

CHAPTER XIV

PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

HISTORY OF WORTH LODGE NO. 194

Worth Lodge, No. 194 was chartered Oct. 31, 1855, at Isabella. The first officers were Sam B. Webb, W.M.; A. E. Harris, S.W.; F. M. Summons, J.W.; Wm. W. Tison, Treas.; Simon P. Odom, Secretary; J. J. Williams, S.D.; Warren Dykes, J.D.; and Henry O'Neal, Tyler.

The application for dispensation was signed by seven members and during the year, while under the dispensation, seven were initiated, seven passed, six raised, two affiliated, and two rejected. In addition to the above officers, the entire membership for this year was A. L. Lippit, A. M. Giddens, A. H. Dykes, J. C. Trawick, Jas. P. Cox, J. H. Calhoun, J. W. H. Mitchell, and Jno. P. Davis.

Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are as follows:

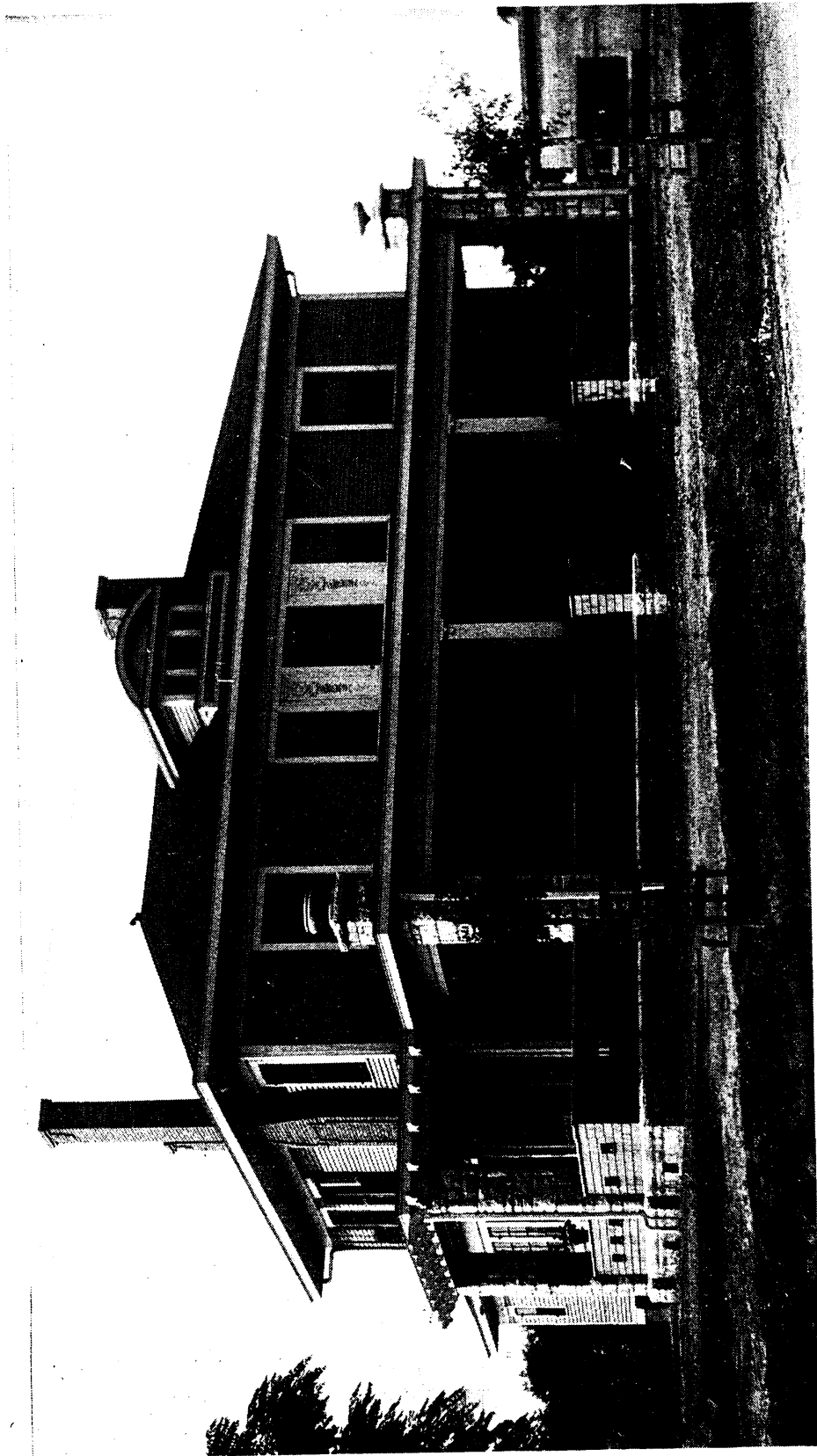
- 1855 Samuel B. Webb, W. M.—Simon P. Odom, Secty.
- 1856 Samuel B. Webb, W. M.—Simon P. Odom, Secty.
- 1857 Samuel B. Webb, W. M.—W. F. Bynum, Secty. During this year the place of meeting was changed from Isabella to McLellan's Mill.
- 1858 D. McLellan, W. M.—A. M. Giddens, Secty.
- 1859 D. McLellan, W. M.—J. H. Harrison, Secty.
- 1860 D. McLellan, W. M.—Wm. A. Greer, Secty.
- 1861-'62-'63-'64 No reports were made.
- 1865 D. McLellan, W. M.—A. M. Giddens, Secty.
- 1866 J. M. Holamon, W. M.—Jno. A. Ford, Secty.
- 1867 J. M. Holamon, W. M.—A. M. Giddens, Secty. The place of meeting was changed this year from McLellan's Mill to Isabella.
- 1868 Wm. A. Harris, W. M.—J. M. C. Holamon, Secty.
- 1869 D. McLellan, W. M.—Henry R. Joyner, Secty.
- 1870 W. A. Harris, W. M.—Wm. J. Ford, Secty.
- 1871 W. A. Harris, W. M.—Jas. W. Rouse, Secty.
- 1872 There was no report made.
- 1873 D. McLellan, W. M.—J. M. C. Holamon, Secty.
- 1874 D. McLellan, W. M.—Jas. W. Rouse, Secty.
- 1875-76 No reports were made.
- 1877 D. McLellan, W. M.—D. G. McLellan, Secty.
- 1878 No report was made.
- 1879 D. McLellan, W. M.—D. G. McLellan, Secty.
- 1880 D. McLellan, W. M.—Ernest Cortoy, Secty.
- 1881 R. F. Hendrick, W. M.—Mark Tison, Secty.
- 1882 Jno. W. Fowler, W. M.—Mark Tison, Secty.

- 1883 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—Mark Tison, Secty. During this year the meeting place changed from Isabella back to McLellan's Mill.
- 1884 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—J. A. McLendon, Secty.
- 1885 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—W. J. Ford, Secty.
- 1886 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—W. J. Ford, Secty. During this year the meeting place changed back to Isabella.
- 1887 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—W. J. Ford, Secty.
- 1888 J. A. Johnson, W. M.—W. J. Ford, Secty.
- 1889 M. W. Deariso, W. M.—J. J. McDowell, Secty.
- 1890 M. W. Deariso, W. M.—J. M. Buckelew, Secty.
- 1891 W. L. Sykes, W. M.—J. M. Buckelew, Secty.
- 1892 W. L. Sykes, W. M.—J. M. Buckelew, Secty. During this year the meeting place was changed from Isabella to Sylvester.
- 1893 W. L. Sykes, W. M.—G. T. Ford, Secty.
- 1894 W. L. Sykes, W. M.—D. A. McGirt, Secty.
- 1895 W. L. Sykes, W. M.—G. T. Ford, Secty.
- 1896 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—G. T. Ford, Secty.
- 1897 J. S. Westberry, W. M.—C. E. Grubbs, Secty.
- 1898 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—C. E. Grubbs, Secty.
- 1899 M. J. Crockett, W. M.—C. E. Grubbs, Secty.
- 1900 J. G. Polhill, W. M.—W. A. Allen, Secty.
- 1901 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—W. A. Allen, Secty.
- 1902 E. J. Rhodes, W. M.—G. F. Alford, Secty.
- 1903 J. H. Tipton, W. M.—G. F. Alford, Secty.
- 1904 T. C. Jefford, W. M.—W. T. Clements, Secty.
- 1905 W. S. Long, W. M.—W. T. Clements, Secty.
- 1906 J. D. Martin, W. M.—W. T. Clements, Secty.
- 1907 J. D. Martin, W. M.—C. E. Hay, Secty.
- 1908 Irwin Gates, W. M.—R. L. Deariso, Secty.
- 1909 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. D. Martin, Secty.
- 1910 P. B. Ford, W. M.—J. O. Holamon, Secty.
- 1911 P. B. Ford, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1912 P. B. Ford, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1913 O. L. Deariso, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1914 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1915 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1916 J. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1917 C. W. Monk, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1924 W. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1925 W. H. Westberry, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1926 C. W. Monk, W. M.—J. C. Deariso, Secty.
- 1927 J. G. Hardwick, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1928 P. B. Ford, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1929 C. W. Monk, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1930 C. W. Monk, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1931 C. M. Rabon, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1932 W. R. Camp, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1933 J. F. Deariso, W. M.—H. W. Alderman, Secty.
- 1934 Glenn S. Sumner, W. M.—W. R. Camp, Secty.

WOMAN'S CLUBS OF WORTH COUNTY

SYLVESTER WOMAN'S CLUB

Perhaps the first organization of women for club work was "The Tuesday Afternoon Study Club." A number of the



WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE—SYLVESTER

women of Sylvester felt the need of social contact and intellectual cultivation, and this organization was perfected in the home of Mrs. T. K. Heinsohn, who served as president. A regular course of study was adopted and pursued with most helpful results. A change of conditions and circumstances caused the decline of this club, but much seed had been sown, and new inspiration planted in the hearts and minds of the women.

THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB

From the files of the Worth County Local, May 15, 1908, we get a full account of the organization of Sylvester women for regular club work.

Wednesday, May 13, 1908, Mrs. Nicholson Peterson of Tifton, State Organizer for the Georgia Federation, met a number of women at the home of Mrs. E. M. Johnson and organized "The Civic Improvement Club." The following officers were elected:

Mrs. R. A. Holmes, President; Mrs. J. B. Williamson, Vice-President; Mrs. Claude Payton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Clifford Grubbs, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. L. D. Passmore, Treasurer.

The records of reports printed in these files of the Local show that these women worked for the city and school—their chief objectives—with an enthusiasm and zeal that achieved much for the school and town.

Better equipment and more sanitary conditions was the slogan for the school, and "A City Beautiful" was the slogan for the town.

Much of their time was given to a study of the work done by the State Federation and its suggestions for small towns. Along this program they were adding unabridged dictionaries to the school for general and special use, and much was in the interest of health and sanitation.

The State Federation met in Valdosta and a report for seven months work went in. This report received unstinted praise for work done and money raised within the seven months of the club's activity.

Mrs. Holmes resigned in December, 1908, and Mrs. J. B. Williamson was elected president, which office she filled most efficiently until her death in 1917.

In 1909 deeds were secured from Col. John D. Pope to the area between the A. C. L. and the Gulf Line Railroad, now known and used as Pope's Park, the name being one condition set out in the deed, it being also stipulated that it should be a white people's park. This was a veritable bog and jungle, but many could see the wonderful possibilities, and the Civic Improvement Club set about to transform this ugly blot into a beauty spot. Mrs. Clifford Grubbs went to Albany to receive the deeds from Col. Pope, so that the work might begin. The club members worked untiringly. Mr. J. S. Westberry gave freely of his time to overseeing the work of moving houses, clearing and ditching. Mr. C. A. Alford, President of the Gulf Line Railroad gave the service of their civil engineer without charge, and the railroad furnished culverts for drainage under its line of road. A large and attractive pavilion was built, seats and swings provided. The eastern edge is being used as a ball park. In 1910, with proper ceremony and a full measure of pride, the club women presented this park to the City of Sylvester. This enterprise was a colossal undertaking and was completed at a cost of much hard labor and activity and cash outlay of more than \$1,500.00.

The Civic Improvement Club grew with the city, later becoming a member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and, changing its name to "Woman's Club of Sylvester," enlarged its scope of work. It would be hard to estimate or evaluate the services rendered to school and city by this organization. Besides its local work it has met all requirements of State and General Federation.

The latest and perhaps most courageous undertaking has been the acquisition of a most commodious and modern club house and home. Several years were spent in accumulating funds for this purpose and this stupendous undertaking of owning a home has been at last consummated. The handsome, attractive and beautiful home, known as the Hugh Westberry home has been acquired and equipped for a club house. It is the joy and pride of the whole city as well as a monument to the indomitable will and force of these noble women who have, with undaunted courage, pushed ahead to the successful accomplishment of their purpose.

The Kiwanis Club of Sylvester has solidly stood by these women in this most laudible and praiseworthy undertaking in

making such a valuable acquisition to the city. It will stand in years to come as a memorial to the pride and aspirations of the splendid womanhood of Sylvester, and we can but foresee much splendid work going on as the years come and go.

The following women have served the club as presidents:

Mrs. R. A. Holmes, Mrs. J. B. Williamson, Mrs. C. H. Strangward, Mrs. R. A. Heinsohn, Mrs. J. J. Crumbly, Mrs. J. S. O'Sheal. Mrs. Clifford Grubbs and Miss Alice Tipton also deserve mention as outstanding members for their activities, having served untiringly and continuously in many capacities from the beginning of the Tuesday Afternoon Club to the present time.

Mrs. T. C. Jefford was a regular supporter and honorary member of the club, from the organization of the Civic Improvement Club in 1908, until her death in 1932.

One of the most laudable movements of the club was begun in 1928, when it was decided to invest in a scholarship for girls. Miss Mary Lizzie Willis, a first honor graduate of McPhaul Institute, was the first girl to benefit from this fund.

As great as material things may be the development of womanhood—mind and heart—is the supreme task. No undertaking has afforded greater joy and satisfaction than this, and these women are hoping to enlarge these opportunities as fast as possible.

It is a tribute to the civic and literary pride of the women of this club that through their efforts many artists of note have visited Sylvester. For several winters the club sponsored a series of programs given by the Alkahest Lyceum Bureau, and for four consecutive years contracted with the Redpath Chautauqua for a five day program. The club was given the heartiest support and cooperation by the citizens of the entire community during these Chautauqua seasons, and by systematic and efficient work on the part of the sponsors, Mrs. C. H. Strangward, President; Mrs. D. G. Jefford, Treasurer; there was always a surplus in the treasury after full payment of their contract.

All dues have been paid; liberal donations have been made to the endowment and maintenance funds of Tallulah Falls Industrial School, and the club has had a part in establishing four scholarship funds—the Ella F. White Memorial, the Home Economics scholarship at Athens, the Wey Memorial

and the Second District Fund known as the Edna Peterson Scholarship.

Other worthy funds in which the club has a part include the Red Cross, flood sufferers at Newton, Florida, Storm Relief, Alto Sanitarium, empty stocking fund, permanent blind relief war fund, and Georgia Hall at Warm Springs.

THE POULAN WOMAN'S CLUB

The first club organized in Poulan was The Cosmopolitan Club, some time prior to 1901.

The first Presidents were Dr. J. G. and C. N. Wilson. The large membership was enthusiastic and the educational and social benefits to the citizenry of Poulan can not be estimated. The impress was indelible.

The Civic Club was organized by a small group of forward thinking women in the Poulan Drug Store, in 1912.

Mrs. D. A. Phelps was the first President and chief promoter of the movement. Mrs. C. N. McDonald was Vice Pres., Mrs. V. P. Stevens was Sec. and Treas. The records were lost or never kept, so all the charter members cannot be recalled. Among those still active from its organization to present writing are Miss Irene Harshburger, and Mrs. V. P. Stevens. The little band worked with enthusiasm and not without worthwhile results.

In 1916 there was a reorganization and The Poulan Woman's Club came into being as a federated club, Mrs. F. M. Kimble was first President of the new club.

Poulan has the distinction of having and using a public library—the little concrete building on the highway going thru the town. This has served as a club room for the Woman's Club since it was organized.

For a small club in a small town these women have accomplished some really big things for their school. It has not only lent a helping hand to the school, but has proven a two-in-one club—including the work of a P.-T. A., also.

Some of the many efforts for the school and its equipment

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Poulan Public Library was chartered by the Superior Court of Worth County, Georgia on April 27th, 1908. It was made possible by the generosity of northern friends and people of Poulan. This library has the distinction of being the only public library in the county, and not only serves the town and school, but the surrounding territory.



POULAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, (For legend see page 164).

are the purchase of a piano, water coolers for all the rooms, song books, maps, globes, and charts and many other things as called for and needed.

On the outside their endeavors make a substantial showing in trees, shrubs, and flowers on school grounds and Library yard and a long highway through town—which the Highway crews have cut down.

Supplies have been sent flood sufferers and the little “Empty Stockings” filled at Christmas.

Clinics have been sponsored for babies and school children.

These ladies take charge of the “Annual Meeting of Old Soldiers” of the county and have made Poulan a permanent meeting place—sponsor a fine dinner and entertaining program.

The mantles of these splendid women have passed from one worthy member to another through the years and they are being worn now as worthily as in the beginning.

BARNARD TRAIL CHAPTER D. A. R.

Barnard Trail Chapter, Daughters American Revolution, was organized Nov. 10, 1921. Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford (Mrs. G. F.) had been appointed Organizing Regent by National Headquarters and had labored faithfully for several months perfecting plans for the organization of a local chapter. And the first meeting was held in her home, with the following chapter members: Mesdames Claude Gibson Alford (Mrs. G. F.), Erin Shealy Alford (Mrs. E. J.), Lallie Ford Camp (Mrs. H. C.), Mattie Alford Gulley (Mrs. E. K.), Mamie Smith Lawson (Mrs. M. L.), Bennie Alford Westberry (Mrs. M. H.), Frankie Alford Westberry (Mrs. W. H.), Rowena Hanes Ford, Eileen Ford Fiveash (Mrs. N. D.), Helen Alford Mann (Mrs. I. H.), Ruth Alford Wimpy (Mrs. Jack) and Georgia Hurst McPhaul (Mrs. Neal).

The first officers were: Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford (Mrs. G. F.) Regent, Mrs. Bennie Alford Westberry (Mrs. M. H.) Vice-Regent, Mrs. Helen Alford Mann (Mrs. I. H.) Cor. Sec., Mrs. Frankie Alford Westberry (Mrs. W. H.) Rec. Sec., Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp (Mrs. H. C.) Registrar, Mrs. Mamie Smith Lawson (Mrs. M. L.) Treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Hurst McPhaul (Mrs. Neal) Historian.

The chapter was named Sylvester Chapter and bore that name until Jan. 1927, when a historic name, "Barnard Trail," was approved by National Headquarters.

The following have in order served the Chapter as Regent: Mrs. G. F. Alford (1921-1923), Mrs. M. L. Lawson (1923-1924), Mrs. H. C. Camp (1924-1927), Miss Mary Mangham was elected to serve (1927-1929) she resigned and Mrs. D. G. Jeffords was elected to serve for (1927-1929), Mrs. R. A. Holmes (1929-1931), Mrs. I. H. Mann (1931-1935).

In April 1924 an interesting program was given on early Worth County History and at the suggestion of Mrs. M. L. Lawson, Regent, the chapter began laying plans for a complete Worth County History.

The chapter, from its very beginning, had loyally supported the historic and patriotic work as outlined by the State and National officers. This is proven by the fact that at the annual conference in Brunswick in 1929, the chapter was awarded three prizes as follows: ten dollars in gold for being the first chapter to meet all honor roll requirements; a silver loving cup for securing the largest number of subscribers to the D. A. R. magazine; and tied with Valdosta chapter for a loving cup given to the chapter securing the largest number of Bible records.

On Feb. 21, 1930 the chapter unveiled a marker of Sylvester-Albany highway on the spot where Thigpen Trail crossed. This trail was made in 1703-04.

The following is the complete Roster of Barnard Trail Chapter, covering to June, 1933:

Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford (Mrs. G. F.) descendant of Thomas Lowe, Virginia.

Mrs. Erin Shealy Alford (Mrs. E. J.) descendant of Thomas Lowe, Virginia.

Mrs. Nella Gaulden Bateman (Mrs. L. G.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia.

Mrs. Wrennie Huckabee Bullard (Mrs. J. M.) descendant of William Bennett, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp (Mrs. H. C.) descendant of Robert Pullen, John Ford, David Hanes.

Mrs. Ella Roper Coram (Mrs. P. A.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglas, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Georgia.

Mrs. Cathrine Grubbs Cheney (Mrs. Lawrence W.) descendant of Robert Martin, South Carolina, and Purnal Truitt, Delaware.

Mrs. Judith Dowd Chestnutt, descendant of John Hallum, South Carolina.

Mrs. Minta Sikes Cameron (Mrs. W. A.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglass, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Georgia.

Mrs. Amanda Perry Darling (Mrs. Charles) descendant of William Cone, North Carolina.

Miss Lizzie J. Deariso, descendant of John Ford, Georgia.

Mrs. Mildred Holmes Dickert (Mrs. C. R.) descendant of Maj. Benj. Catchings, Georgia.

Mrs. Birdie Lewis Felder (Mrs. J. D.) descendant of Ensign Jacob Lewis, Va.

Mrs. Rowena Hanes Ford, descendant of Robert Pullen, David Hanes.

Mrs. Eileen Ford Fiveash (Mrs. N. D.) descendant of John Ford, Robert Pullen, David Hanes.

Mrs. Bessie Roberts Forest (Mrs. J. R.) descendant of Robert Martin, South Carolina.

Mrs. Emmie Castellow Freeman (Mrs. L. O.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Jr., Georgia.

Mrs. Frances McGirt Gardner (Mrs. W. K.) descendant of Maj. John Hinton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lillie Martin Grubbs (Mrs. C.) descendant of Robert Martin, South Carolina, and Purnal Truitt, Delaware.

Mrs. Eva Gibson Greer (Mrs. Lovic) descendant of Thomas Lowe, Virginia.

Mrs. Mattie Alford Gulley (Mrs. E. K.) descendant of Lieut. Robert Love, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lillian Britt Heinsohn (Mrs. R. A.) descendant of Abraham Newkirk, North Carolina.

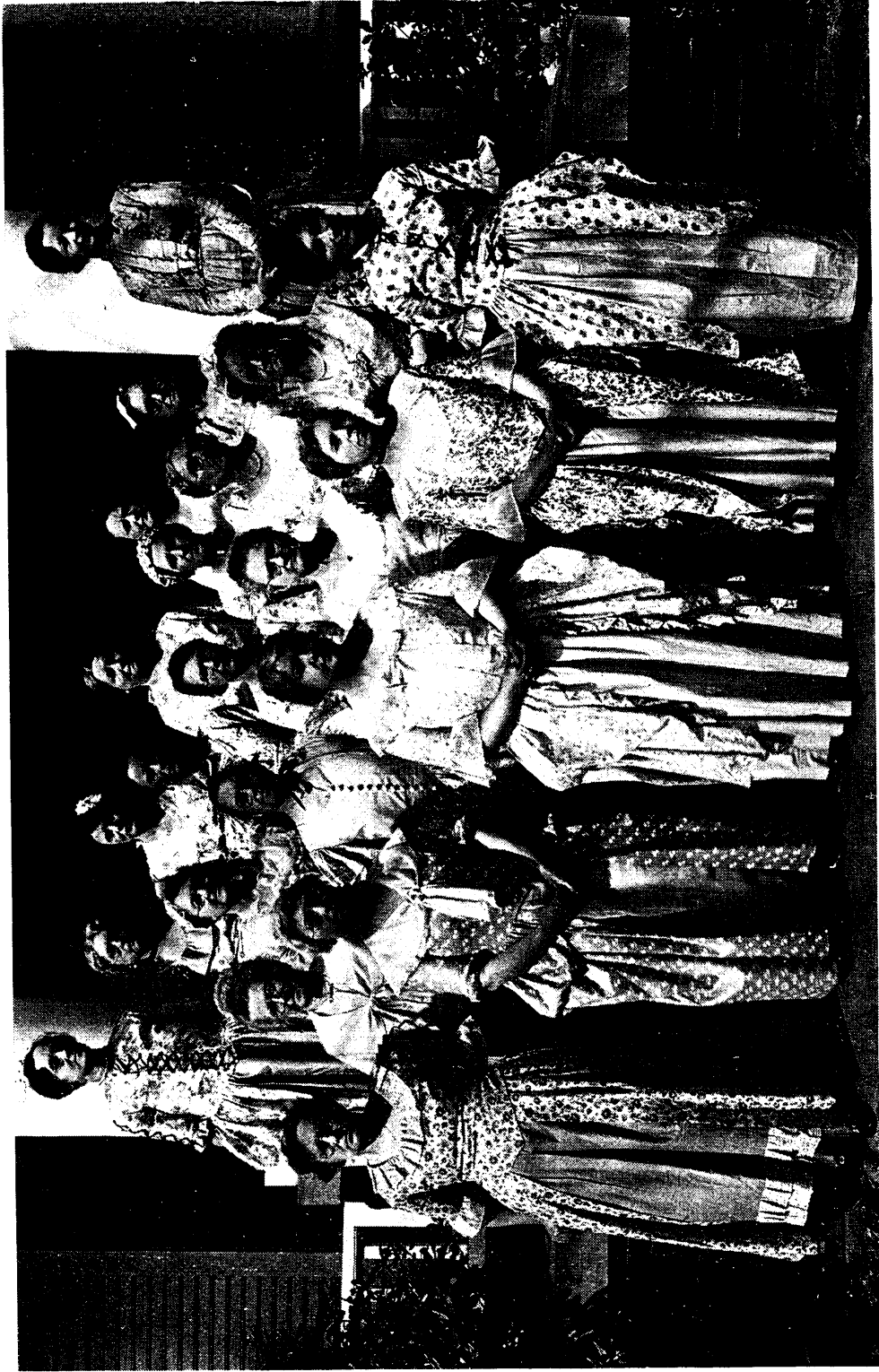
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Top row, left to right: Mrs. J. W. Warren; Mrs. W. J. Madeville; Mrs. J. D. Felder; Mrs. J. S. O'Sheal; Miss Mamie Perry; Mrs. P. A. Coram and Mrs. J. M. Bullard.

Second row, left to right: Miss Mary Mangham; Miss Josie Belle Johnson; Miss Lizzie J. Deariso; Mrs. H. C. Camp and Mrs. N. G. Houston.

Third row: Mrs. Rowena Ford; Mrs. J. H. Tipton; Mrs. T. R. Perry, Sr., and Mrs. Clifford Grubbs.

Fourth row: Mrs. Nella Bateman; Mrs. J. O. Holamon; Mrs. I. H. Mann; Mrs. D. G. Jefford and Mrs. G. I. Martin.



MEMBERS, BARNARD CHAPTER, D. A. R. (For legend see page 168.)

Mrs. Orrie Castellow Hillhouse (Mrs. J. H.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Jr., Georgia.

Mrs. Winifred Woolard Holamon (Mrs. J. O.) descendant of Edward Vail, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mildred Steed Holmes (Mrs. R. A.) descendant of Maj. Benj. Catchings, Georgia.

Mrs. Emma Sumner Houston (Mrs. N. G.) descendant of Joseph Sumner, Georgia.

Mrs. Julia NeSmith Jefford (Mrs. D. G.) descendant of Joshua Hodges, Sr., North Carolina.

Mrs. Floried Saxon Jenkins (Mrs. J. B.) descendant of Robert Martin, South Carolina.

Miss Josebel Johnson, descendant of Nathan Bostwick, Sr., Georgia.

Mrs. Gussie Peebles Jones (Mrs. C. S.) descendant of John Ford, Georgia.

Mrs. Lillie Monk Kitchens (Mrs. J. A.) descendant of William Cone, North Carolina.

Miss Lucile Kimble, descendant of John Bradley, Georgia.

Mrs. Lollie Johns King (Mrs. John N.) descendant of Col. Robert Irwin, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mamie Smith Lawson (Mrs. M. L.) descendant of Colesby Smith, Virginia, Hugh Irwin, Georgia.

Mrs. Helen Alford Mann (Mrs. I. H.) descendant of Lieut. Robert Love, North Carolina.

Mrs. Carrie Harris Mandeville (Mrs. W. J.) descendant of William Gainer.

Mrs. Dallas Houston Martin (Mrs. G. I.) descendant of Joseph Sumner, Georgia.

Miss Mary Mangham, descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglas, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Georgia.

Mrs. Ethel Mangham McConnell descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglas, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Georgia.

Mrs. Georgia Hurst McPhaul (Mrs. Neal)_____

Mrs. Maude Wall O'Sheal (Mrs. J. S.) descendant of James Quillian, North Carolina.

Miss Marguerite O'Sheal, descendant of James Quillian, North Carolina.

Mrs. Kathreen Coram Outler (Mrs. L. T.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglas, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Georgia.

Mrs. Sarah Ford Peebles (Mrs. W. Z.) descendant of John Ford, Georgia.

Miss Mamie Perry, descendant of William Cone, North Carolina.

Mrs. Amanda Williams Perry (Mrs. T. R., Sr.) descendant of William Cone, North Carolina.

Mrs. Nancy Perry Porter (Mrs. R. M.) descendant of William Cone, North Carolina.

Mrs. Rosalie Mangham Tipton (Mrs. J. H.) descendant of Jacob McLendon, Sr., Georgia, William Douglass, Georgia, Sterling Jenkins, Ga.

Mrs. Maude Dowd Thompson, descendant of John Hallum, South Carolina.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Warren (Mrs. J. W.) descendant of John Ford, Georgia.

Mrs. Frances Alford Westberry (Mrs. W. H.) descendant of Lieut. Robert Love, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bennie Alford Westberry (Mrs. M. H.) descendant Lieut. Robert Love, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ruth Alford Wimpy (Mrs. Jack) descendant of Lieut. Robert Love, North Carolina.

Mrs. Latrelle Acree Gammage (Mrs. Emil) descendant of Capt. James Jones, North Carolina, Thomas Maxwell, Sr., Georgia, Capt. Jacob Higginbotham, Virginia.

REGENTS OF BARNARD TRAIL CHAPTER D. A. R.

I

Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford (Mrs. G. F.)

1921-1923

Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford, **Organizing** Regent, served as Secretary and Chaplain and was always on Executive Board until her death in 1930. Under her leadership the membership was greatly increased.

II

Mrs. Mamie Smith Lawson (Mrs. M. L.)

1923-1924

Mrs. Mamie Smith Lawson, **Second** Regent, made a most magnificent and enthusiastic leader. Under her direction the Worth County History was begun in compliance with advice from the D. A. R. National Organization. She was treasurer for three years, Regent one, resigning to move to Dawson, Ga., now a resident of Cuthbert, Ga.



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III

Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp (Mrs. H. C.)

1924-1927

Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp, **Third** Regent, was a charter member and first Registrar. Served as Regent in 1924-1925, filling the unexpired term of Mrs. M. L. Lawson. After which she was elected Regent and served the following two years. During her Regency the name of the Chapter was changed to Barnard Trail Chapter. She is Recording Secretary 1933-1934.

Mrs. Lallie May Ford Camp, daughter of William Jackson and Rowena Hanes Ford. Born in Albany, Ga., February 4, 1895, and moved to Sylvester, Ga., when six months of age. Married to Hiram Caldwell Camp, son of Hiram Luther and Nora Caldwell Camp, of Coweta County, Ga., on February 24th, 1918. She is the mother of six children; Lallie Ford, Walker, Billy, Barbara, and twin boy and girl, James and Jean.

IV

Miss Mary Mangham

1927

Miss Mary Mangham, **Fourth** Regent, was born in Randolph County, Ga., parents Willoughby Hill Mangham and Georgia Amanda Roper Mangham, descended from Jacob McClendon, Sr. William Douglass and Sterling Jenkins, maternal Revolutionary ancestors, who lived in Wilkes County, Ga. Among her paternal ancestors were William Castilo Hill and his wife, Mary Dykes Hill, pioneer settlers of Randolph County, Ga. She removed in early life to Worth County, Ga., and then with her parents to Waresboro, Ware County, Ga. She attended Cox college, Atlanta, and graduated from the State Normal School for teachers at Athens with L.I. Degree. Later moved back with her mother to Sylvester where she resides. Occupation, teaching. Served as Vice-Regent of Chapter 1924-1925 for an unexpired term. Elected Vice-Regent 1925-1927. Elected Regent in May, 1927. On account of ill health resigned Dec., 1927. Corresponding Secretary and Co-Chairman of History.

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Left to right, top row: Mrs. Mamie Smith Lawson (Mrs. M. L.) Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp (Mrs. H. C.), Center, Mrs. Claude Gibson Alford, (Mrs. G. F.) Left to right, Miss Mary Mangham, Mrs. Julia (Ne Smith) Jefford, (Mrs. D. G.), Bottom row, left to right: Mrs. Mildred Steed Holmes (Mrs. R. A.), Mrs. Helen Alford Mann (Mrs. I. H.).

V

Mrs. Julia NeSmith Jefford (Mrs. D. G.)
1927 — 1929

Mrs. Julia NeSmith Jefford, Fifth Regent, was Registrar of the chapter two years. Elected Vice-Regent May, 1927, and in December was elected Regent, as Acting Regent having resigned, under her leadership the Chapter won Mrs. John A. Perdue Magazine Trophy and State Treasurers Prize; first to reach Honor Roll, in 1929. Tied with General James Jackson Chapter for Bible Record Trophy.

VI

Mrs. Mildred Steed Holmes (Mrs. R. A.)
1929 — 1931

Mrs. Mildred Steed Holmes, Sixth Regent, Honor Roll met, Granite boulder placed where the Thigpen Trail cut for Col. Moore to move supplies over for his Army in putting down the Spaniards and Appelackee Indians in this section, where it crosses the highway. Unveiled Feb. 21, 1930. Scholarship fund in Educational work begun. Forty members on the roll, twenty-four resident.

VII & VIII

Mrs. Helen Alford Mann (Mrs. I. H.)
1931 '32 — '33 — '34

Mrs. Helen Alford Mann, Seventh and Eighth Regent—Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Vice-Regent. The greatest work of the Chapter under her Regency has been the finishing of the compilation of the Worth County History. Member of Executive Board for many years.

During her administration the Chapter has joined with the State and National D. A. R. in all patriotic and educational undertakings.

SYLVESTER PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

On December 19, 1919, a group of parents and the teachers of McPhaul Institute met in the school building and organized the Sylvester Parent-Teachers Association, with Supt. J. T. Lowe acting chairman. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. C. Grubbs, President; Mrs. J. T. Lowe, Vice-President; Mrs. J. L. Tracy, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. C. Camp, Treasurer.

The charter members were: Mrs. Sallie Crockett, Mrs. H. C.

Camp, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Deariso, Dr. and Mrs. I. C. Deariso, Miss Lizzie J. Deariso, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dickson, Mrs. J. E. Hite, Mr. C. W. Hillhouse, Mrs. A. D. Hamby, Mrs. R. S. Foy, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grubbs, Mrs. J. O. Holamon, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Houston, Miss Dallas Houston, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Jefford, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kitchen, Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Lowe, Rev. M. L. Lawson, Miss Mary Mangham, Mrs. W. C. Manning, Miss Elizabeth Norwood, Mrs. C. I. Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pinson, Mrs. J. G. Polhill, Mrs. P. B. Powell, Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mrs. N. M. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strangward, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tipton, Miss Alice Tipton, Mrs. Mark Tison, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mrs. Grover Woolard, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Westberry, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Whitehurst.

The enrollment steadily increased, there being one hundred and five enrolled the first year.

The first objective of the P.-T. A. was to add two new departments to the school work, that of Domestic Science and Agriculture, and the sum of \$1000 was appropriated immediately for the development of this work.

One important achievement of the P.-T. A. during the first year was the placing of this institute under the McMichael Law which made it a county wide high school. This consolidation placed the school in position to receive the Barrett-Rogers fund.

The P.-T. A. has functioned regularly since its organization, and some of the important things accomplished have been as follows: Purchasing desks for school rooms, books for library, every kind of class room equipment, complete equipment for Home Economics department, playground equipment, curtains for stage, shrubbery, renovation of basements, painting class room walls, extension work in the county, and health clinics. Every phase of child welfare work has been carried on; children have been clothed; the undernourished have been fed; books have been furnished, and a physician's care has been provided for the needy.

Material work has not been the sole objective of the organization. Literary programs have been given once a month; courses in child study have been frequently sponsored; his-

torical pageants have been presented, and prizes have been given for excellency in school work.

The following women have served as president: Mrs. C. Grubbs, Mrs. D. G. Jefford; Mrs. E. Woody, Mrs. A. H. Overton, Mrs. C. A. Alford, and Mrs. P. E. Williams. Mrs. M. C. Owen was elected to serve the next term 1933-35. After one year's service she resigned and Mrs. H. C. Camp was elected.

MRS. M. COBB OWEN

In 1931 Mrs. M. Cobb Owen was made President of Worth County Council of P.-T.A. She organized seventeen P.-T.A.'s in the county and much splendid work has been accomplished as a result.

During this time she also served as President of the Sylvester P.-T.A. in 1933-1934. Under her leadership great work has been done. Some of the things of note was the work on and around the school building done by the C.W.A. The P.-T.A. furnished \$75 worth of the material. The High School Meet was entertained by McPhaul Institute sponsored by the P.-T.A. \$25 was spent on the library, but the greatest work done in the year was the seating of the school auditorium with opera chairs, the P.-T.A. paying one half of the expense, their part amounting to \$500.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SYLVESTER

Probably the outstanding organization in Worth County for the last ten years has been the Kiwanis Club of Sylvester.

The membership is composed of the substantial and outstanding patriotic business men, joined together for the primary purpose of building up Sylvester and Worth County.

It would take a small history to name the accomplishments wrought by this club one by one, but there has, since its organization, been nothing proposed or begun that promised anything of value or benefit to the underprivileged or needy, or for the promotion of the welfare of the people of the county, that this club has not unanimously supported and sponsored.

The encouragement and support of its members has made it

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Top row: Mrs. J. J. Crumbly; and Mrs. M. C. Owens.

Center: Mrs. G. C. Woolard.

Bottom row: Mrs. Eugene Attaway and Mrs T. R. Perry, Sr.—See index.



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possible for the Sylvester Woman's Club to buy and pay for their beautiful club house, and there has, at all times, been a beautiful spirit of cooperation and mutual interest in public affairs between the Woman's Club and the Kiwanis Club. Their joint support of McPhaul Institute has been of incalculable value. Annually the faculty of McPhaul Institute has been their guest, and on these occasions the faculty was made to feel that their services and efforts were being appreciated.

The club has sponsored from time to time all moves for the betterment of the farming interests, and the creation and maintenance of a better feeling of goodwill and fellowship, not only among its members, but among the people generally.

Since its organization the club has lived up to its motto: "We Build." They have truly builded, both financially and physically, and its influence at all times has been for the uplift of the spiritual, as well as the financial and cultural.

The Kiwanis Club of Sylvester is not only the outstanding organization of Worth County, but is recognized in its own district, comprising several of the cities in southwest Georgia, also in both state and national conventions as one of the outstanding clubs in the whole country.

In April, 1923, a few of the leading business men of Sylvester, realizing the great need of some kind of civic organization, arranged for a banquet at the local hotel and invited all the business men of the town to be present. It was decided at this meeting to organize a Kiwanis Club, and steps were immediately taken to secure the fifty members necessary to organize and secure a charter from Kiwanis International. A little later another banquet was arranged at which the organization was perfected, and on April 1, 1923, the charter was obtained and the club began to function, by electing M. H. Westberry, President, and John L. Tipton, Secretary, with the following charter members:

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| Alford, E. J. | Deariso, C. W. | Hillhouse, R. M. |
| Alford, G. F. | Dupriest, J. J. | Jefford, T. C. |
| Burts, A. M. | Dent, L. L. | Jefford, D. G. |
| Bullard, J. M. | Ford, E. J. | Joiner, E. L. |
| Bozeman, W. O. | Fite, W. A. | Johnston, W. R. |
| Brooks, W. M. | Forehand, W. C. | King, C. M. |
| Conoly, J. O. | Gully, E. K. | Kimble, F. M. |
| Camp, H. C. | Hall, J. D. | Leach, C. U. |
| Crumbly, J. J. | Heinsohn, R. A. | Lancaster, P. M. |
| Davis, C. A. | Huckabee, W. A. | McGill, A. K. |

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| McPhaul, N. A. | Roberson, O. L. | Sutton, J. M. |
| Monk, C. W. | O'Sheal, J. S. | Tison, J. L. |
| Mann, I. H. | Sumner, G. W. | Tollison, O. O. |
| Murray, S. R. | Shell, L. D. | Tracy, J. L. |
| Overton, A. H. | Sumner, B. N. | Tipton, John L. |
| Pollard, R. B. | Strangward, C. H. | Westberry, M. H. |
| Passmore, L. D. | Sumner, J. N. | |

Since its organization the following members have served as its president, it being the policy of the club to elect a new member as president each year: J. D. Hall, R. A. Heinsohn, C. H. Strangward, F. M. Kimble, C. W. Monk, Dr. Walter C. Tipton, W. C. Forehand, T. C. Jefford, C. W. Strangward and J. S. O'Sheal.

John L. Tipton served as secretary until 1930, when P. M. Lancaster was made secretary and has been serving continuously since that time.

The Kiwanis Club is the only organization of its kind ever organized in Sylvester that has been able to survive for long, but it is now (1934) just as strong and influential as ever, and has never missed a single one of its regular weekly meetings.

At the present time Dr. J. S. O'Sheal is president of the club, and is serving efficiently and well.

The officers elected to serve the year of 1934 are as follows: Clifford Grubbs, President; P. M. Lancaster, Vice-President; Eugene Attaway, Secretary.

J. G. Kirkland, a member of this Club, has been elected a District Governor to serve the year of 1934.

CAMP BILL HARRIS

In the year 1897, on July 7th, the Confederate Veterans of Worth organized themselves into a Camp and named it in honor of one of their comrades, Hon. Wm. A. Harris, who served in the Mexican War and the War Between the States. The name selected was Camp Bill Harris, No. 1149, with following officers:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| J. J. Hall, Commander | J. L. Boon, Fourth Lieut. |
| James Gregory, First Lieut. | J. W. Price, Adj. |
| A. J. Roper, Second Lieut. | W. L. Sikes, Surgeon |
| Jordan Willis, Third Lieut. | Jordan, Chaplain |

The minutes were lost until the 10th of Sept. 1904, when this meeting was called to order by Commander J. J. Hall. The minutes show he declined re-election and Major Peter

Pelham was elected Commander for the next two years. The dues were at first 10 cents per year, but later on the dues were raised to 25 cents.

Their annual meetings were to be held on or as near as possible the 26th of April, Memorial Day, but four business meetings were held each year until they became too few and too feeble for but one. They met at different towns wherever invited, and were always entertained royally with dinner on the ground and public speaking. The Adjutants always kept the records. These were: J. W. Price, to 1904; Wm. A. Hall, 1904 to 1906; J. D. Martin, Adjutant 1906 to 1930. From then on some one has been appointed to act as clerk for them.

Their membership at one time was 118; at the last meeting 1932, there were seven. It is with sorrow that we see this line of soldiers, who wore the grey so gallantly, growing so thin.

In 1906, E. J. Rhodes was elected Commander, for the next two years.

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| W. R. Williams, First Lieut. | J. H. Parrish, Second Sergt. |
| G. W. Roper, Second Lieut. | W. R. Black, Third Sergeant |
| G. J. Wallace, Third Lieut. | N. M. Brown, Fourth Sergeant |
| J. D. Martin, Adjutant | J. F. Willis, Fifth Sergt. |
| L. A. Kelly, Color Bearer | Abner Faircloth, First Corporal |
| Dr. W. L. Sikes, Surgeon | L. B. Barfield, Second Corporal |
| Bro. J. L. Boon, Chaplain | J. T. Denby, Third Corporal |
| J. J. Rouse, First Sergt. | J. N. Houston, Fourth Corporal |
| J. J. Hall, Treasurer | |

In 1906 twenty-five veterans received Crosses of Honor bestowed by the Perry Chapter of U. D. C., represented by Mrs. L. G. Holtzclaw. Quoting her words from the speech of presentation:

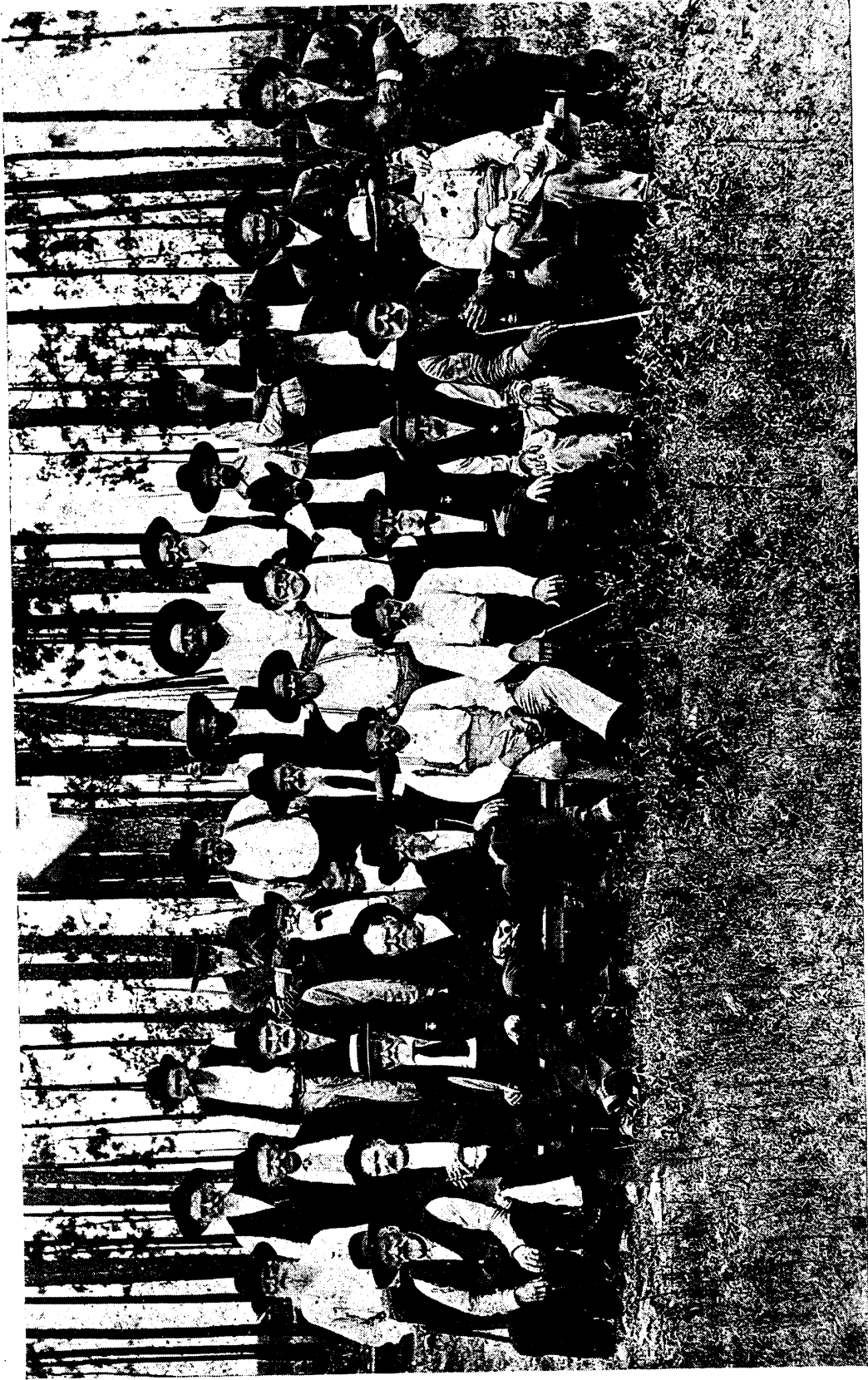
“This little Southern Cross of Honor. What is it? A simple badge of bronze bearing on one side within a laurel wreath the words ‘Deo Vindice’ meaning ‘God is our Vindicator,’ and these memorable dates 1861-1865. On the other side ‘United

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Top row left to right: John W. Watson, John T. Denby, Jim Willis, W. H. Eady, L. A. Kelley, G. W. Roper, Jesse J. Hall.....? Levi Barfield, R. A. Bell.

Middle row left to right: C. C. Walters,.....?, Jim Eady, John Harshburger, N. M. Bowen, Seab Harrell, J. D. Martin,??, W. Alex Williams, Peter Pelham.

Bottom row:?,? Isaac P. Porter, John Rouse, T. J. Britt, G. J. Wallace, Jim M. Watson, Peter Stewart,?, Joe J. Scott, Jim H. Parrish.



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Daughters of the Confederacy to the United Confederate Veterans.'

"It is almost valueless in itself, but money cannot buy one, nor influence procure one.

"In all the world's history you can find nothing like it. Germany has her Iron Cross, France her Cross De Guerre, England her Victoria Cross, but all of these are awards for victories that reflected glory on the respective countries.

"No proud nation offers you this badge of honor. This token comes to you from the women of your Southland. The women whom you offered your lives to protect. The women who thirty years after the war in which you fought so gallantly that although you were not the victor it has been said of you, 'That fame's loudest blast will sound to all the listening world the name of Lee and his followers.

"These women have banded themselves together to do you honor and vowed that the story of your valor and glory shall be told to generations yet unborn.

"To us, your faithful Southern Daughters, you have ever been heroes, not only on the battlefields, but when you returned hungry, ragged, almost crushed, to your homes desolate, burned to the ground often, you still showed yourselves the noblest warriors in the reconstruction of your country. You are the bravest, noblest, truest warriors that ever trod God's green earth. As such we offer you this Cross, our badge of honor and beg that you will wear it and prize it, and let it ever speak to you of our pride in you."

Some years later thirty crosses were bestowed by the Albany Chapter of U. D. C.

Below is a roster of Confederate soldiers who were entertained in a reunion at Doles. This information, together with ages at that date, County of residence, County and State of enlistment, and Company, is taken from the Worth Local of May 20, 1910:

| Names of Veterans | Age | Present Residence | Enlisted | Company |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| W. B. Hamilton | 67 | Berrien | Worth | G Ga. |
| John J. Rouse | 68 | Worth | Worth | G Ga. |
| G. J. Wallace | 71 | Worth | Sumter | K Ga. |
| W. T. Story | 76 | Worth | Dooly | F Ga. |
| Richard McConor | 69 | Worth | Wilkinson | I Ga. |
| J. T. Cochran | 67 | Worth | Terrell | F Ga. |
| W. J. Murphy | 70 | Worth | Sumter | B Ga. |
| James Massey | 63 | Worth | Worth | K Ga. |

| Names of Veterans | Age | Present Residence | Enlisted | Company |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| R. A. Lundy | 65 | Worth | Terrell | K Ga. |
| J. E. Eady | 63 | Worth | Worth | G Ga. |
| G. W. Roper | 63 | Worth | Randolph | E Ga. |
| J. O. Roberts | 65 | Turner | Campbell | I Ga. |
| T. M. Moore | 66 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| J. M. Prather | 74 | Turner | Troup | K Ga. |
| J. H. Goodman | 63 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| J. S. Fillyaw | 66 | Turner | Worth | B Ga. |
| R. A. Hill | 62 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| S. G. Long | 62 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| J. K. Patterson | 66 | Worth | Wilkinson | B Ga. |
| B. F. Kilcrease | 78 | Worth | Schley | G Ga. |
| James Rouse | 64 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| W. J. Gregory | 76 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| W. C. Cone | 64 | Turner | Dooly | C Ga. |
| A. McD. Cameron | 63 | Worth | Harnett Co. N.C. | F N.C. |
| David Champion | 75 | Dougherty | Worth | G Ga. |
| Jesse Hobby | 70 | Worth | Worth | G Ga. |
| W. A. Williams | 64 | Worth | Worth | E Ga. |
| J. J. Kilcrease | 72 | Worth | Schley | B Ga. |
| Stephen Rouse | 76 | Worth | Worth | A Ga. |
| M. T. Ford | 75 | Worth | Worth | B Ga. |
| G. G. Ford, II, | 70 | Worth | Worth | G Ga. |
| I. P. Porter | 68 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| M. F. Simpson | 70 | Brooks | Worth | G Ga. |
| Mathew Gay | 70 | Worth | Colquitt | H Ga. |
| James Houston | 75 | Worth | Worth | A Ga. |
| J. D. Houston | 68 | Worth | Worth | B Ga. |
| W. C. Williams | 63 | Worth | Worth | F Ga. |
| Lam Parker | 64 | Worth | Pike Co. Ala. | B Ga. |
| G. W. McCraney | 70 | Crisp | Worth | G Ga. |
| Robert McDonald | 63 | Worth | Lee | D Ga. |
| J. C. Wright | 72 | Worth | Dooly | G Ga. |
| J. T. Denby | 64 | Worth | Worth | D Ga. |
| J. H. Parrish | 62 | Worth | Berrien | D Ga. |
| R. A. Bell | 69 | Worth | Webster | A Ga. |
| J. A. Slappy | 70 | Colquitt | Worth | F Ga. |
| J. J. Fountain | 70 | Turner | Macon | C Ga. |
| J. W. Watson | 66 | Worth | Worth | D Ga. |
| J. W. Trammell | 63 | Worth | Worth | A Ga. |
| N. B. Lunsford | 63 | Worth | Worth | B Ga. |
| D. G. Summers | 65 | Worth | Sumter | C Ga. |
| E. J. Rhodes | 71 | Worth | Mitchell | H Ga. |
| L. B. Barfield | 70 | Worth | Worth | B Ga. |
| R. B. Boyen | 67 | Crisp | Dooly | C Ga. |
| Wootson Tolen | 90 | Macon | Sumter | C Ga. |
| J. W. Woodard | 66 | Turner | Campbell | C Ga. |

Major Peter Pelham was elected Commander in 1910 for life and served until his death in 1924, when Jim E. Eady was made Commander. He served one year. Sam G. Long was elected in 1926 and served as Commander until his death in 1934.

The old Confederate Flag of the Camp was placed in the

care of Hon. Brooks P. Ford, of Sylvester, at the meeting in 1932.

For a number of years these Old Veterans have met in Poulan, where they are always royally entertained. The Poulan people have promised them a place of entertainment as long as they live.

HISTORY OF C. A. BROWNLEE POST 113, AMERICAN LEGION

C. A. Brownlee Post 113, Georgia Department. The American Legion, was organized in 1920, the following veterans of the World War being charter members:

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| H. B. Stewart | C. J. Jordan | Fred E. Deariso |
| C. A. Godwin | J. L. Tison | S. B. Mathews |
| Lawrence Hancock | W. M. Goodman | Leon Hancock |
| L. H. Conoly | E. J. Ford | W. Y. Roddenberry |
| Guyton M. Odom | D. N. McGirt | G. E. Murphy |

The Post was named for Chesley Arthur Brownlee, who died of sickness contracted in service.

The following named men have served as Post Commanders: E. J. Ford, Robert A. Heinsohn, H. Bartley Stewart, Edgar C. Pullen, Rev. E. L. Baskin, Eugene Attaway, M. C. Owen and C. W. Deariso.

The office of Post Adjutant has been filled by D. N. McGirt, C. Aubrey Davis, Ralph W. O'Sheal, Colon M. Rabon, Carl W. Deariso and C. S. Bozeman.

J. L. Tison and Tom M. Purdom (D. S. C.) have served as Finance Officers since the organization of the Post, and P. Brooks Ford has served as Rehabilitation Officer since 1921, handling since that time hundreds of cases for both white and colored veterans, at no cost whatever to the veterans.

No history of Brownlee Post 113, The American Legion, would be complete without embodying the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion:

"For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent. Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

With this idealistic and mutually helpful program in mind at all times, these veterans who answered the country's call in 1917 and 1918, have endeavored to "carry on" in peace as in war.

Realizing fully that the future peace and prosperity of our country depends on a patriotic and well informed citizenry, Brownlee Post 113 has always taken an active interest in those things educational and patriotic.

They have not forgotten those who made the Supreme Sacrifice, and on each Memorial Day have decorated the graves of soldiers who are buried in Worth County, and for the benefit of the future are endeavoring to have permanent markers kept as to the location of graves of soldiers. The Legion asks the co-operation on the part of relatives and friends of deceased veterans in keeping these records straight as the years go by.

Next to keeping sacred the memory of the deceased veterans, comes the care of the disabled and their dependents, and the dependents of those who have answered the Final Roll Call, and in line with this, Brownlee Post has worked faithfully through the Service Office of the Post to assist these in every possible way, and since its organization has handled hundreds of cases, covering claims of all kinds—hospitalization of veterans, disability claims, adjusted compensation, grave markers, funeral expenses, etc., in all involving the writing of thousands of letters, and the preparation of thousands of claim forms and affidavits.

The members of Brownlee Post have taken an active part in observing patriotic days, and in co-operation with the schools of the county, either supplying or aiding in securing speakers on these occasions, during National Educational Week, and working with them in every way possible. The Post has to date donated regulation size U. S. Flags to ten of the larger schools of the county, has given citizenship medals, has sponsored County Fair for two years as an educational feature, paying out more than one thousand dollars in premiums, the major portion of which was paid to schools or to the boys and girls of various schools in the county.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

C. A. Brownlee Unit No. 113 American Legion Auxiliary was organized March 7, 1924.

They are a patriotic organization and their aim has always been to co-operate with the Post in every way possible and to aid sick and disabled veterans and their families.

The charter members were:

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| Mrs. Lallie Ford Camp, Pres. | Mrs. J. R. Simerly |
| Miss Lizzie J. Deariso | Miss Lula Baker |
| Mrs. Julia NeSmith Jefford | Miss Lulie Williamson |
| Mrs. M. L. Lawson | Mrs. E. C. Pullen |
| Mrs. M. S. Cameron | Mrs. L. J. Hunt |
| Mrs. W. O. Bozeman | Mrs. W. A. Huckabee |
| Miss Pearl Story | Miss Mae Huckabee |
| Mrs. M. D. Majors | Miss Bailey Levy |
| Mrs. George D. McQueen | Miss Fannie Levy |
| Mrs. Ralph O'Sheal | Mrs. Rowena J. Ford |
| Miss Marguerite O'Sheal | Mrs. Lucy Crumbley |
| Mrs. J. R. Proffitt | Mrs. W. T. Clements |
| Mrs. R. A. Heinsohn | Mrs. L. D. Shell |
| Mrs. T. W. Bond | Mrs. A. P. Majors |
| Miss Aline Alderman | |

For a few years the Unit did not hold regular meetings but during that time assisted the Post in their undertakings.

On Nov. 19, 1931, they were re-organized with the following officers:

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| Mrs. J. S. O'Sheal, Chaplain | Mrs. H. C. Camp, Pres. |
| Mrs. M. C. Owen, Historian | Mrs. J. J. Crumbley, 1st V. Pres. |
| Miss Erlene Nance, Cor. Sec. | Mrs. Colon Rabon, 2nd V. Pres. |
| Mrs. L. H. Conoly, Serg't. at Arms. | Mrs. Fred Deariso, Sec. |
| | Miss Lizzie J. Deariso, Treas. |

Mrs. H. C. Camp was elected Second District Committee-woman at State Convention in June, 1932 and Mrs. E. Attaway was elected as President of C. A. Brownlee Unit No. 113.

Membership for 1933-34:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. E. Attaway | Mrs. Gaston Jones |
| Mrs. Alex Boss | Mrs. D. G. Jeffords |
| Mrs. Roy Banks | Mrs. J. W. Jenkins |
| Mrs. R. H. Bridges | Mrs. G. D. McQueen |
| Mrs. E. L. Baskin | Mrs. B. O. McNair |
| Mrs. H. C. Camp | Mrs. Maurice Majors |
| Mrs. L.H. Conoly | Mrs. J. S. O'Sheal |
| Mrs. J. J. Crumbley | Mrs. R. W. O'Sheal |
| Miss Lizzie J. Deariso | Mrs. M. C. Owen |
| Mrs. Fred Deariso | Mrs. T. M. Purdom |
| Mrs. C. W. Deariso | Mrs. C. M. Rabon |
| Mrs. J. D. Felder | Mrs. Z. D. Respass |
| Mrs. Rowena Ford | Mrs. G. S. Sumner |
| Mrs. E. J. Ford | Mrs. H. B. Stewart |
| Mrs. R. S. Foy | Mrs. H. G. Troutman |
| Mrs. W. M. Goodman | Mrs. E. C. Thompson |
| Mrs. Leon Hancock | |

CHAPTER XV

JOURNALISM

WORTH COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

Worth County's first newspaper was the Vindicator, edited by Daniel G. McClellan, who lived at what is now called Mercer's Mill. The paper was printed in Albany and distributed from the postoffice at Isabella, then the county site. This paper survived for two years, 1878 and 1879.

In the year 1880, J. W. Hanlon established the Worth Star at Isabella. This was the first printing press brought into the county, and was a press operated and inked by hand. After operating the paper at Isabella for about two years, Mr. Hanlon moved it to Ty Ty, where it was published until 1884.

In 1884 the Sumner Free-Trader was established at Sumner. It was financed by Hon. A. J. Alford, then an extensive turpentine and sawmill operator, with W. M. Clements as Editor and Walter A. Allen in charge of the mechanical department. A few months later Allen succeeded Clements as editor, and a little later the name of the paper was changed to the Worth County Local. In 1893 the paper was moved from Sumner to Sylvester, and Mr. Allen continued as its editor until 1903. During the month of August that year the paper was published by A. J. Tison. Clifford Grubbs then took charge of it as editor and publisher. Up to this time the paper was printed on an old Washington hand press, but Mr. Grubbs soon installed a power press and other modern equipment. A year later it was incorporated under the name of the Sylvester Publishing Co., with Mr. Grubbs as editor and manager. In 1911 a linotype machine was installed which eliminated the setting of type by hand. On April 18, 1917, Mr. Grubbs relinquished control of the paper to G. R. Nottingham, who operated it as editor and publisher until July 1, 1921, when he sold out to its present owner, A. K. McGill. In 1924, in order to make it more representative of the city, the name of the paper was changed to The Sylvester Local.

In 1900 J. L. Tipton and R. L. Tipton, cousins, established the Worth County News at Isabella, and a little later also

published The Sylvester Chronicle. These publications were continued until in 1903, when they were consolidated with the Worth County Local at Sylvester, and continued with W. A. Allen as editor.

The Ashburn Advance was established at Ashburn, then in Worth County, in 1892, with H. D. Smith as editor, and was published for several years.

In 1902 the Wiregrass Farmer and Stockman was established at Ashburn, then in Worth County, with Joe Lawrence as editor.

In 1905 the Poulan Searchlight was established at Poulan with Major Peter Pelham as editor. It was published only a short time.

The Nut-Grower, a monthly publication, was issued from Poulan for several years by the Nut Grower Company as publishers.

All these papers have long since passed out of existence except the Sylvester Local at Sylvester, and the Wiregrass Farmer-Stockman, at Ashburn, now Turner County.

EDITORS OF WORTH COUNTY

WALTER A. ALLEN

One of the pioneer newspaper men of Worth County was Walter A. Allen, born in Thomasville, Ga., Oct. 2nd, 1856, died June, 1919, in Albany.

He was editor of the Sumner Free-Trader in 1884. The proprietor was Hon. A. Jackson Alford, a large naval stores operator of Sumner.

In 1893 he moved with the newspaper to Sylvester and changed the name of the paper to Worth County Local. He edited this paper until 1903, when he moved to Camilla and became editor of the Camilla Enterprise from 1903 to 1909.

He moved to Florida and established a paper at Largo and was editor until his health failed, when he returned to live in Albany, where he died.

Mr. Allen and his esteemed family were residents of Worth County for more than twenty years. They added much to the civic, social and religious life of this county. He did much to mold public opinion and to educate the people in right thinking and movements that promoted the welfare of the country.

Mr. Allen sleeps in Sylvester Cemetery.

Their children are: Aubrey, Bernard, Bertram, Lois, Ola, (Mrs. J. T. Campbell).

Miss Lois Allen taught music in Sylvester and Doerun for several years.

ARCH K. MCGILL

Arch K. McGill, editor and owner of the Sylvester Local since July, 1921, was born and reared in Webster County, Ga., being the second son of Charles and Julia Elizabeth (Brightwell) McGill. His grandfather, Baldy McGill, one of the first settlers of Webster County, served the state as a soldier in the wars against the Creek Indians. Mr. McGill had seven uncles in the Confederate Army, three on his father's side and four brothers of his mother, one of whom died in service. Two of these uncles lost a limb in battle.

Upon reaching the age of maturity, Mr. McGill acted upon the famous advice of Horace Greely and went west. Early in youth he acquired a love for newspaper work and, after learning the rudiments of the printing trade, established The Press, a weekly newspaper, at Wapamucka, Indian Territory, in February, 1901. In 1907 this territory became a part of what is now Oklahoma. Mr. McGill continued as editor and owner of The Press in the newly admitted state until February, 1913, when he sold it to Col. Alexander. Returning to his native state in August of that year, he bought a half interest in The Progress at Lyons, Ga. In February, 1915, he bought out the interest of his partner in the paper and became sole owner. On June 9th, that year, he was married to Maggie Lou Walker, eldest daughter of Mrs. Minnie Vann Walker, of Lyons. Her father dying when she was a small child. Mrs. McGill, with her mother and only sister, Inez, lived with her grandfather, George W. Vann, at Savannah. Mr. Vann was a native of Sampson County, N. C. He served in the Confederate Army throughout the Civil War. He died at Lyons in 1919. Mrs. McGill, like her husband, learned the newspaper business early in life, being employed, together with her sister, Inez, on the Lyons Progress since finishing school and worked up until the time Mr. McGill bought the paper.

In June, 1921, Mr. McGill sold the Lyons Progress to Mr. C. M. Napier, and immediately moved to Sylvester and took charge of the Sylvester Local on July 1st of that year.

Mr. and Mrs. McGill have two daughters, Inez Franc and Jean Olive.

CHAPTER XVI

BAR

JUDICIARY

Worth County is in the Tifton Judicial Circuit, composed of Worth, Turner, Tift, and Irwin Counties. Its courts are the Superior Court with four terms a year, on fourth Mondays in January, April, July, and October; and the City Court of Sylvester, with four terms, meeting on second Mondays in March, June, September, and December.

HONORABLE WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HARRIS

Colonel Bill Harris, as the "grand old man from the County of Worth," was familiarly and lovingly called, was a man with a heart as well as a mind. It was no ordinary heart that beat in his breast. It was a heart quick to respond to every noble impulse, and human enough, in its rugged sincerity, to encompass in its realm of kindness a host of friends, who loved him in return with the ardor which such a true spirit and loyal soul always win.

Two of his distinguishing traits were his loyalty to his friends, and his devotion to the "Lost Cause." This was a subject that was sacred with him, and he was always ready to rise in its defense, throughout his long and useful life in the service of his state. However, he was broad enough to forgive and do his duty toward reuniting our country.

Col. Harris was born in Milledgeville on Jan. 18th, 1826, being the oldest son of Hon. Iverson Louis Harris, one of the ablest Jurists in the history of the state, and Mary Euphemia Davies, a daughter of Judge William Davies of the Federal District Court at Savannah.

In his boyhood he was a pupil of the celebrated teacher, Prof. C. P. Benion, and when but thirteen years of age, entered Oglethorpe College. Afterwards he spent two years under Rev. T. M. Cooley, L.L.D., at Grantville, Mass., and



MAJ. Wm. A. HARRIS

finished under the late Bishop Stephen D. Elliot, at Montpelier Springs.

When war was declared with Mexico, he left school and home and went to the front under Henry R. Jackson, then Colonel commanding the Georgia Volunteers. He was in Quitman's division of General William Worth's Brigade.

Returning from the Mexican War, young Harris read law in the office of his father, was admitted to the bar, and moved to this, then Irwin County, where he began the practice of his profession.

Being something of a pioneer by nature he cast his lot in the wilderness of Irwin, now Worth County, in the early fifties.

When Worth County was formed he gave it the name of Worth, in honor of his commander in the Mexican War, William James Worth, and named the county-site Isabella, for General Worth's wife.

In the Civil War, Colonel Harris was Captain of the Yancy Independents, a company formed by him, and he was Colonel of the 14th Ga. Regiment. He was commissioned a Major in the 10th Georgia Militia, 1864-1865, home guards.

Major Harris was married Feb. 13th, 1868 to Miss Augusta Ford, born Jan. 6th, 1853, daughter of James N., and Catherine Fulton Ford.

Forty years ago the subject of this sketch was one of the most prominent men in Georgia politics, probably no man being better known throughout the state. He served for many years as Secretary of the Senate without opposition, and his friends were anxious that he should become a candidate for governor, and his election would have been almost assured at that time.

He was often importuned to take up his residence in the State Capitol, where he spent a portion of each year; but he stoutly refused, having learned to love the home of his adoption with an affection that was pathetic.

As a character he stood alone. Rugged, yet tender as a woman, generous to a fault, charitable to such a degree that he was often imposed on.

A lawyer of marked ability, and for many years the only one in Worth County, his stentorian voice was a terror to evil

doers, and his tender eloquence often moved his hearers to tears.

Major Harris was probably the most prominent person in the early history of our county. He remained, until his death Aug. 17th, 1894, a resident of Isabella, the old capital of the county, his home a true type of Southern hospitality, and he the ideal Southern Gentleman.

His charming little home was one of the show places of this section in its setting of rare shrubs, flowers and fruits, perfectly tended, and the gem in this setting was the beautiful wife, who presided over his home.

Being of a modest retiring nature, she had no tastes for public life, but kept the home fires burning, thus assuring him a haven of peace and rest after the strenuous weeks periodically spent for so many years in the State Capitol.

He sleeps in Milledgeville beside his distinguished ancestors in the historic old cemetery, the inscriptions on whose monuments mark the last resting place of many men who played an important part in the making of Georgia History. In addition to his father, Judge Iverson Louis Harris, his mother, Mary Euphemia Davis Harris, and many others near to him, lies Augustin Harris, father of Judge Iverson L. Harris, who was the first school commissioner of Baldwin County.

Below is a list of the Civil offices filled by Major Harris:
Senate, Worth Co. 1855-56, 1857-58, 1859-60; 10th Dist. 1873-74, 1875-76.

Secretary of the Senate, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880-'81, 1882-'83, Ex. '83, 1884-'85, 1886-'87, 1888-'89, 1890-'91, 1892-'93.

Constitutional Convention 1865, Worth Co.,

Justice, Inferior Court, Worth County, Jan. 12, 1857-Feb. 1858, res.; May 1, 1866-'68.

Judge County Court, Worth County, May 10, 1866.

JUDGE RALEIGH EVE

R. Eve, Judge of the Superior Court of the Tifton Judicial Circuit, was born August 7, 1871, in Asheville, N. C. He attended the high schools of Asheville and Washington, D. C. He is a Methodist and a Democrat. Before being elected to the Superior Court bench he served many years as Judge of the City Court of Tifton. He is a student and has a brilliant legal mind, having during his long service on the bench, proven himself

to be fair, just and impartial in his decisions, and has established for himself an enviable reputation as an able jurist.

He was married December 16, 1914, in Tifton, Ga., to Miss Jewell S. Strickland. They have one son, Robert Worth. Judge Eve was the son of Charles W. and Kate E. (Reese) Eve

Robert Worth Eve, son of Judge Eve, was born while the Superior Court of Worth was in session, and the Grand Jury requested the Judge to name the young man Worth, which was done. So Worth County has a Judge with whom she is more than pleased and a namesake in the person of Robert Worth Eve. It is told on the Judge that other members of the family desired to name the young man Raleigh for the old man, but the "Old man" protested, with the statement that "Raleigh" was too hard to spell and too hard to pronounce. A compromise was reached by handing the young man the name of Robert Worth.

JUDGE DAVID H. POPE

Judge David H. Pope attained prestige as one of the able jurists of Georgia, and was long and successfully engaged in the practice of law at Albany, Ga.

He was born at Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, March 12, 1840, and was a child at the time his parents moved to Walker County, where he attended Villa-Academy. At the age of nineteen years he moved to Albany, and it was in this city that his marriage to Miss Martha W. Hodges was solemnized. The following children were born to them: John D., Henry W., Walter D., Ella, Julia, Robert L., and David. He read law under the preceptorship of General Slaughter, and was admitted to the bar in Clinch County in 1860, having previously been retained in a case, the trial of which occurred as soon as he was admitted to practice. Shortly afterward he moved to Isabella, Worth County, where he formed a partnership with William A. Harris, under the firm name of Harris & Pope. He was a resident of Isabella at the outbreak of the Civil War, and forthwith made subordinate all private interests to tender his services to his country in the defense of the cause of the Confederacy. He entered a Georgia Regiment of Volunteers in the capacity of private, remaining in the service until the close of the war, after having risen to the rank of Captain.

In 1866 Judge Pope moved from Isabella to Albany, and shortly afterwards was elected to the office of Solicitor General of the Southwestern Circuit. He was judge of the County Court in 1872, when he resigned this office and moved to Sherman, Texas.

Although he was eminently successful in his professional work in the Lone Star State, he found the conditions there unsatisfactory, and returned to Georgia within the same year. He located again at Albany, Ga., and continued his practice, and in 1879 entered into a partnership with General Gib. J. Wright, this professional alliance continuing until his son, John D., was graduated at the University of Georgia and admitted to the bar in November, 1882, at Camilla, Ga., when a partnership was formed under the title of D. H. Pope & Son. This association continued until his death.

Judge Pope was a stalwart Democrat of the Jeffersonian school and took a deep interest in his party affairs; but he never sought or held any public office after resigning as Judge of the County Court of Dougherty, though he was several times urged to accept judicial and other offices of trust.

He devoted his entire time and energies and profound ability to the practice of his chosen profession, in which he attained distinction, and which he dignified by his life and services.

Judge Pope died June 7, 1904.

POPE HOME ON POPE HILL

A LANDMARK

The Pope Home on Pope Hill is one of the landmarks of Sylvester. It has the distinction of being the first brick structure in Worth County.

Judge David H. Pope, who lived at one time in Isabella bought the lot of land on which this home now stands at \$1.00 per acre. He refused to buy the adjoining lot now owned by Dr. Claude M. King because he considered it too high at \$1.50 per acre.

A cyclone had recently passed over it and laid the primeval forest flat for about a mile wide and extending across it. Judge Pope had the trees cut into cord wood and shipped to Albany where he exchanged it for brick, with which he built the Pope

Home for his son, Henry W. Pope. The walls are more than a foot thick. The home is owned now by the heirs of Henry W. Pope. His son, Forest, and daughter, Lena, reside there.

The Pope Park or City Park was once a part of that estate. Judge David Henry Pope had expressed the wish to give the city of Sylvester a park before his death. After his death the heirs, through his son, Judge John Pope, of Albany, made the deed to the present Pope Park to the Civic Improvement Club, of Sylvester, who in turn deeded it to the City.

JUDGE FRANK PARK

Judge Frank Park's early manhood was devoted to teaching and railroad surveying. He was admitted to the Georgia bar in 1891, practiced a few years in Atlanta, and in 1896 located in this county. He served ten years as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and from 1908 until 1913 was judge of the Albany Circuit.

In November, 1913, he was elected to represent the 10th District in Congress to fill the unexpired term of Congressman Roddenberry of Thomasville, deceased; and at the expiration of this term he was re-elected and served the term out, altho in failing health, and greatly depressed on account of the serious condition of his wife. She suffered greatly for about two years, and passed away at White Springs, Fla., on May 27th, 1924, being about sixty years old at the time of her death. She was born and reared in Selma, Ala., and was married to Judge Park in 1894.

Judge Park went to Florida on the completion of his last term in Congress, and located in Hollywood in the hope that his health would improve. In Nov., 1925, he became critically ill from blood poisoning, caused by an infected foot, and altho the limb was amputated in an effort to save his life, he died at Fort Lauderdale Hospital, Nov. 21st, 1925.

Interment took place beside his wife at White Springs, Fla.

Judge and Mrs. Park were survived by a daughter, Sarah, who spent her girlhood in Sylvester. She is married to Mr. T. G. Finlayson, and resides in Alabama.

The interest and upbuilding of Worth County was the prime desire of Judge Frank Park's heart.

The first school for eliminating illiteracy in adults in the



HON. FRANK PARK, CONGRESSMAN

United States was begun and sponsored by him for more than eight years in Worth County. We make this statement advisedly.

THE PARK FAMILY

The Parks belong to a family of great antiquity. The founder of this family followed William the Conqueror into England and was given the command of the Royal Parks, and the title of Baronet. His descendants went into Scotland and Ireland.

Arthur Park, the progenitor of the Park family in the South, emigrated from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania, at West Chester, in 1720. The line of descent is through his son, Joseph, who was born in Ireland. John Park, the son of Joseph, was a Revolutionary soldier, killed at the battle of Cowpens, S. C. William, the son of John, was also a soldier in the Patriot army in Sumter's Command.

William's son, John, was born in Clarke County, Georgia in 1800. He was the father of James F. Park, Ph.D. and L.L.D., of LaGrange, Ga., the father of Judge Frank and Henry Park of Sylvester. Their father, Dr. Park, was a distinguished scholar and educator who lived, at one time, at Tuskegee, Ala. Their mother was Miss Emma Baily. Dr. Park gave his sons the best educational advantages.

Realizing that Southwest Georgia offered great opportunities to the young man, Judge Frank Park and Mr. Henry Park came to Worth County. Henry Park is one of the leading merchants of Sylvester to-day.

EDWARD EUGENE COX

Edward Eugene Cox was born April 3, 1880, in Mitchell County, Ga. After graduating from the high schools of Camilla in 1898, he entered Mercer University and received his B.L. degree in 1902. He entered upon the practice of law in Camilla, Mitchell County, and was later elected as Judge of the Superior Courts of the Albany Circuit. He served in this capacity from January, 1913, until he was elected as a member of Congress from the Second Congressional district in March, 1925. He has been a member of Congress since that time, being elected without opposition for each successive term.

Judge Cox was married January 19, 1902, to Miss Roberta Patterson. There are two children by this marriage, Lamar and Mary Bennett. Mrs. Cox died in 1916 and Judge Cox was again married on August 6, 1918, to Mrs. Robert Hill, the former Miss Grace Pitts, of Cordele, Ga., the marriage taking place in New York City. They have one daughter, little Gene.

The second Mrs. Cox was at one time a teacher in McPhaul Institute of Sylvester. Here she met and married Robert Hill, of Sylvester. He died about three months after their marriage. Mrs. Cox owns considerable property and has other interests in Sylvester.

Judge E. E. Cox, represented the Second Congressional District in Congress from 1925 to this year of 1934. He was re-elected to represent this District for the next Congressional term beginning in 1933.

Judge Cox is the son of Stephen and Mary Williams Cox.

JUDGE CHESLEY WADE MONK

Judge Chesley Wade Monk has been judge of the City Court of Sylvester since Jan. 1st, 1917. His present term will not expire until 1937. During his long term in office he has shown himself to be a jurist of unbiased fairness and impartiality in his decisions. His firmness in judgments and administration of justice, together with unfailing courtesy and tireless patience, has evidenced a remarkable ability.

He is a loyal Democrat, but refrains from taking an active part in local politics, holding that a judge should not be a partisan in anything.

Judge Monk is a Master Mason, Shriner, Knight Templar and a past member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, as well as being Secretary of that Committee at present. He is also an enthusiastic member and past president of the Kiwanis Club.

He is a man of deep religious convictions and takes an active part in religious work, being a member and musical director of the Baptist Church.

He, with the other heirs of his father, W. W. Monk, own the old Monk Homestead where he was born May 31st, 1887, Worth County, near Tempy. He successfully operates this farm, it being to him both recreative and remunerative. By inheritance and early association he loves the place and the

industry. His father and mother were both master farmers, she carrying on the work after her husband's death.

Judge Monk attended Sylvester schools, graduating from McPhaul Institute. In 1910 he received his B.L. degree from Mercer University. Returning to Sylvester, he began the practice of law, and has lived here continuously since that time.

Judge Monk married Ruth Marie Ridley the daughter of Dr. James Nicholas Ridley and second wife, Sallie Jane (Rouse) Ridley, on Apr. 15, 1919. Her parents were descendants of pioneer families of this section. Dr. Ridley was one of the wealthiest and most influential men of the country. Mrs. Ruth Monk is a graduate of McPhaul Institute and received her college education at Bessie Tift College. She is a member of the Woman's Club, the P.-T. A., and vitally interested in any civic or church work. She is a member of the Baptist Church.

They are the parents of two interesting children, one son, William Ridley, and daughter, Charlotte.