The first part of the following history (1850to 1915) is a quotation of a sketch read at a meeting of the Macon Presbytery in our church in October 1915: "In the early settlement of Gadsden County Florida and Decatur County in Georgia, there came to these counties a number of machine and the decatur County

"In the early settlement of Gadsden County Florida and Decatur County in Georgia, there came to these counties a number of members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. They settled in and around Attapulgus, some south of Climax and some across the line in Gadsden County. Among these was James Gibson, an elder in the Associate Reformed church. Largely through his influence these people organized a church and built this house in the latter part of 1849 or Early 1850. Sixty years ago this week, October 19,1850 John H. Gibson deeded this site to Wm. Donalson, Jr. and Thomas Whigham, trustees of the church. Among the early members were the Donalsons Gibsons, Whighams, Pattersons, Sylvesters, Chestnuts, Swicords and McGinnises.

The members of the first session were Elders James Gibson, Joseph Sylvester, John Hampton Gibson and Richard G. Chestnut. The first pastor was the Reverend Andrew McElroy.

This community was, before the Civil War, noted as a center of refinement and education. There were two Academies, Elder Chestnut had charge of the Male Academy and Rev. McElroy taught the girls.

Among the pastors who served this church during the first twenty years of its existence were, besides Mr. McElroy, Revs. Myers, Oates and Joe Lowery. In these early days of her history, the church had two branches, one at Providence in Gadsden County and one South of Climax. As far as we have been able to learn this was the only Associate Reform church in all this section of country. This being the case in 1870 we united with the Savannah Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian Church. The entry in the book of minutes is as follows: On August 20,1870, the Associate Reformed church of Pleasant Grove in Decatur County connected itself with the Savannah Presbytery of General Assembly Presbyterian church on the following conditions, that we use nothing in praise but the Inspired Psalms in our churches.

For two years after this union Dr. Henry F. Hoyt served the church as supply pastor and in 1872 he was installed pastor, serving for a number of years.

In 1878 Rev. G. W. Maxson was pastor. From 1879 to 1884 Rev. W. H. Crane served the church. On May 11,1884, Rev. James A. McKee began supplying Pleasant Grove church" is a note in the minutes of the session. In 1885, we find Rev. Luther Link serving as supply. In 1888 we find Rev. W. C. Wallace serving and he served until 1891. Then during the next nine years the church had no pastor. Rev. George L. Cook came out from Bainbridge and supplied for a while. During these years Rev. S. L. Cathey, a student at Union Theological Seminary preached two summers. In 1900, we find Rev. L. B. Davis serving as supply. During 1901-2 and 3 the church was served by Rev. K. L. McIver and Rec. G. A. Hough. From 1904 to 1909 Rev. R. D. Stimson was pastor. From 1909 for several years Dr. James D. Fogartie, the president of Young's College in Thomasville served as supply. The next supply was the Rev. Stephen Traver. A little more than a year ago Rev. J. W. Stokes took charge of this field.

In 1872 (September) the Fall meeting of Savannah Presbytery was held in this church. At this meeting Rev. H. F. Hoyt was called and installed as pastor. Among the present membership of the church are two ladies, daughters of one and grand-daughters of another of the first elders. One of the elders at the present session is a grandson and great grandson of these same members of the first session.

The church kept up the policy of the Associate Reformed Church and maintained preaching points at Steep Head, Providence and Ebenezer. Two of the present elders of the Facevilk church were received at Steep Head. One of them is the son of one of the trustees to whom this church property was deeded in 1850.

Richard Chestnut was a member of the church until his death in 1892 or for a period of Forty-two years. He was a true son of the Scotch Covenanters, educated, stern, loyal to his church and to his God, he was one of natures noblemen. His wife was Mary King whose first husband was Dr. George Cook. She was a woman of rare attainments, gifted in the fields of art, literature and music. For years her articles brightened her church papers. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut was a center of religion and refinement. Knowing that they could have filled a place acceptable in any walk of life, someome has expressed supprise that this gifted pair should have buried themselves in this little corner of the moral vineyard, but veritably God appointed their place of labor. They left the impress of the character stamped so indelibly on this community that years will not efface it and our generation delights to call them blessed. Another Elder, Mr. N. N. Lester, now of Quincy, Florida, served this church for many years. Among the other elders were M. Swicord, John Boyce, Henry Culpepper, Frank Smallwood, B. D. Wilson, Sims Ballou, W. A. Bulloch and J. V. Lester. For nearly forty years Ariel Cook was practically the board of deacons. Golden-hearted unassuning, loyal, he attended to the financial affairs of the church. If faithfulness to duty has a reward, a full measure will be his.

Friends, this day we stand on holy ground. As we stand here and with shaded eyes gaze down the vista of the years we see that galaxy of noble souls, ministers, elders, congregation gathered for worship. Their work is done and they builded better than they knew. As we see the results of the good influences set agoing by their Godly lives and the heritage of honor and integrity left us by them, we are persudded to ask like the Hebrew at Gilgal "What meaneth this?" And we seem to hear the answer coming through the years, "This is a memorial of our deliverance from a bondage of sin and death by the atoning blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ".

FROM 1915 to 1936.

The Attapulgus church was formerly a member of the Macon Presbytery. This Presbytery met in the Attapulgus church in October 1915, as stated at the beginning of this history. Rev. J. W. Stokes was stated supply during this year and for the hext five years he continued to serve. This was before Seminole County was formed and this good man of Christ literally gave himself to the Cause in Decatur County. He traveled week days and sabbaths up and down the length and breadth of the county, preaching and teaching in churches, schoolhouses and homes. His friends facetiously called him the "Bishop of Decatur County". He was followed by the Rev. C. M. Campbell who did a good work.

In December 1920 the Wouth-West Georgia Georgia Presbytery was organized and the Attapulgus church became a member of this Presbytery. After Mr. Campbell was called to Alabama the church was dormant, or nearly so, for several years. From time to time services were conducted by neighboring pastors. Prominent among these were Dr. J. E. Ward and Messers C. U. Leach, J. D. Deans, Latham, Hurst and Others.

In 1928 the church was grouped with Cairo and Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy came as stated supply. In the early part of Mr. Dendy's ministry and under the leadership of Dr. Ralph Gillam, the building was repaired and put in the shape we find it today. Under the able and consecrated leadership of Mr. Dendy the church has grown both spiritually and numerically.

In 1929, the South-West Georgia Presbytery met in this church. Elder McClure of Albany was Moderator.

At the present time L(1936) Messers J. S. Cantey and J. J. Lester are Elders, Messers E. R. Smith and G. H. Cook deacons and Mr. J. H. McLaughlin is Treasurer.

In July of this year, Mr. Dendy was called to other fields and the Attapulgus church again finds itself without a pastor. But we hope at an early date to have another pastor and that this church with such wonderful background and such glorious heritage handed down from its forefathers may carry on and that we may do the work to which our Lord, the Christ, has called us.

DY 9 ATTAPULGAS CHURCH AND AUXILIARY 1929-1936 The Attapulgas Presbyterian Church has been inactive for several years because of so few members, but in 1929, Mr. S. W. Dendy, Pastor of the Cairo Church came to us, and he being a man of true christian spirit, and a good leader, aroused new interest. The Auxiliary was organized by Mr. Dendy and officers elected August 1929. The first meeting was held in the church September 3, 1929. Secretaries of Causes were elected and the year's work out-lined. There were two meetings a month, the Auxiliary meeting to be held at the church, and the circle meeting in the homes. Each member, seventeen in number, pledged twenty-five cents per month dues. At the beginning of the church year 1930 a motion was made and carried, to hold only one meeting (Auxiliary) per month, on Tuesday after the first Sunday, and to be held in the homes. Group Conference met with us in November 1930, which was much enjoyed, as well as many beneficial ideas being received. During 1931 and 1932 we kept up requirements as best we could along the lines mentioned above. In the beginning of 1933 church year it was voted to have two meetings per month, the Auxiliary and the Circle, both to

meet in the homes. At the Auxiliary meeting we have regular business meeting, Bible study and Social hour. At the Circle meeting we have aprogram (secured from Committee in Atlanta) and study the Survey. Also, any business on hand is taken up.

During 1933 we met the requirements of a larger budget than ever before, and attained more objectives on the standard (ten out of fifteen) budget \$78.00.

Our greatest needs are to arouse the interest of all members (twenty-three) and have a Sunday School in our church to increase number of members.

Also, during 1933 and 1934, at the request of our Presbyterial President, Mrs. Bell, we distributed fifty copies of the New Testement among white and colored families.

During the year 1934 we started having an Auxiliary meeting in the church, at which time we took up business, both inspirational program and Survey study. At the Circle meetings in the homes we have Bible Study, program and Social hour.

We had one new member to join during 1934. Also, in October 1934 we entertained our Group Conference, with sixty present.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY:

OFFICERS FOR 1929-30

Mrs.	E. R. Smith
为- 11	Joe Cantey
ft .	G. M. Donalson
11	W. P. Scott
17	W. L. Miller
11	Dick Spillers
11	W. C. Gibson
17	McLauchlin
11	T. N. McCall
11	D. H. Wood

T. N. McCall
D. H. Wood
Lummie Thomas

" Booth
" Alice Blackburn
" Tom Miller
" S. W. Dendy

R. B. Bateman

President- Mrs. E. R. Smith V-Pres. - Mrs. Joe Cantey Sec. & Treas.-Mrs. Dick Spillers Historian- Mrs. D. H. Wood

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President- Mrs. Joe Cantey
V. Pres.- Mrs. E. R. Smith
Sec.& Treas.- Mrs. Dick Spillers
Historian - Mrs. D. H. Wood

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President - Mrs. A. J. Willis V-Pres. - Mrs. Dick Spillers Sec. & Treas. - Mrs. E. R. Smith Historian - Mrs. D. H. Wood

1932 - 33

Premident - Mrs. D. H. Wood
V-Pres. - Mrs. J. J. Lester
Secretary - Mrs. A. J. Willis
Treasurer - Mrs. E. R. Smith
Historian - Mrs. W. E. Wilson

1933 - 34

President - Mrs. J. J. Kane
V. Pres. - Mrs. D. H. Wood
Secretary - Mrs. W. E. Wilson
Treasurer - Mrs. Joe Cantey
Historian - Mrs. T. N. McCall

1934 - 35

President - Mrs. J. J. Kane V-Pres. - Mrs. D. H. Wood Secretary - Mrs. W. E. Wilson Treasurer - Mrs. Joe Cantey Historian - Mrs. T. N. McCall

1935 - 36

President - Mrs. J. J. Kane
V-Pres. - Mrs. Joe Cantey
Secretary - Mrs. D. H. Wood
Treasurer - Mrs. Dick Spillers
Historian - Mrs. M. L. Darsey

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Pres. Mrs. A. J. Willis
V.P. Mrs. M.L. Darsey
Sec. Mrs. D. H. Wood
Treas.Mrs. Dick Spillers
Hist. Mrs. M. L. Darsey

Mrs M. L. Darsey. Historian

ATTAPULGUS AUXILIARY HISTORY - 1 9 3 6 - 3 7.

Mrs. A. J. Willis - President Mrs. M. L. Darsey - V. P. Mrs. D. H. Wood - Secretary Mrs. Dick Spillers- Treasurer Mrs. M.L. Darsey - Historian

During 1936 we adopted and met the demands of a larger budget with ten to twelve active members.

We had no representatives at Montreat but several members attended Presbyterial in Bainbridge and Group Conference in Climax.

Mr. Dendy, our pastor (from Cairo Church) who organized our Auxiliary in 1929, left us ine July 1936, Rev. J. H. Mckinnon coming to us,

We have had no new members this year but as a whole feel we have progressed very satisfactorily.

(Mrs &) Euclyn Vane It islorian

ATTAPULGUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY ----- 1 9 3 8

We have no history of interest to relate for this year. We have a very small membership with only two services a month- on the first and third afternoons and Rev. J. H. McKinnon, Jr. Cairo pastor preaches for us.

In September the Young People held a rally in our church with 84 present.

Our Elders and Deacons are:

Elders

Mr. J. J. Lester

Mr. J. C. Cantey

Deacons

Mr. R. E. Smith

Mr. G. H. Cook

Mrs J & 1 Cane

HISTORY OF ATTAPULGUS AUXILIARY - - - - - 1 9 3 8 **OFFICERS** Mrs. D. H. Wood - Pres. Mrs. Dick Spillers - V. P. Mrs. M. L. Darsey - Sec. & Treas. Mrs. J. J. Kane - Historian We have nothing to relate of interest in a historical way this year. We still have only one circle with around ten active members and therefore our activities are limited. The Young People held a rally in our church in September and the Auxiliary furnished and served supper to the eighty-four (84) guests and we have also furnished them Young People some literature. Mrs & O 1 Cane

ATTAPULGUS, GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY - 1 9 3 9.

The history of the Attapukgus Church is on file dating from 1850. We still use the same building (which has been remodeled). It is located on the South side of town near the Baptist and Methodist churches.

We have no Manse, since we have no resident pastor, and neither do we have a Sunday School.

Two members of our Young People's League, namely, Misses Jeannette
Wood and Margaret Darsey served as President and Secretary, respectively, of
South-West Georgia Presbytery for 1939 and were re-elected for 1940. In August
we entertained the over-night Council of the League.

Reverend Eugene Daniel who came as our pastor in December followed keverend J. H. McKinnon, Jr. who left for another field of endeavor in August after serving our church wery efficiently for three years.

The Elders of the church are Messers J. J. Lester and Joe Cantey. Mr. G. H. Cook, who served as Deacon for forty years, died in June 1939 leaving Mr. A. E. Smith as the only Deacon at this date. Mr. J. H. McLauchlin is Treasurer.

In our Woman's Work we have ten or twelve active members. We entertained Group Conference in October with fifty-five present. The Birthday celebration was observed and special offering made. At Christmas we presented a special program and invited visitors,

For our Foreign Mission study we used "Through Tragedy to Triumph".

We secured a negro woman to attend the Conference in Atlanta. Our Auxiliary contributes to the support of two foreign missionaries.

OFFICERS

President- Mrs. D. H. Wood V. P. - Mrs. J. J. Kane Sec. &Treas.-Mrs. M. L. Darsey Historian-Mrs. J. J. Kane

(Mrs. J. J.) Evelyn D. 1 Care
Historian

ATTAPULGUS CHURCH HISTORY 1941-1942

We have church services each first and third Sunday afternoon and on fifth Sunday morning.

We have no Sunday School, Young People's organization or Men's work on account of such few members, but have an active Woman's Auxiliary.

Two children, Alice Lee McCall and William Travis McElvey joined the church this year.

In August our church participated in a joint revival with the Methodist, our pastor, Mr. Pepper, preaching several very worthy sermons.

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(Mrs. J. J.) Evelyn Kane Historian

ATTAPULGUS CHURCH HISTORY

We continued to have services each first and third Sunday afternoon and on fifth Sunday morning.

On account of so few members, we do not have any active organizations other than the Woman's Auxiliary.

Geraldine Calloway was taken into the church on profession of faith; her mother, Mrs. C. N. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Guffey joined by letter. Karen Kane was christened.

Rev. Claude G. Pepper is our pastor. Mr. J. J. Lester is the only elder and Messers E. R. Smith and J. J. Kane serve as deacons, also as trustees. Mr. Holmes Mc Laughlin is clerk of the Session.

Mrs. D. H. Wood

Historian

HISTORY OF ATTAPULGUS AUXILIARY 1941-42

President - Mrs. D. H. Wood Vice President - Mrs. J. J. Kane Secretary & Treasurer - Mrs. C. E. Duke (formerly Jeannette Wood) Historian - Mrs. J. J. Kane

Having a small Auxiliary we have only one circle with about eight regular attendants. Both the Circle and Auxiliary Meeting is held in the homes.

We used programs prepared by the Committee on Woman's Work and have completed the intensive Bible study (on Peter) for the year.

We read and reviewed both Mission books designated for the year and during Foreign Mission season "Foundations of World Order" was reviewed by Mrs. Pepper, our Pastor's wife, at a church supper with special offering of \$10.00 being made.

Our Auxiliary won the attendance prize offered by Presbyterial President, Mrs. Powell, at Group Conference No. 3 held in Cairo.

A special birthday program was given in May; special meetings were held during Home and Foreign Mission seasons. At Christmas we invited visitors to our meeting and Joy Gift offerings were made. In February several of our members attended and participated in community service geld on World Day of Prayer.

We have a new member this year, Miss Frances Trulock, but lost Miss Margaret Darsey by removal.

We have failed in getting all our church members actively interested in the Auxiliary and it is our aim to work towards this goal for another year.

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ATTAPULGUS AUXILIARY HISTORY

Attapulgus Presbyterian Church, Attapulgus, Ga.

President ----- Mrs. C. N. Brown Vice President --- Mrs. J. J. Kane Sec'y and Treas--- Mrs. C. E. Duke Historian ----- Mrs. D. H. Wood

We only have one circle with six to eight regular attendants. We have one circle and one Auxiliary meeting each month, both held in the homes.

We used programs prepared by the Committee on Woman's Work, also read and reviewed both Mission Books for the year, special offerings being made.

We observed Week of Spiritual Enrichment in April, completing Bible study on Luke. A special Birthday Program was given in May; Special meetings were held during Home and Foreign Mission Season. At Christmas we invited visitors from the local churches to our Special Meeting and Joy Gift offerings were made.

Our Auxiliary helped to purchase a piano for the U. S. O. Room in Bainbridge, Georgia, also helped furnish Red Cross Kits.

We have one new member, Mrs. H. G. Guffey.

We began using the Blessing Boxes this year.

Mrs. D. H. Wood

Historian

64587 and church History of Auxiliary of Attapulgus Church-1943-1944 President ---- Mrs. C. N. Brown Vice President-Mrs. J. J. Kane Secretary And Treasurer --- Mrs. C. E. Duke Historian --- Mrs. D. H. Wood We have one circle only, with one Circle and one Auxiliary meeting each month. We used programs secured from the Committee on Woman's Work including both Home and Foreign Mission Books as specified for the year with special offerings being made. Also special program and offering was made in May for Birthday gift as well as at Christmas with Joy offerings being made. Our Auxiliary with three others of our Group (no. 3) have furnished fifty copies of "Day by Day" for the Army Air Base at Bainbridge. We lost by removal two members, Mrs. H. G. Guffey and Mrs. Will Miller and lest by death Mrs. Anna McCall. One of our members, Mrs. J. J. Kane has served as District Chairman for our district for three years. History of Attapulgus Church-1943-1944 Rev. C. G. Pepper left the Attapulgus and Cairo churches in April 1943 and we were without a pastor until November when Rev. W. E. Snipes came to us. We now have a morning and evening service every third Sunday. We do not have sufficient members for active organization in our church other than the Woman's Auxiliary. Messers J. J. Lester and H. G. Guffey are elders and Messers E. R. Smith and J. J. Kane are deacons. Mrs. Curtis E. Duke began serving as Clerk of the Session the first year, 1944. We lost by removal Mrs. Emma McIauchlin and Mr. Holmes McIauchlin and by death Miss Mary Fair and Mrs Anna McCall. Mrs. D. H. Wood Historian

ATTAPULGUS GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY - MARCH 1 9 4 5.

Rev. W. E. Snipes continues to be our pastor with momening and evening services being held each third Sunday.

The church office areas follows: Mr. J. J. Lester, Elder and Messers E. R. Smith and J. J. Kane, Deacons, Mrs. C. E. Duke, Treasurer. We lost Elder H. G. Guffey by removal.

Our only active organization of the church is the Woman's Auxiliary.

Beginning May first and continuing five days we had a series of services conducted by Rev. R. T. Gillespie of the First Church Thomasville, Georgia.

Our church was represented both at the Presbytery and Synod's Young People's Conferences.

August 2, 1944, Rev. Snipes christened Janie Helen
Mitchell, daughter of Spence Patrick Mitchell and Margaret Darsey Mitchell.

We lost by removal Mr. Alva Wilson and by death Mts.

Julia Cook and Mr. Frank McElvey.

Mw. D. H. Hood

66671 ATTAPULGUS, GEORGIA - - - - - MARCH1945. - - Auxiliary History - -President - Mrs. C. N. Brown Vice-Pres .- Mrs. J. J. Kane Sec. & Treas- Mrs. C. E. Duke Historian - Mrs. D. H. Wood We have only one Circle with one Circle and one Auxiliary meeting being held each month. We used programs secured from the Committee on Woman's U.S.A. 11. Work, including both Home and Foreign Mission Books as specified for the year with special offerings being made. A special program was given and offering Made in May for Birthday gift as well as at Christmas with Joy Gift offering being made. Our Auxiliary secured program material and with assistance of the two other denominations in our town held a union World Day of Prayer" meeting. On September 21st, our Auxiliary entertained Group Con-In October two of our members attended the meeting of ference #3. Synodical in Valdosta.

Mrs. C. N. Brown, our president, served as Presbyterial Chairman of White Cross for this year and Mrs. J. J. Kane was elected as second vice-president of the Presbyterial.

Mrs. D. H. Hood.

ATTAPULGUS GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY, MARCH 1 9 4 6. Rev. W. E. Snipes continued to be our paster with morning and evening services being held every third Sunday until July 1945 at which time he resigned to take another charge. Since that time we have been without a pastor. The officers are as follows: Mr. J. J. Lester, Elder, and Messers E. R. Smith and J. J. Kane, Deacons. Mrs. Curtis E. Duke is Treasurer and Mrs. J. J. Kane, Pianist. Our only active organization of the church is the Woman's Auxiliary. Beginning April 30th and continuing five days we had a series of services conducted By Rev. W. C. Smith of Sylvester, Georgia. J. J. Lester, Jr. and Thomas Edwin Smith were our only members in the Armed Service. Miss Betty Lester taught in the Presbytery's Conference for Young People. We lost by removal Misses Claranell Speight and Erin Turner. Mrs D. H. Mood

ATTAPULGUS GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY, MARCH 1947.

The vpulpit has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. W.E. Snipes. Therefore we haven't had any church services in over a year.

Therofficers are as follows; Mr. J.J. Kester, Elder. Messers E. R. Smith, and J. J. Kane, Deacons, Mrs. Curtis E. Duke, Treasurer and Mrs J.J. Kane Pianist.

The Woman's Ausiliary continues to be the only active organization of the church.

We had no additions or removals this year.

M.D. H. Hood,

ATTAPULGUS, GEORGIA

MARCH 1947

Pres. Mrs. C. N. Brown V. P. Mrs. J. J. Kane Sec. & Treas. Mrs. C. E. Duke Historian Mrs. D. H. Wood

We continue to have only one circle with one circle and one Auxiliary meeting each month.

We used the programs secured from the committee on Woman's Work including both Home and Foreign Mission Books as specified for the year with special offerings being made. Special Offerings were made and programs were used in May at the Birthday Party and at Christmas for Joy Gift. We joined with the Methodist and Baptist in the observance of World Day of Prayer, Feb. 21.

In May we put on a furkey Supper and cleared over a hundred dollors this was the beginning of a fund to be used to repair our church.

We had two delegates to Presbyterial in Valdosts April 28% also four to attend Group Conference in Cario in October.

Mrs. J. J. Kane, Presbyterial President who is from our group with Mrs. C. N. Brown Presbyterial White Cross Chairman and our local President attended the Woman's Leadership School in Montreat last summer. Mrs. Kane also attended the Synodical Leadership School in Macon.

Mw. D. H. Hood.

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ATTAPULGUS GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY

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The pulpit continues to be vacant since the resignation of Rev. W. E. Snipes.

The officers are as follows: Mrs J. J. Lester Elder. Messers E. R. Smith and J. J. Kane Decons Mrs. Curtis Duke Treasurer and Mrs. J.J. Kane Pianist.

As we haven't had any church services the Woman's Auxiliary is the only active organization of the church.

We had no additions with two removals this year.
Mrs. Dich Spiller Moved to the Presbyterian Church, Port St. Joe,
Florida. Mrs. G. M. Donalson to the Methodist Church Attapulgus,
Georgia.

mrs. D. H. Hood,

73495 MARCH 1949 ATTAPULGUS GEORGIA CHURCH HISTORY The pulpit continued to be vacant until January, at which time it was filled by Mr. R. S. Morrison, student at Columbia Seminary in Decatur Georgia. The only remaining officers are: Mr. J. J. Lester, Elder and Mrs. Curtis E. Duke, .Treasurer. Services are held each third Sunday of the month and on fifth Sundays. The First service was held January 16th. Due to loss of members the Woman's Auxiliary was compelled to disband at the begining of the year. WE had noadditions, with eight removals. Mrs. Alton Willis, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Smith, Mr. T. E. Smith, and Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Kane moved to the Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge, Georgia And Mrs. W. C. Griffin and Miss Geraldine Callaway to Methodist Chhrish Attapulgus, Georgia. Ins D. H. Wood.

Rev. R. S. Morrison continues to be our Pastor with services being held on the third and fifth Sundays off the month.

On the night of May 29, 1949 a commission from Presbytery consisting of Rev. W. D. Stewart and Rev. E. L. Barber and Elder B. F. Lewis installed Rev. Morrison as our Pastor.

Julian Mark Duke, son of Mrs& Mrs. Curtis E. Duke, received

Christian Baptism June 19, 1949.

In July plans were begun for the complete remodeling of the Church, working toward completing it in time to celebrate our Hundreth Anniversary in the fall. Through the generous gifts from our friends and former members we were able to do a thorough job and have the Church completed in time for our Home Coming october 16, 1949.

At this celebration we were priviledged to have with us as guest speaker Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy of Dalton, Georgia a former

The Service was opened with a Harp Prelude by our Pastor's

wife Mrs. R. S. Morrison.

Greetings were extended in person by Rev. Alex Carswell, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Attapulgus, Georgia and Rev. J. A. Cook, Pastor of the Attapulgus Methodist Church, Attapulgus, Georgia and by letter from the Moderators of the Presbytery, Synod, and Assembly, also from the President of Columbia Seminary and several former Pastors.

The History of the Church as recorded in Montreat was read

by Mrs. Curtis E. Duke.

Rev. Dendy used as his Text II Peter 3: 1 and as his subject "Christian Take a Drink from the Cup of History".

After the service an old fashione dinner on the grounds was

enjoyed by over two hundred fifty people.

The oldest member of the Church , Mrs. D. H. Wood, grandaughter of one of the members of the first session, was present for the celebation.

we were priviledged to have with us seven ministers they were as follows:

Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy-First Presbyterian Church-Dalton Georgia

Rev. J. E. Ward - Retired - Bainbridge, Georgia

Rev. W. D. Stewart- First Presbyterian Church- Bainbridge, Georgia Rev. E. L. Barber- Exec. Secty, Presbytery Southwest Ga. - Moultrie, Ga.

Rev. R. S. Morrison-Climax & Attapulgus Church, Climax, Georgia

Rev. Alex Carswell- First Baptist Church - Attapulgus, Georgia

Rev. J. A. Cook- Attapulgus Methodist Church- Attapulgus, Georgia At a meeting of the congregation on September 18, 1949,

Messrs. J. J. Kane and C. E. Duke were elected Deacons. And on

October 30, 1949 they were installed.

November 24, 1949 a community Thanksgiving Service was held

at sunrise in our church with Mr. Morrison in charge.

The Church was hostess to the Winter Adjourned Session of Presbytery, January 10,1959. at Church

During the week of February 12th. to the 19th. a series of services were held with Mr. Morrison doing the peaching.

World Day of Prayer, February 24,1950 was observed with a union service held in our church.

Mrs. J. J. Kane one of our members was honored in a rather unusual way by being presented a Life Membership in the Women's Organization of the Presbyterian Church , by the Junior Department of the Methodist Sunday School, in recognition of her service as aSunday School Teacher in this department. Her work there is due to the fact that we do not have a Sunday School.

We have had the following additions by letter:

Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Kane, Mr. C. E. Duke, Mrs. Fred Sims, Miss Mary Will Sims, Mr. Mercer Sims.

And on Proffession of Faith: Mr. Fred Sims and Karen Kane.

Mrs. C. E. Duke

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Jack Lester to procur e

Attapulgus.—On Sunday, March 20, Mr. Jack Lester, ruling elder, was appointed to procur estimates for the repairing and painting of this church and to have his report ready by Easter Sunday. This year marks the one hundredth anxiversary of the founding of this church, and after the church had been repaired and painted a special anniversary will be held. The anniversary committee is composed of the chairman, Mr. Jack Lester, and Mrs. C. E. Duke, Mrs. J. Kane, Mrs. Jack Lester, and Mrs. M. Mitchell. Many of the former members are now scattered throughout our Assembly, and

if perchance any of them are now reading if perchance any of them are now reading this page and wish to contribute to the repairing and painting of the building, they may send their donations to Mr. Jack Lester or Mrs. C. E. Duke, church treasurer. The church has called Mr. Robert Morrison, senior at Columbia Seminary, to be the pastor, and services are held morning and evening on the third and fifth Sundays of each month.

ATTAPULGUS CHURCH HISTORY

1950

ELDERS

DEACONS

J. J. Lester

C. E. Duke

J. J. Kane

J. F. Sims

Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Duke

Pianist, Mrs. J. J. Kane

We continue to have services on the third Sunday of each month and on each fifth Sunday.

Reverend R. S. Morrison remained as our pastor until October 1, 1950 at which time he resigned to fill a pastorate in Lynnhaven, Virginia, therefore we do not have a regular pastor at this time.

On September 17, 195 O, at the morning service J. J. Kane was elected Elder and J. F. Sims Deacon.

At a home ceremony September 21st, Rev. Morrison baptised Julia Amelia Duke, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Duke and was assisted by Elder Kane.

We had no additions or dismissals of members this year.

Mrs. D. S. Wood
Historian

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PASTOR REV. BAUL E. ROLAND.

ELDERS..... J. J. Kane

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CHURCH TREASURER, Mrs. C. E. Duke. PIANIST. Mrs. J. J. Kane.

THE PULPIT remained vacant until May when we were happy to have it filled by Rev. Paul E. Roland -- Stated suppy.

Services are held each 3rd. and 5th Sunday morning.

On December 21, 1952 a memorial gift of two Silver Candlesticks and a Baptismal bowl was given by Mrs. Dorothy Race Brown, Stewart Reyholds Brown of Albany, N. Y. Mary E. Race of Quincy, Fla. and W. D. Sims Jr. of Waycross Ga. in memory of their parents Mary E. W. Race and H. C. Race.

Bob Darsey wasdismissedby letter to the Bradenton, Fla. Methodist Church

HISTORIAN ... MRS. C. E. DUKE.

Attapulgus Presbyterian Church Attapulgus, Georgia 1954 page -1-Pastor - Paul E. Rowland Elders: J. J. Kane Deacons: C. E. Duke Pianist Mrs. J. J. J. J. Lester J. F. Sims Kane Treasurer: Mrs. C. E. Duke. The Attapulgus Presbyterian Church continues to have services the 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month. On February 21, 1954 an Adult Bible class was organized which meets each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Officers are as follows: President, J. J. Kane, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Sims, Teachers, Mrs. E. L. Whigham and Mrs. J. J. Kane. Charter Members: Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Kane Mrs. C. E. Duke Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Lester Mr. C. E. Duke Mr. & Mrs. Walter Burton Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Sims Mrs. E. L. Whigham. Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Dorsey Mr. & Mrs. Walter Burton were received by letter from the Druid Hill Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Georgia. During the week of October 17 to 24th, we were priviliged to have Miss Lillian Medlen of Atlanta, Ga. in our midst to make a religious survey of the surronding areas. A revivial was held the week of October 24th to 28th with Rev. L. B. Colouit Executive Secretary of Southwest Georgia Presbytery as guest speaker.

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History of Attapulgus Presbyterian Church January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

Elders
J. J. Kane
J. J. Lester

Deacons
C. E. Duke
J. F. Sims

Mrs. C. E. Duke, Treasurer J. J. Kane, Clerk of Session Mrs. J. J. Kane, Pianist

The Attapulgus Presbyterian Church continues to have it's minister Rev. Paul E. Rowland of Climax, Georgia.

The Adult Bible Class meets each Sunday morning and beginning in May, Sunday School met at 9:45 A. M. with Church Services at 10:20 A. M. and dismissing at 11:00 A. M. so that Mr. Rowland can fill both the Attapulgus and Climax pulpits each Sunday morning.

The Women of the Attapulgus Church joined the Climax Women of the Church and meet with them for the circle and the Women of the Church.

Julian Mark Duke was received into the Church by profession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crittenden were received by reaffirmation of faith, also Mr. J. A. Cook by reaffirmation.

Mr. Robert G. Cook was removed by death, January 6, 1955.

Mrs. C. E. Duke Historian

125957 Excerpt from The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, Ga., January 10,1972

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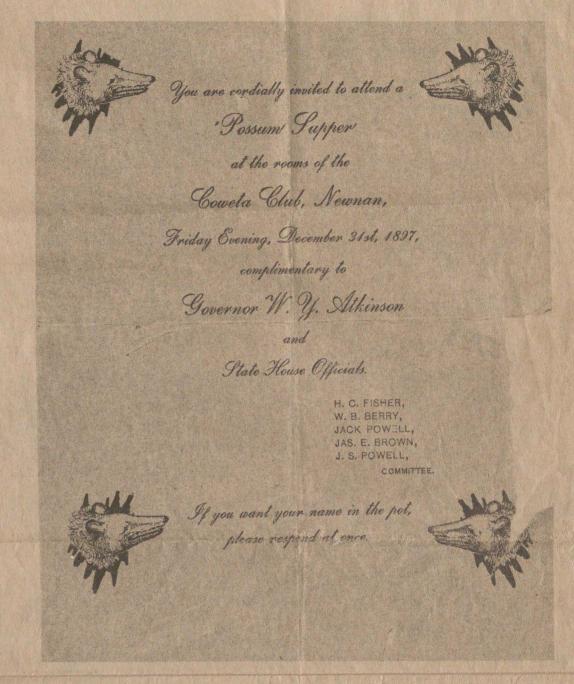
A COMMUNITY SALUTE!

Still in Existence

The Post-Searchlight

Pictured at left — This picture was made in front of the Arvil Cook home in Attapulgus in about 1897. The house is well over 100 years old and is still standing. In the picture are Jim Gibson, G. H. Cook, who was a former County Commissioner, Carl Cook, Mrs. Arvil Cook, Arvil Cook, who was a state representative, Julia Cook Wood and Arvil Cook, Jr.

Photo courtesy Mrs. Curtis Duke



this invitation to a 'possum supper in Newnan in 1897

Arvil Cook, state representative from Attapulgus in the late 1800's received Courtesy Mrs. Curtis Duke.

Interesting Facts Concerning Attapulgus

Masonic Lodge at Attapulgus, Ga.

"Attapulgus No. 225 — Charter granted at Macon, Ga. October 27, 1858, and the year of Free Masonry 5858. "First officers: Isaac A. Towers W.M., Emory Lasseter S.W., S.W.

McElvey J.W.

Cornerstone Methodist Church **Building Committee** W.E. Smith Ch'm H.H. Smallwood W.B. Miller J.L. Donalson J.L. Taylor A.G. Brewton, Pastor, Built A.D. 1928

Cornerstone Attapulgus Baptist Church R.L. Knowles, Pastor Organized 1928 **Building Erected 1929** A.L. 5929 Raymond Daniels M.W. G.M.

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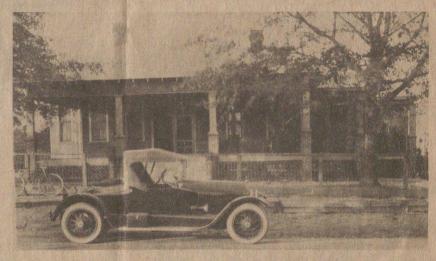
Julian Cook enjoyed riding one of the families oxen in his nome town of Attapulgus in 1917.

Photo courtesy Mrs. Curtis Duke.



Mrs. Mary Smith Curry was a lovely lady that was born in Attapulgus in 1850. Many of her relatives now live in this vicinity. She died in 1936. An attribute to Mrs. Curry after her death appeared in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate that was written by W. N. Ainsworth, then Bishop of Georgia. Bishop Ainsworth described Mrs. Curry and her sisters as being known in a wide circle for their type of joyous, devoted, triumphant Christian lives that transcended the experience of nearly everyone else they knew. Mrs. Curry was a Methodist in Attapulgus, and a Presbyterian in Havana, Fla. where her husband was an elder in the church for many years. Her funeral was conducted in the Attapulgus Methodist Church by a group of Presbyterian and Methodist ministers and her body was laid to rest in the village cemetery. Bishop Ainsworth concluded his remarks by saying, "There must have been an unusual commotion about the gates of the pearly-white city when she arrived at home.' Photo courtesy Frederick Smallwood.

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Ready to go!

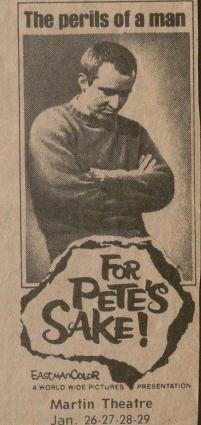
This 1920 Stutz was pictured in front of the home of Dr. S.A.V Christiphine in Attapulgus.

> Photo courtesy Frank Christiphine.



Jack Lester and Roberta Miller were ready for a ride in Attapulgus when this picture was made in 1917.

Photo courtesy Mrs. Curtis Duke.



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Joe Crine, the Sports Editor of The Bainbridge

Post-Searchlight shares with us this week his

mother's (Mrs. William Crine of Cairo) recipe for

Mandarin Salad. This congealed salad is pretty and

tasty and goes well with most any meal.



Andrew College Choraliers

The Andrew College Choraliers, under the direction of Mr. Larry Belt, will present a special musical program at the First United Methodist Church on January 16 at 7:30 p.m. The Choraliers are a select group from the Andrew College Choir. They perform frequently for church, school and civic meetings.

Rev. W. Thomas Bowen, Director of Admissions at Andrew, will speak briefly about some of the things happening at Andrew

College. One of the students will share some of her experiences on the campus.

Andrew College is located at Cuthbert, Georgia and is one of the twenty-one Junior Colleges of The United Methodist Church. The college was established and is operated by the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Larry Belt, Director is shown in the picture at the far right.

Education.

H. Carl Cloud of Climax.

Small talk

WILLIAM FRANK AULTMAN

Aultman graduates

William Frank Aultman

received a BFA Degree in Art

from the University of Georgia,

this last quarter. He is the son of

Design and is a member of Sigma

Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

from University

Martha Cloud

BRAG SHOP



Sabrina Michelle Duke was 11 months old when this pick She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Duke of Bainbridge. Her bara Ann Rhodes. grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Britt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duke, all of Bainbridge. Her great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duke of Faceville and Mrs. Myrtle Tipton of Bainbridge. Her great, great grandmother is Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.



Jeffrey Todd Britt is pictured at eight months old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Britt of Bainbridge. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carr of Tifton.

Only 21 per cent of the peole live in communities where here are enough litter con-



Martin Theatre Jan. 26, 27, 28, 29

DAR meets at Tara

Mrs. W. H. Holt presented a program, "Song and Garden Birds," at the January 5 meeting of the Bainbridge Chapter, DAR. Her talk was illustrated with color slides, a part of the National Society programs on conservation. The slides showed beautiful birds in their natural surroundings and Mrs. Holt explained their habits.

The business meeting was conducted by the Regent, Mrs. G. F. Battles, Jr. Delegates were elected to attend the Eighty-first Continental Congress in Washington in April and the State Conference in Columbus in March. Mrs. Giles Toole of Chat-

tahoochee, Fla. and Mrs. C. C. Willis served as hostesses. Twenty-one members attended.

Small Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Norman Murkerson of Bainbridge announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Leah Murkerson, on January 5 weighing seven pounds and five and one-half ounces. Mrs. Murkerson is the former Ceclia Ann Davis.



Bunky Whittaker killed two deer while hunting in New Mexico, the largest being the ten point buck pictured. Faye also killed two deer, her largest being a four point buck.

Whittakers deer hunt

hunting trip to the 6,000 acre new and different dish. ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Turner in Raton, New Mexico, entertained them at their home ences while in the New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Mexican food prepared by the (Bunky) Whittaker have recently hostess was delicious and each returned from a three week deer night Mrs. Turner prepared a

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker enwhere they were guests of the joyed meeting many friends and Turners at their lovely ranch relatives of the Turners, and home. Mr. and Mrs. Turner hearing of Mr. Turner's experiwith several dinner parties, State Legislature for ten years.

Dissolve 1 pkg. Orange Jello, 1 pkg. Lemon Jello in 1 cup boiling water.

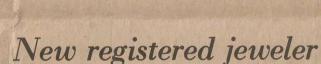
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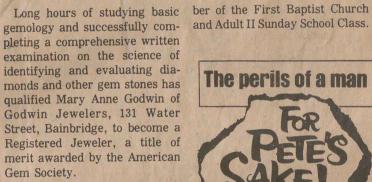
1-no. 2 can of crushed pineapple.

Whip ½ pt. cream. Fold in 1 cup salad dressing. Spread on top of salad. Grate ½ pkg. sharp cheese and sprinkle.

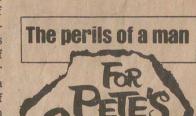
MANDARIN SALAD

Add cold juices from 3-11 oz. cans of mandarin oranges and juice from





Mrs. Godwin is presently serving as president of the Bainbridge Junior Woman's Club and is serving as a director and secretary of the Decatur County Kidney Foundation. She was named one of the outstanding Young Women of America from Decatur County for 1970. Mrs. Godwin is a mem-



A WORLD WIDE PICTURES PRESENTATION Martin Theatre Jan. 26, 27, 28, 29 Compliments of Tennille Ins.



Among those receiving awards at the Williamson Dickie Mfg. Co. dinner held recently were, from left: Odell Bean who received a fifteen year award; Katherine Albritton, who received a ten year award; T. W. Phinney who received a thirty-five year award; and Grace Phillips who received a

Williamson-Dickie presents awards

Dickie Mfg. Co., Fort Worth, year award was made to T. W. Texas was guest speaker on Phinney. December 7th, when awards were presented to employee's Katherine Albritton, Odell Bean, Davis, James Pope and James with ten, fifteen and thirty five Grace Phillips and T. W. Phinyears of service. The award ney. Other guests were: Mr. and dinner was held at the Holiday Mrs. Roger Goza, Mrs. F. S.

Williamson Dickie Service Award Program was started in 1947. Since that time 2281 awards

have been made. Ten year awards were made to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Aultman. Katherine Albritton, Betty Smith He specialized in Graphic and Bernice DuPriest. Fifteen year awards were made to Odell Bean, Myrtice Knight, Grace

F. S. McKeown, of Williamson Phillips, Inez Skeen. Thirty five Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, Mrs.

Present at the Dinner were: McKeown, Mrs. Wes Phinney,

A CORRECTION

Through error the name of Mrs. S. I. Maloy of Climax was left off the list of survivors of Mrs. W. C. (Nellie) Cox. Mrs. Maloy is a sister of the deceased.

Frances Taylor, Mrs. Mable T. Heard, Mrs. Lucille Watson, Mrs. Ruby Simmons, Mrs. Jacqulyn

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513 (Bainbridge) District

January 11



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Please get out January 11 and VOTE!!

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Tuesday, January 11, 1972

