

Canvassers,
Jennie Miland
Jessie Mae Pool
Lucy Beard

Personnel of County Health Department.

The present Personnel consists of:

Dr. R.J. Jones, Director
Mrs. Newry Crews Thompson, R.N. Public Health Nurse.
Mrs. Hilma Frasier, R.N., Public Health Nurse (Picayune)
Miss Mary Weston, R.N. Public Health Nurse.
Miss Dixie D. Whittington, Laboratory Technician
Miss Wilda Smith, Clerk

At present W.D. Bush is serving as Supervisor of W.P.A. Projects on sanitation.

At present two N.Y.A. workers under the W.P.A. program assist with the office duties in the Health Department.

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III. SERVICE VALUE OF COUNTY HEALTH WORK.

Pearl River County appropriated \$6,482.75, towards the maintenance of the free time county health department during the year July 1935 to July 1, 1936. In return for this county expenditure, the following table reveals the service values of some of the activities of the county health department. These service values were proposed by Surgeon K.E. Miller of the United States Public Health Service who, has had extensive experience in this field.

Examination.

(a) Food handlers-----	166 @ \$2.00	\$332.00
(b) Infant and preschool-----	136 @ \$2.00	268.00
(c) School children-----	1587 @ 50	794.00
(d) Visits to communicable disease-----	56 @ 2.00	112.00
Laboratory examinations total-----	2713 @ 2.00	5,426.00
Curative treatment for hook worms-----	272 @ 2.00	544.00
Visits to communicable diseases-----	46 @ 2.50	115.00
Schick tests to determine susceptibility to diphtheria.-----	1464 @ 1.50	2,196.00

Immunizations.

(a) Diphtheria, toxoid doses-----	486 @ 1.60	7,776.00
(b) Anit-smallpox vaccinations-----	120 @ 1.00	120.00
(c) Typhoid inoculation doses-----	9112 @ 1.00	9,112.00
(d) Antirabic treatments-----	15 @ 1.00	15.00

Excreta Disposal.

(a) Pit privies installed-----	275 @ 5.00	2,385.00
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III. SERVICE VALUE OF COUNTY HEALTH WORK CONT'D:

(b) Pit privies restored to sanitary type-----	7 @ 2.00	14.00
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TOTAL***** \$21,970.00.

REFERENCE: PICAYUNE ITEM SEPTEMBER 3, 1937.

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III. How does your county cooperate with the Mississippi State Board of Health in Malarial Control and other Diseases:

The Pearl River County Health Department receives advisory and supervisory instructions from the State Board of Health, and it attempts to carry out in the county what the State Board carries out in the State.

The Health Department endeavors to educate the public about various features of the Malaria mosquito. This is done through lectures, clean-up campaigns, posters, and projects.

It advocates screening the homes and destroying the breeding places of the mosquito and improvement of sanitation in general. The two major towns of this county, Poplarville and Picayune, are advised to put on clean-up campaigns which has been done very successfully.

The Works Progress Administration is assisting the Health Department in the county. It is furnishing labor for a large amount of drainage and oiling of stagnant water at present, and has been doing so since the W.P.A. opened in the county.

In 1935, S.C. Jarrell, Works Manager of the Emergency Relief Administration in Pearl River County, gave his report on accomplishments of the ERA program in the County for the period ending October 31, 1935, as follows:

33,800 feet of new drainage canal and ditches cut, 3850 acres drained.

40,000 feet of old drainages ditches re-worked

519 sanitary toilets built

34 septic tanks built

2,380 feet of sewerage lines laid

18 consolidated schools' water systems sanitized

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12 School lunch rooms operated-- 600 children served 31,309 hot lunches.

708 Property owners visited and some assisted in getting \$3000 loans to/repair.

31 acres public property cleared and beautified,

1 Community house built

1 Swimming pool built on area of 22,500 square feet and excavated 20,682 cubic yards of dirt ⁱⁿ ~~see~~ the construction of the pool.

1 Tennis Court

1 Children's Playground

2 Public Parks, built with a total of thirty-three acres.

3 Bath houses

41.5 Miles of old road repaired

4 Old Bridges repaired and made safe

37.25 Miles of new road built

9 New Bridges built-- total length of all 290 feet

41 new culverts built-- average 6 feet wide

2,347 Feet new side walks built

5 School Houses repaired

1 Minor repair to City Hall in Picayune

35,000 Fish rescued from burrow pits and placed in Live streams

21 Office and stenographic tables built

16 Filing cabinets built--Most of them with locks

14 acres cultivated in Community gardens

19,794 number 3 cans of foods canned

2,500 People served from ERA libraries

500 Books and magazines gathered and distributed

17,117 Garments made in the sewing rooms

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384 Comforts- Average 3 Pounds each

400 acres of land (16 th section) grubbed for the purpose of setting tung on it.

2,000 acres of land cleared and set in tung at Camp Adams

16 different kinds of buildings constructed at Camp Adams

1,500 acres cultivated at Picayune and 4,841 bales of hay harvested, 1,370 barrels
of corn, and 1,210 gallon of syrup.

100 Acres of tung nursery stock ready for setting.

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So we see from this report that a great interest was taken the malarial control.

The Health department has a laboratory where the private physicians may
send their patients to be examined for malaria with out cost. Parents often send their
children, when they show symptoms of Malaria, to the Health office for the examin-
ation.

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In 1916, Dr. W.I. Arledge, gave a report to the Free Press as follows:

"Forty-six cases of Malaria among the whites, and eighty-four cases among the negroes
having no deaths occur from neither."

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In 1924 for the month of April the health showed thirty- seven cases in the county.

In 1926 the health report showed a further decrease in Malaria cases, the
number being twenty-nine for the month of January.

1. C. Jarrell's report in the Picayune item January 9, 1936
2. County physicians and Health Department.
- 3, and 4. Free Press.

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Malaria is fast becoming a thing of the past in Pearl River County. The control of
the disease is so specific that if the people cooperate, and keep in touch with
the health department it probably will be eliminated altogether.

Most every body now have their homes screened, and the school children of today
will be our leaders of to-morrow and they have been well taught to fight the mosquito.
Some homes now follow the habit of putting a hole in the bottom of all discarded
tin cans in order that the cans want hold water for the mosquito to use as a breeding
place.

a. Full time health departments or part time - Give personnel.

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There is a full time Health Department in the Pearl River county court
house at Poplarville, and also a full time branch of this department is located in
Picayune.

The old Chancery Clerk Building to the rear of the new Court House is
being repaired to house the Health Department in Poplarville. This labor is being
done by W.P.A.

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III. MALARIA:

Dr. C.P. Cagle, U. S. P. HS, spent several days with the county Health Unit recently making a malaria survey of the county. Eight schools were visited. 460 blood specimens were taken to be examined for malaria. Interesting health talks were made at every school visited by both Dr. Cagle and Dr. Harrison, Director of the County Health Unit.

FREE PRESS - February 5, 1925.

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III. January 6, 1935. Free Press

Test for germs made by Health Expert are free!

DR. HARRISON TELLS OF WORK DONE BY PATHOLOGIST HERE:

We now have in connection with the Health Department a Pathological Laboratory. This part of the work has been carried on for about one month. It is under the direct supervision of Miss Iva Provost, who is trained as a laboratory technician. The following routine examinations are made; blood tests for typhoid fever and malarial examination of culture from the throat to determine the presence of diphtheria; examination of sputum to determine if T.B. bacilli is present; examination for intestinal parasites, this includes hookworm, uranalysis; examination of persons for the determination of the cause of the infected. Such examinations as the Sanitary Analysis of water; the Wasserman test; the examination of doghead for the diagnosis of rabies; etc; are sent by us to the State Laboratory in Jackson.

(A) The increasing service of the Pearl River County Health Department in the past two months under the directions of Doctor R. Jones, Health Officer has made that department one of the most efficient in the State, according to Doctor H.C. Ricks, Director of County Health work and epidemiology for the State Health Board.

Immunizational treatments by the county department for past month include anti-smallpox, 37; diphtheria 57; typhoid 99; schick test 19; hookworm 25; The Sanation program included construction of 31 new sanitary toilets. Laboratory made 37 malarial examinations, 7 gonorrhoea, 67 feces, and 73 blood counts.

★ REFERENCE: FREE PRESS 9/4/36.

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Annual Report of Pearl River County Health Department, Poplarville, Miss., 1935

Personnel:

G. E. Godman, M. D. Director

Oy Emery, Sanitation

Newry C. Thompson, County Health Nurse

Dixie Whittington, Laboratory Technician

The Pearl River County Health Department, a full time health unit, has just completed its tenth years work.

From its infancy, its growth has rapidly developed in favor among the people of the County until at present, it is considered one of the most valuable assets of the County, a real necessity. A review of the 1935 statistics will give some definite idea of the work being accomplished. The field is indeed "ripe unto the harvest", and much more could be accomplished if the department had a larger force of workers.

Acute Communicable Disease

The incidence of acute communicable disease in the County has been comparatively low. It is our policy to visit such cases immediately upon notification, either with the reporting physician or alone. It is not always convenient for the reporting physician to visit the case when the health officer arrives. Some of our physicians institute quarantine measures when they first see the case. Others wait until the health officer sees the case and can take such steps as he deems necessary and expedient. We endeavor to cooperate with all of our physicians and they all cooperate with us and as a result we have been able to control acute communicable diseases very satisfactorily.

Only two cases of typhoid fever were reported during the year; both being white people. This was the first death from typhoid fever among white people in the county within the past six years.

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we have been unable to find a carrier to date. With only one or two cases a year, it is difficult to locate a carrier. 4502 complete typhoid immunizations were given in 1935.

Eight cases of scarlet fever were reported. Five families were represented. Two of the families had more than one case. Six of these cases were among pre-school children, the other two being of school age.

During the year a special effort was made to get all infants and pre-school children immunized against diphtheria that we possible could. 517 received the immunizing doses of toxoid. Of this number, 847 per cent were given to infants and pre-school children. 1591 Schick tests were given with an unusually small percentage of positives found. Only 3.2 per cent among school children. But despite our efforts and the number of immunizations given, we had several cases of diphtheria. Seven to be exact. No deaths from this disease occurred however. No small-pox was reported at all during the year.

TABLE ONE

Diseases:	Communicable Diseases Control---1935		
	No. Cases:	No. Deaths:	No. Cases Among Contacts
Typhoid	2	1	0
Diphtheria	7	0	0
Scarlet Fever	8	0	0
Small Pox	0	0	0

Tuberculosis

During the month of August, 1935, a tuberculosis conference was held in the county, the patients examined were those who were considered by their family physician as victims or possible victims of this dread disease. 56 patients were examined by Doctor Hickerson. 54 of whom had X-ray pictures made. Only two cases of advanced tuberculosis were found, three in an early stage, two or three suspicious cases and three or four arrested cases. One of these advanced cases has died since being examined. Three other cases among negroes had died early in the year.

Two of these cases were not reported to us until we received the death certificate. The incidence of tuberculosis in this county is very low compared with

what is found in many sections of the state. There are only two cases from this county in the sanatorium at present.

We have all active cases found under our observation and feel that our tuberculosis problem is not such a serious one. Death rate was 22 percent, 1000 population.

Maternity and Child Welfare Work

This health department was the outgrowth of Maternity and Child Welfare Work.

Before the department was established, a nurse was employed to look after this work. Her work had much influence towards the establishment of the full-time health department. This work has always been emphasized by the department. The population of the county, being about 75 per-cent white. Much the greater portion of the work has been done among the white patients.

During the year 1935, three hundred and fifteen cases were admitted to maternity service, one hundred and ninety five to infant hygiene service. Three hundred ninety three to pre school hygiene service. Five hundred and thirty nine home visits were made to maternity cases, tow hundred and forty seven to infants and one hundred and eight to pre-school children. Seventy two infants received physical examinations as well as three hundred and seventy nine pre-school children. Many obstetrical packages were prepared and sterilized for use at time of delivery.

The value of this work is shown when we consider the fact that the prenatal mortality rate from all causes is only sixty-one percent one thousand population and the maternal death rate is only twenty-two percent per one thousand population. Only one of the four maternal deaths occurred among those under health department supervision. She would not follow instructions, had valvular heart disease and died at delivery although she was in labor only a short while.

STATE ASSIST PEARL RIVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

(a) The epidemiological unit of the State Board of Health began work with the Pearl River county department September 14, in an effort to assist in managerating a more through communicable disease control program if such is found needed, according to Doctor R. J. Jones, director of the county unit. This service is being rendered to health departments without additional expense to local appropriating agencies, and will probable continue six weeks.

This unit consists of Doctor A. L. Gray, director, and Miss Margaret Meade, Nurse investigator. Their work has as its purpos to assist in finding what the local communicable disease control problems are. And to help local public health personnel in improving this phase of their service to the county control of communicable diseases is the foremost function of health departments and much has been accomplished along this line.

REFERENCE: Weekly Democrat. 9-18-36.

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dairies. The sanitary regulations of the dairy and creamery law are strict and guarantee clean high grade fairly tested milk. There is a limited time for the milk to be pulled up to grade A milk.

All bakeries, fruit stands, grocery stores, hotels, meat markets, restaurants (slaughter houses haven't any) storage plants, are all supposed to be screened. And are inspected once or twice a month to see that all sanitation rules are carried out. The places of business are given strict rules as to the refrigeration of the food and that the fly is kept out and away from the food.

(B) The sanitary Superintendent Mr. Bush and the local Health Department keeps in touch with all food handling establishments. The public water systems are inspected and examined for bacteria once a month and the private water supply is inspected and examined on request.

THE FREE PRESS GIVES THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE.

(C) At the May meeting the board of Mayor and Alderman passed a sanitary ordinance of the town of Poplarville. The object of this law is that the safe disposal of human waste, and the elimination of standing surface water. To these ends the construction of sanitary pit privies and the prohibition of the discharge of the overflow of cess pools, septic tanks, kitchen sinks, etc. onto the surface of the ground is provided for.

INFORMATION: Miss Fraiser, Dr. Jones Health Unit.

Free Press. Doctor Harrison, May 1925.

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(d) Swimming pools, tourist, and scout camps, garbage disposal, fly control, mosquito control, public service places. All of these places are visited once or twice per month by our Health Department, and given their orders as to how they must be kept, to be in perfect sanitary conditions.

Garbage disposal, each town has its own way of disposing of its garbage - Picayune has a man with a truck who goes to each house and food handling establishment three times per week. He picks up all the garbage and carries the food scraps to a hog pen out of the limits of the city, and burns the paper and such.

In Poplarville each family and business house disposes of his own garbage in a sanitary manner.

Mosquito Control.

The W.P.A. has done a good thing toward helping with the mosquito control. The drainage and clean up campaigns that are carried out in our county has done much toward keeping the mosquito under control.

More homes have been screened, city dumps cleaned up, stagnant ponds of water have been, and are being kept oiled, rain barrels covered and in fact every place that mosquitos breed is being looked after in a sanitary fashion. Thus reducing the cases of malaria to such an extent that reports from Pearl River County Health Department show very few cases of malaria fever.

REFERENCE: Dr. Jones, County Health Officer.

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FLY CONTROL:

The most effective time to fight is before the enemy is ready. Why not open a sanitary campaign before the fly is ready? That would give a strategic advantage which would keep the pest in check.

One can hardly imagine anything more desirable than a flyless community of course, it is hardly possible to eliminate all flies, but experiments have shown that flies can be eliminated to such an extent that they would be hardly noticeable.

Flies breed in manure and other animal and vegetable waste. By exterminating these breeding places or by treating them with substances which will kill the fly larvae, flies can be almost entirely eliminated from any community.

TYPHOID TRUTHS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW.

1. Where do young flies live? In filth and manure.
2. Where do flies first dirty their mouths and feet? In every kind of filth imaginable, being bred in filth, they are infected by it.
3. Is anything so dirty or bad smelling for flies to eat? No.
4. Where does the fly go when it flies from the vault, the manure pile or spittoon? (a) it may wipe its feet upon the clean lips of your sleeping baby; (b) or it may carry germs into open wounds on your hand; (c) it may track over the butter or meat or take a bath in the milk.
5. Is the fly merely a nuisance? No it is very dangerous.
6. Why is the fly considered dangerous? It is man's worst pest. It is more dangerous than rattlesnakes or tarantulas. It carries deadly infectious diseases.
7. What diseases does the fly carry? It carries typhoid fever tuberculosis and various intestinal diseases.

8. How does the fly carry these germs? The germs sticks to its legs, mouth parts, hairs, wings and feelers.
9. What is the correct name of the human pest? The typhoid fly.
10. Has it ever caused anyone death? It killed more American soldiers in the Spanish American War than all the weapons of the Spaniards. It killed thousands of soldiers during the present European War.
11. Why is typhoid fever so prevalent during the summer and fall? Because flies are most numerous during that season.
12. Why is typhoid common in one community and not in another? Largely because the common house fly is abundant in one locality and is controlled in the other.
13. Where are flies most abundant? Where there is most filth.
14. How shall we kill the fly? (1) destroy all filth about the house and yard. (2) put lime into the vault and over the manure. (3) Trap all flies before they enter your house by using wire fly traps. (4) Kill all flies large or small with a swatter. (5) use sticky fly paper or fly poisons around house or store. (6) pour a borax solution over manure filth or other places where the fly rears its young.

The Health Department advocated screening the house and business houses to prevent the fly from our food and drink. The sanitation Supervisor visits all food handling places twice a month. There are different kinds of spray used to kill the fly. It has become very effective, the Health Department advocates this in accordance with the swatter.

MR. BUSH SANITATION SUPERVISOR

MRS. FRASIER HEALTH NURSE.

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(d) PUBLIC SERVICE ^{PLACES}
REPORT OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER.

Gentleman: I beg to report that I have visited during the last six months all of the depots in the county and find all of them in fairly good shape, from a sanitary stand-point. Of the schools visited aside from the ill-arrangements of lights and seats I find them in well kept order. The court house and jail I find in fairly good order. Some complaint has been made about the county cess-pool, and justly so in my opinion. We have no contagious trouble in the county so far as I can learn. Nor have we had an epidemic of any congruence during the past six months.

R.F. Nimocks. M.D. County Health Officer. January 14, 1909.

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The Sanitary Supervisors made 244 Municipal, 57 private premises, and 17 school inspections during the year. He also made 529 inspections of excreta disposal systems, 37 of schools, 476 of private, and 16 of others. He has made 8380 inspections of dairy farms. 23,178 cattle were tubercular tested, 28 being condemned and destroyed. About 775 milk samples were collected and analyzed. During the year a special effort was made to improve sanitary conditions. The tuberculin testing was done through the cooperation of the Health Department, the local Board of Supervisors, and the State Livestock Sanitary Board. Some malaria control work was done. 3,814 yards of new drainage ditches were completed and 5,839 yards of old ditches were regraded.

431 sanitary privies were constructed, 340 of which were of the concrete slab and rise type.

Particular interest has been taken in getting as many sanitary privies built as possible, and in getting dairy barns properly constructed and equipped. We have about eight dairy farms operating under grade A regulations.

About 90 percent of these are "Raw to Plant" dairies. The milk from which goes to New Orleans for marketing.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Medical and Nursing Division.

Complete Medical Examinations.

Tuberculosis	58
Chest-XRays	54
Milk Handlers	340
Other Adults	122
Expectant Mothers	20
Infant and preschool children	1307.

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School children	1307
Field visits and Official calls for Diagnosis and advice.	
Acute Communicable diseases.	35
Tuberculosis	13
Maternity cases	550
Infant and preschool children	369
School Children, Home visits	250
School children inspected for communicable diseases.	721
Immunizations and tests.	
Schick test	1519
Diphtheria toxoid	517
Typhoid: persons immunized.	4502
Small pox Vaccination	198
Complete Anti-rabies treatment	4
Treated for Hook-worms	240.
Sanitary privies installed	431
COMPLETE INSPECTION:	
Private Premises	57
School	57
Excreta Disposal system	529
Water Supplies	16
Food handling establishments	219
Dairy Farms	838

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TABLE 2
Tabular Statements of Births Showing Kinds of Obstetrical Care. 1935

	HOSPITAL		HOME		PHYSICIAN		MIDWIFE	
	WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
LIVE BIRTHS	18	4	344	101	335	79	9	22
SPILL BIRTHS	0	0	9	6	9	4	0	2

TABLE 3
Puerperal Deaths by Cause and by Attendants at Delivery. 1935.

CAUSE OF DEATH	COLOR	TOTAL	HOSPITAL	PHYSICIAN	MIDWIFE
ALL PUERPERAL CAUSES	W	1	0	1	0
	B	3	0	3	0
PUERPERAL HEMORRAGE	W	0	0	0	0
PROBABLY SEPTIC OBVIATION	B	1	0	1	0
OTHER ACCIDENTS OF CHILDBIRTH:					
TREBAL PREGNANCY	W	0	0	0	0
	B	1	0	1	0
EMBOLISM AT BIRTH	W	0	0	0	0
	B	1	0	1	0
SHOCK AT CHILDBIRTH	W	1	0	1	0
VALVULAR HEART DISEASE	B	0	0	0	0

SCHOOL HYGIENE

Each of the 27 white schools in the county were visited and 1307 children in the lower grades were given physical examinations.

Following-up home visits were made to see about getting corrections for defective children. 250 such visits were made. In addition to that, 2118 children were given mouth examinations by dental hygenist. Many of these children had their teeth cleaned also. Many dental corrections were secured. 721 children were given classroom inspections for communicable diseases. 24 children had their eyes examined by a specialist and glasses fitted. 62 had their tonsils removed. A few arthopedic corrections were secured also. Some of the colored schools were visited for pre-school conferences and typhoid immunization. About 400 negroes received immunizing doses of typhoid vaccine.

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V.--CHILD HYGEINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:

1. Information on each.

(a) Maternal Hygeine.

(1) Today we have in the Pearl River County Health Department a nurse who devotes her full time to the maternal hygeine and child welfare work throughout the county. She gives instructions to the expectant mothers through literature and lectures. She leaves a clear picture in the minds of each patient as to what they must do to have healthy children and keep themselves in good health.

DEATH RATE OF MOTHERS, HAS IT REDUCED IN RECENT YEARS?

(2) In 1935 the death rate of mothers was eight out of every 1000, in 1936 it was the same.

In the last several years there seems to be little improvement.

The Doctors are in constant watchout for every case so that it may be diagnosed perfectly.

1. MISS NEWRY CREWS. R.N.
2. DR. JONES. M.D.

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V. CHILD HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:

1. Information on each.

(a) Infant mortality.

For the last three years the death rate has not been encouraging. Each year the rates have been increasing. This is explained by the perfect reporting system which the Doctors of Pearl River County practice.

Before 1934, the Doctors did not report the deaths to Health Department, and there were no definite record kept. But today each birth and death is kept on record in Health Office.

The following report shows the death rate.

1934-----35

1935-----47

1936-----79.

There is plenty of work yet to be done by Doctors and nurses in Pearl River County to reduce this rate.

There are very few deaths caused by defects. In 1936 there was only one infants death due to physical defect. This baby had heart trouble. This infant death rate will only be lowered by the combined efforts of the Doctors, the Health Department and the homes concerned.

To have a perfect healthy child, better care of the prenatal patients before and after the delivery is necessary. This will bring the mother to the delivery in better condition. Next is a practice of better obstetric and last but not least better care of infant after delivery in regard to feeding and general hygiene;

The cause of half the deaths of infants is the labor is brought on to hurriedly and the child has to be taken by forceps.

The Health Department hold two clinics every month for pre-

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natal cases, they receive medical and laboratory examinations. The public nurse also visits in the home of the expectant mother and lectures to them as to how they must prepare for the coming of the baby.

THIS REPORT IS FROM THE PICAYUNE ITEM:

County birth rate shows gain.

Registrar McKee reports 114 birth and sixty-five deaths according to report made by H.K. McKee, official registrar of births and deaths for the district in Pearl River County. Including Picayune, Nicholson and Cybur and surrounding territory, the white population shows a net gain of 49. 114 births and 65 deaths having been reported during the year just past. Whereas the colored population is at a standstill. 36 births having been offset by 36 deaths.

The population of the district according to Mr. McKee, is approximately about 7000, about sixty percent being white and forty percent being colored.

According to these figures the relative birth rate is higher for the white race and lower for the colored than would be indicated for the balance of the State as these figures would indicate a white birth rate of a little more than 27 per thousand, with a colored birth rate of not quite 13 per thousand population.

Information from Doctor R.N. Whitfield Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State gives the information that that birth rate for the entire state for 1931 was 22.2. While the birth rate for

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1932 will probably be 22.5 or 22.6. The white birth rate for the state in 1931 was 21.4 and the colored 23.

PICAYUNE ITEM: 1/26/33.

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V. MOUTH HYGIENE.

1.A. What is being done along this line in your county?

1. Prior to 1925 we only had a part time Health Dr. The dentist of the county gave as a donation one day or more to the County Health Department. They would go out in the county and examine the school children for bad teeth. ^{2.} But today we have a full time Health Department and each year the State Board of Health sends a special Dental Hygienist to Pearl River County for two months preferably August and September. This nurse goes to all the schools and examines the children and showing them why they have bad teeth and how to correct them.

The parents are also seen and given instruction as to what must be done for their children's teeth. The reason for bad teeth may be summed up into two words. Hereditary and diet.

The County Health Department of Pearl River County also works on the mouth hygiene the year around. The Dr. and nurses encourage the children to see their dentist if a defect is found after an examination is made. They also encourage and put on campaigns for the use of the tooth brush.

1. Dr. Koch. Dentist. 2. Dr. Jones, County Health Officer.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Poole

VI. TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL:

(a) Number sent to sanatorium (no names).

For the year 1937 there has been nine active cases and six suspicious cases in Pearl River County.

Chart ^{As} showing no. of cases found from 1932.

1937---four cases	1934---one case
1936---None	1933---None
1935---two cases	1932---three cases.

and two carriers of the germ.

Free Press, February 10, 1926, gives number of cases as one. Free Press May 22, 1934 gives number cases as one.

The increase in the number of cases today may look as though the county does not try to keep this dreaded disease down but the cause may be given to the more perfect reporting system of the Health Department and private physicians.

There are no cases in a hospital or sanatorium at present. Hospitalization is our greatest problem at present, due to the limited number of beds in Magee Sanatorium. The only cases that are in hospital are those eligible for government hospitalization.

The Health Department has every one examined whom they think suspicious, many people ask for this service and in some cases the neighbors report a suspicious case and it is examined.

The Free Public Health Nurses visit in the homes of every rural family. And they may report a case. In many cases tuberculosis is found in the home where the social and economic conditions are very poor, and where sanitation is not practised.

They get busy where there is a case and warn members of the family to be careful and

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see that sanitation is adhered to. The private Dr's. play a large part in reporting cases now, where here-to-fore, they had not been so specific about it.

There is a special time set aside each year for a T.B. Clinic. And during this time there are specialist here for the examinations. Out of every six suspicious cases examined for T.B. five usually have hook worms.

This report shows where the cases are located. 1937. T.B.

Picayune	five cases.
Poplarville	1 case.
Nicholson	1. case.

Dr. R.J. Jones. Dr. Woodward.

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Canvassers-
Lucie Beard
Jessie Mae Poole

VII. INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE AND FACTORY INSPECTION;

1. Pearl River County does not have enough industrial factories to have an inspector to work here; Although at Picayune there is a garment factory, which was established in 1936, and it has a Bureau of Industrial Hygiene with Dr. Dugger as Director.

2. During the school of training for the garment factory, Dr. Jones and Mrs Frasier gave lectures to all trainers, and in the near future all employees will be examined and see if they are carriers of communicable diseases, and recommend them to their family physician for correction.

Information: Dr. R.J. Jones. 2. Mrs. Hilma Frasier.

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Canvasser-
Jessie Mae Peole.

VIII. Communicable disease control.

All the communicable diseases are controlled alike, through the Health Department and Doctor of the county. When a communicable disease breaks out it is reported to the Health Department, and they attempt to control the disease by vaccine; where vaccine is specific, early diagnosis and prompt isolations and quarantine of cases as well as contact and suspects.

When infantile paralysis broke out in Mississippi in 1936, the health department sent a doctor and nurse to the schools to spray the children's heads.

Mothers brought their children of the pre-school age out to the school houses and had their noses sprayed.

Each year the Doctor and nurse go out and visit the county schools and vaccinate the children as a means of prevention of certain communicable diseases. People who are not of school age go to the Health Department and receive their vaccinations.

Information: Dr. R.J. Jones, Director of Health Department. Mrs. Hilma Frasier, R.N. in charge of Picayune Branch office.

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IX.-Accidents etc.

(a)-give number and causes.

In 1936 out of 187 deaths in Pearl River County, there were twenty persons killed. These were twelve accidental deaths. And eight homicide deaths.

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS CAUSES.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dynamite | 1. Drown |
| 1. Suffocation. | 1. mStrangulation |
| 2. Burn | 1. Electricity. |
| 5. Automobile | |

REFERENCES: DR. JONES.

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187 deaths in Pearl River county 1936
456 live births in 1936
50 negroes
137 whites died
108 males
79 females.

The death rate for this county for 1936 was 9.0. This means that nine people out of every 1000 died. This is about average for this section of the country.

Thirty-six died before one year of age. Accordingly the infant death rate was 79. This means that for every 1000 live births 79 died before the age of one year. Considering the 36 babies to die before reaching one year of age; 24 died during the first month. The causes were; prematurity-18; pneumonia 5 - malnutrition 5 - colitis or interities-3; birth injury 2 - heart disease 1; suffocation 1; atelictosis 1.

The causes of deaths of persons over one year of age were heart disease forty-five; kidney disease 13; combined kidney, or stroke 15 - pneumonia 15 - combined pneumonia and influenza 12; cancer 12 - killed 20 (twelve accidents eight homicidal) colitis 5; maternal 4 - T.B. 4 - diabetes 3 - gastric ulcer 3 - appendicitis 3 - gall bladder - 2 - measles 2 - other causes were hook worm lumbago, diphtheria, hemorrhage, and intestinal obstruction.

The age ^{RANGE} of ~~range~~ of deaths are given below.

0-4 years	45 deaths
5-9 " "	4 " "
10-14 " "	4 " "

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IX. ACCIDENT AND ACCIDENTAL DEATHS CONT'D:

15-19	Years	7	deaths	50-60	Years	21	deaths
20-24	" "	3	" "	60-70	" "	36	" "
25-29	" "	12	" "	70-80	" "	16	" "
30-34	" "	10	" "	80-90	" "	13	" "
35-39	" "	8	" "	90-100	" "	1	" "
40-50	" "	16					

A child one year of age, today has a life expectancy of 60 years. This has increased from 45 years during this century. The birth rate is 23. This means for every 1000 general population 23 babies are born annually.

REFERENCE: DEMOCRAT MARCH 4, 1937.

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IX. ACCIDENT AND ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:

The following report on health and deaths rates of Poplarville was copied from the Lumberton Headblock August 23, 1893.

We have burried seven persons only within the last twelve month One from old age, one from suicide, three from accidents (two of whom were brought here by railroad). One ^{THREE} ~~three~~ months old infant, and only one from fever, supposed to be typhoid fever. At present there isn't a single case of sickness within the corporation limits of four miles square. Poplarville is as healthy as any locality in the state of Mississippi.

WITNESS OUR HAND.

J.M. Shivers, Attorney, T.R. White, Sect, O.C. Donovan Deputy Clerk.

G.W. Ellis, attorney N. Batson, Sheriff, P.E. Williams, and others.

We certify there has been but three cases of remetten fever in the town of Poplarville in one year, and only one death from fever of any kind, and that the people are extremely healthy now.

J.M. Thornhill. M. D.

T.P. Marrison, M.D.

Lumberton Headblock August 23, 1893.

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X. Give number of:

A. Doctors in the County and names of each:

(1) In the town of Poplarville there are four Medical Doctors; one being a surgeon and one the County Health Officer.

Doctor H. B. Cowart, M. D.

" J. E. Garrison, M. D.

" J. B. Davis, M. D. and Surgeon

" E. J. Jones, Health Officer

In the city of Piquette there are five Medical Doctors; one being the surgeon. The names are as follows:

Doctor V. B. Martin. Retired, owns Martin's Sanitorium

" J. H. Kellis, M. D. and Surgeon

" R. L. Plunkett, M. D.

" J. H. Fountain, M. D.

" J. I. Woodward

We have in the community of Carriere, one Medical Doctor, Fred Horn, and one Medical Doctor, Seno Gass, who lives in the Caesar community.

(1). Doctor H. B. Cowart and Doctor V. B. Martin

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X. The Free Press give the following report:

(1) In January 1926, there were 13 doctors in Pearl River County, in January 1924, there were 16 doctors in the county and today, we have 11 doctors in the county; one having retired and one acting as Health Officer.

(1). Health Report from Free Press, January 22, 1925

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HEALTH:

Canvessers-
Lucie Beard
Jessie Mae Poole

L. b. Number of nurses and name of each.

Miss Sadie Seals, at P.R.C. Jr. College. R.N.

Mrs. Viola Bridges R.N. Poplarville.

Miss Lessie Hanna R.N. Poplarville.

Mrs. Dolph Smith R.N. Poplarville.

Mrs. J.B. Bryant R.N. Picayune.

Myrna Paul practical nurse, helper to Dr. Cowart.

Lois Nobles

Virgie Amacker Are training in

Lucille Burge Poplarville Hospital.

Number of nurses in Picayune, and names of each.

Miss Sudry Bally Mitchell, R.N. Nicholson.

Mrs. R.D. Stockstill. R.N.

Mrs. J.H. Kellis R.N.

Mrs. Cora Garner. R.N.

Miss Ruth McKinstry. R.N.

Mrs. Daily Goums. R.N.

Miss Ethel Lavinhouse.

Miss Corriene Smith.

Mrs. Hilma Frasier, Public Health Nurse.

INFORMATION: L. Dr. Davis. Dr. Cowart. 2. Dr. V. B. Mattine

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X. (c)

There are two hospitals in Pearl River County. One in Poplarville and one in Picayune. (1) These hospitals are equipped with all modern machinery and have passed the state requirements of a good hospital. They are qualified to do any kind of operation. There is a case history of every patient who has been given treatment in each of these hospitals. These records are kept as a requirement of state to receive state contributions.

The hospital in Poplarville is owned by Doctor H.C. Cowart and Doctor J.B. Davis. Its equipment is valued at \$10.00.

There are six private rooms. Three wards, two for whites and one for blacks. one Charity ward which consist of male and female division.

(2) The Hospital in Picayune is called Martins Sanatorium and is owned by Doctor J.V. Martin who is now retired. This hospital accomadates approximately twenty-five patients. It has all modern machinery and is equipped to do any kind of operations.

REFERENCE (1) Dr. J.B. Davis. (2)

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Canvasser-
Lucie Beard.

~~Dr.~~ 1.

Dr. M. P. Ashe;

Dr. Ashe appeared in Pearl River County not long after the Railroad came through. Of his past very little is known, but it was evident he wanted to forget it. For he never discussed his family, and the life he lived here was different to what he had been accustomed. I can't find words to express him, you couldn't call him a freak, for he was an highly educated man receiving his education in New York. He was more of a comedian, he said and did things to amuse. Wore ladies shoes. He was given a job as mill Dr. for Taylor and Richardson at \$100.00 per monty, but lost that on account of drink. He settled west of McNeil and married a Miss Burge. He would often say he had been married three times but thought more of "Big Nasty", than any of his wives. He would not take a peck of parched peanuts for her.

Acommon expression out in the county when a visitor came, "what is the news"? he would answer that he did not carry the news. Once he was summonsed to court. He wrote the Judge a note saying "I cant come to court, little Tom Tedy is sick".

With all his foolishness he was a good Doctor. Some of the older citizens know of some wonderful work he did. Money didn't mean anything to him, and he recieved very little remuneration for his services. He rode horse back and had a two wheel cart. He said that the best way to use cucumbers was to peel, slice, put salt, papper, and vinegar on them, then throw them over the fence.

He wrote some prescriptions that were sent to New Orleans to be filled, and A.J. Lyons didn't have the medicine, but they were right. He knew medicine, and had some motive for isolating himself as he did in this county. He died about twenty years ago, and is buried at Henlyfield.

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HEALTH:

Canvasser-
Lucie Beard.

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BIOGRAPHY OF DR. W.F. SPENCE:

Dr. W.F. Spence was born in Madison County, November 16 1841. He received his education at Clinton, he came down in this section of the county and volunteered in war between the State, enlisted at Shielsboro. He served four years was discharged at Greensboro North Carolina.

He took charge of medical care under Dr. J.M. Bogle, after the war he married Miss Margaret Ann Burman and settled at Kotten Bayou, and practiced medicine.

In 1890 he was elected to represent the county at the constitutional convention. He helped draw up the constitution, we are now governed by. There were very few Dr's in this section, and they were located on the coast. The means of transportation was horse back, or in a two wheel cart. Often patients would die before the service of a physician could be obtained. The people were getting more enlightened and were gradually drifting from their superstition and herb practice. The citizens in Caesar felt the need of a physician in their community. They built a log house, which is still standing and persuaded Dr. Spence to move from Pass Christian as he had previously moved there from Kotten Bayou, to move to Caesar, which he did. He practiced there and raised a large family which now live in Pearl River County. Dr. Spence died January 10, 1915.

He was a prominent physician, a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason having served as Worshipful Master at Bay St. Louis, Mc^oell and Caesar.

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The life of the pioneer Doctors was not any easy one. They rode horse back and carried their own medicine. They were exposed to all kind of cold rainy weather, The county was sparsely settled, ^yhe/would often ride all night to see a patient, and this county was full of wild animals. The last bear killed in this county the skin was dressed and dried and given to Dr. Spence for a saddle blanket.

He later got a two wheel cart which was not as tiresome as riding horse-back. The citizens were mostly uninformed, which made prescribing and instructive nussing of his patients very difficult. Dr. Spence owned two fine saddle ponies one named Cleveland (for Grover Cleveland) and the other Bertha for his little daughter now Mrs Bruce Brehnd.

Dr. Spence administred to suffering humanity under great difficulty, and untirelly often without remuneration.

Dr. Spence was not only a professional, reeligious and civic leader, but was known for his hospitality, making strangers fell welcome when in his home and community.

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Canvasser-
Jennie Alland.

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BIOGRAPHY OF OLD PHYSICIAN:

Life of Dr. Zeno S. Goss.

Among the first doctors of practise in the vicinity of Pearl River was Dr. Zeno S. Goss. He was born August 31st 1841 at Kosciusko, Mississippi. He was the son of Dr. Alason Goss and Nancy Parker Goss, residents of that place.

The old Goss family bible recording this birth and marriage and the marriage of his parents which is found in the home of Mrs. L.P. Newsome, a relative, living in Poplarville Mississippi is over a hundred years old.

He was a boy of high ideals, and much beloved by his associates. Early in life he united with the Baptist Church at "Society Hill". He was of excellent moral character, his life was one of promise and restfulness. One of his greatest ambitions in life was to acquire an education. Which he started by attending the rural schools of his community, (and others). His idea was to be of service to his fellow man. When the Civil War broke out he answered the call of his country and fought the four years through. He was wounded once while in service and was taken prisoner by the Yankees and kept in prison for a long time.

One day he made his escape, and came home for a few days. Then returned to the war and remained in service until the close. After the war he began the study of medicine. Attending the Medical College at Atlanta Georgia, of which his Uncle Dr. I.J.M. Goss was a dean of the medical department.

After graduating from this school he started his medical practice in Goss, Miss., remaining there several years. His married life was started here, on December 2nd, 1869.

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He was married to Miss Lou M. Bourn on Holadies Creek, in Marion County. To them were born six children. Later he moved his practice to Columbia Mississippi, also remaining there for several years. From Columbia he came to Poplarville, Mississippi, and established his home on main street located North of the new Baptist Church and South of the McDonald Funeral Home.

Dr. Goss had a very large practise in and around poplarville. There were very few Physicians in this county then and they had to travel long distance through bad weather on horse back and saddle bags. In the old saddle bag he carried his apothecary shop, and furnished most of his medicine prescribed.

2. Besides his profession Dr. Goss established a mercantile business here. His store was located where the McDonald Funeral Home now stands on main street. Mr. Johnny Strahan was general manager of his store. Dr. Goss was also interested in buying and selling cattle.

After lining in Poplarville for a number of years he returned to Columbus, Miss. Now he had reached his declining days. He was loved by all who knew him. He was always willing and ready to help those who were interested in things worth while.

He helped a number of young men to get started in the study of medicine, instructing them in his office among whom were Doctors, C.C. Bass of New Orleans, and D.P. Newsom of Poplarville, Mississippi.

In Dr. Goss's declining years he did very little practice. He had some peculiar traits that clung to him as long as he lived. He never forgot his war days. And as long as he lived he never rendered medicine aid to a Yankee. He could never be persuaded

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to Doctor one for love or money. He often would make peculiar expressions when provoked with anyone, such as wishing the lightning would strike them in the back and run all over them.

Leaving the work he had loved and labored with for fifty years, he passed it on to ~~his~~ ^{his} son (Dr. T. E. Goss) and died, at the age of seventy-eight, and was buried. He had lived a long and useful life, and many hearts were saddened when he died.

INFORMATION BY. Mrs. L. P. Mewson.

SANITATION

Report to be used if desired

Malaria Control	
Inspections	12
Yards new drainage completed.	3814
Yards drainage regarded.	5839
DIVISIONS OF LABORATORIES SPECIMENS EXAMINED.	
Water	21
Milk	775
Typhoid Blood cultures	2
Typhoid feces and urine cultures	26
Typhoid Widal	4
Tuberculosis Suptum	29
Diphtheria Culture	44
Syphilis Wassermann	19
Gonorrhoea	22
Malaria	284
Rabies	8
Feces and Intestinal parasites	259
Urinalyses	1686
All others	742
TOTAL	3681

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NARRATIVE

Health Report - - - - - October, 1937.

Following is a narrative of the Pearl River County Health Department for the month of October, 1937.

Communicable Diseases.

One case of diphtheria, infantile paralysis and tuberculosis were reported. The first two mentioned diseases made a complete recovery.

Immunizations (persons)

Smallpox 12, diphtheria 53, typhoid 802, Rabies 5.

School Hygiene.

270 children were inspected for contagious diseases. Four were excluded from school until cured. 178 children were given a complete physical examination. The parents were notified by letter of all the defects found in their children. Many parents were present to see their children examined.

Sanitation.

Prives constructed, 36; visits to foodhandling establishments, 21; visits to dairy farms, 21; number of dairies having milk tested 92.

Laboratory (specimens examined)

Typhoid, 4; diphtheria, 3; Syphilis, 22; typhus fever, 1;

malaria, 43; gonorrhoea, 3; tuberculosis, 3; feces, 60; urine, 165; rabies, 1; others 73.

Our New Office.

We established quarters in our renovated building during the month. This department occupies the first floor and one room on the second floor. Every worker has more room and more thorough service for the people of this county is to be the result.

John Q. Public is invited to visit this office at his convenience and see our new set-up.

The Weekly Democrat, November 11, 1937.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

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ORGANIZATIONS:

MASONS:

¹ Sherrard Byrd Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized at Byrd's Chapel in Hancock County in what is now known as Pearl River County, Mississippi, under dispensation of the Grand Master of Mississippi with the following Officers: Redding Byrd, Worshipful Master; James A. Stewart, Senior Warden; John Mitchell, Junior Warden. The Charter was granted in January 23, 1872. Dispensation was granted by the Gran Master of Mississippi to move the location of the Lodge to Poplarville, August 21, 1883, which was then the county site of the county, after being changed from Hancock County to Pearl River County.

² The first Masonic Lodge to be built in the town of Poplarville was in the year of 1883 and was erected in the northern part of the town where Otho Stewart now lives. Sherrard Byrd Lodge was the first Masonic Lodge to be organized in Pearl River County. The Lodge was organized before Pearl River County was established it first being Marion County.

³ "Uncle" Soloman Smith is the oldest member of the Lodge. He has been a member fifty-one years, joining the Sherrard Byrd Lodge at the age of twenty-one years. The modern Masonic Temple was erected in 1923 by the Masons of Poplarville, Miss, with the following Officers Officiating: Marsh Hainer, Grand Master; R.B. Jordan, Worshipful Master; Lonnie Smith, Senior Warden; J.Gorden Newton, Junior Warden; G.C. Gredell, Treasurer, L.T.Simpson Secretary, R.M. Newton, S.D.; L.J. Provost, J.D.; and E.E. Tate, Tyler. Building Committee: T.A. Rawls, E.O. Batson, D.P. Kennedy and C.P. Rawls.

REFERENCE: 1. Leopold Locke
2 " " " "
Poplarville, Miss.

3. Soloman Smith
Poplarville, Miss.

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ORGANIZATIONS:

MASONS:

¹ The former old wooden building which has housed the Masons of Poplarville for many years has been moved to a lot adjoining Whites Garage, and various kinds of material are being placed on the grounds to be an erection of a handsome three story Temple which will succeed it. The new building will be of brick and stone and complete in every detail, and will be a monument to the Masons of the present generation.

Announcement is made that an impressive service will be held on the grounds January 10th, 1924 when the Corner Stone will be laid. Past Grand Master, H.C. Yawn of Lumberton will be in charge of the services, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple which will be the home of Sherrard Lodge No 353 F and A.M. was laid Thursday with H.C. Yawn in charge.

Work of the Temple is well under way and with favorable weather the home will be occupied in six months. On January 24, 1924, a loving cup was awarded the Pearl River County school having the best health record at the end of the present school session. Poplarville school was the winner of a beautiful loving cup for having attained the highest average in health work as planned by Mrs. E.W. Duke, the County Health Nurse. This cup was awarded by the Masons and presented by J.M. Morse.

² The 32nd degree is the highest office reached in this organization so far. And the men who have attained this place are as follows: Leopold Locke, Inman Rawls, Senator Bilbo, Dr. J.B. Cowart.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1924, 2. Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS:

Pine Tree Lodge Knights of Pythias held a 1896 meeting Saturday. Two ranks were conferred the 1st and 2nd. The 3rd rank was conferred on Robert Smith. This meeting was held with the following Officers: N. Batson, C.C. J.S. McGehee, V.C. E.T. McGehee, M.W. T.D. More, Prelate, E. Howard, M.A. W.I. Thames, K of R & Sam M.E. J.L. Strahan, M.E. George Bilbo, I.G. Robert Smith, O.G. H.T. McGehee was elected to represent the lodge in the Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting.

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville. 1896.
Pearl River County.

1. ORGANIZATIONS:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

The Order of the Eastern Star was organized in Pearl River County Poplarville, Mississippi in the year of 1913, with the following Charter members.

Chapter No. 100 - O.E.S.

Worthy Matron	Mrs. Mae H. Batty
Worthy Patron	Mr. Jim Eiland
Associate Matron	Mrs. Mary E. Gridley.
	Edger Smith
	Virginia Eiland
	Mrs. Mary Printiss
	Mrs. Mamie McCoy
	Mrs. Ada Carver
	Mrs. Laura Tate
	Mrs. Lavina Newton
	Mrs. Eddie Rouse
	Miss Josephine Newton
	Mrs. Marion Scarborough
	Mrs. Agnes Newton
	Mrs. Mattie Ferris
	J.J. Scarborough Jr.
	Harvey Stewart
	Mrs. Kate Young

REFERENCE: Mrs. Louella Moody, Secretary of O.E.S.

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1. ORGANIZATIONS:

Eastern Star;

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Present Officers.

The following officers were elected at the state meeting Dec. 1937
and were installed into office December 28, 1937.

Worthy Matron	Rester, Mrs. Ila
Worthy Patron	Hillman, Mr. John L.
Associate Matron,	Greer, Mrs. Thelma
Associate Patron	Fornea, Mr. Ray
Secretary	Simpson, Mrs. Ollie
Treasurery	Smith, Mrs. Sarah
Conductors	Rawls Lyzette
Associate Conductors	Provost, Annie Lou
Chaplain	Buie, Miss Julie R.
Marshall	Robertson, Mrs. Carrie
Organist	Hutson, Mrs. Ollie Mae
Adah	Lewis, Miss Myrtis
Ruth, St	Starkey, Mrs. Ruth

REFERENCE: By-laws and certificate of Poplarville chapter no. 100. O.E.S.

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1. ORGANIZATIONS:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

PRESENT OFFICERS

Esther	Smith, Mrs. Edna
Martha,	Clark, Mrs. Ruth
Electa	Campbell, Mrs. Mattie
Warder	Garrison, Mrs. Mattie
Sentinel	Provost, Mr. Clarence

Recognizing the rapid growth that is advancing our Pearl River County with the opening up of the south and the present times Mississippi is taking in the eyes of America, realizing the splendid opportunities that are all about us for development and progress and knowing that the time has come when joint cooperation will do more for our county than any amount of individual purpose. Prominent citizens of Poplarville are now making arrangements to organize a Chamber of Commerce. We believe this to be one of the best steps that can be taken. A great amount of good is found to be accomplished when good fellows get together.

A committee of three was appointed to get answers from town. The President E.S. Barringer resigns as he moves from Poplarville. Be advised

REFERENCE: By-laws and certificate of Poplarville Chapter No. 100. O.E.S.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1937 -

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CIVIC:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

1

Some of the business men of Poplarville met in the Mayor's office on March 19th, 1925 for the purpose of organizing the Poplarville Chamber of Commerce. The officers elected as follows: E.H. Barringer, President; Wilmon Stewart, Vice President; L.T. Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer. All the men are very much interested in the building up of their organization which stands for the betterment of our town and surrounding communities.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Rotary Club rooms on Monday night January 30, 1927. Every member is urged to be present as well as every interested citizen whether he is a member or not. This is a most important meeting in that Poplarville and its future is greatly involved, so come out and show by your presence that you are interested in your town and community.

Recognizing the rapid growth that is advancing upon Pearl River County with the opening up of the coast and the prominent places Mississippi is taking in the eyes of America; realizing the splendid opportunities that be all about us for development and progress and knowing that the time has come when joint cooperation will do more for our county than any amount of individual purpose. Prominent citizens of Poplarville met and made arrangements to organize a Chamber of Commerce. We believe this to be one of the best steps that can be taken. A great amount of good is found to be accomplished when good fellows get together.

A committee of three was appointed to get members from town. The President E.H. Barringer resigns as he moves from Poplarville. He advises the people of the town to combine the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce Club as one, as Poplarville needs one good civic club.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1925 -

CIVIC:

PICAYUNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Picayune Chamber of Commerce was organized August 22, 1933 with the following Officers officiating. S.G. Thigpen, President; E.N. Read, Vice President; Jack Read, Secretary; J.E. Mayo, Treasurer. The Directors are as follows; W.E. Tate, T.L. Claughton, A.M. Martin, L.N. Fernby, C. McDonald, E.M. Walker, L.O. Crosby Jr. Dr. V.B. Martin, and H.M. Easterling.

The need of a Chamber of Commerce was sighted in that local business are continually receiving inquiries from people from all sections of the United States regarding Picayune and the Southern part of our county, as a result of much publicity given this vicinity.

The Picayune Chamber of Commerce has made good headway and is still in existence. The Present officers are: S.G. Thigpen, President; B.C. Cox, Secretary and Treasurer.

REFERENCE: 1. S.G. Thigpen, Picayune, Miss.
2. B.C. Cox, " " " "

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¹The Rotary Club of Poplarville, Pearl River County, was organized March 31, 1926, with the following officers: J.A. Moody, President; Hamp S. Stewart, Vice President; W.A. Stewart, Secretary & manager, and Sam Garrett Assistant manager.

²The Rotary Club of Poplarville celebrates its first birthday Friday March 31, 1927 - by staging a most elaborate banquet in the dining hall of PEARL River Junior College. The Lumberton Rotary Club was present with one hundred members. A few Picayune Rotary members were present. The guest assembled in the auditorium and enjoyed a musical program from the College Glee Club. After this the ladies were give English walnuts tied with ribbon and in opening them to extract the kernel, found the names of their dinner partner instead, and with him strolled into the dining hall where a sumptuous turkey dinner was served.

The late President S.A. Winborn introduced the newly elected President E.H. Barringer who was master of ceremonies for the entire evening.

REFERENCE: 1. Ben White, Poplarville, Miss.
2. Free Press, 1927.

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CIVIC:

The Rotary "Code of Ethics":

1. The business standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. The business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so that when I have ended each of them, I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found it. It has been well said that a singing Rotary Club is a good club - it is much more even, it is a cordial club, a friendly club, and a cooperative club.

We know that with acquaintance comes fellowship, with fellowship comes the desire for service, and with service comes the justification for our continued existence as an organized group.

²The Rotary Club after meeting in various places moved this week from the building at the rear of the bank, to the Masonic Temple where they now enjoy more comfortable quarters. Lunch is being served in the new place by the Baptist Ladies. Mr. Stringer and Dr. Moody were on the program this week and when either of these men are to appear the club is assured of something ~~wixx~~ worth while.

REFERENCE: 1. Private Records.
2. T.A. Rawls, Poplarville, Miss.

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The names of the officers of the Rotary Club, who have been recently installed are as follows: J.B. White, President; J.M. Morse, Vice President; Norman Rouse, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors: Dr. Roberts, Ed. Lee, Ed. Smith, Clarence Provost and J.B. White.

REFERENCE: J.B. White., Poplarville, Miss.

CIVIC

WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB:

¹ There was a luncheon given at Orr's Cafe October 27 1925 for the purpose of organizaing a Business and Professional Women's Club. They had as their guest Miss Erlene White Vice President from Mississippi of Jackson, to help organize the club. There were fourteen who joined the club that night. The following officers elected: Miss Sydney Vaughn, President; Mrs. Era Holliday, Vice President, Miss Iva Provost, Secretary; Mrs. Virgie Simpson, Treasurer. Directors: Mrs. E.S. Bryan, Mrs. Frank Hurst, Miss Bertha Provost, Miss Joan Wallace, Miss Mamie Bilbo.

A motion was made by Miss White and carried that the report on officers as made by the nominating committee be accepted.

¹ The club met at the court house December 8, 1925 with Mrs. Era Holliday presiding to discuss plans for building a club house, They discussed ways of raising money to erect the club house.

REFERENCE: 1. Poplarville Free Press.
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SOCIAL

WOMAN'S CLUB:

¹
The Woman's Club of Picayune, Pearl River County, was organized in the year of 1923, and Federated the following year, which was 1924. It was organized in the home of Mrs. Florence Tyler, who, through her untiring efforts has helped to build the club. Mrs. Susan Dupont of Picayune was also instrumental in organizing this club.

The officers officiating at the time of the organization are as follows: Mrs. Susan Dupont, President; Mrs. W.T. Lowery, Vice President; Mrs. J. Ira Woodward, Secretary. The Charter members are as follows: Mrs. J.L. Berry, Mrs. D.C. Camp, Mrs. A.B. Connally, Mrs. J.E. Dupont, Sr. Mrs. A.H. Knight, Mrs. Ida M. Little, Mrs. G.M. Martin, Miss Machey McRaney, Mrs. C.McDonald, Mrs. K.O. Mykelby, Mrs. W.F. Parker, Mrs. B.B. Swatts, Mrs. W.E. Tate, Mrs. W.T. Thornhill, Mrs. L.F. Tyler, Mrs. D.L. Tyler, Mrs. J.I. Woodward, Mrs. Schiller Lowery.

The present day officers of the Woman's Club are as follows: Mrs. T.K. Boggan, President; ^{Mr} H.M. Easterling, Second Vice President, Mrs. Troy Robbins, Recording Secretary.

²
A silver Loving Cup was awarded to the Woman's Club, of Picayune by the Mississippi Federation of Womens Clubs for one year for having had the best report on Community Service in the State for 1936-37.

The cup was on display in the Picayune Library and bears the following inscription. "The Community Service Cup was presented by The Woman's Club of Starksville! The Picayune Club has the honor of keeping the cup until November 1938.

REFERENCE: 1 Mrs. Florence Tyler, Picayune.
2 Mrs. Marvin Brown, " "

WOMAN'S CLUB:

SOCIAL:

During the Club year, 1936-37 Mrs. C.McDonald was chairman of the Community Service Committee, and Mrs. C.C. Smith President. This club promoted the city stocklaw, and also started the Picayune Library.

The Picayune Woman's Club celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Peach Tree Hotel on January 27th, 1938, with a banquet. Members and guests of the club were greeted by the officers and presented to the honor guests, Mrs. Hardy J. Nelson, President of the Mississippi Federation of the Women's Clubs. Reminiscences of the club from organization to the present time were given by Mrs. Mykelby.

REFERENCE: 1. Mrs. Florence Tyler, Picayune, Miss.
2. Mrs. Marvin Brown " " "

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Y.M.C.A. PICAYUNE:

On July 8, 1927 a meeting was held at the High School Building in the City of Picayune, Pearl River County, Miss, for the purpose of organizing the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Board of Directors is composed of twelve members. R.H. Crosby, Lament Roland, J.E. Dupont; C. McDonald, L.O. Crosby, E.M. Walker, M. Gryce, H.R. McIntosh, J.R. Stewart, R.E. Laird, Barney Whitfield and Luther L. Tyber, to serve for one year and until their successors shall be elected pursuant to the by-laws to be adopted. Be it known there was unanimously adopted and directed the following resolution to wit: Resolved that Luther L. Tyber, Attorney at law, be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and secure a Charter of Incorporation of the Young Men's Christian Association of Picayune, Miss, under the laws of the State of Mississippi and the Directors as a majority therefore are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make application for, and to take such steps as may be necessary for the securing of a Charter of Incorporation under the laws of Miss. The undersigned, R. H. Crosby and J.E. Dupont, as President and Secretary respectively of the Y.M.C.A. of Picayune, Miss, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution of authority unanimously adopted by the organizers of said Association at a meeting held for that purpose on July 8, 1927.

There were present some fifty-odd representatives, citizens of Picayune who were subscribers to the Young Men's Christian Association Building Funds. Mr. R.H. Crosby was elected Chairman of the meeting and he outlined

REFERENCE: Private Records, of Picayune Y.M.C.A.

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the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Godfrey, representing the State Y.M.C.A. also stated the method of organization and operation; the Constitution was unanimously adopted section by section. The Officers are as follows;

R.H. Crosby, President, C.M. McDonald, Vice President; J.E. Dupont, Junior Secretary; R.E. Laird, Treasurer.

REFERENCE: PRIVATE RECORDS, PICAYUNE Y.M.C.A.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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• PICAYUNE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 1937-38

B. Whitfield, President; P. C. Byrd, Vice-President
J. E. Dupont Jr., Recording Secretary; Luther F. Tyler,
Treasurer.

DIRECTORS

Term expiring November, 1938: F.M. Smith K. O. Mykleby
Jack Read P. C. Byrd
C. McDonald J.F. Bevis

Term expiring November, 1939: Luther F. Tyler M. Grice
J.E. Dupont Jr. J.E. Mayo
H. R. McIntosh A. M. Martin

Committees

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>Educational and Industrial</u>
J.E. Dupont Jr. Chairman	A.H. Knight, Chairman	I.E. Knapp Chairman
P.C. Byrd	N.G. Stevens	R.H. Crosby
J.W. Byrd	K.O. Mykleby	M. Grice
L.F. Tyler	T.D. Holden	J.F. Bevis
	Robt. Triplett	
	F.M. Smith	
	P.H. Gregory	
<u>Membership</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Social</u>
P.C. Byrd, Chairman	K.O. Mykleby Chairman	Mrs. I.E. Knapp Chairman
C.L. Albritton	J.W. Reed	Mrs. C. McDonald
K.O. Mykleby	T.K. Boggan	Vernon Catha
J.W. Reed	L.M. Miller	Mrs. P.L. Hill
A.M. Martin		Mrs. N.G. Stevens
<u>Religious Work</u>	<u>Boys Work</u>	Robt. Triplett
R.K. Corder, Chairman	N.G. Stevens, Chairman	Mrs. L.O. Crosby
J.O. Ware	H.R. McIntosh	Mrs. R.H. Collier
J.V. Currie	J.L. Moran	Mrs. C.L. Albritton
J.P. Tucker	Jack Reed	
Mrs. K.O. Mykleby	D.A. Spence	<u>Employment</u>
Mrs. J.W. Reed		H.R. McIntosh Chairman
J.E. Mayo		E.H. Stegens
<u>Auditing</u>		
A.H. Knight, Chairman		
J.E. Mayo.		

REFERENCE: Private Records of, Y.M.C.A. Picayune, Miss.
Pearl River County

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POPLARVILLE:

Y.M.C.A.

The Young Men's Christian Association was organized during the latter part of last session which was August 28 1913, and accomplished good work for the length of time organized. It sent one delegate to the Southern Students Convention held this summer. The object of the association is to create maintain and extend throughout the school life a strong high moral sentiment to bring students into a personal relation to Jesus Christ our Devine Saviour; to build up Christian character and lead tyem to affiliate themselves with some branch of the Christian Church.

Every young man who takes a stand for Christ and enlists in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association will increase his opportunities more than he can ever realize. If he developes his mind and body without developing his spiritual nature he will gain very little in the end. For that reason we invite every young man who intends to enter school at the Pearl River Co. Agricultural High School to become a memver of our Association.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1914, By, H.P. Smith, President, P.R.C.A.H.S.
Poplarville, Mississippi.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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PATRIOTIC:

Ex-Service Men Orgnaize American Legion Post
Named Orville Carver in Honor of Poplar-
villes' Dead Hero.

In accordance with announcement published several days ago in the Free Press, a large number of ex-service men met at the court house on Friday November 11, 1921, for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post at this place. Twenty-five men were enrolled as charter members, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Honorable Marion Morse, Commander, Homer C. Moody, Vice Commander:
Reuban Bq Jordan, Adjutant.

The name of the post will be Orville Carver, in honor of Orville Carver, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Carver of this place. Orville was among the first to tender his services ti his county from Poplarville. He was killed on the American Transport Mt. Vernon, which was torpedoed by a German Submarine.

After the organization was completed the ladies of the American Red Cross served delightful refreshments to all present.

The following members were appointed as a Membership Committee:
H.C. Mody, Chairman; L.E. Ladner, F.W. Seals, Joe P. Smith, Gordon Newton, Ernest Clark, Jesse T. Smith, Ed.W. Burge, Wayne Bilbo, and Reuben Jordan. This committee has authority to recieve and receipt for fees.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1921, Poplarville, Miss.

4. PATRIOTIC:

THE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

General Wade Hampton was a native of South Carolina, where he was born in the year 1754. He served throughout the Revolutionary War first as Lieutenant and Paymaster of the 1st South Carolina in 1776; in 1777 he was a Captain, and later was Colonel of the South Carolina Militia, commanding a brigade under General Sumter.

He was a democratic representative in Congress from South Carolina in 1795 to 1797, and again from 1803 to 1805. In 1809 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General and for a time was in command at New Orleans. During the war of 1812 he became a Major-General and commanded the forces at Norfolk. Afterwards he was placed in command of the army on Lake Champlain.

On April 6th, 1814, General Hampton resigned his commossion and passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was considered the Wealthiest planter in the United States, and owned many thousands of acres of land and three thousand slaves. He is often referred to as America's first Multi-millionaire.

His first wife and child were killed by Indians in 1776, while General Hampton was in the army. His second marriage was to Miss Harriet Flud in 1786, at Satire, South Carolina. General Wade Hampton of Civil WarFame was the grandson of General Hampton, who died February 4th, 1833, at Columbia South Carolina.

REFERENCE: WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER, Of Daughters of American Revolution
year book---1931-32. Given by Miss Bessie Scarborough
Poplarville, Mississippi.

4. PATRIOTIC:

One writer describes him thus: "General Hampton was six feet of magnificent manhood; proud but not haughty; born to command, he was ever thoughtful of those under his command. A patriot, a statesman, a scholar and a Christian gentleman in the highest sense of these terms, he honored and was honored by his native State and his native land.

When the question of a name for this chapter came up for consideration several members suggested that it be named for the ancestor of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. L. Maxwell Noland, in recognition of her steadfast efforts which led to the establishment of Daughters of American Revolution in this section of the State. General Wade Hampton was the Regent's D. A. R. ancestor, and was the name chosen with the approval ~~with~~ of the National Board.

Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Cleveland, Mississippi, was at that time State Regent, and rendered valuable assistance to the Organizing Regent in founding the Wade Hampton Chapter.

The first meeting was held with Mrs. Noland at her home, in January 1926, and the official date of organization is February 22, 1926.

List of Organizing members.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mrs. Claude Batson | Mrs. Bryant L. Perkins | Mrs. David Patton Kennedy |
| Mrs. Osborne B. Cagle | Mrs. Frederick Pettibone | Mrs. Robert W. Hinton Jr. |
| Mrs. Edwin M. Davis Jr. | Mrs. George H. Robinson | Mrs. Duncan Chalmers McInnis |
| Mrs. Robert Hinton, Sr. | Miss Bessie Scarborough | Miss Josephine Newton |
| Mrs. James Frank Howard. | | Mrs. Joseph B. Newton |
| Mrs. James S. Jussely | | Mrs. L. Maxwell Noland |

Mrs. James J. Scarborough.

REFERENCE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER. Daughters of American Revolution
Miss Bessie Scarborough, Poplarville, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

United Daughters of Confederacy.

The first U.D.C. Chapter was organized in Poplarville in the year of 1901. The charter members are as follows Mrs. J.M. Shivers, President; Mrs. J.J. Scarborough, Vice President; Mrs. J.C. Derby, Treasurer, Miss Mabel Scott Secretary. The organization was named the Phelan Chapter of U.D.C. It only lasted a few years and died out, then in January 15, 1921 a new chapter was organized and is still in existence. This new Chapter named the J.M. Shivers Chapter was organized by Mrs. Madge Hoskins Holmes, the State President. Charter members of U.D.C. 1921: Mrs. Maggie Newsom, Mrs. Ada Carver, Mrs. Idell Batson, Mrs. Poole Dupree, Mrs. Coriane White, Mrs. Mattie Stewart, Mrs. Eddie Rouse, Mrs. J.H. Caver, Mrs. F.E. Shivers, Mrs. Mattie Ferris, and Mrs. Laura Horne.

The chapter was named for J.M. Shivers who was Colonel in the Civil War, and was Confederate Veteran. The chapter has done lots of good for the Veterans and their wives. There are only two surviving veterans - Mr. J.A. Caver and Mr. J.T. Self. Mrs. Cowart, one of the veterans widows, is ninety-two years old, and is the oldest widow on the pension roll. All widows are still drawing pensions. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas the Daughters send nice baskets of fruit and food, and in some instances clothing, to the Veterans and widows which is greatly appreciated by the old folks. The unmarked graves of the veterans, are being marked by the U.D.C.

School children are given medals for writing essays on the lives of famous Generals of the Civil war, and of interesting events during that time. Books and pictures are donated to class rooms and libraries of several schools in Pearl River County. One of the members, Mrs. J.T. Campbell has a flag that was carried by her Father, Col. J.M. Cagle, during one of the battles he fought.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss
Mrs. R.O. Carver. " " " "

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The Chapter put on a tag day, for a few days, this being the first time the organization had ever asked the public for help. The money realized from this, will be used in helping toward the expense that will arise when the monument is unveiled. And as we believe in "preparedness", we are asking the public to help us go over "the top."

One of the most outstanding achievements that will long be remembered is the monument erected at Pearl River County court house in memory of all war veterans. It is quite a beautiful marker. The Confederate Monument arrived into Poplarville April 8, 1926 and will be erected at once with quite an elaborate program. When erected it will add grace and beauty to the court house yard, and will be a lasting tribute to the U.D.C. who worked so faithful to make it possible for Pearl River County to honor those who fought and died for our country. On June 3, 1926 the day when the whole South honors the birth of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederacy, is a fitting day for the splendid program which has been planned for the Unveiling of the Monument. No other day seems to lend itself so appropriately as June 3, first because the State of Mississippi allows an appropriation for the erection of a Confederate Memorial and secondly, members of the Legion Post are either directly or indirectly descended from Confederate Veterans. And it is therefore as much their day as May 30th. On the 26th day of April every year they observe Memorial Day with programs given by grand-daughters and sons of Veterans. The program is given at the Monument every year. Flowers are placed on the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day by school children and daughters of the Confederacy.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss.
Mrs. R.O. Carver " " "

PATRIOTIC:

Governor Henry L. Whitefield in behalf of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, has sent to the Mayors of all towns in the State a specially numbered half-dollar with the request that the Mayors have these coins sold for the benefit of Stone Mountain Memorial for as high a price as possible. So the U.D.C. members asked for the privilege of selling these coins. The record price for one of these numbered coins was paid at Hollywood, Florida which amounted to \$1,513, this was the largest number sold. Every organization that sold coins, their Chapter names were placed on Stone Mountain.

Every year the chapter sends delegates to the convention, when information is gathered from other chapters as to the work they are doing. The subject before the chapter now, is to raise money to send grand-daughters of the Confederate Veterans to college. To offer a scholarship for a year at some college.

This is among one of the first organizations in Pearl River County, and it is trying to impress upon the younger girls and boys the memory of our soldiers, who fought for the sake of the country, so the organization can continue to grow.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss.
Mrs. R.O. Carver " " " 2

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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PATRIOTIC:

RED CROSS:

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Mrs. Nancy Smith ~~was~~ organized a Red Cross Society which a number of Poplarville young women joined as Red Cross volunteers. Mrs. Smith has a class every afternoon giving courses in nursing and first aid. Mrs. Smith also organized a National Honor Guard composed of girls and women who do not volunteer for active service but are being trained in times of stress and war. The purpose of the Honor Guard Club is to prepare for service if occasion arises. About thirty women enrolled and other women were urged to join. The following officers were elected. Mrs. J.B. Newton, President; Mrs. D.D. Durham, Vice President; Miss Addie Bennett, Secretary; Miss Izetta Williams treasurer.

2

Monday April 1918 the Poplarville Red Cross Auxillary began under the auspices of the Honor Guard and completed its organization. Thirty attended and showed much interest and eagerness. This auxillary ~~was~~ purposed to begin at once the making of hospital outfits for the soldiers already fighting and for those who are soon to go to France. Miss Josephine Newton, Iva Provost, Blanch Jilsen composed a committee to secure supplies for the soldiers outfits. Another committee, Mrs. J.C. Buckley, L.C. Rouse, Ina Newton, Ella Rawls and Thelma Hyde were to canvass the town for members in several districts.

3

The time has come for every citizen to do his or her bit. The people of Poplarville can help alleviate suffering at home and among our own boys who are fighting the battles at the front, by joining the Red Cross, so let everybody join and ehlp our home boys. The Poplarville Chapter of American Red Cross recently made a shipment of knitted garments to New Orleans.

REFERENCE: 1. Free Press,
2. Mrs. R.O. Carver, Poplarville, Miss.
3. Bessie Scarborough, Poplarville, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

RED CROSS:

for the American soldiers which consisted of sweaters, wool socks, wristlets and wash cloths. The Red Cross has been called on again for relief in Belgium. Ten million imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France are facing shame and suffering, disease and some of them death for lack of clothing this winter. They must have help and it must come from us! Every kind of garments for all ages and sexes are needed. Pearl River County Chapter wants to help make our shipment one of the largest. H.K. Rouse was first Chairman of the ~~Red~~ organization and still is holding that position.

REFERENCE: 1. Free Press,
2. Mrs. R.O. Carver, Poplarville, Miss.
3. Miss Bessie Scarborough, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

The Boy Scouts of Poplarville, Mississippi.

¹ Through the energetic efforts of Mr. Sam Seidler a Troop of Boy Scouts were organized in Poplarville May 20, 1918, with an enrollment of thirty. Scout Master, F.T.P. Allison of the New Orleans Crack Troop No.2 - was here to complete the organization and give necessary instructions after which the Troop took a thirteen mile hike.

² This organization develops latent possibilities in the young ~~frisks~~ fellows, and is a good character builder. Following is the Poplarville Troop. S. Seidler, Scout Master, C.W. Boyd, Charlie Carver, Sidney Orr, Harold McCants are Patrol Leaders. Emmett L. Posey, Utility.

³ The American Legion of Poplarville, Miss, sponsors the present day Boy Scout Organization. The present committee appointed by the American Legion to help the boys carry on their work are as follows: Mr. V.F. Ike, Lee White, Dr. Roberts, Jessie Smith.

⁴ The Officers of the Boy Scouts are as follows: Mr. Ed. Smith, Scout Master, Homer Moody and John Batson, Patrol Leaders, Bland Richardson, Senior Patrol Leader, Don Bounds, ~~Librarian~~ Scribe, John Stewart Boyd Librarian.

REFERENCE: 1&2, Free Press, Poplarville, Miss, 1918.
3&4 Mr. Ed. Smith, Scout Master, 1938.
Poplarville, Mississippi.

PATRIOTIC:

BOY SCOUTS OF CARRIERE:

On Friday February 2, 1923 the Black Hawk Patrol of Troop No. 2, Boy Scouts of America of Carriere, Miss, were organized. They met at the old swimming pool on West Hobelochitto creek and officers were elected. Mr. A. Russell, Scout Master; Mr. Ray Oldham, Assistant Scout Master, Thomas Garrett, Patrol Leader. Edward Coker, Chief of the Woodmen, Douglas Horne, Buglar and Reporter. The officers were indorsed by the proper Troop Committee, viz- M.B. Pitt, J.J. Walker, E.A. Martin .

They propose to have a lot of clean fun, but more particularly do all the good we can for our town. They plan to meet next Friday at Hickory Creek where they will make laws, write plans and have lots of fun.

This organization only lasted a few years, but did lots of good and trained the boys in many ways.

REFERENCE: Picayune Item, 1923.

PATRIOTIC:

BOY SCOUTS OF PICAYUNE:

¹
The Picayune Troop of Boy Scouts was organized in the year 1933 with the following officers: Troop Committee: E.E. Hasberg, Chairman; H.P. McIntosh, P.C. Byrd, P.L. Hill, J.E. Dupont Jr. Scout Master, N.G. Stevens, Court of Honor, R.H. Crosby, T.K. Boggan, Chairman, K.O. Mykleby, J.F. Bevis, L.F. Tyler, Patrol Leaders: Robert Crosby, Leroy Bonds, Frank Stewart,

²
The Present Troop Committee: Norman Stevens, Scout Master; P.C. Byrd, P.L. Hill, J.E. Dupont Jr, H.R. McIntosh, Court of Honor, Mr. R.H. Crosby, T.K. Boggan, K.O. Mykelby, J.E. Mayo, R.K. Croder, J.O. Ware. Patrol Leaders, Jack Lossett, R.J. Williams, Senior Patrol Leader, Robert Crosby.

REFERENCE: 1Mr. P.L. Hill, Picayune, Miss.
2Mr. Pl. Hill, " " " "

ORGANIZATIONS:

MASONS:

¹
Sherrard Byrd Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized at Byrd's Chapel in Hancock County in what is now known as Pearl River County, Mississippi, under dispensation of the Grand Master of Mississippi with the following Officers: Redding Byrd, Worshipful Master; James A. Stewart, Senior Warden; John Mitchell, Junior Warden. The Charter was granted in January 23, 1872. Dispensation was granted by the Gran Master of Mississippi to move the location of the Lodge to Poplarville, August 21, 1883, which was then the county site of the county, after being changed from Hancock County to Pearl River County.

²
The first Masonic Lodge to be built in the town of Poplarville was in the year of 1883 and was erected in the northern part of the town where Otho Stewart now lives. Sherrard Byrd Lodge was the first Masonic Lodge to be organized in Pearl River County. The Lodge was organized before Pearl River County was established it first being Marion County.

³
"Uncle" Soloman Smith is the oldest member of the Lodge. He has been a member fifty-one years, joining the Sherrard Byrd Lodge at the age of twenty-one years. The modern Masonic Temple was erected in 1923 by the Masons of Poplarville, Miss, with the following Officers Officiating: Marsh Hainer, Grand Master; R.B. Jordan, Worshipful Master; Lonnie Smith, Senior Warden; J.Gorden Newton, Junior Warden; G.C. Credell, Treasurer, L.T.Simpson Secretary, R.M. Newton, S.D.; L.J. Provost, J.D.; and E.E. Tate, Tyler. Building Committee: T.A. Rawls, E.O. Batson, D.P. Kennedy and C.P. Rawls.

REFERENCE: 1. Leopold Locke
2 " " " "
Poplarville, Miss.

3. Soloman Smith
Poplarville, Miss.

ORGANIZATIONS:

MASONS:

¹The former old wooden building which has housed the Masons of Poplarville for many years has been moved to a lot adjoining Whites Garage, and various kinds of material are being placed on the grounds to be an erection of a handsome three story Temple which will succeed it. The new building will be of brick and stone and complete in every detail, and will be a monument to the Masons of the present generation.

Announcement is made that an impressive service will be held on the grounds January 10th, 1924 when the Corner Stone will be laid. Past Grand Master, H.C. Yawn of Lumberton will be in charge of the services, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple which will be the home of Sherrard Lodge No 353 F and A.M. was laid Thursday with H.C. Yawn in charge.

Work of the Temple is well under way and with favorable weather the home will be occupied in six months. On January 24, 1924, a loving cup was awarded the Pearl River County school having the best health record at the end of the present school session. Poplarville school was the winner of a beautiful loving cup for having attained the highest average in health work as planned by Mrs. E.W. Duke, the County Health Nurse. This cup was awarded by the Masons and presented by J.M. Morse.

²The 32nd degree is the highest office reached in this organization so far. And the men who have attained this place are as follows: Leopold Locke, Inman Rawls, Senator Bilbo, Dr. J.B. Cowart.

REFERENCE: 1-Free Press, 1924, 2. Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss.

ORGANIZATIONS:

MASONS OF PICAYUNE:

MOSES COOK LODGE

¹Moses Cook Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons No. 111, was organized at Gainsville, Hancock County, before Pearl River County was established. Dispensation was granted for the organization by the Grand Master of Mississippi in 1849, and was given its charter February 5th, 1850. The report for the year of 1849 shows the officers as follows: U. Corley, Worshipful Master, C.A. Folsom, Senior Warden; Dispensation was granted by the Grand Master of Mississippi to change the location of the Lodge from Gainsville Miss. to Nicholson, January 3, 1885.

²The organization lasted only a short time and was moved to Picayune and organized in 1894 where it is still in existence today and quite an active Lodge in the county. The present officers of the masons are: G.H. Mitchell, Master, Rudolph Watts, Senior Warden, H.E. Jordan, Jr. Warden; J.R. Stockstill President; J.E. Formsby, Secretary, Jack Read, Senior Deacon; Curtis Allen, Senior Deacon. Ed. Hart, Tyler.

REFERENCE: 1.. Mr. Buford Walker, Picayune, Miss.
2. " " " " " " " " " " " "

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD:

ORGANIZATIONS:

Woodmen of the World was organized September, 1898. The Charter members are as follows: R.E. Wilkenson, C.C. H.B. Breland, A.L. J.C. Byrd, Banker, T.P. Loveless, Clerk, W.H. Rich, Escort, J.D. Walker, Watchman, R.S. Clark, Sentry, Dr. W.J. Hannicut, Physician, W.I. Thames, Manager, C.A. Norlin, A.L. Rawls,.

The local camp WOW will have Memorial services at the town cemetery Sunday and decorate the graves of their departed sovereigns.

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville, Miss. 1898.

ORGANIZATIONS:

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS:

Pine Tree Lodge Knights of Pythias held a 1896 meeting Saturday. Two ranks were conferred the 1st and 2nd. The 3rd rank was conferred on Robert Smith. This meeting was held with the following Officers: N. Batson, C.C. J.S. McGehee, V.C. H.T. McGehee, M.W. T.D. More, Prelate, E. Howard, M.A. W.I. Thames, K of R & Sash M.E. J.L. Strahan, M.E. George Bilbo, I.G. Robert Smith, O.G. H.T. McGehee was elected to represent the lodge in the Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting.

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville. 1896.
Pearl River County.

1. ORGANIZATIONS:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

The Order of the Eastern Star was organized in Pearl River County Poplarville, Mississippi in the year of 1913, with the following Charter members.

Chapter No. 100 - O.E.S.

Worthy Matron

Worthy Patron

Associate Matron

Mrs. Mae H. Batty

Mr. Jim Eiland

Mrs. Mary E. Gridley.

Edger Smith

Virginia Eiland

Mrs. Mary Printiss

Mrs. ~~Mamie~~ McCoy

Mrs. Ada Carver

Mrs. Laura Tate

Mrs. Lavina Newton

Mrs. Eddie Rouse

Miss Josephine Newton

Mrs. Marion Scarborough

Mrs. Agnes Newton

Mrs. Mattie Ferris

J.J. Scarborough Jr.

Harvey Stewart

Mrs. Kate Young

REFERENCE: Mrs. Louella Moody, Secretary of O.E.S.

POP LARVILLE, MISS

1. ORGANIZATIONS:

Eastern Star:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Present Officers.

The following officers were elected at the stat~~ag~~meeting Dec. 1937 and were installed into office December 28, 1937.

Worthy Matron

Rester, Mrs. Ila

Worthy Patron

Hillman, Mr. John L.

Associate Matron,

Greer, Mrs. Thelma

Associate Patron

Fornea, Mr. Ray

Secretary

Simpson, Mrs. Ollie

Treasurery

Smith, Mrs. Sarah

Conductors

Rawls Lyzette

Associate Conductors

Provost, Annie Lou

Chaplain

Buie, Miss Julie R.

Marshall

Robertson, Mrs. Carrie

Organist

Hutson, Mrs. Ollie Mae

Adah

Lewis, Miss Myrtis

Ruth, St

Starkey, Mrs. Ruth

REFERENCE: By-laws and certificate of Poplarville chapter no. 100. O.E.S.

1. ORGANIZATIONS:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

PRESENT OFFICERS

Esther	Smith, Mrs. Edna
Martha,	Clark, Mrs. Ruth
Electa	Campbell, Mrs. Mattie
Warder	Garrison, Mrs. Mattie
Sentinel	Provost, Mr. Clarence

REFERENCE: By-laws and certificate of Poplarville Chapter No. 100. O.E.S.

ORGANIZATIONS:

CIVIC:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

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Some of the business men of Poplarville met in the Mayor's office on March 19th, 1925 for the purpose of organizing the Poplarville Chamber of Commerce. The officers elected as follows: E.H. Barringer, President; Wilmon Stewart, Vice President; L.T. Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer. All the men are very much interested in the building up of their organization which stands for the betterment of our town and surrounding communities.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Rotary Club rooms on Monday night January 30, 1927. Every member is urged to be present as well as every interested citizen whether he is a member or not. This is a most important meeting in that Poplarville and its future is greatly involved, so come out and show by your presence that you are interested in your town and community.

Recognizing the rapid growth that is advancing upon Pearl River County with the opening up of the coast and the prominent places Mississippi is taking in the eyes of America; realizing the splendid opportunities that be all about us for development and progress and knowing that the time has come when joint cooperation will do more for our county than any amount of individual purpose. Prominent citizens of Poplarville met and made arrangements to organize a Chamber of Commerce. We believe this to be one of the best steps that can be taken. A great amount of good is found to be accomplished when good fellows get together.

A committee of three was appointed to get members from town. The President E.H. Barringer resigns as he moves from Poplarville. He advises the people of the town to combine the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce Club as one, as Poplarville needs one good civic club.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1925 -

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PICAYUNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Picayune Chamber of Commerce was organized August 22, 1933 with the following Officers officiating. S.G. Thigpen, President; E.E. Read, Vice President; Jack Read, Secretary; J.E. Mayo, Treasurer. The Directors are as follows; W.E. Tate, T.L. Claughton, A.M. Martin, L.N. Fernby, C. McDonald, E.M. Walker, L.O. Crosby Jr. Dr. V.B. Martin, and H.M. Easterling.

The need of a Chamber of Commerce was sighted in that local business are continually receiving inquiries from people from all sections of the United States regarding Picayune and the Southern part of our county, as a result of much publicity given this vicinity.

The Picayune Chamber of Commerce has made good headway and is still in existence. The Present officers are: S.G. Thigpen, President; B.C. Cox, Secretary and Treasurer.

REFERENCE: 1. S.G. Thigpen, Picayune, Miss.
2. B.C. Cox, " " "

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¹The Rotary Club of Poplarville, Pearl River County, was organized March 31, 1926, with the following officers: J.A. Moody, President; Hamp S. Stewart, Vice President; W.A. Stewart, Secretary & manager, and Sam Garrett Assistant manager.

²The Rotary Club of Poplarville celebrates its first birthday Friday March 31, 1927 - by staging a most elaborate banquet in the dining hall of PEARL River Junior College. The Lumberton Rotary Club was present with one hundred members. A few Picayune Rotary members were present. The guest assembled in the auditorium and enjoyed a musical program from the College Glee Club. After this the ladies were give English walnuts tied with ribbon and in opening them to extract the kernel, found the names of their dinner partner instead, and with him strolled into the dining hall where a sumptuous turkey dinner was served.

The late President S.A. Winborn introduced the newly elected President E.H. Barringer who was master of ceremonies for the entire evening.

REFERENCE: 1. Ben White, Poplarville, Miss.
2. Free Press, 1927.

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The Rotary "Code of Ethics"

1.

The business standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. The business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so that when I have ended each of them, I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found it. It has been well said that a singing Rotary Club is a good club - it is much more even, it is a cordial club, a friendly club, and a cooperative club.

We know that with acquaintance comes fellowship, with fellowship comes the desire for service, and with service comes the justification for our continued existence as an organized group.

2.

The Rotary Club after meeting in various places moved this week from the building at the rear of the bank, to the Masonic Temple where they now enjoy more comfortable quarters. Lunch is being served in the new place by the Baptist Ladies. Mr. Stringer and Dr. Moody were on the program this week and when either of these men are to appear the club is assured of something ~~with~~ worth while.

REFERENCE: 1. Private Records.
2. T.A. Rawls, Poplarville, Miss.

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The names of the officers of the Rotary Club, who have been recently installed are as follows: J.B. White, President; J.M. Morse, Vice President; Norman Rouse, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors: Dr. Roberts, Ed. Lee, Ed. Smith, Clarence Provost and J.B. White.

REFERENCE: J.B. White., Poplarville, Miss.

CIVIC

WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB:

¹ There was a luncheon given at Orr's Cafe October 2nd 1925 for the purpose of organizing a Business and Professional Women's Club. They had as their guest Miss Erlene White Vice President from Mississippi of Jackson, to help organize the club. There were fourteen who joined the club that night. The following officers elected: Miss Sydney Vaughn, President; Mrs. Era Holliday, Vice President, Miss Iva Provost, Secretary; Mrs. Virgie Simpson, Treasurer. Directors: Mrs. E.S. Bryan, Mrs. Frank Hurst, Miss Bertha Provost, Miss Joan Wallace, Miss Mamie Bilbo.

A motion was made by Miss White and carried that the report on officers as made by the nominating committee be accepted.

¹ The club met at the court house December 8, 1925 with Mrs. Era Holliday presiding to discuss plans for building a club house. They discussed ways of raising money to erect the club house.

REFERENCE: 1. Poplarville Free Press.
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SOCIAL

WOMAN'S CLUB:

¹ The Woman's Club of Picayune, Pearl River County, was organized in the year of 1923, and Federated the following year, which was 1924. It was organized in the home of Mrs. Florence Tyler, who, through her untiring efforts has helped to build the club. Mrs. Susan Dupont of Picayune was also instrumental in organizing this club.

The officers officiating at the time of the organization are as follows: Mrs. Susan Dupont, President; Mrs. W.T. Lowery, Vice President; Mrs. J. Ira Woodward, Secretary. The Charter members are as follows: Mrs. J.L. Berry, Mrs. D.C. Camp, Mrs. A.B. Connally, Mrs. J.E. Dupont, Sr. Mrs. A.H. Knight, Mrs. Ida M. Little, Mrs. G.M. Martin, Miss Machee McRaney, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. K.O. Mykleby, Mrs. W.F. Parker, Mrs. B.B. Swatts, Mrs. W.E. Tate, Mrs. W.T. Thornhill, Mrs. L.F. Tyler, Mrs. B.L. Tyler, Mrs. J.I. Woodward, Mrs. Schillar Lowery.

The present day officers of the Woman's Club are as follows: Mrs. T.K. Boggan, President; ^{Mrs} H.M. Easterling, Second Vice President, Mrs. Troy Robbins, Recording Secretary.

² A silver Loving Cup was awarded to the Woman's Club, of Picayune by the Mississippi Federation of Womens Clubs for one year for having had the best report on community Service in the State for 1936-37.

The cup was on display in the Picayune Library and bears the following inscription. "The community Service Cup was presented by The Woman's Club of Starksville! The Picayune Club has the honor of keeping the cup until November 1938.

REFERENCE: 1 Mrs. Florence Tyler, Picayune.
2 Mrs. Marvin Brown, " "

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During the Club year, 1936-37 Mrs. C. McDonald was chairman of the Community Service Committee, and Mrs. C.C. Smith President. This club promoted the city stocklaw, and also started the Picayune Library.

The Picayune Women's Club celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Peach Tree Hotel on January 27th, 1938, with a banquet. Members and guests of the club were greeted by the officers and presented to the honor guests, Mrs. Hardy J. Nelson, President of the Mississippi Federation of the Women's Clubs. Reminiscences of the club from organization to the present time were given by Mrs. Mykelby.

- REFERENCE: 1. Mrs. Florence Tyler, Picayune, Miss.
2. Mrs. Marvin Brown " " "

SOCIAL:

Y.M.C.A. PICAYUNE:

On July 8, 1927 a meeting was held at the High School Building in the City of Picayune, Pearl River County, Miss. for the purpose of organizing the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Board of Directors is composed of twelve members. R.H. Crosby, Lament Roland, J.E. Dupont; C. McDonald, L.O. Crosby, E.M. Walker, M. Gryce, H.R. McIntosh, J.R. Stewart, R.E. Laird, Barney Whitfield and Luther L. Tyler, to serve for one year and until their successors shall be elected pursuant to the by-laws to be adopted. Be it known there was unanimously adopted and directed the following resolution to wit: Resolved that Luther L. Tyler, Attorney at law, be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and secure a Charter of Incorporation of the Young Men's Christian Association of Picayune, Miss. under the laws of the State of Mississippi and the Directors as a majority therefore are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make application for, and to take such steps as may be necessary for the securing of a Charter of Incorporation under the laws of Miss. The undersigned, R. H. Crosby and J.E. Dupont, as President and Secretary respectively of the Y.M.C.A. of Picayune, Miss. do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution of authority unanimously adopted by the organizers of said Association at a meeting held for that purpose on July 8, 1927.

There were present some fifty-odd representatives, citizens of Picayune who were subscribers to the Young Men's Christian Association Building Funds. Mr. R.H. Crosby was elected Chairman of the meeting and he outlined

REFERENCE: Private Records, of Picayune Y.M.C.A.

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the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Godfrey, representing the State Y.M.C.A. also stated the method of organization and operation; the Constitution was unanimously adopted section by section. The Officers are as follows;
R.H. Crosby, President, C.M. McDonald, Vice President; J.E. Dupont, Junior Secretary; R.E. Laird, Treasurer.

REFERENCE: PRIVATE RECORDS, PICAYUNE Y.M.C.A.

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• PICAYUNE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 1937-38

B. Whitfield, President; P. C. Byrd, Vice-President
J. E. Dupont Jr., Recording Secretary; Luther F. Tyler,
Treasurer.

DIRECTORS

Term expiring November, 1938: F.M. Smith K. O. Mykleby
Jack Reed P. C. Byrd
C. McDonald J.F. Bevis

Term expiring November, 1939: Luther F. Tyler M. Grice
J.E. Dupont Jr. J.E. Mayo
H. R. McIntosh A. M. Martin

Committees

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>Educational and Industrial</u>
J.E. Dupont Jr. Chairman	A.H. Knight, Chairman	I.E. Knapp Chairman
P.C. Byrd	N.G. Stevens	R.H. Crosby
J.W. Byrd	K.O. Mykleby	M. Grice
L.F. Tyler	T.D. Holden	J.F. Bevis
	Robt. Triplett	
	F.M. Smith	
	P.H. Gregory	

Membership

P.C. Byrd, Chairman
C.L. Albritton
K.O. Mykleby
J.W. Reed
A.M. Martin

Religious Work

R.K. Corder, Chairman
J.O. Ware
J.V. Currie
J.P. Tucker
Mrs. K.O. Mykleby
Mrs. J.W. Reed
J.E. Mayo

Auditing

A.H. Knight, Chairman
J.E. Mayo.

House

K.O. Mykleby
Chairman
J.W. Reed
T.K. Boggan
L.M. Miller

Boys Work

N.G. Stevens,
Chairman
H.R. McIntosh
J.L. Moran
Jack Reed
D.A. Spence

Social

Mrs. I.E. Knapp
Chairman
Mrs. C. McDonald
Vernon Catha
Mrs. P.L. Hill
Mrs. N.G. Stevens
Robt. Triplett
Mrs. L.O. Crosby
Mrs. R.H. Collier
Mrs. C.L. Albritton

Employment

H.R. McIntosh
Chairman
E.H. Stevens

REFERENCE: Private Records of, Y.M.C.A. Picayune, Miss.
Pearl River County

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POPLARVILLE:

Y.M.C.A.

The Young Men's Christian Association was organized during the latter part of last session which was August 28 1913, and accomplished good work for the length of time organized. It sent one delegate to the Southern Students Convention held this summer. The object of the association is to create maintain and extend throughout the school life a strong high moral sentiment to bring students into a personal relation to Jesus Christ our Divine Saviour; to build up Christian character and lead them to affiliate themselves with some branch of the Christian Church.

Every young man who takes a stand for Christ and enlists in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association will increase his opportunities more than he can ever realize. If he develops his mind and body without developing his spiritual nature he will gain very little in the end. For that reason we invite every young man who intends to enter school at the Pearl River Co. Agricultural High School to become a member of our Association.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1914, By, H.P. Smith, President, P.R.C.A.H.S.
Poplarville, Mississippi.

ORGANIZATIONS:

PATRIOTIC:

Ex-Service Men Organize American Legion Post
Named Orville Carver in Honor of Poplar-
villes' Dead Hero.

In accordance with announcement published several days ago in the Free Press, a large number of ex-service men met at the court house on Friday November 11, 1921, for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post at this place. Twenty-five men were enrolled as charter members, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Honorable Marion Morse, Commander, Homer C. Moody, Vice Commander;
Reuban B. Jordan, Adjutant.

The name of the post will be Orville Carver, in honor of Orville Carver, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Carver of this place. Orville was among the first to tender his services to his county from Poplarville. He was killed on the American Transport Mt. Vernon, which was torpedoed by a German Submarine.

After the organization was completed the ladies of the American Red Cross served delightful refreshments to all present.

The following members were appointed as a Membership Committee:
H.C. Moody, Chairman; L.E. Ladner, F.W. Seals, Joe P. Smith, Gordon Newton, Ernest Clark, Jesse T. Smith, Ed.W. Burge, Wayne Bilbo, and Reuben Jordan. This committee has authority to receive and receipt for fees.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1921, Poplarville, Miss.

4. PATRIOTIC:

THE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

General Wade Hampton was a native of South Carolina, where he was born in the year 1754. He served throughout the Revolutionary War first as Lieutenant and Paymaster of the 1st South Carolina in 1776; in 1777 he was a Captain, and later was Colonel of the South Carolina Militia, commanding a brigade under General Sumter.

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REFERENCE: WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER, Daughters of American Revolution
year book—1924. Mrs. Miss Bessie Scarborough
Cleveland, Mississippi.

4. PATRIOTIC:

One writer describes him thus: "General Hampton was six feet of magnificent manhood; proud but not haughty; born to command, he was ever thoughtful of those under his command. A patriot, a statesman, a scholar and a Christian gentleman in the highest sense of these terms, he honored and was honored by his native State and his native land.

When the question of a name for this chapter came up for consideration several members suggested that it be named for the ancestor of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. L. Maxwell Noland, in recognition of her steadfast efforts which led to the establishment of Daughters of American Revolution in this section of the State. General Wade Hampton was the Regent's D. A. R. ancestor, and was the name chosen with the approval of the National Board.

Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Cleveland, Mississippi, was at that time State Regent, and rendered valuable assistance to the Organizing Regent in founding the Wade Hampton Chapter.

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REFERENCE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER. Daughters of American Revolution
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Mrs. James J. Scarborough.

REFERENCE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER. Daughters of American Revolution Miss Bessie Scarbourough, Poplarville, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

United Daughters of Confederacy.

The first U.D.C. Chapter was organized in Poplarville in the year of 1901. The charter members are as follows Mrs. J.M. Shivers, President; Mrs. J.J. Scarborough, Vice President; Mrs. J.C. Derby, Treasurer, Miss Mabel Scott Secretary. The organization was named the Phalan Chapter of U.D.C. It only lasted a few years and died out, then in January 15, 1921 a new chapter was organized and is still in existence. This new Chapter named the J.M. Shivers Chapter was organized by Mrs. Madge Hoskins Holmes, the State President. Charter members of U.D.C. 1921: Mrs. Maggie Newsom, Mrs. Ada Carver, Mrs. Idell Batson, Mrs. Poole Dupree, Mrs. Coriane White, Mrs. Mattie Stewart, Mrs. Eddie Rouse, Mrs. J.H. Caver, Mrs. F.E. Shivers, Mrs. Mattie Ferris, and Mrs. Laura Horne.

The chapter was named for J.M. Shivers who was Colonel in the Civil War, and was Confederate Veteran. The chapter has done lots of good for the Veterans and their wives. There are only two surviving veterans - Mr. J.A. Caver and Mr. J.T. Self. Mrs. Cowart, one of the veterans widows, is ninety-two years old, and is the oldest widow on the pension roll. All widows are still drawing pensions. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas the Daughters send nice baskets of fruit and food, and in some instances clothing, to the Veterans and widows which is greatly appreciated by the old folks. The unmarked graves of the veterans, are being marked by the U.D.C.

School children are given medals for writing essays on the lives of famous Generals of the Civil war, and of interesting events during that time. Books and pictures are donated to class rooms and libraries of several schools in Pearl River County. One of the members, Mrs. J.T. Campbell has a flag that was carried by her Father, Col. J.M. Cagle, during one of the battles he fought.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss
Mrs. R.O. Carver. " " " "

PATRIOTIC:

The Chapter put on a tag day, for a few days, this being the first time the organization had ever asked the public for help. The money realized from this, will be used in helping toward the expense that will arise when the monument is unveiled. And as we believe in "preparedness", we are asking the public to help us go over "the top."

One of the most outstanding achievements that will long be remembered is the monument erected at Pearl River County court house in memory of all war veterans. It is quite a beautiful marker. The Confederate Monument arrived into Poplarville April 8, 1926 and will be erected at once with quite an elaborate program. When erected it will add grace and beauty to the court house yard, and will be a lasting tribute to the U.D.C. who worked so faithful to make it possible for Pearl River County to honor those who fought and died for our country. On June 3, 1926 the day when the whole South honors the birth of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederacy, is a fitting day for the splendid program which has been planned for the Unveiling of the Monument. No other day seems to lend itself so appropriately as June 3, first because the State of Mississippi allows an appropriation for the erection of a Confederate Memorial and secondly, members of the Legion Post are either directly or indirectly descended from Confederate Veterans. And it is therefore as much their day as May 30th. On the 26th day of April every year they observe Memorial Day with programs given by grand-daughters and sons of Veterans. The program is given at the Monument every year. Flowers are placed on the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day by school children and daughters of the Confederacy.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss.
Mrs. R.O. Carver " " "

PEARL RIVER COUNTY
ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES ASSIGNMENT #29

PATRIOTIC:

Governor Henry L. Whitefield in behalf of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, ~~has~~ sent to the Mayors of all towns in the State a specially numbered half-dollar with the request that the Mayors have these coins sold for the benefit of Stone Mountain Memorial for as high a price as possible. So the U.D.C. members asked for the privilege of selling these coins. The record price for one of these numbered coins was paid at Hollywood, Florida which amounted to \$1.513, this was the largest number sold. Every organization that sold coins, their Chapter names were placed on Stone Mountain.

Every year the chapter sends delegates to the convention, when information is gathered from other chapters as to the work they are doing. The subject before the chapter now, is to raise money to send grand-daughters of the Confederate Veterans to college. To offer a scholarship for a year at some college.

This is among one of the first organizations in Pearl River County, and it is trying to impress upon the younger girls and boys the memory of our soldiers, who fought for the sake of the country, so the organization can continue to grow.

REFERENCE: Mrs. J.T. Campbell, Poplarville, Miss.
Mrs. R.O. Carver " " " 2

PEARL RIVER COUNTY
ASSIGNMENT #29
ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

PATRIOTIC:

RED CROSS:

1

Mrs. Nancy Smith ~~has~~ organized a Red Cross Society which a number of Poplarville young women joined as Red Cross volunteers. Mrs. Smith has a class every afternoon giving courses in nursing and first aid. Mrs. Smith also organized a National Honor Guard composed of girls and women who do not volunteer for active service but are being trained in times of stress and war. The purpose of the Honor Guard Club is to prepare for service if occasion arises. About thirty women enrolled and other women were urged to join. The following officers were elected. Mrs. J.B. Newton, President; Mrs. D.D. Durham, Vice President; Miss Addie Bennett, Secretary; Miss Izetta Williams treasurer.

2

Monday April 1918 the Poplarville Red Cross Auxillary began under the auspices of the Honor Guard and completed its organization. Thirty attended and showed much interest and eagerness. This auxillary ~~intended~~ purposed to begin at once the making of hospital outfits for the soldiers already fighting and for those who are soon to go to France. Miss Josephine Newton, Iva Provost, Blanch Jilson composed a committee to secure supplies for the soldiers outfits. Another committee, Mrs. J.C. Buckley, L.C. Rouse, Ina Newton, Ella Rawls and Thelma Hyde were to canvass the town for members in several districts.

3

The time has come for every citizen to do his or her bit. The people of Poplarville can help alleviate suffering at home and among our own boys who are fighting the battles at the front, by joining the Red Cross, so let everybody join and help our home boys. The Poplarville Chapter of American Red Cross recently made a shipment of knitted garments to New Orleans.

REFERENCE: 1. Free Press,
2. Mrs. R.O. Carver, Poplarville, Miss.
3. Bessie Scarborough, Poplarville, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

RED CROSS:

for the American soldiers which consisted of sweaters, wool socks, wristlets and wash cloths. The Red Cross has been called on again for relief in Belgium. Ten million imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France are facing shame and suffering, disease and some of them death for lack of clothing this winter. They must have help and it must come from us! Every kind of garments for all ages and sexes are needed. Pearl River County Chapter wants to help make our shipment one of the largest. H.K. Rouse was first Chairman of the organization and still is holding that position.

- REFERENCE: 1. Free Press,
2. Mrs. R.O. Carver, Poplarville, Miss.
3. Miss Bessie Scarbrough, Miss.

PATRIOTIC:

The Boy Scouts of Poplarville, Mississippi.

1
Through the energetic efforts of Mr. Sam Seidler a Troop of Boy Scouts were organized in Poplarville May 20, 1918, with an enrollment of thirty. Scout Master, F.T.P. Allison of the New Orleans Crack Troop No. 2 - was here to complete the organization and give necessary instructions after which the Troop took a thirteen mile hike.

2
This organization develops latent possibilities in the young fellow fellows, and is a good character builder. Following is the Poplarville Troop. S. Seidler, Scout Master, C.W. Boyd, Charlie Carver, Sidney Orr, Harold McCants are Patrol Leaders. Emmett L. Posey, Utility.

3
The American Legion of Poplarville, Miss, sponsors the present day Boy Scout Organization. The present committee appointed by the American Legion to help the boys carry on their work are as follows: Mr. V.F. Ike, Lee White, Dr. Roberts, Jessie Smith.

4
The Officers of the Boy Scouts are as follows: Mr. Ed. Smith, Scout Master, Homer Moody and John Batson, Patrol Leaders, Bland Richardson, Senior Patrol Leader, Don Bounds, ~~Librarian~~ Scribe, John Stewart Boyd Librarian.

- REFERENCE: 1&2, Free Press, Poplarville, Miss, 1918.
3&4 Mr. Ed. Smith, Scout Master, 1938.
Poplarville, Mississippi.

PATRIOTIC:

BOY SCOUTS OF CARRIERE:

On Friday February 2, 1923 the Black Hawk Patrol of Troop No. 2, Boy Scouts of America of Carriere, Miss, were organized. They met at the old swimming pool on West Hoblochitto creek and officers were elected. Mr. A. Russell, Scout Master; Mr. Ray Oldemor, Assistant Scout Master, Thomas Garrett, Patrol Leader. Edward Coker, Chief of the Woodmen, Douglas Horne, Buglar and Reporter. The officers were indorsed by the proper Troops Committee, viz- M.B. Pitt, J.J. Walker, E.A. Martin .

They propose to have a lot of clean fun, but more particularly do all the good we can for our town. They plan to meet next Friday at Hickory Creek where they will make laws, write plans and have lots of fun.

This organization only lasted a few years, but did lots of good and trained the boys in many ways.

REFERENCE: Picayune Item, 1923.

PATRIOTIC:

BOY SCOUTS OF PICAYUNE:

¹
The Picayune Troop of Boy Scouts was organized in the year 1933 with the following officers: Troop Committee: E.E. Hasberg, Chairman; H.P. McIntosh, P.C. Byrd, P.L. Hill, J.E. Dupont Jr. Scout Master, N.G. Stevens, Court of Honor, R.H. Crosby, T.K. Boggan, Chairman, K.O. Mykleby, J.F. Bevis, L.F. Tyler, Patrol Leaders: Robert Crosby, Leroy Bonds, Frank Stewart,

²
The Present Troop Committee: Norman Stevens, Scout Master; P.C. Byrd, P.L. Hill, J.E. Dupont Jr, H.R. McIntosh, Court of Honor, Mr. R.H. Crosby, T.K. Boggan, K.O. Mykelby, J.E. Mayo, R.K. Croder, J.O. Ware. Patrol Leaders, Jack Lossett, R.J. Williams, Senior Patrol Leader, Robert Crosby.

REFERENCE: Mr. P.L. Hill, Picayune, Miss.
Mr. Pl. Hill, " " " "

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PEARL RIVER COUNTY
ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES
ASSIGNMENT #31

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ASSIGNMENT #31

PROFESSIONAL LEADERS:

PHYSICIANS:

1
Dr. R.F. Nimocks located in Poplarville in January 1902, and remained here for fifteen years then his health broke and he had to give up the practice of medicine and retire. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Atlanta Dental College and Tulane.

2
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3
He was loved by all that knew him and he did so much charity work for the poor and needy. He was one of the most popular and highly respected citizens that ever lived in Pearl River County. He served the town one term as Mayor, was for several years local Surgeon for the N.O. & N.E. Railroad.

REFERENCE: 1 Mrs. H.T. Motten, Poplarville, Miss.
2 " " " " " "
3 " " " " " "

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

1. EARLY HISTORY:

(a) (b)

¹ Miss Lula Tunison was appointed as County Agent in Home Demonstration work in October 1914. This Ordinance was passed in consideration that the U.S. Department of Agriculture would pay \$300.00 to said party for services and the county to pay \$50.00. Miss Lula Tunison was the first Home Demonstration Agen appointed by the Board of Supervisors. In November 1914 all the schools in the county organized a Tomato Club and met once a month ^{with} by the Home Demonstrator. She met each school in the county and talked to the Principal and asked the girls to meet her that wanted to organize a 4-H Club in the school.

² She mailed a circular letter to all the Mothers to meet her at the school on certain days. And organize a Woman's Club of that community. In November 1914 all the schools in the county had organized clubs and began doing the work. C.E. Bass the county Superintendent of Education assisted the boys and girls with their work.

Club work means pleasure, and profit to the members. It means improvement in the home, better health and also means lighter work for each member of the family. Remember the teacher who is without this work in the school is no longer considered up to date. Have your County Supt. meet with the club and see what good work they are doing and how much it helps these girls to have cooperation from the County Officers.

REFERENCE: 1. Minutes of the Board. Pearl River Co.
2. Miss Ida Newsome. Poplarville, Miss.

1. EARLY HISTORY:

(a) (b)

~~The~~ The Home Demonstration Agent aids in developing 4-H Club work for girls as well as work with women. The programs for the 4-H Club girls is usually selected by the Club members with the assistant of the Home Demonstration Agent and some interested adult who acts as local leader for them. They learn to can vegetables, fruits and meats and also learn to ~~see~~ and keep their rooms and home in perfect order, and how to make home-made articles for each room. It helps them to plan meals and know how to arrange furniture. In this county the Community programs of activities are printed in a year book of the local Home Demonstration Club, with the date and topic for the meetings for each month of the year.

REFERENCE: 1. Minutes of the Board, Pearl River County.
2. Miss Ida Newsome, Poplarville, Miss.

1. EARLY HISTORY:

(B) C-d

The first club of any description in Pearl River County was organized by Miss Lula Tunnison in the year of 1914. It was called the Woman's Club. There was also organized a Tomato Club for girls.

Some of the members of the early club tells interesting stories of how demonstration were made. Out in the back yard in wash pots and tubs or anything else that was large enough and handy to use. Later the steam pressure cooker was introduced to the farm women and girls through these clubs.

As these clubs progressed, they grew until finally the 4-H Club was developed in the rural schools among the students.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1914, Poplarville, Miss.

2. FIRST DEMONSTRATION AGENTS WHO INTRODUCED CLUB WORK:

Lula Tunnison	1914
Addie Smith	1915
Ivey Causy	1916
Eva I Patten	1917
Miss Katie South	1918
Pauline Quarles	1919
Julia Robinson	1920
Lena V. Bolt	1921
Eula Lee Tatum	1922

FIRST COUNTY AGENTS:

J.E. Sides	1916
J.E. Greer	1917
W.B. Tate	1918

REFERENCE: Miss Ida Newson, Poplarville, Miss
Minutes of the Board, Pearl River County.

2. FIRST FARM AGENTS WHO INTRODUCED BOYS' CLUB WORK:

(a) HOW PAID:

¹
The initial start of the Corn Club Work in Pearl River County had its beginning in 1910. This beginning was made the following the results of this work in Holmes County, Mississippi, under the leadership of then County Superintendent, W.H. Smith, who later became State Superintendent of Education, and still later President of the Mississippi A & M College, now Mississippi State College.

²
Mr. Smith being the father of this work in the State was and is still affectionately known as "Corn Club" Smith. He began the work in Holmes County before there was any law on the statute books encouraging such work; by soliciting prizes from private sources, and directing the work himself.

³
The Mississippi legislature of 1908 enacted a law permitting the Boards of Supervisors of the various counties of the state to appropriate from the general funds of the county as much as \$50.00 for the encouragement of the Corn Club Work.

⁵
In 1910 Leopold Locke, then County Superintendent of Education of Pearl River County, procured the appropriation of \$50.00 for such work in the county. A mass meeting of the boys of the county was called at the county court-house, the organization perfected and the club work set in motion, under the rules and regulations governing the same.

⁴
The laws of the State did not at that time give the counties a County Farm Agent as now, but rather gave an agent, only part time on small

- REFERENCE: 1. Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss.
2. " " " " " " " "
3. " " " " " " " "
4. " " " " " " " "

2. FIRST FARM AGENTS WHO INTRODUCED BOYS' CLUB WORK:

(a) HOW PAID:

pay, who held a few conferences with the farmers of the county, which was a step in the right direction.

This being the first year of the life and existence of the Pearl River County Agricultural High School, now Pearl River Junior College, it, the Pearl River County Agricultural High School employed under the law, as now, an agriculturist to teach the subject both in theory and practice.....This gentleman was Prof. J.B. Anthony, fresh from the old Mississippi A & M College, Prof. Anthony gave the Pearl River County superintendent and the Club Boys' his cooperation and valuable help.

The work continued but had added new zest in 1916. The laws of the State at this time gave the counties that would qualify an all time County Farm Agent as higher salary and of higher qualifications than had heretofore been demanded.

- REFERENCE: Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

3. LIST OF FIRST CLUB MEMBERS:

(a) BOYS:

Superintendent Leopold Locke organized a Boys Corn Club for Pearl River County and is making a vigorous effort to get as many boys of the county interested as possible. This county has some of the most progressive young farmers of any county in the State and they will be heard from in the future. The following are the members of the ~~xxxx~~ Boys Corn Club. Marvin Amacker, Earnest Clarke, Richard Glover, William Jarrell, Archie Rawls, Claudius Frye, Oscar Lee, George Rester, Irvin Rouse and Oscar Read.

REFERENCE: FREE PRESS, February 17, 1916.

3. CLUB MEMBERS, BOYS AND GIRLS:

(a) (b)b

¹
The members of the Tomato Club members are as follows, Vivian Smith, Alma Smith, Bertha Rester, Elma Stewart, Virdie Smith, Mirian Strahan, Edna Tynes, Mrs. S.C. Flynt, Theresa Scarborough, Annie Smith, Agnes Ladner, Opal Thornhill, ²Jessie Smith, Oma Smith and Mammie Clark.

The members of the Corn Club, are as follows: Marvin Amacker, Ernest Clark, Richard Glover, William Jarrell, Archie Rawls, Claudius Frye, Oscar Lee, George Rester, Irvin Rouse and Oscar Read.

REFERENCE: 1. Free Press, Poplarville, Miss, 1916.
2. Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss. 1911.

4-(a) QUANTITY CANNED:

Russia Jarrell of Henlyfield put up 115 No. 2 cans of products this season. Miss Lunetta Ladner of Byrd Line canned 86 jars of products and sold ~~\$200.00~~ \$100.00 worth of fresh vegetables. How is this for a Club Girl.

Miss Vivian Smith of Poplarville gathered over 450 eggs from the pen of five hens for which paid \$15.00. Suppose that every four hens you have did this well.

Alma Smith of Poplarville gathered from her $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre of tomatoes enough to can 75 quarts, and sold \$100.00 of them. She also had plenty for home use.

4--(b)

Exhibit October 29, 1914.

- I. For best exhibit by any local club.
 1. Progress Club \$10.00
 2. Savannah Club \$ 5.00
- II. For best general exhibit by any club girl.
 1. Bertha Rester \$5.00
 2. Bertha Smith \$10.00
- III. For best 12 jars in glass by club girl.
 1. Fishia Lee, \$5.00
 2. Debie Frye \$10.00
- IV For best can of tomatoes club girl
 - 1..Eleanor Lee \$5.00
 2. Dona Ladner, Garden shovel donated by Joe Namie.
- V For best booklett containing crop history and record by club girl.
 1. Virdie Ladner, \$5.00
 2. Era Warden, Candy by R.C. Johnson.
- VI. For greatest variety of vobetables on 1/10 of an acre.
 1. Fishia Lee.
- VII For best jelly exhibit,
 1. Missouri Davis
- VIII For best general exhibit, Mrs. R.P. Coker, sack of flour donated by Mrs. E.E. Tate. For best dozen fresh tomatoes Mrs. R.P. Coker.

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville, Miss. 1914.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY
4-H CLUBS
ASSIGNMENT #32

RECORDS FOR COUNTY: 4.

(c) PRIZE WINNERS:

On march 11, 1911, the Corn Club Boys met at Superintendent Locke's office and entered a contest. Two of the boys won enough money to pay their expenses to the State Fair at Jackson, besides some useful farm emplements. Oscar Lee won the two highest prizes. His yeild of corn to one acre was ^{96 3/4} ~~88~~ bushels. Other prize winners were Claudius Frye, Henry Rester, Clarence Bilbo and Emry Frye.

The following girls won prizes at the County Exhibit held at Poplarville October 14th, 1916.

Best allround Club Work, Virdie Smith A.H.S. Best general exhibit Bertha Rester, Progress. Best Cap and Apron. Elma Stewart, Buck Branch. Best dressg Edna Smith, Savannah. Best song, Thomas School. Fresh vegetables, Mirian Strahan, Buck Branch, Best Basket of jelly, marmalade, and preserves. Mrs. S.C. Flynt. Best tomatoes, Edna Tyner, Loyal, Best chickens Vivian Smith, Poplarville A.H.S.

Others who won prizes are as follows: Annie Smith, Theresa Scarborough, Agnes Ladner, Debbie Frye, Tishia Lee, Emma Frye and Lizzie Rester.

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville, Miss. 1911, and 1916.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY
4-H CLUBS
ASSIGNMENT #29

4-H CLUBS:

Tomato Club Song:

Where the sweet magnolia's bloom,
Shedding perfume on the air,
Where the oranges and figs so like
to grow,
Where the tall and stately pine,
Yields to all pine turpentine,
You will find a Canning Club
That you should know.

Every club girl has her plot,
That she tills with greatest care.
And she does it in a scientific way,
Educating head, hand, heart and health
And accumulating wealth,
While in her rural home she gets to stay.

Chorus.

Crown, Crown, Crown, in Mississippi.
Tis the slogan that they sing,
All their products are the best,
That will stand the hardest test,
And prosperity to Mississippi bring.

REFERENCE: Free Press, 1914.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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5. PRESS ARTICLES:

Girls Canning Clubs and Tomato Clubs will have Great Exhibit at Mississippi State Fair in Agricultural Building.

It is difficult to tell at this stage which will outshine at the State Fair at Jackson this year. The boys Corn Clubs or the Girl's Canning Clubs., but certain it is there has never been held at a State Fair at ~~Jackson~~ a more attractive or more instructive exhibit than has been planned by Miss Susie V. Powell in charge of the girls Tomato and Canning Clubs in Mississippi.

Miss Powell will not only show the product this year, but will have as many of the girls engaged this work as she can prevail upon to come to Jackson and make personal demonstrations during the Fair which opens this year on Monday October 26, 1914 and lasts one week.

Miss Powell is of the opinion that canning more tomatoes and peaches improves a girls looks much more than cold cream and novels, and intends to show "exhibit" one in the flesh and blood, which will include young ladies from all sections of the state.

When this work was first undertaken in Mississippi there was a very limited allowance from the Dept. at Washington, but it has been gradually increased owing to the remarkable success of Miss Powell with her clubs, until she now has more than she can handle. If it were not for her exceptional energy and price in the great work.

REFERENCE: FREE PRESS, October 29, 1914. Pearl River County.

5. PRESS ARTICLES:

No one disputes the fact that Miss Powell has gone ahead of the others in Canning Club Work; so much so that that other States are labeling their tomatoes "Mississippi Girl" in order to make them sell faster. How far the girls of Mississippi have benefited the State with their canning Clubs within the past few years would be difficult to estimate. Especially does this apply in South Mississippi where the ~~boll weevil~~ boll weevil has been so disastrous to the cotton crop. The girls, by their industry have brought revenue into their communities that has been of material aid in the sale of canned fruits and vegetable.

REFERENCE: FREE PRESS, October 29, 1914, Pearl River County.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

6--(b)

Names of boys, and premium won by them in the Corn Club in 1916 were awarded at Poplarville October 14, 1916. Highest yield of corn in county, Theodore Davis, \$25.00, second highest yield, Wilson Stewart, \$15.00, Third highest yield, Odo Lee Stewart \$10.00.

In beat one		Beat Two.	
Jack Rester	\$5.00	Jessie Burge	\$3.00
Era Ladner	\$3.00	Theron Broadus	\$2.00
in Beat Three		Beat Four	
Elmer Smith	\$5.00	Eugene Loveless	\$5.00
Tommie Spiers	\$3.00	Edgar Burge	\$3.00
Carl Stewart	\$2.00	Clayton Wheat	\$3.00

In Beat Five

Eugene Ferris	\$5.00
David Johnson	\$3.00
Warren Johnson	\$2.00

Best record book, Eugene Ferris.

Best Registered pig, Jewell Smith, 2nd grade pig, Julius Davis, 2nd best 3rd grade pig, L.D. Ladner

REFERENCE: Free Press, Poplarville, Mississippi, 1916.

6. (a) PRIZE WINNERS:

Lee Seals, Katherine Seals and Oma Smith won a trip to the State Fair at Jackson, Miss, from Pearl River County. At the Fair the boys club and girls club won four first prizes and three second prizes. As a final result of Industrial School record at three fairs it won prizes to the amount of \$300.00. Not to say anything as to how much the boys and girls will be benefited by the efforts they put forth in winning these prizes.

Prize winners in Plant Club contest at Mississippi State Fair. Potato Club. Fred. H. Jarrell, first prize trip to Chicago \$110.00, Fred H. Jarrell 1st prize best corn club record book \$5.00.

Miss Jessie Smith the daughter of one former Supervisor of the County of Industrial won a trip to the Tri-State Fair at Memphis with all expenses paid. Miss Rogers State Food Specialist says that Jessie is the strongest contestant in the State.

E. Mitchell
PEARL RIVER COUNTY

REFERENCE: October 13th 1921. Poplarville, Mississippi

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

7. STATEMENTS FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

4-H CLUBS WORK - THE VALUE--

The value of the club work to the boys and girls of our county is of great ~~xxxxx~~ importance to them. They learn things that help them in all their work. They can fruit and vegetables that would go to waste on the farm. They learn ~~xxxxxx~~ craft-work, and how to sew and make use of various articles in the home.

The boys learn the modern ways of farming and save money in various ways, raise better stock and produce - have trips given them to see what other states are doing in this work, and give them new ideas. This is all very beneficial to each one.

Signed Elias Mitchell
Member of Board of Supervisors,
Pearl River County.

REFERENCE: Mr. Elias Mitchell, Poplarville, Miss.

7. STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION:

4-H Club work in the schools and communities means pleasure, and profit to the members. It means improvement in the home, better health and also means lighter work for each member of the family.

Remember the teacher who is without 4-H Club work in the school is no longer considered up-to-date.

Signed Ray Forness
Superintendent of Education, Pearl River County

REFERENCE: Ray Forness, Poplarville, Miss, Superintendent of Education P.R.Co.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
ORGANIZATIONS

8. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

As I enjoy my work so well I will give you a short sketch of what and how I do. My aim is to have several vegetables growing in the garden to eat and sell the year round. To do that you have to plan ahead. First always have your seed on hand and do not be afraid of wasting them. I make more money on vegetables planted when I think other people are not planting, and as one vegetable is through bearing, clear away and plant another to keep the weeds down.

In the spring everybody plants a garden, when they flood the market, I have my cans ready to can. Then when vegetables are a little scarce, I get two prices for my canned goods. I have canned between 400 and 500 quarts this year and now I am selling my No. 3 cans of snapbeans at 25¢ a can. When I canned them just lots of people's beans wasted. I put up all kinds of pickles and preserves for home use. I make three trips to the saw-mills a week to sell anything I have to sell. I always have a load that will pay me well to make the trip and lots of people from town come to my home and buy fresh vegetables. They are glad to pay first class prices for them. I always get 10¢ more for my eggs than the stores sell them for. I always guarantee my eggs. I gather them myself so they will be clean and fresh.

I averaged selling about \$75.00 a month this year. Three years ago when I began selling produce I only averaged \$30.00. I plant more now and know better what to plant to supply the public. This is what our Home Demonstration Agent has taught the ladies that belong to the club.

REFERENCE: Mrs. R.P. Coker, Poplarville, Mississippi.

8. BIOGRAPHICAL:

I am sending in my report from January 1st to September 30th. Even though it is not much I hope it will help other ladies in the County. Mr. Crosby said in his address to the people October 3rd, "We cannot climb up unless we pull someone else up too". It is not for the prizes alone we get out of this that we should work but to help our country grow in this work, that our Home Demonstration is trying to hard to push forward. If we do not get any assistance from Miss Bolt, it is because we do not want it. I have always found her ready and willing to help. There is not one person paid by the county that does near the work that she does. I have been with Miss Bolt on some of her trips over the county and she is doing good work.

If we would cooperate it would make the work easy for her, when she calls a meeting of the ladies they respond most readily with their reports and you can see the results.

We have a County Council that meets at the courthouse once a month, we meet and exchange ideas and mingle together more. We also have a county poultry Federation of which every lady should be a member. I hope by next year to have a far better report and that ~~more~~ Pearl River County will be known all over the U.S. for its great work in this line. We are proud of our winner in the Bread Contest and she well deserves the praise. So Club Girls lets try and win more prizes next year.

REFERENCE: Mrs. M.A. McMichael, Poplarville, Miss.

DENTIST

1
Dr. J.C. Landrum, D.D.S, has been located in Picayune, Miss for twenty years. He graduated from high school in Poplarville when quite a young man. He then attended Dental College at New Orleans, Louisiana of Dentistry. That school burned, and he entered Tulane. Dr. Landrum had quite a hard time finishing his course in Dentistry. He was not financially able to finish his course straight through, so he would practice Dentistry a while, thus earning money to go back to school. This way he finally finished in 1911.

2
He practiced a few years in Bay St. Louis, then later he moved to Picayune where he has been practicing Dentistry for the past twenty years.

3
He is a man of high standing and efficient in his work. He is well liked by all, and is one of ~~number~~ the best Dentist in Pearl River County, and very popular in the community.

REFERENCE: 1 Dr. J.C. Landrum, Picayune, Miss.
2 " " " " " " "
3 Personal Knowledge.

DENTIST:

1
Dr. H.J. Arledge originally of Stone County, began practicing as Dentist in Poplarville, Pearl River County, June 14, 1900. He is a graduate of Atlanta Dental College and Tulane University of New Orleans.

Dr. Arledge is the oldest Dentist in Poplarville, he has been located in Pearl River County thirty-eight years, and is still in active practice.

He is a man of high standing and very efficient. He is an officer in the Baptist Church and has been for years.

2
Dr. W.T. Koch began practice in Poplarville in May 1919. He graduated from Central University of Kentucky at Louisville Ky.. He took examination from the State Board of Health in Jackson. And Dr. H.J. Arledge of Pearl River County was one of the State Board. Dr. Arledge the only Dentist in Poplarville at that time, had been looking around for some time for a capable Dentist to help him take care of his large and growing practice and he succeeded in bringing Dr. W.T. Koch of Hoptown ~~at~~ to this county.

Dr. Koch has been practicing in Poplarville for nineteen years. He is well liked by the citizens of the town and surrounding country.

REFERENCE: 1. Dr. H.J. Arledge, Poplarville, Miss.
2 " W.T. Koch " " "

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
LEADERS

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC LEADERS

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M.A. McMichael was appointed Post Master at Poplarville, Miss, June 28, 1915 to fill an unexpired term. Then on December 16, 1915, he was appointed to a term of four years. He lived in Poplarville for thirty-eight years and served as Postmaster for four and one-half years. During his term of office the Rural Route Delivery was started. Parcel Post, C. O.D. and quite a few other things were started about this time. Poplarville postoffice was called a 3rd class office at that time, and worked on commission. Poplarville during the war was Central Accounting Office for the County. 2

1. T. R. Pearson, Picayune, Miss. 2. M. A. McMichael, Poplarville, Miss.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC LEADERS

¹
Dan Smith was appointed Postmaster of Carriere, postoffice thirty years ago, at the age of forty years. Mr. Smith has served as postmaster for Carriere for the past thirty years, and now that he has reached the age of seventy years, still holds that position.

²
Dr. Zeno Goss was Postmaster in Poplarville before the railroad was built. Some years later Miss Hattie Deer was appointed postmistress. Mr. J. J. Scarborough also served as postmaster for a while.

³
Robert R. Smith who is the present postmaster began his term February 28, 1922. He has given seventeen years of competent service. He was born the 1st day of January 1881. He is fifty-eight years of age.

⁴
Frank Bourgeois was about the first postmaster to be at Nicholson, Miss. After him, Mrs. A. C. Stevenson served as postmistress. Dora Mitchell is Postmistress at the present time.

- 1- Mr. Billie Stockstill, Carriere, Miss.
- 2- Mrs. Joey Mary Smith, Poplarville, Miss.
- 3- Mr. Robert Smith, Poplarville, Miss.
- 4- Mrs. R. O. Carver, Poplarville, Miss.

Professional and Civic Leaders

CIVIL ENGINEERS

¹
Homer C. Moody, resident and native of Pearl River county, finished his engineering course May 1929, and dealt in this line of work for some time. Later he run for, and was elected sheriff of Pearl River county, and is now serving his first term in that office. Mr. Moody is well liked by the people of the county.

²
Mr. Kiah Stockstill is a Civil Engineer of high degree, and is now employed in the surveying of Mississippi State Highways. Mr. Stockstill comes from Picayune, Miss.

- 1- Homer C. Moody, Poplarville, Miss.
2- Leopold Locke, Poplarville, Miss.

Professional And Civic Leaders

PHYSICIANS

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I was located in Manderville, Louisiana when the Worlds War broke out. It was there that I lost all I had by fire. After then I moved back to Pearl River county. While the war was going on, the government was talking of sending the young Physicians to France, and scattering out the older ones in the United States where-ever needed. So after coming back to Pearl River county, I waited to see what the outcome of the war would be and did not engage in the active practice anymore as I had been, but went into the sawmill business for quite awhile. However I have always more or less

- 1- Mrs. H.T. Morton, Poplarville, Miss.
~~practiced~~ 2- Dr. J.M. Smith, Poplarville, Miss.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY,
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practiced since my graduation from Medical School, and I am proud of my medical rating.

Dr. Smith has always been recognized as a competent Physician. Although he does not do any active practice now, Dr. Smith states that while he was in active practice, that he always had a lower death ~~rate~~ rate than any Physician he knew.

Dr. L.P. Newsome was one of Pearl River County's best known physicians and while not a native of Pearl River county, he practiced here for twelve years. He was forty-six years of age at the time of his death. Before locating at Poplarville, he practiced at Carriere, Miss, and before going there as a young physician, practiced in his home town of Columbia, Mississippi where he was born.

Dr. Newsome was a Baptist member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason of Hattiesburgh. Other than his connection with church and civic organizations, Dr. Newsome was a member of the Board of Alderman.

Dr. J. Ira Woodward was born in Clark County, Mississippi, received his high school education there and taught in the Public Schools of Miss. for five years, went to Tulane University in 1904, and graduated in Medical Department in 1908 as a M.D. and P.H.D.

He came to Pearl River county in 1905, and taught school at Pine Grove during the summer and resumed his studies in the fall at Tulane.

- 1- Free Press, March 12, 1925.
- 2- Dr. J. Ira Woodward, Picayune, Miss.

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In 1906 he passed the Mississippi State Board of Medical Examinations and had license to practice in the State during the summer of 1906 and 1907. He practiced with Dr. Johnson in 1908, graduated, and practiced medicine in Pearl River county. Except for the time that he was Medical Officer in the Army during the World's War, Dr. Woodward has been surgeon for this Division of the Southern Railroad for twenty-nine years.

¹
Dr. J.T. Landrum, born in Honey Island, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, is one of Picayune's well-known dentists.

His dental education was rather widespread. His first course was received at Atlanta Dental College, Atlanta, Georgia. His second course at New Orleans, Louisiana, and he graduated from Tulane University in his third year. He has been a resident of Pearl River county for twenty years.

²
Dr. J.M.B. Spense, D.D. known all over the county as being one of its most dependable and efficient dentists, has an office in Picayune, Miss. He has practiced ~~Dentistry~~ Dentistry for forty-five years, thirty-two of which were spent in Pearl River county. The remaining twelve years were spent in practice in Mississippi.

³
Dr. R.L. Plunkett, M.D. who has been in Pearl River county for thirty-four years has a modern office situated in Picayune. He received his medical training at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and at a medical institute in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born in Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi, 1875.

- Dr. J.T. Landrum, Picayune, Miss.
- 2- Dr. J.M. B. Spense, Picayune, Miss
- Dr. R.L. Plunkett, Picayune, Miss.

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¹
Dr. Ferguson, D.D. one of Picayune's most dependable dentists, was born at Mattiesburgh, Mississippi. He has an ultra-modern dental office situated in the heart of the town.

He received his medical training at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. and at a medical institute in Memphis, Tennessee. He has resided in Pearl River county for eight years.

²
Dr. J. Perry White, M.D. a local specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat, has a very modern clinic located ~~at the corner of Main and~~ in Picayune, Miss. He was born in Richton, Mississippi and received his medical training at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He has been located in the county for five years and has given a picture of himself for the county history.

³
Dr. W.J. Hunicutt, Dr. Hunt Bilbo, Dr. W.I. Arledge and Dr. T.P. Marion are some of the first physicians of Pearl River County.

- Dr. 1- Dr. Ferguson, Picayune, Miss.
- 2- Dr. J. Perry White, Picayune, Miss.
- 2- Free Press, Poplarville, Miss. 1900;

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¹
Professor J.A. Huff, of sturdy pioneer stock, was born at Sylvarenia, Smith county, Mississippi. His parents were taken from him early in life, and he was left to battle his own way upwards in the hard post Civil War days. He had several brothers and sisters, only one which, Dr. John Huff, still survives.

²
He took advantage of the meager educational opportunities of his day and finished the best schools available. He took post graduate work at A&M College and University of Illinois, looking forward to the teaching profession in ~~Mississippi~~ which he spent more than forty years. Aside from several years teaching in his native county, he taught fourteen years at Poplarville A.H.S. being largely instrumental in the high rank of this institution among the Junior Colleges of Mississippi. He also served as Superintendent of Pearl River County Hospital one year.

³
Professor Huff was a man of high ideals, deep conviction, and carried with him the trust and esteem of his fellow citizens. Along with his teaching he always carried the interest of the Civil life of his community. He served in many places of honor and responsibility. He was for several terms, Mayor of Forest, of Mississippi, Alderman of Poplarville, Miss. He was a Mason and Past Master.

⁴
It was a great loss to the county, and to the friends of Professor Huff, when his death occurred on June 25, 1931.

1-2-3-4 Free Press, June 25, 1931. Poplarville, Miss.

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¹
W.W. Mitchell prominent business man and farmer, and a retired Baptist Minister, died at his home shortly before midnight last night at the age of seventy years. He held the distinction of being one of the most learned members of the Masonic Order, a member of Sherrard Byrd Lodge, No. 535 of Poplarville, and was past deputy lecturer.

²
Also a politician, Mr. Mitchell was popular, having held the office of Circuit Clerk for twelve years. He held the distinction of being the only man who ever defeated Governor Bilbo in his own county. This was the first office the Governor of Mississippi ran for and he was defeated by Mr. Mitchell in a hotly contested race.

³
Mr. Mitchell only recently buried his wife. His adopted daughter Miss Izella Mitchell survives him. The funeral was held from the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, The Reverend H.I. Webb officiating. He was buried with Masonic honors. Interment was in the city cemetery.

1-2-3- The Free Press, Poplarville, Miss, April 24, 1919.

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H.K. Rouse one of the most prominent social and civic leaders of Pearl River County, was born two miles east of Hillsdale, September 18, 1874. When Mr. Rouse had reached the age of three years his parents moved to Lamar county on Clear Creek. He obtained his early education in a log school house at a school known as Myrtle Grove. His parents died while he was quite young.

At the age of seventeen years he entered the Lumberton High School, and finished his high school course in 1894. He taught several country school during the vacations between his high school days. After finishing his education he was nominated for County Superintendent and was elected in the general election a few weeks after reaching his majority. He served in that capacity from 1896 to 1900, after which he was elected to the Legislature in 1899, served the term, and reelected in 1903. He then was elected to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector in 1907, and served till January 1, 1912.

In 1911 Mr. Rouse was elected to the office of Chancery Clerk served the term and has been reelected at each succeeding county election since that date, covering a period of twenty-eight years. He was elected four times without opposition as Chancery Clerk. He has been holding office for forty-four consecutive years. His record in the Chancery Clerks office has been Audited by the State ~~auditors~~ ^{Auditors} office regularly every two to four years, and no word of criticism has ever been spoken against Mr. Rouse.

Mr. H.K. Rouse. Poplarville, Miss.

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¹ When he first started his political life his ambition was to serve office fifty years. But owing to the condition of his health which has broken ~~down~~ in the last few years, Mr. Rouse doubts that he will be able to realize his ambition.

² M.N. McCoy came to Pearl River county in 1894 and was in mercantile business forty-four years. He attended school in old Augusta, Perry county and later attended one year at Mississippi College. He served as Alderman for the town of Poplarville about thirty years, and is still holding that office.

³ He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and ^{has been} ~~is~~ Deacon of the Baptist church for twenty-five years.

⁴ D.C. McInnis was elected for Mayor of Poplarville in August 1922. He also served as Clerk for several years. During his service the Grammar school building bonds were sold, and contract let, he was always doing something for the interest of the town.

⁵ W.M. Hyde, ^{who was} one of Poplarville's leading merchants, was born at Paulding, Jasper county, Miss. in 1867. He moved with his parents to Vossburg in 1867 where he received his public school education. He later attended Poughkeepsie Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. He moved with his family to Poplarville in 1900 entering the Mercantile Business. Mr. Hyde has been dead several years.

- 1- H.K. Rouse., Poplarville, Miss
- 2- M.N. McCoy, Poplarville, Miss.
- 3- " " " " "
- 4- Free Press, 1922, Poplarville, Miss.
- 5- " " " " "

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POLITICAL LEADER:

¹ Theodore G. Bilbo was born and raised on a farm. He recieved his high school education at Thames high-school in Poplarville, after which he attended Peabody College and also University of Michagan. After graduating he taught school in Pearl River county.

² Early in life Bilbo decidede upon a career of public service and to seek distinction through public channells, but before he launched intp politics, there was a brief consideration of a ministerial career. Perhaps with his oratorical ability, had he devoted as much time and throught to that calling as he has to politics, he might have made a great preacher.

³ His first major political campaign was in 1907 for the State Senate from his home district. He won this race in the first primary. He was inau-
gured Governor of Mississippi in 1916. During his first administration he was the means of erecting of a State Tubercular Sanitorium at Magee. He also caused to be built at Columbia an Industrian Training of delinquent boys and girls.

⁴ In 1928 he was eleged Governor again and served four years. He held the office of ~~lieutenant~~ Governor, also, and is now United States Senator.

1-2-3-4- Poplarville Free Press 1935.

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MERCHANTS:

T.A. Rawls, Manager of the Rawls Company in Poplarville, is known throughout this section as one of the most active citizens of Poplarville in the development of Pearl River county. For many years he was cashier of the bank of Commerce here. He entered the mercantile business with his father, A.L. Rawls, in 1918, establishing the firm of the Rawls Company. This concern is the largest store in Poplarville, and is the pride of thousands of customers in this trade area.

Mr. Rawls served one term as a member of the State Tax Commission when it was first organized in 1916, and an unexpired term as Penitentiary Trustee.

The Rawls Company store was recently remodeled and has a modern plate glass front. The inside was redecorated and modernized throughout. Mr. Rawls has served in various capacities as an official in the city government, lending much effort to the development of Poplarville from a small town into a modern little city; At present he is serving the City well as Treasurer, and has been honored with many positions of trust in various civic and church organizations.

Weekly Democrat, December 19, 1935

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J. Sol Moody opened a large dry-goods store in Poplarville in the northern section of the town in January 1904. Mr. Moody is one of the Pearl River county Prominent leaders of the community being born and reared here. He stayed in the mercantile business a good many years and then ran for the Board of Supervisors office which he held for thirty years.

2

Mr. Moody was one of the pioneer settlers of Pearl River county and had accumulated a large estate. He was prominent in political circles, having been a member of the Board of Supervisors for thirty years. He was a candidate for re-election at the time of his death, which occurred July 1935, due to a car accident.

L.T. Simpson, Poplarville, Mississippi, Circuit Clerk of Pearl River County, was born December 30, 1885 in Cool Water City Alabama, and is a long resident of Pearl River County. He received his education in the public educational institutions of Jones County, and is a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rites bodies of the Masonry, the Mystic Shrine and the Mississippi Circuit Clerks Association.

4

He has served two terms as city clerk of the city of Poplarville, two as treasurer of Pearl River County, and is now serving his fourth term as circuit clerk of Pearl River County.

5

Elis Mitchell, Poplarville, Mississippi, was born January 17, 1890 in Florenville, Louisiana. He received his education in the public educational institutions of Pearl River County. Soon after completing his education he entered the sawmilling business which he has successfully operated until the present time. He has served as alderman for one term and in the year of 1935 he accepted the nomination and was elected to the position of member of the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Beat One, for the present term which expires in 1940. Mr. Mitchell is a capable and efficient executive and administrator who is rendering valuable service to the people of his district and county.

1- Picayune Item July 18, 1935. 4- Biographical Directory of Elected Officials, Published by Southern Research Bureau and The Biloxi News. P-244. 5- Biographical Directory of Elected Officials, Published by Southern Research Bureau and The Biloxi News. P- 218

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He is a prominent progressive citizen, a true soldier of democracy, a tireless and unselfish civic and political leader and a tried and proven public servant who stands ready at all times to play a major role in the welfare of the people, having only their best interest at heart. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He is an enthusiastic follower of all athletic sports and especially enjoys prize fighting and wrestling matches. He attributes his success to hard work and the serving of his tasks to the best of his ability.

2

Below are listed some of the older civic leaders of Poplarville.

E.I. Printice, L.M. Noland, S.A. Winborn, L.H. Dupont, S. Seidler, E.B. Ferris, Bruce Breland, J.R. White, John Lumpkin, and Carl E. Bass. Mrs. J.B. Newton, Mrs. C.E. Batty, Mrs. R.B. Boyett, and Mrs. A.M. Gandy.

3

Dan McNeill was quite a prominent merchant of McNeill, Miss, the town was named for his father. He went in the mercantile business in 1904 and also was postmaster and at his death his wife served in that capacity.

4

Fate Lumpkin, Carriere, Mississippi, member of the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, was born October 22, 1890, and is a native and favorite son of Pearl River County. In the year of 1918 he made his debut in political circles by accepting an appointment as deputy sheriff. He is now serving his third term as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County, Beat Five.

5

One of the most enthusiastic and active citizens in the development of Pearl River County will be found in the person of S.G. Thigpen of Picayune. Mr. Thigpen is engaged in the Hardware business with B. Whitfield operating as Thigpen-Whitfield. This firm was established about fifteen years ago, and now it is one of the largest business concerns of its kind in South Miss. 1-Biographical Directory of Elected Officials, Published by Southern Research Bureau and the Biloxi News. 2, Mrs. F.E. Shivers, Poplarville. 3-4- Biographical Directory of Elected Officials.

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L.N. Fomby, has been before the public, and his activities and effort in behalf of Picayune. He is a public spirited citizen of note, he has served as Alderman for several years.

2

W.A. Kellar, forty-four years of age at present; employed by the merchants Co., was born and reared on his fathers farm south-east of Picayune. He attended school in his community. Prior to the war he served in the navy, from which he was discharged in 1814. After being discharged he entered State Teachers College at Hattiesburg, Mississippi preparing himself for teaching, a calling he followed for four years. Mr. Kellar entered the employment of E.M. Walker a merchant, where he remained until the firm liquidated.

3

S.B. Whitfield has been in the public eye so long that a statement of his official service would be a repetition which has appeared practically every two years. Picayune was first chartered as a village about thirty-five years ago and Mr. Whitfield was one of the outstanding citizens in the community. He has been in the mercantile business a great many years.

4

R.J. Williams was one of the first lumberman of Picayune. He was quite a prominent Civic leader in all town matters. He donated to the city free of charge a large and centrally located tract of ground for the location of a school building. He was one of the largest land-owners and tax payers in Picayune.

- 1- Picayune Item, 1934.
2- " " " "
3- " " " "
4- Free Press, 1922.

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¹
E.E. Tate a pioneer citizen of Pearl River County, was mayor of Picayune for a great many years. In 1904 he organized the Bank of Picayune and opened for business June 1, 1904.

²
The present cashier and President, W.E. Tate, began work in the bank in 1908 and has been cashier since 1916.

³
Another interesting news item in connection with the history of the bank, is that Mr. E.E. Tate established the Picayune Item and began the publication of same on the same day the bank was opened. One of the prize possessions of the present cashier is a copy of the first issue of this paper issued June 1, 1904.

⁴
Lamont Rowland. No history of Pearl River County would be complete without the name of Lamont Rowland. He is one of the Social and Civic Leaders of Picayune. Mr. Rowland spent thousands of dollars and years of study to determine if Tung Oil could be profitably grown in Pearl River County and South Mississippi. His is a contribution of inestimable value to the county and state.

⁵
Listed below are some of the more prominent citizens of Picayune.
H.P. McIntosh, M.D. Tate, P.L. Hill, J.E. Dupont, N.G. Stevens, R.H. Crosby, J.F. Bevis, L.T. Tyler, T.K. Boggan and W.E. Tate. Mrs. Florence Tyler, Mrs. J.I. Woodward, Mrs. G.M. Martin, Mrs. K.O. Mykleby and Mrs. W.T. Lowry.

1-2-3-4- Weekly Democrat, Poplarville, Miss. December 19, 1935.
5- Mrs. Florence Tyler, Picayune, Miss.

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¹
E.H. Stevens, was born in Spurger, Texas October 15, 1876. He received his education in the public institutions of Tyler, Texas. Soon after completing his education he entered sawmill business. He was alderman of Picayune one term, and in 1932 he accepted the nomination and was elected to the position of President of Board of Supervisors.

²
He is a member of Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and he is an outstanding progressive citizen, a tireless and unselfish civ and political leader.

³
John S. McGehee, has been a citizen of Pearl River County for twenty-five years. He has rendered valuable service to the county in an official capacity, having served as special deputy sheriff and constable, which office he now holds. He is an enthusiastic fraternity man, being a manager in good standing in a number of fraternal orders, including the Mason, Woodman, Odd Fellows, The Farmers Union, etc., and is an active member of the Methodist Church.

Professor Will Jacobs, came to Poplarville from Louisville, Winston County where he conducted the high school with marked success. He was principal of the Pearl River College for five years. He was connected with the social and church interest as well as the school. He had keen insight into human nature, and pedagogical worth, and has surrounded himself with a faculty of specialists of great merit. He accepted the position of President of the Industrial School at Columbia in 1917.

²
1- Biographical Directory of Elected Officials, Published by Southern Research Bureau and the Biloxi News.
3- Free Press, Poplarville, Miss.
4- Free Press, September 1922.

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Nurses

1

Mrs. Newry Irene Thompson came to Pearl River County, November 23, 1931, in behalf of the Mississippi State Board of Health. She finished her training at South Miss. Infirmary Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She later had Post-graduate work on Public Health nursing at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

2

Mrs. Thompson has been County Health Nurse in Pearl River County for the past seven years, and has done much good work in the rural districts. Mrs. Thompson is very conscientious in her work and is always working toward the betterment of Pearl River County, not only from the health point of view, but in every way. She is a native of Forests County, and was born January 1, 1893. Mrs. Thompson has many friends in Pearl River County.

3

Miss Sadie Sealé began nursing in Poplarville in June 1921. She was Superintendent of nurses in Dr's Moody and Stewarts hospital for two years. She is now with the Pearl River College, has been there two years. She is one of the most qualified and successful of nurses.

1-2- Mrs. Newry Irene Thompson, Poplarville, Miss.
3- Mrs. F.E. Shivers, Poplarville, Miss.

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Inventors

An ambition born fifteen years ago - when he was fireman for his engineer-father on a lumber camp locomotive - is being realized in a miniature sort of way for a garage repairman at a small Mississippi settlement three miles from here.

For more than six years, Edgar Strahan, 34 years old, has been devoting his spare time to the building of a small-scale working model of a steam locomotive, using old automobile parts to a great extent. Now completed except for ornamental finishing touches, his hobby offers him a change to become in reality an engineer at the throttle, his professional goal when he was a youth of nineteen.

"My Dad used to be a locomotive engineer at lumber camps around here, and I used to fire for him," Mr. Strahan recalled. "We shifted around a good bit and I never got further than the wight grade in school. But I always wanted to be an engineer, to have a locomotive of my own"

"Things didn't turn out that way, though. I would up here in this garage, where I've been for fifteen years. All that time I have kept on wanting to be an engineer. Finally I decided that if I couldn't have a locomotive any other way I'd build one." And that is just what Mr. Strahan has done. In his garage shop on the Bogalusa-Poplarville Highway, he has built a miniature locomotive, wight feet long and thirty-six inches high, that generates 125 pounds of steam from a pine-knot fire and hauls a tender and two cars over 1000 feet of wooden track.

"A little over six years ago I was over in Beaumont, Texas., and I saw a little engine in a park there," Mr. Strahan continued. "It worked all right, but it wasn't a real model of a steam engine. It was just a toy that pulled cars for the kids to ride on.

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"When I came back here to the Crossroads I was set on building a locomotive. From the first I wanted it to be complete. I wanted it to be like a regular locomotive cut down in size.

"I sent away for plans and blueprints, but I couldn't get any. I couldn't get any designs of a real locomotive to reduce in scale. so I worked out my own plans.

"I didn't have any scale at all, to begin with. Every night when I would be finished with my work, I'd sit down on the floor and spread a big piece of paper out in front of me. I figured and drew on that until I had a plan that I thought I could start to work on. "I made all of the designs in proportion to what I thought they should be for a real locomotive. There were plenty of parts that gave me trouble, like the pattern for the cast-iron cylinder. But finally I got everything into shape." Work on the locomotive and the other parts of the miniature train has been going on "for six years and three months to be exact," Mr. Strahan explained. All of it, except for the casting of the six drive-wheels of the engine, was done by him with occasional aid from neighbors.

These wheels, he asserted, were cast from a redwood pattern which he carved with a pocket-knife. They are twelve inches in diameter and are proportionate reproductions of a regular locomotive drivewheel.

As to other parts of the locomotive, ~~Mr. Strahan~~ Mr. Strahan pointed here and there and said. "This used to be some old springs. This was a crankcase. I made that out of a rear assembly." The anvil and forge in Strahan's shop have played a great part in the shaping of the engine. He has molded and beaten the odd pieces into a mechanical whole, complete from cowcatcher to bell and whistle. "Of course I can't say I worked on it steady for six years," Mr. Strahan said. "There were many times when I got disgusted and let it alone for two or three months. Then I would come back again when I didn't have anything else to do. "I finished it, except for the few things I expect to put on it in the next

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couple of weeks, about six weeks ago. The first time I tried it out it worked. Boy, I really got a kick when I loaded up the firebox and she choo-chooed right off."

Mr. Strahan is a native of Pearl River County. He was born and reared at the cross-roads. He has several offers to sell his little locomotive, but refused the offers.

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SUPPLEMENT TO ASSIGNMENT # 2

P. E. Williams

First Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County:

A.B.F. Rawls, President

P.E. Williams, Secretary

J.M. Shivers,

J. E. WHEAT

T. T. Marting

J. M. Shivers, Sheriff

R. L. Ratcliff, Clerk.

The following is an interesting account of the first election of the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County the following members were present: A.B.F. Rawls, P. E. Williams, J. M. Smith, J. E. Wheat, . The Board proceeded to organize as follows: Mr. P. E. Williams was called to the chair as temporary Chairman and election was held to elect a President and Secretary which resulted as follows: A. B. F. Rawls, President and P. E. Williams Secretary.

Ordered that J. M. Shivers be appointed sheriff to wait on this Board during the meeting.

Ordered by the Board that R. H. Reases be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this Board during this meeting.

This day Joseph E. Wheat presented his bond as Supervisor, Beat No.4, of said County in the sum of five hundred dollars with T. R. White and A. B. F. Rawls as securities, which bond is hereby appointed and ordered filed and recorded.

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P. E. WILLIAMS

This day P. E. Williams presented his bond as Supervisor of Beat No. 2, of afore said county in the sum of five hundred dollars with Jas. G. Cherry and Newton Ladner as his surities, which bond is hereby appointed and ordered filed and recorded.

A. B. F. Rawls, for Beat No. 1, five hundred dollars with Joseph A. Smith and Andrew Smith as surities.

J. M. Smith, Beat No. 3, five hundred dollars with W.W. Strahan and J. L. Strokes on bond.

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By the act of the Legislature in eighteen hundred and ninety (1890), the County of Pearl River Was organized. It had the same seat as Pearl County; Two districts were taken from Hancock and Marion, each to form the new County. "Pearl", the name of the county, could not be used as a name for the county by a law passed in the Legislature and River was added to the old name, thus making the complete name of Pearl River County. 1890,

The first officers of Pearl River County were appointed by Gov. John Marshall Stone. They were: Col. J. M. Shivers, sheriff; T. R. White, Clerk; J. L. Bonner, Supt. of Education and A. B. F. Rawls, President of the first Board of Supervisors, who were P. E. Williams, James M. Smith, Joseph Wheat and Thomas Marshall. Those officers salaries were very small and the function of their positions was quite different from the official duties today. Every man had to work the road two days each year regardless of position. Business was stopped in order for the men to work.

Board of Supervisors, March Term, A.D. 1891.

Be it ordered by the Board that the Lumberton Head Block be made the official Organ of the County for twelve months after the first of May, 1891. Said paper agreeing to Publish the proceedings of this Board for nothing so long as it is made the official organ of the county.¹

1. Minutes of Board of Supervisors.

P. E. Williams

In April, A.D. 1891, plans for the County Jail were adopted and passed, placed on file and bids advertised for.

The building was let to Pauley Jail Building Co. for the sum of \$4,500.00. It was built in 1891.

September 7, 1891, the bid for building the New Court House was given to H. A. Camp and J. H. Hinton for the sum of \$7,488.00.

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On the 31st. day of December, 1891, Hon A. B. F. Rawls, member elect Board of Supervisor of Beat No. 1, died at his residence in Poplarville. Therefore, it is ordered that the office of Supervisor Beat No. 1, be and is hereby declared as vacant and a special election is ordered to fill said vacancy under Section 156 of the Code of 1890.

Ordered by the Board that the following election Order be adopted.

To: J. G. McClure and A. L. Rawls, election commissioners of Pearl River County.
 "You are hereby commanded to hold an election in Beat No 1, of Pearl River County to fill the vacancy in the office of Supervisor in said beat caused by the death of Hon. A. B. F. Rawls, member elect, who died on December 31, 1891. Said election to be held on Thursday the 16th. day of Feb. A. D., 1892.

At the same meeting P. E. Williams was made president of the Board of Supervisors.

January 5, 1892.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Members present as on yesterday.

N. Batson, sheriff and R. L. Ratcliff, Clerk. The following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, A. B. F. Rawls departed this life December 31, A. D. 1891, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County now in session,

That by his death this Board has lost its most honored and useful member and that Pearl River County has lost her founder and best friend; that because of his boldness and readiness to do at all times that which was right and to oppose that which was wrong without fear of foe or favor of friends, it appears to us that the vacancy caused by his death to this county a sad calamity, that we

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through believing that God does all things well must await the revelation of this mysterious work, that we sympathize with his family in the great loss they must sustain in being deprived of his provident care and affection, and be it resolved finally that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy of same be sent to the Poplarville "Free Press" and Lumberton "Head Block" for publication and also a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

In eighteen hundred and ninety-two (1892) the first election was held, electing the following men as officers.

N. Batson, Sheriff
 G. W. Stewart, Representative
 G. W. Bilbo, Assessor
 R. L. Ratcliff, Chancery Clerk and Circuit Clerk.
 W. C. Anderson, Superintendent of Education.
 P. E. Williams, President of the Board of Supervisors
 G. W. Smith, Supervisor
 W. C. Stewart, Supervisor
 R. F. Martin, Supervisor
 J. L. Strahan, Supervisor
 Andy Smith, Treasurer.

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The first court house was built in Eighteen hundred and ninety-two (1892) by Camp and Hinton for the sum of eight thousand, two hundred and ninety-eight dollars. It is now the building occupied by the Pearl River County Hospital. This building was planned before Mr. Rawls' death in 1891.

Sept. 13th. 1892.

Ordered by the Board of Pearl River County that N. Batson, Sheriff of Pearl River County be authorized and directed to provide suitable benches, chairs, and tables for furnishing the court house and also provide a suitable desk and chair for the Judge's stand, and to erect or cause to be erected a privy or water closet on the court house yard, said work to be completed and ready for use by third Monday in October, 1892.

Ordered by the Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County that the levy of County taxes for the present fiscal year - 1892 - be and the the same is hereby fixed and levied at seven and one-half mills on the dollar.

December, 1892.

Ordered that all money belonging to Court House and Jail and bridge funds be transferred to General County Fund.

Ordered that all warrants heretofore issued payable out of Court house and Jail fund and Bridge funds be made payable out of General County funds.

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Board of Supervisors elected for 1896

Mr. Williams served from 1892 to 1896 as President of Board of Supervisors at which time Mr. Jus. A. Moody was elected as president of the Board. In 1896 the Board of Supervisors were elected as follows,

P. E. Williams

G. W. Smith,

W. C. Stewart

J. A. H. Smith

N. Batson, Sheriff

N. Batson, Clerk.

Mr. P. E. Williams was quite a successful newspaper man as well as a County officer. He was editor of the Lumberton Head Block, which was published weekly at Lumberton, Mississippi.

Uma Smith
 Uma Smith, Supervisor,
 Historical Research,
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Canvassers:
Dora Mitchell
Jennie Eiland
Lucy Beard.

Since the opening of the Historical Research WPA project in Pearl River County we have come to know and appreciate some very interesting individuals. We wish to give an account of interviews we had with some of these people. They are persons who are intelligent, full of information, love their country, willing to give unselfishly and have lived in a different era from what we are living in today.

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Theresa Jarrell,
Canvasser.

My interview with Jeff Rayford (negro)

Old uncle Jeff makes a touching picture as he steps along on his walking cane. He dresses neatly in blue shirt and gray trousers and always wears suspenders. He weighs 200 pounds, and his thick bushy, fuzzy hair is graying, although he is only ninety-six years old. Think of that, born in 1840 and doesn't even cover his sparkling grayish brown eyes with glasses. Has not been obliged to wear false teeth either, he practically has his full set of permanent teeth.

He seems to be very happy as he comes in to get his small check the Mississippi State Relief gives him to care for his needs in old age. He can be heard talking and laughing.

When I told Uncle Jeff that I wanted a picture of him for my county history, he replied that he had never had made in his life and he bet it would be a pretty one. Following is an account of his life in Pearl River County as he related it.

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"Life in Pearl River County before 1890."

I was born right over here on Ball Hill by the road to Col. Byrd's old home. The old house has rotted down. The spot where the old red dirt chimney has fallen down is the only mark left. A pine tree grew up in the middle of the old fallen chimney, and was later cut down and carried to Columbia to Governor Hugh White's saw mill.

My mother was bought in Mobile as a slave and was owned here by a Mrs. Howard. My mother reared five children and it just so happened that Mrs. Howard had five children. So each one of Mrs. Howard's children ^{was} given a negro child as a slave. It fell my lot to live with Mrs. Kennedy, where I remained until the slaves were freed.

(Here I interrupted him and asked him where his father came from. He immediately replied that he didn't know who his father was or anything about him. Said the colored people lived like stock in those days - they never married.)

My master was good to me. When the war (Civil War) came on it was had times. I remember how the men would hide out to keep from going to war. I cooked and carried many a pan of food to these men in Pearl River swamp. This I did for one man regularly. All I had to do was to carry the food down after dark, and I was so scared I was trembling, and while walking along the path in the swamp, pretty soon he would step out from behind a tree and say: "Here Jeff" and then I would hand it to him and run back to the house.

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One day soldiers passed with wagons for four days going through to Mobile. At that time the river road was the best road around.

We had no matches for fire, we used flint and steel. The first cotton gin I ever saw was operated by a horse. Some people separated the cotton from the seed by hand. The cloth was spun and woven. Some was bought in Gainesville, where they went over by cart and bought "nit" and "lice" cloth (salt and pepper I should think) for men's pants. Later gingham could be bought. This was considered very fine cloth then.

Sometimes we had bisquits on Sunday, but one reason I am living and am healthy is the food that I was raised on. We ate corn bread, meat, greens and peas. People eat too much flour now and they use self-rising flour, which is most unhealthful. The best way to make bisquit is with plain flour, soda and clabber, or put a little vinegar in your soda and it will foam up and cook quick.

I know a case where a negro slave sold for \$100. Simon and Heskiah Wheat sold him. Some of the men living around us at that time were: Joe Wheat, Billy Wheat, another Joe Wheat, Redden Byrd, and Peter Harvey's granddad.

I remember when a Mr. Cooper, would take his cart and go out and gather herbs for medicine. Medicine now days is too weak. It has too much water or alcohol in it and not enough medicine. Costs lots too. We used Sampson's snake root, black snake root, fever grasses, tree barks and other medicines made from native trees and herbs.

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We used parch^{ed} meal for coffee. Our corn meal was ground by a water mill. You see we even made what dye was used. Gall berries dyed black. Two colors of thread were used to make pants and I mean this kind made good warm ones. Wool was sold at Gainesville.

I never went to school colored folks had no schools long ago.

I knew Poplar Jim Smith for whom Poplarville was named. I used to play ~~xxx~~ with his boys. We played all day and when we went in to eat we knew to carry a load of wood. People used to cook on the fire places. That was the best cooking in the world. Food tasted better. They sometimes made dirt ovens and used them to cook bread and sweet potatoes in.

When the war was over the slaves couldn't do without their masters because they had nothing on which to live and the masters needed the slaves, so when they were freed most of them stayed on and farmed for their masters on shares. This gave the negroes a chance to have something for themselves.

I have cooked and logged when they floated the logs down the creeks to Pearl River. I have cut many logs for Mr. Ben Wheat and others. Folks don't work as hard as they used to work, neither did we have the opportunities then that the folks of today have. This is a good county and the colored people ought to be happy with their churches, schools, homes and many other good things.

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Now Uncle Jeff had talked with me until his shirt was wet with perspiration so I asked him what he thought was responsible for his long healthy life and he replied: "Miss it would take a long time to tell you that, but the people of today just live too fast, too much to do and worry about. Too nervous and their food is different. They ought to eat what we ate, corn bread, meat, peas, greens and other farm products. They eat too many biscuits now.

He says he lives with John Farr, but that he really ought to go to his children, who are living out side of the county.

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Dora Mitchell
Canvasser.
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"The Old Kimball Place."

Arthur Ward Smith, who so willingly furnished the following interview is, the son of Calvin Smith and Mary I. Stockstill. He was appointed Federal Census Enumerator in 1910 in Pearl River County. He was fond of history, his greatest hobby was in collecting data pertaining to pioneer citizens of Pearl River and Hancock counties. The interview he gives us was from data gathered before 1919.

As Census Enumerator he enriched his knowledge of this peculiar hobby by interviews with many old people who were living in his district at that time. He was also very interested in Civil War stories. He contributed articles to the Memphis Commercial Appeal, The New Orleans Item, and The New Orleans Times Picayune.

In 1914 he married Mignon Beatrice Tackett of Supera, Mississippi, who by chance read one of his articles in the Memphis Commercial Appeal, which culminated in a love affair, ending in marriage.

While living in New Orleans in 1925, his health failed, and was compelled to move to Tucson, Arizona in 1927. I. Stockstill, Sr., where he lived until his death in 1935. His general contracting.

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This venerable old place has withstood the storms of over a hundred years and has a story that is well worth being told to our young generation. I have worked with might and main to reclaim the half forgotten records of the earlier civilization of this old place, but nearly all incidents that might serve to brighten the story of this old place are now forgotten save one immortal memory that remains sanctified by loving tradition, hence I must resort to this to make the beginning of our story more complete. Up until the coming of the first white man. It seems now that tradition has it that long before this part of the country became a part of the United States this old place was the abode of an old Choctaw Chief, named "Hobogue" who lived peacefully with his warriors near the beautiful creek which now bears his name. Of course this is purely fiction but evidence that a people did habitate this old place still remains. My father, many years ago when he was a boy found several old pieces of clay pottery and old flint arrowheads near where the present house now stands.

It was many years after the first invasion of the interior of this country in the West, the French, the British and Spanish in turn explored and pre-empted the country, and during these years much of the traveling from place to place was done over the main watercourses, but while the white man had streams to reach the isolated settlements of the Choctaws doubtless it was due to this mode of travel through these pathless wildwoods that came Stephen Jarrell in 1811 he being the first "fale face" to tarry at this place.

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The evidence as to who Jarrell was and where he came from is lost to history, though tradition has it that he was a son of a canny Scotchman and after acquiring the extensive holdings and land claims of Chief "Hobogue" and his tribe he built a small log cabin where the present house now stands and his purpose was to establish a trading post among the Indians, his place was the headquarters of the first United States surveyors headed by Colonel John Melish in 1812-13-14, together with others which history has no reference. Jarrell marked the first wagon road that ever traversed Hancock County. This road ran from Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis) to Ford's about eight miles southwest of Columbia. It crosses Hoblochitto Creek at this old place and Pearl River at Leighton's Bluff or thereabouts and intersected the old Jackson Military Road near where Bogalusa now stands. Much of this old road is in use today and in good condition. Its history dates back over one hundred years ago. My story of the old place can hardly be complete without mentioning some of traditions dramatic stories that are linked with this old highway but space forbids. It was over this old road that come hither Judge Moses Cook, whom I shall endeavor to tell about.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

These lines are from the poet Longfellow, but I take issue with the poet if he only intended that they apply to great men who shouldered the mantle of celebrity in social, political and economic fields. It is to the adventurous pioneer of our early

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civilization that we, the present generation owe a debt of lasting reverence, to them, who faced the greatest obstacles that ever confronted human intelligence in their efforts to bring about civilization in this part of Mississippi. History has no parallel, they should be numbered among the councils of the great by their leaving footprints in the sands of time. Conspicuous among these gallant Knights of Old was Moses Cook, the second hero in our story of the Old Kimball Place.

Who was Moses Cook and why is his name so often mentioned in connection with the story of this old place? These are questions that strangers often ask. Here is the answer. Moses Cook was born in Pennsylvania in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century. When quite a young man he emigrated to Tennessee and during the war of 1812 he enlisted in General Jackson's army for defense of the Gulf Coast against the British, and while hurrying to the defense of New Orleans, Jackson and his army marched overland from Pensacola, Florida, passing this part of the country. Moses Cook, who was acting as assistant to the quartermaster heard of Stephen Jarrell's place on Hoblochitto Creek which he visited in an effort to procure provisions for the army. It was the result of this visit that culminated in Cook buying Jarrell out a few years later.

By 1820 Cook, had built a large double pen hewn log house, and had begun extensive improvements on the place. In 1822 he enlarged the store and built the first bridge in 1828 which was a toll bridge ^{and} which was a source of revenue for Cook up until the coming of Kimball in 1838. A gate was built across the bridge to

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stop the travelers. At the top was a bell and when the lone-some travelers wished to cross they tapped the bell and some of the attendants would open the gate, receive the toll and let the travelers pass.

There are numerous incidents connected with the early history of Cook's old log house, the most conspicuous of these was the murder of an old black mammy way back in the Thirties as tradition has it. Cook in his day was considered a wealthy man, but he was not. Robbers and bandits galore infested this newly settled country - their prey being travelers of the old Shieldsboro and Ford's road. One day in the absence of Cook and his family the robbers approached his house and in their effort to make the old mammy, who was left to mind the place tell of Moses Cook's treasures, they pulled her fingernails out by the roots, still she would not tell and finally they killed her. Here tradition says, marked the beginning of the ghostlore.

About 1835, Moses Cook, engaged in bringing new settlers to this country. Many of the ancestors of the people who live in our midst today were inducted into this country by Moses Cook and his co-partner Colonel W. Ross. About 1838, Cook was appointed Judge of Probate of Hancock County. This is how he acquired the title of Judge. In 1840, he ably represented Hancock County in the state Legislature and was very instrumental in enacting legislation that staid the great civil war until a later date. Judge Cook, had a strong fraternal taste, this fact is emphasized in his founding the first Masonic Lodge in South Mississippi in the early Forties

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At Gainesville which bears^h his name - this is none other than the Moses Cook Lodge No. 111 ~~F & A M.~~ in Picayune today. This was moved from Gainesville to Nicholson and later to Picayune. Judge Moses Cook died in the early Fifties and is buried beside his wife and his only child in the cemetery near the old place where he spent so many romantic days.

I shall now tell about the early days of Leonard Kimball, the real hero of our story. He was an old fashioned farmer which presented a type of domesticity which will pass entirely away with this generation, and which was one of the sweetest, purest and productive types of social life ever known. Leonard Kimball, like his predecessor, Moses Cook, was born in Pennsylvania in 1803, and came to this part of the country when quite a young man stopping first at Gainesville where he clerked in a store owned by Captain John M. Poitevent, and it was here that he formed the acquaintance with Moses Cook, which culminated in an extensive friendship that resulted in the coming of young Kimball to live with Cook and manage his store. This was in 1838, several years before Judge Cook died. About 1842, young Kimball became very despondent and wanted to leave this old isolated place and made arrangements to return to his boyhood home in Pennsylvania. Judge Cook was absent at this time in Jackson, representing Hancock County in the legislature. On his return, after finding his young friend ready to leave he made a new deal with Kimball which resulted in Kimball becoming heir to all of Judge Cook's worldly possessions. The only provision in this agreement was that Kimball was to continue to live with Judge Cook and his wife and care for them the remainder of their

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lives. In this agreement Kimball played his part to the end and when his benefactors died he had them buried in the little cemetery near the old place and marked their graves with the beautiful marble slabs which we see in the old cemetery today.

After Leonard Kimball's accession to the head of this old place he demonstrated at once the noble spirit in him by improving the place and making it conform to the ideals of the real southern planters homes. By 1848 he had built a large store and done away with the toll system that Moses Cook had. With the free bridge this brought business to his store and increased his popularity in general because of his learned ways and new ideas of things. About 1850, after having married Miss Jane Potter Russ, sister of Mrs. ^{W. J.} Poitevent, he was elected to the state legislature from Hancock County, a position which like his predecessor Moses Cook had, and in which he filled well. Along in the Fifties, Leonard Kimball portraying the roll of a real Southern farmer and slave holder. After acquiring several slaves he built their quarters near where the lovely residence of Mr. L.O. Crosby now stands. The slaves cemetery was located just back of where Mr. Crosby's garage now stands. The highest number of slaves that Mr. Kimball owned at one time was twenty-six. This was in 1857 and twenty or more of these old antebellum negroes are buried in this old grave yard. It was in 1857 that Leonard Kimball started building this old home.

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Silhouetted against the southern sky by the eminence of the beautiful shade trees stood the old Kimball house that withstood the storms of over sixty years and was indeed a relic of other days that reflected the ante-bellum life of the South. It seems that during the period preceding the civil war saw Leonard Kimball, a very prosperous and progressive man and among his many ambitions was to own a home that was finer than any other in this part of the country. The old log house built by Moses Cook was torn down to make room for the new house. Kimball and his family lived temporarily in the kitchen part of the old Moses Cook house. It must be remembered that active work on the new house did not begin in 1857, but preparations were made by Kimball in the making of the bricks and burning them all of which were made by hand by the old negro slaves. The kiln was put up several hundred yards south of where Mr. L.O. Crosby's house now stands under the supervision of Captain John W. ~~REHEFANE~~ Poitevent. All the sills and posts that were to be used were hewn out of the very best heart pines by the slaves. In the summer of 1856 Kimball acquired the services of an old Englishman, named Kinsler to do the brick and carpenter work. This was long before the advent of saw mills in this part of the country and sawed lumber was hard to get. In fact it was almost impossible to be had. However, Kimball, after much effort succeeded in persuading old Parson Varnado who owned a little water mill on Catahoula Creek near where Caesar now stands, to put a saw in his mill, and it is said to have taken Varnado over a year to cut Kimball's lumber by waterpower. His saw averaged a board every two

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hours. About 1860 the kitchen part of the house was completed, and after laying the foundation for the main house Kimball had to suspend the work indefinitely. By this time the great civil war clouds were thick and Kimball not knowing what results would culminate, decided to make no effort to complete his house until the question of slavery had been decided forever. Although Leonard Kimball was a northern man by birth, he was intensely southern in sympathy for he had over \$52,000 invested in negro slaves. So the conclusion of the great civil war found Kimball almost in^abankrupt condition as it did all other slave holders in the South. And it was not until 1866 that his dream of owning the finest home in this part of the country was ever realized. The man he procured to finish it was named Huber, a master of his trade. The shingles used on the house were made out of juniper near where Poplarville now stands by Washington Bilbo, Grandfather of Senator T.G. Bilbo. All the cornice work and trimming was done by Huber with his curious tools. Conspicuous among the carved pieces is a pair of ^{linked} ~~linked~~ hands which he carved to commemorate the reunion of the North and South. This Kimball had placed over the mantel of his bedroom.

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Studded with the dramatic and important events, whose outlines stand out in high relief against the long period of fruitful quiet, it is very difficult to describe those perious days of 1861 at the old Kimball place. It is quite suffice to say, that it, like all other Southern homes of that day echoed to the ominous rumors of the early fifties that grew into defiance of ~~that~~ 1861. It knew something of the pomp and circumstances of war and the sad bitterness of defeat. It echoed to the tread of citizen soldiers, to the call of battle. It saw the conflict ended, and at last it saw the gruesome spectacle in the murders of traitors of our country. And so goes the story of the war times at the old place.

When the war began Kimball was doing a fairly good business with his general store, but as the gloomy days of the war were on and after the Northern armies had captured New Orleans and Gainesville, the places where he bought and received his goods, his stock of goods soon diminished. People far and near flocked to his store to buy whatever they could, when the fact became known that the country was becoming impoverished by the war. When the fact became known to the Federal authorities at Gainesville after its capture by them of Kimball's store, it was rumored about the country that they intended to send a detachment of cavalry to destroy it. In anticipation of this, Kimball, at once got in communication with Captain Poitevent who had a company of partisan rangers 126 strong ready to leave for the front and had them come to his rescue. Poitevent's company camped where L.O. Crosby's house now stands. With a strong pickett guard around the old place in anticipating an attack their only piece of artillery was placed in the curve of the

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road in front of their camp and when the news came that the war was over this old cannon was fired in celebration of the event. The ball went through one large pine and imbedded itself in another right where the present Palestine road crosses the old Columbia Road. The two stumps you may see today. Al Burge, an aged native of Picayune, has this ball which is about three inches in diameter.

After the war was over and Captain Poitevent's company disbanded, the country at once became infested with thieves commonly called "Jayhawkers". They were, however, none other than traitors who had deserted the Confederate cause and were hired by the Federal authorities on the Coast to plunder the country in the absence of the men who had not returned from the Confederate army and take all the livestock and sell to them. To combat this evil, the home militia was organized. It together with Captain Jones' company from Jones County were successful in capturing seven of these Jayhawkers. Of the seven, two were captured at this old place and shot on the spot.

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One incident connected with this old place really makes it a landmark of historic interest in it being the girlhood home of one of the South's foremost women writers, Eliza Jane Poitevent, whose pen name was "Pearl Rivers". Eliza Jane Poitevent, was a daughter of Captain J.W. Poitevent and when she was quite young she was adopted by Mr and Mrs. Leonard Kimball, they being childless. This was about 1852 or possibly later. After her adoption Mr. Kimball began to take keen interest in his foster child, and was outspoken in his praise of her when she would compose a piece of childish poetry. As she grew older her poems began to assume the aspect of a genius. Mr. Kimball, at once recognized her ability and endeavored to give her all the educational advantages he could. He sent her to an old Southern school. On her return home after her graduation she began her literary career, contributing to the old Memphis Appeal, the old Daily Picayune, and Captain P.K. Merye's paper the Handsboro Democrat, published at Handsboro, Mississippi. Along in the early Seventies her poems began to attract nationwide attention all of which were inspired and written by her at the "Old Kimball Place". Her favorite place was in the little bower between three sweet-gum trees. It was here she spent many lonely hours writing the poems that later made her famous.

Eliza Jane Poitevent, was a tall slender and sympathetic woman. One instance I must mention in regard to her gentleness was when my grandfather was killing a bee hive for Mr. Kimball. So sorry was she, that she composed a poem entitled "Old Billy Smith's Rough Hands". This was one of her unpublished poems.

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Through her writings for the New Orleans Picayune, she formed an acquaintance with Mr. Holbrook, then editor of that paper. This acquaintance culminated in a love affair which resulted in her marriage to Mr. Holbrook against Mr. and Mrs. Kimball's wishes. A few years later Mr. Holbrook died and then she married Mr. Nicholson, who was interested with Mr. Holbrook in publishing the Picayune. After this she became active in the management of the Picayune and she later became its editor, she being the first woman in the United States to manage and edit a great daily newspaper successfully. There is one great poem writer today who owes the beginning of her literary career to Eliza Jane Poitevent, that is: Mrs. E.M. Gilmer, (Dorothy Dix).

It was about the time that Eliza Jane Poitevent reached the zenith of her newspaper career when the Postoffice of Picayune and Nicholson was established one being named for her and the other after her paper. That is how the town of Picayune got its name. However, when it was first established the letter "K" was used to distinguish it from the Newspaper, but in later years the "K" was eliminated.

Mrs. Nicholson, died in 1897 is buried in Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her two sons, Leonard Kimball and York Poitevent Nicholson, are still with the Times Picayune Publishing Company, Leonard Kimball Nicholson, being its President.

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It would be fitting that mention should be made of the many distinguished celebrities that visited at the old Kimball place during Leonard Kimball's regime. Mr. Kimball like all other Southerners was very fond of entertaining the distinguished celebrities that by chance traveled the old Shieldsboro and Ford's Road, because of the fact that the long distance between Columbia and Gainesville or Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis) Kimball's was a days journey stop over.

Among the distinguished men of Mississippi history, who once were Kimball's guests are: General John A. Quitman, Ex-Governor John J. McRae, and Mississippi's great historian John H.F. Claiborne and many others.

At the close of the Mexican War in which General Quitman conspicuously distinguished himself as being the first to hoist the American flag over conquered Mexico's Capitol City. For such bravery he was made Major General in the United States Regular Army. General Quitman was twice Governor of Mississippi and also served several years in Congress.

John J. McRae, in the Forties was known as the "Silver ^{toned} ~~King~~ Orator of Mississippi". He too, served two terms as Governor and several years as United States Senator and Congressman. He also served as Confederate Congressman. Governor McRae was married at Pearlinton, to a Mrs. McGuire, a widowed sister of aunt "Viney" Mitchell, the ancestral grandmother of most all the Mitchell family living in the community today. Also great grandmother of myself.

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Colonel John H.F. Claiborne, Mississippi's great historian who wrote Claiborne's "Mississippi" considered by most historians as being the best authority on Mississippi history that has ever been written. He also wrote the "Life of General John A. Quitman", "A Trip Through The Piney Woods" and others. Colonel Claiborne also served in Congress in 1834. His seat was contested by the famed orator Sergeant S. Prentiss. Colonel Claiborne's home was near where Ansley, Mississippi now stands. He was a frequent visitor to Leonard Kimball and attended to his legal matters, as did my grandfather, William Smith.

One of the most interesting sidelights of the old Kimball place is this story. Years after one of the Jayhawkers was court-martialed and executed near the old place by Confederate forces in 1864, a rumor was spread over the community that an eye witness saw the Union Army officers at Pearlinton pay this Jayhawker \$500.00 in gold that he had rustled from the widows and wives of loyal Confederates. The eye witness said that he placed this money in a red handkerchief and tied it around his person under his clothes. This was just before his capture at the Kimball place. Another eye witness of his execution said that he was searched but that no money was found on his person and so it was presumed that the \$500.00 was buried with him. Years later, according to the chimney corner legend, many young boys of the community would go to the Jayhawkers grave and dig up his remains looking for this loot. It was not an uncommon sight for a period of over forty years to pass by this lonely grave and see where shovels had been digging in his grave. Another legend has it, that the two stately pines that towered above the

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GRAVE would seem to effect a mournful sound on dark, rainy night^s in the winter, as if they were saying: "Leave my poor bones alone! Oh Lordy".

The last days of Leonard Kimball, ~~was~~ spent in ease, for it is freely said of him that he acquired two fortunes at this old place, one in negro slaves which he lost at the conclusion of the civil war, and the other in the mercantile and logging business. The logging business used to be quite extensive in this part of the state up until several years ago. This particular industry was the direct cause of the downfall of cotton growing in South Mississippi today. After the advent of saw mills at Pearlinton and Gainesville less cotton was grown in this part of the state. The logging industry was so much more lucrative, hundreds of thousands of yellow pine logs were floated down Noholochitto Creek by Leonard Kimball and his co-partner Jim McGehee and others. The stumpage of this timber seldom ever cost anything and their profits were enormous in this industry. Kimball had the advantage of his competitors in this business for he had his own store and would pay his hirelings in cheap merchandise. Leonard Kimball was a very close old man and somewhat of a miser, although he had a very tender heart. In making this assertion it is not my aim to depreciate him as our hero, but it is said of him, when he would wait upon a customer in his store and drop a grain of coffee he would get down on his knees and fumble around until he found it. All of this may be said of Kimball, but there are facts that prove he was very generous. This fact was demonstrated in him by taking into his home the three orphaned girls

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whom he reared and educated. Their names were: Mariah, Janie and Manie. To the best of my knowledge they are living yet and are relatives of our citizens, "The Russes".

Leonard Kimball died in 1885 at the age of 80 and is buried in the little cemetery near the old place, where he spent nearly fifty years of his life. After his death his widow lived at the old place for a few years and finally sold it.

After Mr. Kimball died in 1885, his entire estate reverted to his widow, who to escape the momentous days there alone, sold for a mere song the entire state to a widow by the name of Fredericks, who was from Louisiana. Mrs. Kimball after this spent the remaining years of her life with one of her foster daughters near ~~Chattanooga~~ Chattanooga, Tennessee. She died there in 1902, and is buried beneath the shadows of Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga.

Mrs. Fredericks, continued for a few years to operate the Kimball store, but the competition of the New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad, marked its finish as it did that of Gainesville, the old trade center. This was about 1886. After this, Mrs. Fredericks, who like Mrs. Kimball, to escape the solitude of loneliness in old age sold it together with the leases of two sixteen sections (which was acquired by Kimball for \$1.10 per acre) to a prosperous German, named Tuma, a man of culture and means. Under the management of Mr. Tuma, the old place began at once to take on the air of dignity and refinement. He began at once to make extensive improvements - setting out a pecan and pear orchard where the Good Year Lumber Mill now stands. He renovated the old house and put down one of the first artesian wells that was ever sunk in this part of the country. Mr.

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Tuma died after being a resident of the old place for only a few years and it was his sons and daughters who carried out his plans and did more to make the place and its environments attractive than any of its former owners. One half mile of the road that ran into Picayune was planted in shade trees on each side. The personnel of the Tuma heirs are: Misses Lula, Alice, and Dottie, daughters, and Albert and Leo sons. Miss Lula soon after her fathers death married James T. Mary of Louisiana. Mr. Mary was appointed administrator of Mr. Tuma's estate. This was in 1900. Soon after this, Mr. Mary, engaged in the sawmill business, organizing the Picayune Lumber Company, which built the first mill where the Rosa Lumber Company now stands. Through the assent of the Tuma heirs, Mr. Mary, sold or traded the Kimball place to Mr. Stephen Terrell. After it had been idle for more than three years. Terrell and his family lived there peacefully until his death a few years ago.

The old Kimball place has now passed prophet like into one of the most palatial homes in Pearl River County, standing silently by the beautiful Hoblochitte Creek where the sound of the splash of Indian canoes is hushed and all is peace, beautiful and quiet. It is now owned by Mr. Lamont Rowlands, who has spared no expense in renovating it. Something of the spirit of those gone on has been wrought within its halls and will always survive to hallow it in the minds of those who revere the history of our county. These should feel thankful to Mr. Rowlands for preserving this venerable old settlement to modern future posterity.

Lucy Beard
Cavasser.

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ASSIGNMENT # 13.
INTERVIEWS.

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August, 6th, 1936.

"BIRTH OF PICAYUNE."

The beautiful little city of Picayune in the southern part of Pearl River County on the banks of the picturesque Hoblochitto Creek, was not there when Columbus discovered America four hundred and forty-four years ago.

When the first white man, Stephen Jarrell, started a settlement on the Hoblochitto Creek, this lovely section was inhabited by the princely Choctaw Indian Chiefs and their warriors. After Jarrell built a small log cabin and established a trading post with the Indians, other white settlers came, but no city was built yet. Hunting, fishing and trading were the principal means of making a living. Finally, Kimball, with his slaves lived here where he bought Jarrell's store and built a bigger one.

After the Civil War and the emancipation of the slave, another very important happening sprung up from this very spot where now is located the beautiful home of Lament Rowland. Kimball's niece, Eliza Jane Poitevent stunned the people south of the Mason and Dixon line by breaking down the barriers of newspaper management, ^{by women} By now a few settlers had settled around the vicinity of what is now Picayune.

Information for the foregoing was gathered from Economic History of Pearl River County by G.J. Everett.

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BIRTH OF PICAYUNE. (continued)

About the latter part of the year 1879 or first of 1880 when the New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad was surveyed and the right of way was arranged by Rev. T.B. Mitchell, pioneer Baptist minister who owned the place now occupied by S.B. Whitfield. It happened that the right of way ran through the Rev. Mitchell's land and he would not let them have it, until they agreed to build a station here and stop the trains. The agreement was written into the deed. Therefore, the credit for getting the station at Picayune goes to T.B. Mitchell. The railroad bridge across Hoblochitto Creek was finished sometime during the year 1884 and the Rev. Mr. Mitchell was the nearest resident to that point.

During the year 1883 the first move was made which is getting us close to the time and person who gave our little city the name Picayune. Now why this name was chosen would be hard to surmise. It was in 1883, that W.W. Varnado, came and looked the situation over and secured some timber one mile south west of what is now Picayune on Alligator branch. He erected a saw mill about fifteen or twenty thousand capacity. After he got the mill running, he built a house for himself and family near the mill. (Alligator Branch is on the road leading from Picayune to Jackson Landing) Mr. Varnado cut quite a bit of lumber. Then he built a wood track tram road with a tram to transfer his lumber to the Railroad track. Mr. Varnado furnished the material to build the first station platform

This and the remaining pages on "Birth of Picayune" was gathered from an interview with Walter Mitchell, a native of Picayune. He is 66 years of age and the son of O.A. Mitchell, a Confederate Veteran and an early school teacher of Pearl River County.

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which was about ten by twenty feet in size. The Railroad Company erected the platform. Then an application was made to the company for a shipping spur that would take care of three or four cars.

Mr. Varnado's industry was the first in Picayune, but other interest began such as cord wood, piling, char-coal, etc. Mr. Varnado was the first to ship his products. After the mill began cutting its capacity and lumber was accumulating it became necessary to have some designated post office or name for the place so bills of lading and orders could be handled. At the end of where the depot now stands, ^{stood} a large yellow pine tree. Mr. Varnado secured a piece of one by ten board, nailed it to the pine and printed the name of "Picayune" on it. The tracks were built, ramps were erected and lumber began being shipped from Picayune, while Nicholson was the nearest post office.

Mr. Varnado built the first house that was erected in Picayune on the lot where Stockstill and Meghee's brick store stood.

About this time an old gentleman by the name of James Bailey, started a turpentine business north west of Picayune at a place known as Big Springs and he carried on this business there for a number of years.

It was in the latter part of 1886 or 1887, that J.W. Simmons, came to Picayune a stranger and asked the way to James Bailey's Turpentine Still. He walked to Big Springs which was about five miles north west on the old Columbia and Gainesville road, he got a

"BIRTH OF PICAYUNE" (continued)

job and worked as a stiller. He later came to Picayune secured enough timber to cut four or five crops. He secured the backing of Simpson and Vizard in New Orleans and did all of the work himself.

Later Sam Webb came, and went into the turpentine business on the east side of town. The town began slowly ~~but~~ substantially to grow. When the railroad was being constructed they built a commissary for their employees on the present site of Mrs. Loper's residence on Hobolechitte Creek. A Mr. Hall managed it after the construction crew moved away. This building was also used for the first public school that many of our older citizens attended. It was also used for a church and was given the name Antioch.

Eliza Jane Boitevent Nicholson, was allowed to name the towns nearest her old home. She gave the name of her paper "Picayune" and Mr. Varnado, printed the name on a board and nailed it on a tree by the Railroad Station. The other town she gave the name "Nicholson" after her husband, Mr. George Nicholson, father of Leonard Kimball Nicholson, who is now President of the Times Picayune Publishing Co., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Jennie Eiland
Canvasser.

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AUGUST, 12, 1936.

"INDIANS"

Aunt Samantha Varnado, presented a touching picture as she sat in her armchair and told me stories of the Choctaw Indians who formerly lived in what is now Pearl River County. She was born in 1847, in the south-western part of Pearl River County. At that time it was called Center which was located centrally between Bay St. Louis and Columbia. Aunt Samantha, remembers the Indian cries and weddings held at Caesar. Some of their stories were told to her by her father, Freeman Jones, who was an early settler. The life of aunt Samantha still shines out brilliantly and has had great influence on many individuals. She still lives her quiet, peaceable, lovable life always willing to help her fellowman.

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INDIANS. (Continued)

When the first white settlers came to this country prior to the war of 1812, like Columbus in his advent to the New World, they found that another race of people had preceded them. This was one of the largest tribes of Indians in the state. If we ask from whence they came we will have to accept their simple story form "Hainh Waiya" because their origin has never been known. Hainh Waiya was a mound from which they believed all Indians were created and scattered to the four corners of the earth. It was a powerful tribe our new settlers had come in contact with had they been disposed to bear enemy to the "pale face" instead of a friend. Their disposition to the whites of this section was kind, and some of the first old settlers yet live to tell stories of their Indian friends. They were red skinned people of peculiar dress and customs. They wore feathers in their hair which hung in long braids. They dressed themselves in britch ^{cloths} ~~skins~~ and blankets and decked their bodies in long strands of beads. They buried their dead in mounds. These mounds are scattered over the county in various places.

They liked sports and there were ^{was} a number of games they indulged in. Of all the games the Indians liked best to play was ball. They lived in groups and their houses were mud huts and they also made their wigwams of slanting poles tied together at the top and covered sometimes with skins of animals and sometimes with bark or palmetto leaves - the palmetto leaves had long furrowed points from which the water dripped off nicely, making a good roof. Their floors were of dirt and they slept on bear and deer skins and

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blankets. Their fires were made by striking two pieces of flint together near some dry leaves in order to catch the sparks. Later they built their homes of logs.

These people were not farmers but they grew scanty patches of corn near their wigwams and sometimes they would help the white people with their work on their farms. When the women were not busy with their housework they engaged in making beautiful reed baskets which they sold to the white people in exchange for articles needed.

At home the men of the tribe were indolent and depended on the women or squaws to do most of the work. This they did with their "Papoose" or babies strapped in a cane basket on their backs, while their braves roamed the forests. The wonderful forests which abounded here was a good environment for his roving disposition. There were rivers and streams in which he fished and paddled their bark canoes.

In his life he passed a rude civilization and believed in a "happy hunting ground" where the departed warriors would hunt and feast forever. However, they slowly increased in civilization as well as in the belief of a future life and under the influence of Brother Varnado some of them were converted and one of them answered the call of the ministry and went forth to advance the cause of Christ.

INDIANS. (Continued)

The history of the beautiful home of Mr. Lamont Rowland, Picayune, reads like a romance, for around it is woven heart stirring stories. In this lovely section lived the princely Choctaw Indians¹ Chiefs with their warriors. Among these Chiefs Muckira and Habogue, who gave his name to the Mobelechitto Creek. It was here these Indians lived happily until the first white man, Stephen Jarrel entered their retreat. He soon acquired their retreat and scattered them which started them leaving the land of their dream. So one by one the white settlers came, the Indian claims were bought out, heart broken they left, first going west, then father and father away. Rix

Finally in the year 1830 the Government bought all of their land they had left here and most of them went to the Indian Territory. Some owned private land here - few of them ever returned. Chicala an old Chief of Center (now Caesar) went out to the Indian Territory where he died with tuberculosis. His son, young Chicala lived on at Caesar for several years as ruler of the Indians, but he finally left about forty years ago.

The Indians have been well termed the "red men" of the forest. They built no cities, no ships, no churches, no school houses. They constructed only temporary bark wigwams. Neither locks or ^{bars} ~~bars~~ did they have to their windows and doors. They made neither roads or bridges, but

1. G. J. Everett an outstanding school principal.

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INDIANS. (Continued)

followed foot paths through the forest and swam the streams. His best art was the bow and arrow. Although the Choctaws have vanished from our county they have left behind many relics to remember them by. Among such things are: Mounds, arrow heads, clay jars and stone pieces. The Indians are fast disappearing. No more in the waters is mirrored his birch bark canoe, no more through the forest he roams, no more in the distance his war^{or} hoop is heard. In a far distant land he has found a home, and we hope if they never come back they will find a pleasant home in their "Happy Hunting Ground."

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September 8, 1936

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August, 12, 1936.

"LOGGING IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY."

When the early settlers came into what is now Pearl River County, they found a wealth of timber in the long leaf pine. Vast acres were covered with this beautiful and valuable timber. They began to cut the trees and build their homes of the logs and to clear it away for their fields. So plentiful it seemed that these settlers thought nothing of caring for the trees at all. Log rollings were held and giant logs rolled together and burned. The owners did not dream that they were destroying a gold mine.¹

The only people at that time who objected to this slaughter of trees were the Indians.² How they grieved to see their loved pines cut and destroyed.

Very soon the northern capitalists saw the opportunity to make a great sum of money by buying the timber from the settlers at ridiculously low prices and holding it until they should see fit to make it into lumber for the market.³ Much of this fine timber sold to the northern man for \$1.25 per acre. Very few of the people kept their timber.

About the time that the timber was being bought so rapidly by the companies, the settlers were cutting giant logs and floating them down Pearl River to Gainesville and the coast where they were made into ship timber.⁴ Many of the older men tell stirring tales of the dangers and thrills of the river men as they rode their rafts of logs to market.

1,2,3,4. Economic History of Pearl River County by G.J. Everitt, a former school principal of Pearl River County.

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One citizen told me that he had cut down giant pines with an ax, the desired length ready to haul for ten cents a tree. The means of transporting this timber to the mill was by water. The first logging was done with a two wheel cart, the wheels about six feet high pulled with three or four yoke of oxen. The cart had a long tongue and a windlass with a set of hooks that was used to pick up the logs about two feet high in order to clear any obstacle on the ground. With the high wheels they could drive over logs with the cart. In those days they had very crude tools compared to what they have now. There were no cross-cut saws, files etc. The trees were cut down with an ax the desired length thirty to fifty feet depending on the order they had. The axes were sharpened on a grinding stone.

The carts picked the logs up and carried them to the landing. They were hauled two or three miles sometimes and only one log at a time - they only made two or three trips a day on long hauls. These landings were places where they put the logs in the water to float them down to market. Some of these locations still bear the names of these old landings. Some of the logging men floated their logs loose in the river. The only raft was the one they built the kitchen on, it was carried behind the logs. Boards were put over the cracks in the logs and dirt put over the boards (the boards were hewn) On this a fire was built and they cooked their meals in Dutch ovens.

1,2,3. Dan Thigpen.

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Some wonderful times and some good meals were had on these trips, for it took several days to run the logs to market. They had venison and wild game in abundance. When it was too wet to stop over and sleep on the banks of the river, they slept on the kitchen. They had a tent to stretch over the kitchen when it rained to keep their groceries dry. The crew usually consisted of about six or seven men, two in the front, two in the center and two in the back and often an extra man who was a pretty good cook. The crew was paid from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per day and their board. The drive consisted of from 300 to 500 logs sometimes more. Very often the logs would get jammed together in the bend of the river and it would take lots of hard work to get them loose. Some of our citizens logged as far up on Pearl River as twenty miles south of Jackson. The logs were carried to Pearlington and other points on the coast. There a boom was stretched across the river to catch the logs. An inspector then came and inspected and scaled the logs. The logging men received \$5 and \$6 per thousand for the choicest heart yellow pine logs.

After the railroad came through the county the saw mills began to locate here. Of the 20,000 people in the county in 1921, 10,000 were employed in the lumber industry. In 1929 there were fifteen saw mills operating in Pearl River County. The camps that grew up around these saw mills were small towns and furnished excellent markets for the farmer's produce. Among the larger mills in the county were Edward Hines, Weston, Goodyear and Williams Yellow Pine. There were numerous smaller ones.

1,2. G.J. Everitt's economic History of Pearl River County.

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HISTORICAL LAND MARK. There has been much discussion and argument as to what route through Pearl River county General Jackson traveled from Mobile to New Orleans in 1814. Many tales of many different routes have been handed down to us by the past generations.

The New Orleans Times Picayune, Sunday November 28th, 1915 gave the following information taken from the journal of Major H. Tatum, acting topographical engineer to General Jackson (1814).

"Inquirer et al. Bay St. Louis, Miss. Please give several readers as well as myself, some information relating to the route traveled by General Jackson and his suite from Mobile to New Orleans in 1814, the various places at which they stopped and the streams crossed?"

"The following account in brief of this memorable journey of General Jackson and his suite, is taken from the journal of Major H. Tatum, acting topographical engineer to General Jackson (1814) On November, 22, 1814, at 5 o'clock P.M., the commanding general and his suite accompanied by Major Piere of the Forty-fourth infantry, left Mobile and proceeded on their way for New Orleans via Chefonte, to Page's five miles, and halted for the night. On the morning of the 23rd, at 5 o'clock the party crossed Portage creek at three miles, a short distance below its source, and after proceeding thirty miles halted for the night at Hourdan's Ferry, on Dog river. On the morning of the 24th, they crossed Dog river and proceeded to the federal road leading from Fort St. Stephens to Pearl River. Passed Evans, at thirteen miles from Jordan's Ferry, Colonel Skinner at 15 miles, and reached Gattins' on the west bank of the Chickasaw Hay (for Chickasaw river) where they halted for the night. The following morning the party left Gattins' and traveled seven miles to Otebbay creek and thence down the creek to Hogan's Ferry, on the Leaf river. During the day they

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crossed several streams and halted for the night to Joseph Mimms' Ferry on the east side of Black creek. The next day the commanding general and his suite crossed Black creek and after traveling all day through poor piney lands, halted for the night at Ford's Stand. On the morning of the 27th, they left Ford's Stand and 7-1/2 miles further on crossed Bogue Homo, Red creek, and Pearl River at a point about 26-1/2 miles from Ford's Stand. During that day they passed Hunt's Improvement at Wolf creek, and Mrs. Walton's Stand, the distance from Hunt's Improvement to Bay St. Louis being 40 miles. Pearl River was crossed at Ford's Ferry and the party halted for the night further on at St. John's Fort. On the following morning the party set out on the route to Chefunota, crossed Ford's Mill creek near the house and another of his mill creeks about two miles further on; crossed Jones creek at six miles and again at eight miles; Pearson's creek at ten miles; Adams' creek at fourteen miles; Peters creek at Fifteen ^{one-half} miles; two forks of Coburn's creek at sixteen and one-half miles; Richardson's branch at nineteen miles and Bogue Lucy or Black creek at twenty miles. There were settlements at the crossings of nearly the whole of these creeks and branches and also above and below the crossings. The halt for the night was made at John Alston's on Bogue Chitty at a distance of thirty miles from the starting point. ~~At~~ On the morning of the 29th, the party left Alston and crossed the creek at 6 o'clock, passing further on William Ross plantation, the old cantonment on Little Feliah (or Little Long Creek) and after journeying sixteen and one-half miles in all reached the town of Wharton on Big Feliah (or Big Long Creek) a fork of the Chefoata river, and about eight miles from Madisonville. From Wharton the party proceeded to Madisonville and halted for the night, having crossed the main Chefonta river at three miles from Wharton.

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On the following day November, 30th, the party embarked on Collins' Packet and proceeded across the lake to Fort St. John at the mouth of Bayou St. John, at which point they arrived about eight o'clock that evening.

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Supervisor Historical Research
Pearl River County

EDGING IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

The different saw mill companies built logging roads through their timber and spur ^{railways} lines branched off from the main line in the different bodies of timber. There was an eight wheeled log wagon that came into existence. This was drawn with four yokes of oxen. These wagons were used to haul the logs to the logging road. Sam Mitchell, invented the first eight wheeled wagon that would turn, but failed to get a patent on it. The wagon is known now as the Lindsey wagon.

Next to come into use was the skidder - they reached out hundreds of yards with a steel cable from both sides of the track, hooked on to the logs and skid them in to the track destroying practically all of the small timber, which largely accounts for the pine forests being depleted of timber today. Later the tractor was used, but this was not a success. The large companies use the skidder today to bring in the logs to the ~~mill~~ log road, then carried to the mill, dumped in the pond. They are also hauled in on tracks with a trailer.

Regardless of all these years of logging Pearl River County still has some acres of virgin long leaf pine and numerous acres of second growth pine. Logging has taken so many pines away that the tung oil tree has been introduced to take the place of the pine.

"LOGGING IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY" (Continued)

In 1905, after the high water and freeze Uncle Al. Burge was hired to carry a block of 5000 logs down Hobeohitte Creek from above Sones Chapel to Poitervent & Farve at Pearlinton. He said they saw piles of dead sheep and cattle frozen, and they nearly froze themselves.

Uncle Al Burge, 69 years old an old logging contractor.
Uncle Dan Fhippen an old river man - 70 years old.
T.J. McArthur, a reliable citizen born and reared in Pearl River county who logged for years now a retired business man.

Dora Mitchell
Canvasser.

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August, 12, 1936.

"STORY OF NICHOLSON."

All the land that is now known as Nicholson was owned almost wholly by Captain T.A. Mitchell, whose father, George Mitchell, was one of the very earliest settlers. When the New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad started building its road in 1881, Capt. Mitchell, began selling lots. The town started to grow. The first store opened was by John Estapa of Bay St. Louis, the next by Dan Carver, who at that time lived at Gainesville. The next by J.J. and H.J. Willis. J.J. Willis built the first hotel. The town for awhile seemed to grow until it had a population of about 600 people. It became the trading center for all the surrounding county.

Nicholson has had four names. It was first called "Crescent City" when the railroad was being surveyed. Capt. Mitchell had a sign "Crescent City" painted and erected between the present location of the depot and the river. Most of the railroad men referred to it as East Pearl and was so called until the railroad was completed in 1883. Then Mrs. Eliza Jane Poitevent Nicholson, editor of the New Orleans Picayune, who was reared about five miles north of here renamed the place "Nicholson" in honor of her husband. The town grew slowly until 1899, when the G & O. Mill was built, after that the population rose rapidly to about 1500 people, but the mill was not a success and after about three years the town began to go down. During the boom large schools and churches were built and electricity furnished for the town.

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"STORY OF NICHOLSON" (Continued)

In 1907 the town was incorporated under the name of "Osone City". H.U. Stevenson, was appointed the first Mayor by Governor James K. Vardaman. Dah Carver, S.C. Whitfield, and W.W. Gentry composed the first Board of Aldermen. The new name was not generally accepted so it was changed back to Nicholson.

^{Story}
The/~~story~~ of Nicholson was given to me by H.U. Stevenson. He is a native of our county and his foreparents on both his Father' and Mother's side were prominent early settlers of Pearl River County.

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"CORRECTION"

Please see page 19 of Pearl River County's Assignment #2 on Early Settlements and correct error. "Daniel Burks, served as Drummer Boy in Mexican War." It should be: "Daniel Burks, served as drummer boy in War of 1812."

You will please note that Assignment No. 2 has two manuscripts from Pearl River County. Please use "Early Settlements" from manuscript dated, March, 30, 1936, also sketches of maps from same. I had not followed outline and sent in a brief manuscript by outline on the same assignment later.

Theresa Jarrell
Theresa Jarrell, County Supervisor.

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Dora Mitchell
Canvasser.

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SUPPLEMENT TO ASSIGNMENT #2.
EARLY SETTLEMENTS

Daniel Burks, soon after the war of 1812 married Jane Smith. The old settlers ~~through~~ though living miles apart would get together and go to Biloxi to get their supplies. They did this for better protection against the Indians. They would kill deer, gather up the things they had to trade and try and time their trip when they would meet a ship coming in with supplies. One on such trip the ship was delayed and the old settlers had to make camp and wait several weeks for it. Aunt Jane Smith, was left alone and became ill, she was too sick to keep her coals of fire banked, so one morning when she recovered enough to get up, she had to walk nine miles to her nearest neighbor to get fire to cook her meals.

Andy Smith (sometimes called Andrew) married in North Carolina, and he and his bride, with only a cart and pony and such supplies as they would need on the trip started west. They crossed Pearl River just below Jackson, Mississippi, on a large raft made of cane that the Indians helped him to make. He then came on south and stopped near what is now Poplarville. He had five sons and one daughter. One son, Jephtha, went to Texas. "Poplar" Jim the other sons and daughter stayed in Pearl River County and have many descendants. One of these sons, Billy Smith, had twenty-six children by two wives. With the exception of one son who died in infancy the others have all lived to ripe old ages - several living to be 80 and 90 years of age. They have always been law abiding citizens and attribute their unusual good health and long lives to the fact that they were taught to keep God's Commandments. "Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee,

Theresa Jarrell
County Supervisor Historical Research

As told to Dora Mitchell by numerous old settlers.

Dora Mitchell
Canvasser.

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SUPPLEMENT TO ASSIGNMENT #2. Page 28.

Billy Smith, brother of "Poplar" Jim Smith and son of Andy Smith and father of Hiram Smith married Janie Rouse. She was a direct descendant of Zachary Taylor.¹

Hamilton Hunt Bilbo of Picayune says he is a ~~descendant~~² descendant of Thomas Treat Payne, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Theresa Jarrell
County Supervisor
Historical Research.

1.- From speech written by Asa Stevenson, written May, 1871 before he became Superintendent of Education of Hancock County, in 1862, and Zeno Smith, descendant of Billy Smith.

2.- Hamilton Hunt Bilbo. Picayune, Miss.

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PEARL RIVER COUNTY

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1

"COUNTY HISTORY."

CANVASSERS:
Jennie Eiland
Dora Mitchell
Lucy Beard.

1. SOURCES OF MATERIAL.

- a. Court House Records.
- b. City Halls of Poplarville and Picayune.
- c. J.M. Shivers Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy.
Sherrard Byrd Masonic Lodge, Poplarville. Moses Cook Masonic Lodge of Picayune.
- d. School Libraries in Rural Schools, towns of Picayune and Poplarville, Pearl River Junior College, and books from private homes.
- e. Pioneers. Life time residents of Pearl River County. some who are in private life and some who have retired from public service in the county.
- f. County officers: Chancery Clerk, Superintendant of Education, Home Demonstration Agent, Farm Demonstration Agent, Lawyers, County Health Department, Light and Water Service, Poplarville Experiment Station, two Printing Plants, Chamber of Commerce, Picayune.
- g. County Newspapers: Free Press, Weekly Democrat, "Store News", and Picayune Item.
- h. Old letters and family bibles.
- i. Grave markers for dates etc.

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ASSIGNMENT NO. 1 - Continued.

"COUNTY HISTORY."

2. POINTS OF INTEREST TO TOURIST:

- a. Unusual geological formations on Pearl River consisting of immense bluffs, high hills and caves.
- b. Indian Mounds on Pearl River.
- c. Recreational facilities. Parks, Camping on Pearl and Wolf Rivers and other creeks. Fishing and hunting, automobile drives over roads through beautiful natural scenery, Pionics, summertime swimming and golfing. Natural parks of pine forests and moss covered trees, beautiful wild flowers in bloom.
- d. Unusual hunting and fishing on Pearl and Wolf Rivers and other creeks.
- e. Scenic beauties. Driveways on Pearl River and through interior of county leading through pine forests beneath moss laden trees. the 50,000 acres of Tung Oil trees in bloom in March and April. Forests of beautiful wild trees and vines in bloom. Artesian wells, Satsuma groves and the many farms that dot the county.
- f. (Periodic festivals and fairs with local color. These have been discontinued.)
- g. Old Homes historically and architecturally interesting. Lamont Rowlands home which was former home of Leonard Kimball and Eliza Jane Poitevent Nicholson (Pearl Rivers). Sen. Bilbo's Dream Home. Mr. R. Batson's home.

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h. Citizens of Note. Theodore G. Bilbo, who rose from humble birth to United States Senator; J.A. Moody, pioneer in development of Pearl River County; S.G. Thigpen, enthusiastic in development of Pearl River County; T.A. Rawls, active and interested in the welfare of the County; H.K. Rouse, service in public affairs of the county, Rev. J.P. Culpepper, outstanding Baptist minister - his influence on the youth brought about by his position at Pearl River College, Messrs L.O. Crosby and Lamont Rowlands interests in Pearl River County has provided employment for hundreds of men - without them the southern end of the county would not have been developed as it is today.

i. Setting for novel fiction etc. The beautiful natural scenes on Pearl River and Hoblochitto Creek provide a setting for any novel fiction (Pearl Rivers) received her inspiration for her poems on this same beautiful Hoblochitto Creek where she spent her early life)

j. Other. Thousands of acres of Tung Oil trees - rural schools, Pearl River County Junior College, dairying extended through rural sections, South Mississippi Experiment Station.

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