

SOUTH ST. CLAIR SCHOOL

May 1, 1957

THIS IS ST. CLAIR COUNTY

St. Clair County takes a discerning look at its past and present, then plans to meet the challenge of the future.

The program opens with a home scene as parents and children enjoy working, relaxing, and planning together. The five year old child is preparing for entering school in the fall.

The older children are studying St. Clair County in school. Their report of school activities leads into a review of the history of the county.

With a background of St. Clair County's rarely beautiful scenery, the pageant is enacted.

St. Clair County is on parade with its natural resources; soil, water, mountains and valleys, forests and wild life, and above all its human resources of good, honest friendly people who have made their homes in each section of the county. First the Indian, the explorer, the Adventurer, then the hardy pioneer and the permanent settlers.

Some of the romance of the story of each area is given, then a review of the industrial development. Pell City has never known a real depression.

New Projects and activities for bringing out the best in St. Clair County are brought to light.

The Pageant comes to a fitting close with these words; "On we go to a St. Clair County using the natural resources - developing to capacity its people who will build better Social Resources; homes, churches, school, press, government, and industry - on to a future of undreamed greatness!"

Scene I - Home Scene

Voice I - Arthur Riser
Voice II - Teddy Brown
Father - Verlon Agan
Mother - Vicki Dorrough
Children -

Joe - Tyrus Wood
John - Steve Whittle
Mary - Carla Williams
Sarah - Patricia Holladay

Scene II - St. Clair County

Spirit of St. Clair County -
Natural Resources I
Natural Resources II
Indians
David Crockett
Daniel Boone
Samuel Houston
Andrew Jackson
Pioneers

Sandra Lewis
Judy Alexander
Dinah Brown
Third Grade
Robert Hullett
Johnny Lockeridge
James Lee Haynes
Roger Dale Kendrick
Fourth Grade

Towns-

Ashville
St. Clair Springs
Whitney
Steele
Springville
Odenville
Branchville
Moody
Margaret, Acmar,
& Whites Chapel
Ragland
Greensport
Coal City
Cropwell
Yasonville
London
Riverside
Seddon
Eden
Pell City

George Hannah
Charles Ford
Ronald Hurst
Jimmy Bell
Wilda Rae Franklin
Ben Miller
Janie Lewis
Judith Maddox
Johnny Starks
Kay Bain
Betty Polk
Tommy Joe Wright
Jack Wright
Earl Burgin
Bobbie Brown
Virginia Martin
Janice Rich
Arvilla Williams
Lillie Skelton

Dancing Groups

Tap -

Beth Hardwick
Deborah Harmon
Mimi Cagle
Marcia Cock
Elaine Barber
Vivian Harmon
Beverly Harmon
Mary Holladay
Judy Smith
Laura Rose Hollis
Dianne Johnson
Donna Bain
Debbie Wideman
Suzanne Smith

Tap -

Cynthia Coleman
Mary Anne Watson
Martha Mays
Janie Mays
Charlotte Johnson
Vicki Dorough
Susan Coleman

School)
Church) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades.
Workers)

Indians 3rd grade

Pioneers 4th grade

Choral Group 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

The study of St. Clair County has been possible because interested citizens have shared information. Supt. D. O. Langston, Mr. Paul Turner, and Mrs. Harriet Hayes have helped get material for the study program.

Each grade in school has studied the county. Some have written stories according to grade level. Many pupils have written autobiographies. Some have written plays. The enthusiastic third grade class has suggested that we could start a collection of relics for a county museum.

We hope to continue getting and organizing facts for further study.

"This Is St. Clair County" is a review of some of the interesting history of the county.

Pupils who helped organize the story for dramatization are the following members of the sixth grade class: Dinah Brown, Lillie Skelton, Janice Rich, Vicki Dorough, Arthur Riser, Tyrus Wood, Teddy Brown, Judy Goodgame, Jack Wright, Barnett Lawley, Ben Miller, Judy Alexander, Rodney Wayne Barber and Gregory Jones.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Donald Comer, Mr. Hugh Comer, Mr. Craig Smith and other officials and members of the Inspection Party.

Also we are happy to have many of our officials and citizens of St. Clair County.

We wish to express appreciation to Mr. Kilgroe, other city officials, and the Garden Club for the way in which they have cooperated with the P.-T.-A. in the playground Beautification and Equipment Program. The work is incomplete, but will be continued until finished.

Our attendance to date this year has averaged 93 % plus.

Our total savings with Credit Union is \$4,586.98.

We have 173 original depositors with the St. Clair County Federal Savings and Loan Association. The amount deposited is \$11,566.40.

We enjoy the Bookmobile and use around 200 or more books every three weeks.

October 29, 1932

Miss Frances Marcum
Route 2
Oderville, Alabama

My dear Miss Marcum:

The only record I can find giving data on St. Clair County High School is a copy of the "Announcement" for the "Third Annual Session, Beginning September 12, 1910, and ending May 26, 1911."

This announcement is in the Department of Archives and History and contains among other things the following:

"Board of Control
High School Commission

His Excellency, Braxton Bragg Comer, Governor,
Harry C. Cunnels, Superintendent of Education
William W. Brandon, State Auditor

County Board of Education

E. F. Hammond, Superintendent of Education
Napoleon P. Spradley, John W. Moore,
Elijah T. Turner, William F. Maynor
Algie H. Smith, Treasurer."

"Faculty"

James Olin Sturdivant, A. M., Principal
Miss Ada Barnes, First Assistant
Mrs. Alma Yerarksey Robertson, Second Assistant
Mrs. C. C. Brown, Music, Expression, Art."

"This school has the distinction of being the only county school in the State wearing uniforms--One society, The W. T. Brown Literary Society, with prospects of others."

"BOARD"

Board may be obtained at from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month. Students may rent rooms and do their own cooking, thereby reducing the cost. Some report that board in this way cost from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per month."

"Roster of Pupils"

1908-1909 -- First Year

Busey, John T.
Busey, Thomas J. Jr.
Cunning, Sada B.
Davis, Clarence J.
Elliott, J. H.
Gibson, J. W.
Hurst, Virgil L.
Jones, Howard V.
Jones, Chester A.
Kline, Arthur Clarence
Linn, Fred
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Presumably there was only one year of high school work the first year.

There is a roster for 1909-1910 containing 10 names, "First Year", and 12 names in "Second Year."

The program of study for the first year of high school, beginning with the year 1909-1910, was as follows: English, Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian.

The program of study for the second year of high school was as follows: English, Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian. The program of study for the third year of high school was as follows: English, Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian.

In the third year the pupil took English, mathematics, medieval and modern history. He might elect two subjects from the composition, Greek, French, German, or bookkeeping and commercial geography.

In the fourth year the pupil took English, mathematics, United States history and civics and American history and two electives from the following: bookkeeping, practical agriculture, Virgil & books, (Latin) grammar, American literature, French, German, bookkeeping and commercial law.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1960

SPRINGVILLE SCHOOLS

Springville Schools have a long and interesting history dating back over a hundred years.

The first school was held in a one-room building located above the lake, near the cemetery.

In January 1861 an advertisement run in the "St. Clair Diamond" listed the school as "Male and Female Academy Springville". In 1879 a notice in "Southern Aegis" called the school "Springville Academy"—a high school for boys and girls.

At one time the Methodists and Baptists operated a school with Mr. I. W. Hill principal. The Presbyterians built a school building at the sight of the present high school with Mr. Russell principal. There was much rivalry between the two schools.

Later the groups came together, added more rooms to the Presbyterian school, and used Mr. J. A. G. Lovett and Mr. I. W. Hill as Co-principals. This school became Springlake College. It was a chartered college with the following divisions: Primary Intermediate Common School, High School and four years college. Included in the curriculum were: music, art, Latin, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, and analytical geometry.

Boys wore uniforms of blue trimmed in braid and buttons. Girls wore uniforms of blue suits and blue caps.

The Springlake College building was destroyed by fire and was replaced by a part of what is now the Springville High School building.

In 1921 a new rock building was constructed for the high school. Later the elementary school was moved to the rock building and a new wing and auditorium were added to the old building. The high school was transferred to the building now in use.

In 1948 the lunch room was built, in 1952 a wing was added, to the high school build-

Sixth Grade. B. S. Alabama College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A.

Mrs. Nina A. Crandall - - - First grade. A. B. Howard College - also attended Alabama College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A. C. T. A., P. T. A.

Mrs. Mattie Lou League Crow - Library, English B. S. Jacksonville. M. A. University of Alabama - - also attended Alabama College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., National Library Association, Alabama Library Association, Committee Selection of Professional Books.

Mrs. Jacqueline E. Jones - - Physical Education. B. S. Jacksonville. M. A. University of Alabama. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., P. T. A., C. T. A.,

Mrs. Martha Bu-hford McClendon - - Fifth grade. B. S. Howard College. Graduate work Birmingham Southern. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A., Defense Committee N. E. A.

Miss Nancy McQuary - - - Business Education. B. S. Mississippi Southern - - also attended Itawamba Jr. College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A.

Mrs. Juanita Johnston McVay - - Vocational Home Economics. B. S. Auburn. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A., American Home Economics Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, American Association of University Women, Advisor for Future Homemakers Association.

Mr. Harold Manley - - Coach - - Science. B. S. University of Alabama. M. A. University of Alabama - - also attended the University of Georgia. Member of: A. E. A., N. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A.,

Mrs. Helen A. Moody - - Second grade. A. B. Howard College - attended also Alabama College, Birmingham Southern. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C.T.A., P.T.A.

Mr. Joe W. Roberts . . History: B.S. Jacksonville - also

T.A., English Teachers Association.

Mr. James C. Streetman, B. S. Birmingham Southern. Member of: N.E.A., A.E.A., P.T.A., Chairman, athletic committee.

Mrs. Evelyn B. Sutton . . . Third Grade; A. B. Huntingdon; Graduate work University of Alabama; also attended Troy State Teachers College. Member of: N.E.A., A.E.A., C.T.A., P.T.A., D.K.G., Committee, Teacher Education and Professional Standards, 2nd Vice President D.K.G.

Mrs. Odette T. Waldrop . . . Spanish, Mathematics; A. B. Huntingdon. Member of: N.E.A., A.E.A., C.T.A., P.T.A., D.K.G., American Association of Spanish Teachers.

Mrs. Maud S. Walker . . . Elementary Head Teacher and Third Grade; B.S. Howard College; also attended Jacksonville State Teachers College. Member of: N.E.A., C.T.A., P.T.A., D.K.G., Public Relations Committee for C.T.A.

Mrs. Helen Walker . . . B. S. University of Alabama; also attended Huntingdon, Member of: N.E.A., A.E.A., P.T.A.

Mrs. Frances S. Windham . . . Fourth Grade; A. B. University of Alabama. Member of: N.E.A., A.E.A., P.T.A., C.T.A.

rooms and a library.

In 1956 two basement rooms were finished and made into class rooms.

The two school buildings, the lunch room, the gymnasium and the football field are situated on approximately twenty acres of land touching Highway 11.

The present enrollment is 582. Classes are held in nineteen rooms.

Students enjoy activities provided by the following. Beta Club; Glee Club; F. T. A.; F. H. A. Dramatic Club; 4-H Club; S Club; Student Council; Amateur Radio Club.

The school has recently gone through a period of study and evaluation looking toward accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Following is listed the present faculty, their training and positions:

Dr. F. D. Dotson - - Principal

B. S. Florence State

M. A. University of Alabama

Ed. D. Columbia University

Member of A. E. A., N. E. A., Alabama Secondary School Principals, N. A. S. C., K. P. K.

Mrs. Annie Mae Buffington
- - Second Grade

B. S. University of Alabama
- - attended also Howard College, Snead Jr. College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A.,

Miss Margaret Byers - - First Grade - - B. S. Jacksonville - - attended also Bush Conservatory, Athens College, Huntingdon College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A., D. K. G.

Mrs. Sara Helen Hays Cash
- - Fourth grade, B. S. Alabama College: also attended Howard College. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P. T. A.

Mrs. Mildred L. Coats - - -

gia, member of A. E. A., A. E. A.,
Mrs. Henry H. Shirley . . .
Fifth and Sixth Grades; A. E.
Bob Jones College. M. A. Colorado College of Education, also attended Jacksonville. Member of: N. E. A., A. E. A., C. T. A., P.

ALABAMA EDUCATION THROUGH THE YEARS

"Alabama Education Through the Years" celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Alabama Public School and the Alabama Education Association gives a review of some of the history and problems of education in our state.

Alabama Leaders have recognized the value of Education even before Alabama became a state in 1819.

Although there were many church academies, and private schools, it was not until 1855 that a bill was introduced in Alabama Legislature by A. B. Meeks supporting Public Schools.

Mr. W. F. Perry was elected first State Superintendent of Education. In 1856, forty-six public school teachers met in Selma and organized the Alabama Educational Association.

Miss Julia Tutwiler was the leader in giving women educational opportunities.

Academies in St. Clair County were in Ashville, Springville, and Easonville. Three outstanding State Superintendents of Education, natives of St. Clair County, were Judge Leroy Box, Dr. John Abercrombie, and Dr. H. J. Willingham.

Governor Braxton Bragg Comer, founder of Avondale Mills, believed that every child regardless of how far back in the hills, should be given at least a high school education. In 1907 through the efforts of Governor Comer each of the sixty-seven counties had a County High School.

The public school, although recognized as the best means of enlightening all people, too often has been left out, or left on the waiting list.

Today in a state of plenty with more business and money, schools are still waiting and human talents wasting.

The free public school has never been and is not now free. Both state and local communities must share in providing funds. The public school gets children from all homes and sees the social needs and must re-evaluate and expand program for good of all.

To quote Dr. Dawson of Selma, former United States Commissioner of Education, "Education of the people is one of the highest duties of the State and must be considered by enlightened statesman. The public school system is the common fountain from which the higher branches of education draw their waters."

"As is the teacher, so is the School" and as is the school so are the people. All people professional, skilled and unskilled workers, and the institutions they build, home, church, school, industry, government and press, are no better and no worse than the schools.

In a republic, ignorance is a crime. It is time for Alabama leaders to get a sense of values and put first things first. Alabama as a growing state must recognize importance of a "Long time program plan" for education.

Money, time and energy are lost in having every legislature "re-do" or "un-do" that which has been done for schools. Education is a big business and must cease to be a Political Football.

If our democracy survives during this trying era, the free public school must be given a chance.

We need more teachers. In our crowded class rooms children cannot be given needed individual attention.

Teachers are not in the making. Many teachers educated with Alabama Tax money are leaving the state and going where salaries are more in keeping with people who are prepared for the exacting profession of teaching.

Absenteeism leads to juvenile delinquency, and juvenile delinquents can only become substandard citizens and establish substandard homes. Prevention is cheaper than cure.

Alabama Schools are at the crossroads. What are you going to do about them? If ever in the history of your state there was a need for Education it is now in our changing civilization. In this scientific age, education is necessary for survival of life itself as well as our Democratic way of living.

The Sixth Grade Pupils who made a special study of Alabama's History of Education and helped organize the Pageant, "Alabama Education Through the Years", are as follows:

Geraldine Beavers, Sally Champion, Teddy Gallegly, Karen Hamilton, Linda Kay Haynes, Nancy Holladay, Gary Hodo, Doris Isbell, Albert Ray Kimberly, Shirley Faye McDaniel, Michael Lee, Lewana Sargent, Hoyt Ann Stewart, Patsy Walker, Gay Nell Yarbrough.

CHARACTERS:

- EDUCATION Patsy Walker
- ALABAMA Nancy Holladay
- NARRATORS Linda Lou Gravette, Linda Kay Haynes, Carole Hershey, Ella Faye Roberts, Hoyt Ann Stewart, Gay Nell Yarbrough.
- ECHOES Donald Champion, Fred Ray Mullins, and Duane Wright.
- CITIZENS Jerry Dill, James Ogle, Kenneth Rickles
- DEMOCRACY Karen Hamilton
- CHURCH GROUP First Grade
- SCHOOL CHILDREN Second Grade
- MINUET Third Grade
- SONG: "The Second Minuet" Susan Coleman
 Words by Aubrey Dowdon Music by Maurice Bealy
- BALLET Dinah Brown, Sally Champion, Vickie Dorough, Sandra Lewis, Sandra Owens, Betty Polk; Susan Coleman (Solo).
- CHORAL GROUP Third, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades

RESEARCH PAPER WRITTEN FOR GRADUATE COURSE IN GUIDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM CENTER, APRIL, 1964, BY MISS AILEEN PUCKETT.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT EDUCATION IN A RURAL COUNTY
(St. Clair County, Alabama)

As an extension worker, I am well aware of the educational opportunity the Cooperative Extension Service offers to all people in the rural areas. For this report, I hoped to learn of other educational programs, both formal and informal. At the beginning of this project, I was not aware of any formal educational opportunity within this county for adults. I was glad to find that there are opportunities within the county. The informal opportunities are such as church sponsored study groups, garden clubs and other social organizations with education as a part of their reason for existing.

I interviewed many civic and community leaders for this information and my findings are listed below.

Formal

The Howard College Extension is teaching four classes in the county. The classes are being held in a Baptist Church in Branchville. This is a small community between Odenville and Leeds. There is no college credit given for these courses. They are of interest to young men preparing for the ministry, church school teachers, youth leaders and church administration personnel.

The Alabama School of Trades is located in Etowah County. Free bus service, originating in Pell City, is paid for by the Vocational Rehabilitation Service, State Department of Education. Because of this bus service, this educational opportunity is considered in the County. Courses at this school that are being studied currently by people of this county are: Tire Recapping, Motor Rewinding, Upholstry, Practical Nurse Training

and Male Orderlies.

The Alabama School of Trades in Dothan and the Wenonah Trade School in Birmingham are considered in the county only because all expenses for training at these schools is being paid by the Vocational Rehabilitation Service for two residents.

The Alabama School for the Deaf and the Alabama School for the Blind are located in Talladega. I consider this training is within St. Clair County because free bus service is provided, when necessary, for residents of this county. This is provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

Informal

The St. Clair County Library is the greatest opportunity for informal adult education other than the Cooperative Extension Service. This library system is the outgrowth of the Coosa Valley Regional Library which served two counties. It has been in operation less than three years. It maintains one bookmobile and six branches. It has a total of 15,080 books in circulation, as of February 29, 1964. Of this number, 3,207 are considered adult level reading. The chart below gives a breakdown of branch libraries as to hours and adult books circulated.

Branches	Hours Open Per Week	Adult Fiction	Adult Non-Fiction	Borrowers
Pell City	40	2035	1287	43
Ragland	6	180	36	29
Steele	4	97	12	0
Odenville	6	550	101	8
Springville	40	111	46	3
Ashville	40	668	132	0
<u>Total Circulation Available</u>		<u>7341</u>	<u>2081</u>	

St. Clair County Library Circulation Report
October 1, 1963 - February 29, 1964

All branches, except the Pell City branch, are operated by unpaid volunteer workers. These civic minded people are very conscientious about their service to the community. They keep regular hours and accurate records of all books. The Pell City branch is the headquarters office and is staffed with a well trained Librarian, with one full time and two part time assistants.

The bookmobile operates eight days out of the month. It makes 48 community stops and 30 house to house, single service stops in the summer months. During the school year it makes 30 community stops and 19 school stops.

The churches of the county are educational organizations as well as spiritual guides. The three denominations largest membership are Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian. Each of these denominations offers a study course to all members and visitors annually. The course is selected by a committee that is appointed or selected by the Deacons, Stewards or Presbytery. The ladies of the church have two study courses each year that receive special emphasis. These study groups are in addition to the regular monthly meeting of missionary circles or guilds.

When discussing the educational program of the churches with Dr. Staples, he said, "Better informed Christians make better citizens, better citizens make a better community."

There are three Garden Clubs in St. Clair County. Each is affiliated with the State and National Federated Clubs. The principle aim of the club is horticultural education and artistic arrangement education. Their meetings are monthly and they have approximately 75 members. Each member

receives a monthly magazine from the National affiliate and a quarterly magazine from the State affiliate. One member of each club attends a four day educational meeting at Auburn University each August. This member is selected by the club and is responsible to the club for information she receives. In addition to the monthly programs, each club has a flower arranging workshop followed by a flower show each year. Each club conducts a tour of the community during the Christmas season and gives an award for the most attractive house and yard. These clubs also have community projects of beautifying some public building, school, park or highway each year.

The Parent Teacher's Association is child-school centered. However, this organization recognizes the importance of home life and one of it's aims is to raise the standards of home life. It also works for adequate laws to care for and protect youth and children. It tries to educate the general public, as well as it's members as to what the laws are and their relation to the child. This organization conducts a school of instruction for it's officers and committee chairmen each August.

The Civitan and Lions Clubs are active in the County. Both have one business meeting a month and one social or program meeting. Guest are invited to the social or program. This is always a dinner meeting. As in all clubs of this kind, the programs are the responsibility of officers and chairmen. The Civitan Club has been very active in carrying out it's National motto, "Builders of Good Citizenship." They have had speakers for most of their social program meetings. The programs are on subjects of public interest such as Traffic Safety, Social Security, Know Your Candidate, and other public issues.

The Lions Club is larger in number but does not have programs of educational nature. Their dinner meetings are usually followed by entertainment or a dance. Their National project is sight conservation. However, the member I interviewed could not give me any information about an educational program being carried on in this county.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are active in the County. Both these veteran groups support the youth in learning the responsibility of public office, safety and combating communism.

The Civil Defense organization within the County is very proud of its large number of qualified "Ham Operators". A radio technician (employed in a large industry outside the county) has taught many how to build and operate a radio set. He will teach anyone who wants to learn for no charge. The learner furnishes his own equipment.

The art teacher at the Pell City High School has a small art and ceramic studio in her backyard. She conducts classes for adults one night each week. One of her former students has opened a studio of her own in Ragland. This girl has sold enough of her work to start herself in college. She teaches, at home, in the summer months.

The Farm Bureau is the largest organization in the county, boasting almost 1,000 members. It meets monthly and keeps its members informed of all legislation pertaining to agriculture or its related fields.

There are many commodity groups that are Extension Service oriented, but operate independent of the service. A few of them are: Cattlemen's Association, Poultry Association, Cotton Grower's Association Chandler Mountain Truck Grower's Association and Sportsman's Association. The organized groups have two purposes. One purpose is promotional to sell

more of its product. The other purpose is educational. They try to keep the consumer informed about the many uses of the product and home care of the product. They try to keep their individual members informed on research findings and market conditions.

There are many inservice training opportunities in the county. Some of these are tire recapping, motor rewinding, beauty culture and nurses-aids. The hospital and nursing homes in the county will accept untrained employees and teach them their duties. Most of the retail businesses will accept untrained and inexperienced workers and train them on the job.

There are many organizations outside the county that have educational program material available to the many clubs. The Alabama Power Company, the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the American Red Cross frequently send trained people into St. Clair County to give programs. They are usually interesting and often entertaining, as well as educational.

Our education is the product of all our experiences. An individual may be able to read and write in several languages yet be illiterate in some important aspect of his life. As long as there is political illiteracy, economic illiteracy, religious illiteracy or social illiteracy there will be a need for adult education.

Resource Persons:

Mr. Sam Canerday, District Supervisor, Vocational Rehabilitation Service,
State Department of Education

Mrs. Jeffery Blake, President, St. Clair County Parent Teacher's Association

Mrs. W. M. Holland, Librarian, St. Clair County Library

Mrs. Herman Shaw, Vice-President, Steele Garden Club

Mrs. C. H. Collins, Past President, Ashville Garden Club

Mr. W. D. Jackson, Past President, Pell City Civitan Club

Mr. Paul Turner, Past President, Pell City Lions Club

Dr. Austin F. Staples, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pell City

Mrs. E. O. Littlejohn, Secretary of Missionary Education, First Methodist
Church of Pell City

St. Clair County Board of Education Office

Mr. Charles Abbott, Director of Civil Defense, St. Clair County

Mr. H. L. Eubanks, County Agent, St. Clair County

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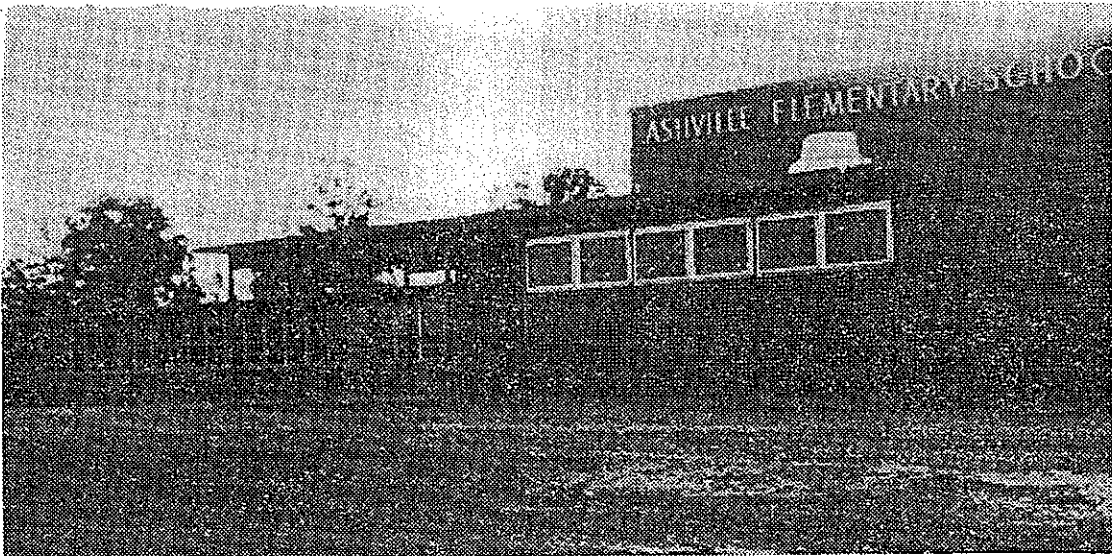
O. D. DURAN, SUPT.

The work in this county consisted of the addition of 51 new classrooms, 2 multi-purpose rooms (1 with kitchen), 1 cafeteria & kitchen, a library, a science room, and an auditorium for a total allotment of \$727,613.42 plus local funds. The architectural firms for these projects were Tom B. Kirkland, Architect, Montgomery; and Henry Sprott Long, Architect, Birmingham.

The projects are as follows:

- Project # 1 Moody Jr. High School
 Total Budget \$277,457.11.
- Project # 2 Odenville High School Addition
 Total Budget \$167,567.13.
- Project # 4 Ruben Yancey Elem. School
 Total Budget \$102,809.40.
- Project # 5 Ashville Elem. School
 Total Budget \$147,178.76.

A new building of fire-resistant construction with masonry interior and exterior walls, and built-up roof; consists of 12 classrooms, corridor, a multi-purpose room with small kitchen, boiler room in basement under stage of multi-purpose room, toilet facilities, offices; approximately 20,180 sq. ft. of floor area.



- Project # 6 St. Clair County Training School
 Total Budget \$125,940.52.

*From: Progress Thru Education
\$100,000,000.⁰⁰
School Bond Issue Program
Alabama Building Commission*

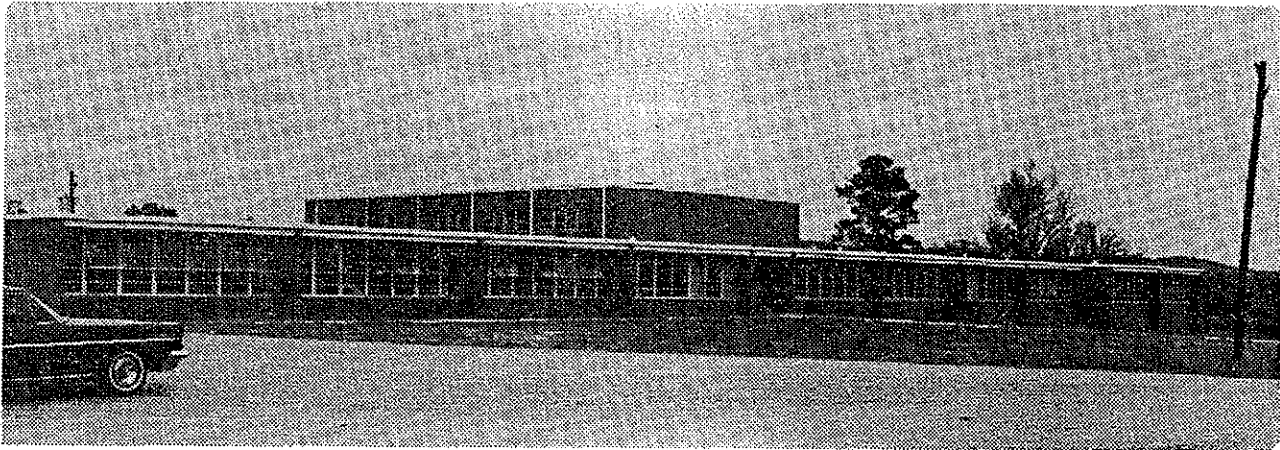
SHELBY COUNTY
ELVIN HILL, SUPT.

The work in this county consisted of the addition of 26 new classrooms, a science room, 3 home economics units, 3 lunchrooms and kitchens, an auditorium, 3 band rooms, a vocational shop, a multi-purpose room with locker-shower facilities, and renovations to existing buildings for a total allotment of \$822,016.12 plus local funds. The architectural firm for these projects was Charles H. McCauley Associates, Architects, Birmingham, Alabama.

The projects are as follows:

Project # 1 Shelby County Training School
Total Budget \$203,915.44.

A one-story, fire-resistant building consisting of 6 classrooms, science room, toilet facilities, offices, sewing and cooking lab., shop, lunchroom and kitchen, auditorium, and dressing rooms; containing approx. 23,000 sq. ft.



Project # 2 Montevallo High School Addition
Total Budget \$38,266.00.

Project # 3 Helena Jr. High School
Total Budget \$47,545.84.

Project # 4 Shelby County High School
Total Budget \$91,822.50.

Project # 5 Vincent High School
Total Budget \$19,500.00.

Project # 6 Prentice High School
Total Budget \$62,707.69.

Project # 7 Alabaster Elem. School Addn.
Total Budget \$17,172.00.

Project # 9 Calera High School
Total Budget \$91,358.50.

Project # 10 Thompson Elem. School
Total Budget \$41,151.75.

Project # 11 Chelsea Jr. High School
Total Budget \$113,050.10.

Project # 12 Wilsonville Elem. School
Total Budget \$57,631.00.

Project # 13 Thomas Elem. School Addn.
Total Budget \$43,759.70.

Alabama Amblings

Leave it to the little kids to put life into dull, dreary gathering of PTA

BY BOB HAWKINS, News staff writer

EASONVILLE, Dec. 15—"Isn't he just the smartest thing you ever saw," a grandmother beamed as her second generation mumbled a two-line Christmas verse at the school's annual pageant.

The kid blew the lines, but to grandma it was an actor's triumph. Her pride had been elevated far beyond the strata of Cloud Nine.

Coosa Valley Elementary School was having its yuletide extravangaza, promoted, backed and accompanied at the piano by Maurine Sims, first grade teacher for so many years she stopped counting long ago.

Although there will be thousands of Christmas programs for PTA mamas and papas, this production set some sort of record for this community on the shores of Logan Martin Lake, near Pell City.

PTA meetings had become something short of exciting. About the liveliest thing to come up for discussion at the last few meetings was whether to plant boxwoods or something else outside the school's front entrance. Or should the group continue its annual chicken-supper-fund-raising project?

THE CHICKEN FRIZZ HAD been shelved for easier things and attendance had obviously favored TV horse operas over the great American educational process.

The Christmas program episode changed all that. The lake yielded bodies that had long since been forgotten. Everybody piled into the auditorium, which doubles as a lunchroom and rainy day rumpus hall, ready to see and hear their freshly scrubbed cherubs perform.

shrubbery business came up briefly before the

program got under way. It was quickly decided that boxwoods were definitely out this year. Someone suggested having a program after every business meeting to speed up action on major projects.

The lights dimmed and out trooped the stars in kaledoscopic array of Sunday best, overalls and what have you. The show was terrific. Blown lines and skipping the seventh day in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" wasn't even noticed.

It was so good, in fact, that next year the production management may add "Little Drummer Boy" to the act, but then if it is added, discussion had better begin at the January PTA meeting, now that the boxwood dilemma has been solved.

And the Coosa Valley Elementary School PTA is assured of another good year.



HAWKINS

Easonville School Built In 1879

The first Easonville School was built in 1879. Prior to that time school had been held in the Coosa Valley Baptist Church and in homes. The first school building was a pretty little white school house with sunny windows, a large wood heater and a very big stage. The people were proud of the stage because they liked to see their children show off, so it is said. The school was located beside Easonville Methodist Church to the north. This first school was moved three years later to a site near where Mt. Pisgah pastorium now stands on some land owned by Mr. Ira Harmon, and it became known as the Harmon School.

Then the Coosa Valley High School was built, where Preston Wadsworth's home now stands. This school served both Easonville and Cropwell communities. Mr. I. W. Hill was principal and Mr. Jesse Willingham was his assistant.

In 1887 a new school was built part of which is now standing and it is in use today. It was called Easonville Academy. Music, art and drama were stressed in the curriculum. Young People came from all parts of this county and thirty other counties and attended it. This school turned out many successful teachers, ministers, etc. in all walks of life.

To mention a few outstanding people who attended the Academy: 1. John W. Abercrombie, who served as State Superintendent of Education, President of the University of Alabama and U. S. Congressman; 2. Henry J. Willingham, Superintendent of Education and President of Florence State Teachers College; 3. Dr. Thomas Neal, a noted Baptist minister, who later became president of Howard College.

Later the school became Easonville High School. Mrs. Julia Waite, now a resident of Easonville community was the music teacher for many, many years. She was the teacher again last year and gave a very lovely recital in the spring.

In 1928 the new rock addition was built. In 1938 it became an accredited junior high school.

A few years later the lunchroom was built, and it has served first as a lunchroom; and second for church and community functions.

Space will not permit a list of the principals and teachers, who have served this school; but citizens of this community look back with pride at the fruits of their endeavors. A glimpse of the modern scene still reveals doctors, ministers, teachers, engineers, politicians and business men and useful citizens in all walks of life.

Many of the former students are now attending various colleges preparing for more useful lives.

Easonville School observes National Education and Book Week; and Religious Emphasis Week. They have had open house and assembly programs along with suitable classroom activities while observing these weeks.

In the past years, many plays and operettas have been given and enjoyed. Mrs. Sublett is the music teacher this school term.

Easonville has a wide awake P. T. A. whose members have the best interest of the school at heart, and they want everything that will promote the welfare of all the students.

This brings us up to the 1960-1961 term of school. The faculty consists of the following teachers:

PRINCIPAL:

Mr. W. Owen, Degree—B. S., Schools attended: Howard College; Calloway Institute, Geor-

gia Tech; A.P.I.; University of Buffalo and University of Alabama Center, Birmingham. Member of Professional Organizations: (N. E. A.; A. E. A.; St. Clair County Teachers Association and P. T. A.) Yes.

BRAXTON B. SIZEMORE:

Degree held—B. S., Schools attended: Livingston State Teachers. Position: Classroom teacher and coach of Junior High. Member of Professional Organizations: (N.E.A.; A.E.A.; St. Clair County Teachers Association and P.T.A.) Yes.

NINA WHISENHUNT

Degree held—B. A. Athens College, Athens, Alabama; M. A. University of Alabama. Position: 5th and 6th grade teacher. Member professional organizations: (N.E.A.; A.E.A.; St. Clair Teachers Association and P.T.A.) Yes.

PATSY OWEN

Schools attended — Howard College, Young Harris College, and University of Alabama, Center, Birmingham. Position: 4th and 5th grade teacher. Member of professional organizations: (N. E. A.; A. E. A.; St. Clair Teachers Association, C. T. A.; and P. T. A.) Yes. P. T. A. Committees.

HELEN WATSON INGRAM

Second and Third grade teacher. Degree B. S. Elementary Education. Schools attended: Eufaula High School, Troy Normal, Secondary Education; Jacksonville State Teachers College; Alabama College Workshop and one summer graduate work. Extension A. P.I. and University of Alabama. Member: (N.E.A.; A.E.A.; St. Clair Teachers Association; C. T.A.; and P.T.A.) Yes. C.T.A. Key Teacher 1960-1961. P.T.A. decorating committee 1960-61.

MAURINE RILEY SIMS

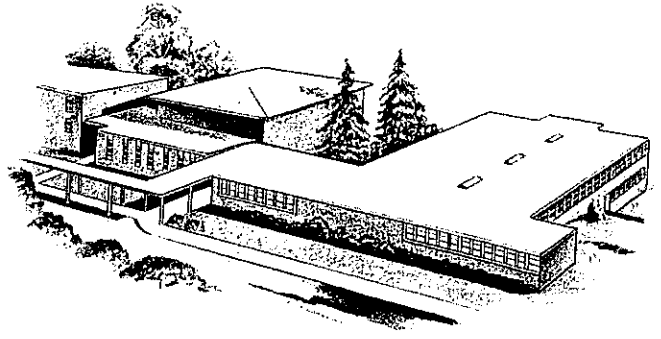
Teacher first grade. High School, Leeds, Alabama; finished Normal School at Livingston and Jacksonville. Attended summer schools, Birmingham Southern College, Jacksonville State Teachers College, Extension work from Howard College. Member: (N. E. A.; A. E. A.; C. T. A.; and P. T. A.) Yes. Vice-president of Classroom Teachers Association 1960-1961. Publicity committee P. T. A.

SEASON'S
Greetings

"Christmas 1965"



ST. CLAIR COUNTY'S FIRST
ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL
Established 1908
ODENVILLE, ALABAMA



NEW ST. CLAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ODENVILLE, ALABAMA
1962 -

The John Watson Family

St. Clair County High—

School Boasts New Building

BY THELMA YOUNG
For the Post-Herald

ODENVILLE, Feb. 19 — D. A. Cox, principal of the St. Clair County High School here has served in the top position for the past nine years.

However, prior to moving up, he was a coach in the school, and also at Moody Junior High, an Odenville "feeder" school. At any rate, he has been here long enough to have students in the school now who are children of former students of his.



PRINCIPAL—D. A. Cox, Odenville.

Mr. Cox also served Ashville High School before coming to Odenville and, previous to that position, spent 11 years doing administrative work in Alabama. Cox has an AB degree from Howard College and MA from Peabody. His early college years were spent at Jacksonville State.

The school here has 12 grades, with an enrollment of 580 and with 22 teachers on the faculty. Of the 14 high school teachers, eight are men and more than half have MA degrees.

The school is not crowded now, but could use more classrooms. The high school itself is almost new, having been built in 1963 and used last year for the first time. It consists of 10 classrooms, science labs, library, cafeteria, offices and two conference rooms.

The elementary grades are also in a reasonably new building, having been put into use in 1954. The original building on the campus, a two-story structure, was condemned some time ago and later demolished.

However, after removal of the old building, it was necessary for three years to hold classes in churches of the town and in an old abandoned school building. At the time, a consolidation program was being discussed, which caused delay in starting the new building.

Building Converted

Another older building on the campus was converted to a room for girls' physical education so that now, with a good combination auditorium-gymnasium, Odenville has a full physical education program going.

St. Clair County High is accredited by the State Department of Education, but there are no immediate plans for working toward possible membership in the Southern Assn.

It is believed there would be some difficulty, probably, in meeting Southern Assn. requirements, but the big problem

likely would be the study which is necessitated before applying. However, it is hoped that such accreditation may some day become a reality.

The faculty, except for a couple of minor deficiencies, would qualify now, and so would the library and science departments.

This school has what is said to be one of the best small libraries in the state. The Parent-Teacher Assn. has helped to make it so and the St. Clair County Board of Education matches dollar for dollar per pupil for the library so that the school is able each year to spend more than is required by the State Dept.

The PTA, with Wesley Johnson as president, also helps with financial aid in any area of the school where there is a need. The school collects fees which are used in paying a portion of the operating expenses and for buying supplies and instructional materials. Each school in the county is responsible for its own utilities.

City Helps

The City of Odenville also has helped the school, especially in the building program, by making cash contributions. Other contributions came from patrons of the school, too, so that it all added up to a grand total of \$5000 raised locally. The nearby town of Margaret also has come to the assistance of the school.

According to Principal Cox, the dropout rate is entirely too high in this school, although the problem is constantly being worked on. It is believed there is some improvement, now that the curriculum has been enlarged and upgraded and more is being done in the field of guidance.

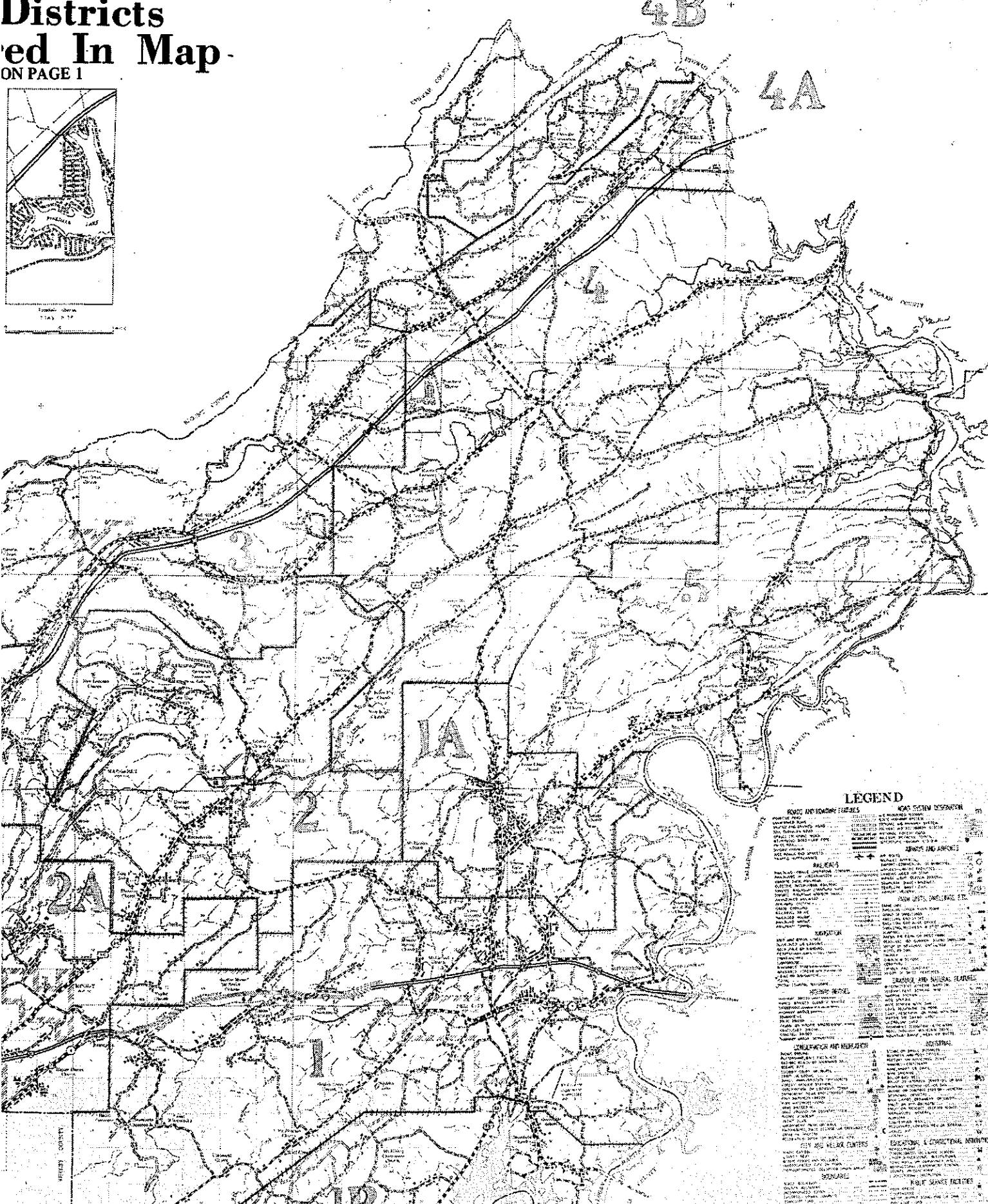
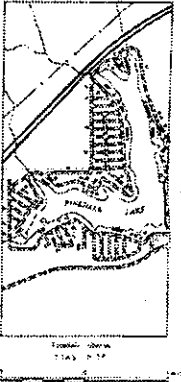
Since football was started at Odenville this year for the first time, there is now a Quarterback Club, functioning mainly in support of the athletic program. Ray Washington is president.

O. D. Duran is superintendent of St. Clair County schools, and members of the Board of Education are Harold Williams, president; Robert Dickenson, James Cobb, Ralph Windham and Charles Braswell. Local Odenville trustees are Charles Forman, chairman, J. R. Bronson and John Coker.

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ROAD AND TRAVEL FEATURES	WATER SYSTEM RESPONSE
RAILROADS	LAND USE
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INDUSTRIAL AND RECREATION	EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
POPULATION	RELIGIOUS FACILITIES

Teacher Appreciation Day At Springville

A teacher appreciation day, a project started at the beginning of school last year by the Parent - Teacher Association, was culminated this week with Mayor Ralph Windham acting as principal in place of B. G. Smith.

Teacher appreciation day was inaugurated as the result of the efforts of Mrs. L. R. Windham who has just concluded her tenure as president of the PTA. Under the plan, any teacher who desired to take at least one day off with pay could do so, and a parent would take her place in the classroom. Throughout the year, some teacher would call a

parent that she would be off the next day. The parent then would appear in her place.

However, it was just this week that some of the teachers realized that they had not taken advantage of the opportunity, and suddenly several of them took "French leave". The local schools had their share of parents for the day. Mayor Windham led the teaching parents as they acted as tutors.

Local PTA officials term the project a success as the parents learned at first hand just what a teacher goes thru during a day's work.

Children Enjoy Train Ride

The A and G S express from Washington to Birmingham made an unscheduled stop in Springville Saturday morning and forty-eight wide-eyed youngsters stepped from the passenger cars.

The boys and girls, many of whom had never ridden on a train, were members of the music class of Mrs. Maude Russell of Attalla. It was Mrs. Russell's idea to take her class on such a trip instead of giving a music recital.

"I thought a train ride would encourage some of the young people, especially the boys, to become interested in music," Mrs. Russell said. "Some of the boys are rather bashful about appearing at a recital but a train ride, well, that's different."

The class, accompanied by seven counselors, were met by a group of Springville residents and were taken over the main

thoroughfare of the town. They wound up at the lake where the chamber of commerce had prepared a picnic for the youngsters and their counselors.

The girls and boys seemed delighted with their train ride and being escorted over the town. One little lady, getting out of the car driven by Mrs. Ralph Windham, was heard to boast that she rode in the mayor's car.

Mrs. Russell, whose husband is a railroad man, said she thought the children would enjoy a train ride since it is becoming something of a rarity.

She selected Springville as the first excursion because it was not far from Attalla and had the attraction of the lake where the children could watch the fish and feed them by hand.

After attending a movie, the music class left on the afternoon train for Attalla.

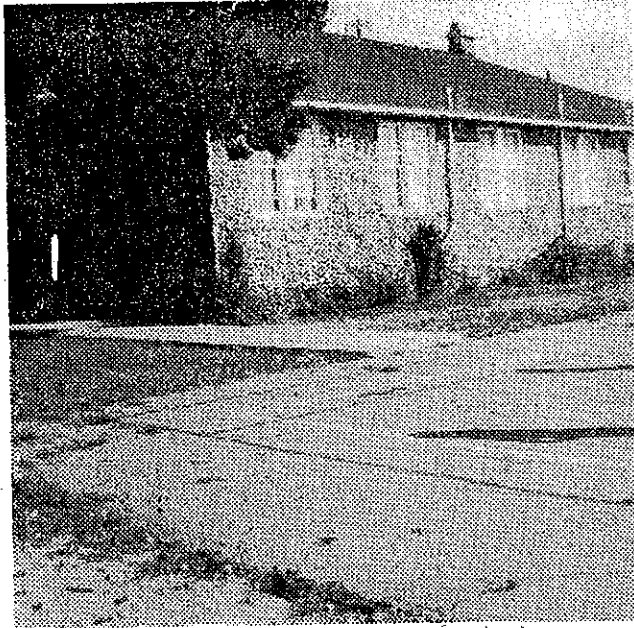
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "How Christian Science Heals" to be broadcast over WVOK Sunday at 10 a. m. will have as its subject, "Finding Ourselves."

The TV series, to be telecast over channel 13 Sunday at 9:45 a. m. will have as its subject "How Mental Housecleaning Aids in Healing."

Studies of seaside vegetation indicate that the level of the ocean has risen about 12 inches in the last 100 years.

Nov. 17, 1966



OLDEST IN ST. CLAIR
... Housing 1st. Vo-Ag. Department

Vocational agriculture was placed in the curriculum at St. Clair County High School in 1926. This is the oldest vo-ag department in St. Clair county. Other departments are at Ashville, Pell City and St. Clair County Training School. The courses of vocational agriculture and vocational home-economics were started in the cobblestone building which was completed in 1926 and have been in the building

ever since. After 40 years of service the building is still in excellent condition. The vocational agriculture teachers who have taught here, and the other in which they served are: Bode Hughes was the first teacher, followed by R. G. Ellis, D. J. Bartlett, H. G. Franks, W. J. Holland, Fitzgerald Yarbrough and J. P. Eden who is the present vocational agriculture teacher.

The First School Bus in St. Clair County

In 1922 Steele District had voted in the three mill tax, but not all the county had done so. In that fall, 1922, Steele Trustees, Luke Buffington, Jesse Shaw and [redacted] Moore, working with Mr. Carl T. Baxter, County Superintendent of Education and the County Board who issued a warrant for \$500 bought a truck with the excess tax money from the district and started transporting pupils from Steele to Etowah County High School in Attalla, nine miles away. (Clennville, twenty-five miles away was the nearest high school in St. Clair Co.) Each pupil was supposed to pay one dollar per week to keep the bus operating.

A few Steele residents opposed the idea so strongly that Supt. Baxter asked for a ruling on its legality. Dr. Harwell Davis, now president of Howard College, at that time Attorney General, ruled in favor of the bus - it continued to run for six years. Then St. Clair County School people appealed to Steele patrons to allow their children to ride the St. Clair County Bus, that would be provided and would transport pupils free of charge to the newly organized High School at Ashville. Then the patrons of the first bus used their influence to support their own county school and sent their children to Ashville. Though some few went on to Etowah, providing their own transportation.

This first school truck in St. Clair County was a far cry from the modern buses that transport the children today. It was an open Model T. truck with oil cloth curtains that hung down at the sides and back in rainy weather. In sunny weather the curtains were rolled up and strapped at the top and the pupils enjoyed an open air ride. Two benches ran parallel with the truck bed. The pupils sat facing each other with their knees touching in the aisle. Usually two pupils rode in the front seat with the driver. If he was a girl, a man or boy this was choice seat. Two or three or sometimes as many as five boys stood on the wooden step at the back of the truck and rode in safety. The bus was wrecked once. No one was seriously hurt.

Often the roads were so muddy that the passengers got off and let the bus pull through the mud by itself or with the big boys pushing. Then after wading through the mud to the bus the pupils got on again and the girls tried to repair their dresses before they reached school.

EDUCATION IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY
1910

In 1910 B. B. Comer was governor of Alabama, Harry C. Gunnels was state superintendent of education, and B. F. Hammond was superintendent of county schools.

The population of St. Clair County at that time was 20,715. There were 5,718 white children of school age. Of this number 4,931 enrolled in school and the average daily attendance was 3,451. The average length of the term was 100 days.

There were 70 schools in operation during the year, and 16 of these were graded. These schools employed 85 teachers of which 34 were males, and 51 females. These teachers held state certificates distributed as follows: Life Grade 5, First Grade 13, Second Grade 34, and Third Grade 33.

The state appropriation amounted to \$19,068.66, poll tax \$2,400, and the county one-mill tax \$4,512.50. The patrons of the schools contributed during the year \$3,750 in tuition and incidentals. The average monthly salary paid the teachers was \$58.33.

The public school buildings were valued at \$51,000, school furniture \$9,400, and libraries \$1,280. Six of the buildings were deeded to the state. County superintendent B. F. Hammond indicated in his annual report that a number of new buildings were being constructed with state aid.

(Fall 1958)

ST. CLAIR NEWS-A

Jan. 20, 1966

ST. CLAIR NEWS-AEGIS, PELL CITY, ALABAMA

Ala. Educational TV Area Schools

Pell City and Ragland parents with children attending public schools are particularly urged to tune in the same telecourses their youngsters are viewing in school during American Education Week (November 9-15). Numerous special features will be included in the regular TV courses during the week; the mutual viewing will also serve as topic of interesting parents-children after-school conversations.

In Pell City, ETV is being used at Pell City High School where students regularly follow Spanish I Monday through Thursday at 9 A.M., Chemistry Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 A.M. and Biology Monday through Thursday at 2 P.M. over channel 7. At St. Clair County Training School Mr. Morris' students are viewing Physics Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 A.M., Chemistry Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 A.M., Biology Monday through Thursday at 2 P.M., and Jr. High Science Tuesday at 11 A.M. Mrs. Carrie Burns' 68 students are viewing speech Tuesday and Thursday at 10 A.M. and English Literature Friday at 9 A.M. A. Robinson and M. Montgomery have 102 students viewing American History Thursday at 1:30 P.M.; and G. L. Lewis has 29 students viewing social I.Q. Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.

At Ragland elementary school in Ragland Mrs. Martha Leatherwood has 30 students following upper elementary science Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 P.M., upper elementary art Friday at 9:30 A.M., music time Thursday at 10:30 A.M., and field trip Thursday at 11 A.M.

Courses taught on the Alabama Educational TV network

are fully accredited by the State Board of Education. Besides serving as an aid to classroom teaching, this means ETV can be viewed at home by adults who have not completed their secondary education to study toward their high school diplomas.

Although ETV stations continue to blossom across the U.S. with a goal of 38 stations or the air next year, Alabama still leads the nation by operating three ETV stations as part of the world's only ETV network.

The AET network programs educational, informational and cultural telecasts daily from 9 A.M. until 10 P.M. on channels 2, 7 and 10. Only Chicago and Pittsburgh ETV stations offer longer service to their viewers; Russia's TV, which is also primarily a cultural-information media, broadcasts only four hours per day.

The AET network will schedule two special educational dramatizations during the week; Thursday at 8:30 P.M., "Mike makes his mark," an appeal to youngsters to remain in school, as well as how to utilize school for recreation and social activities in addition to factual learning; and Friday at 8:30 P.M. "Crowded out," a story dealing with new school construction.

RAIN DANCES PAY OFF

Hopi Reservation, Ariz.— Hopi rain dancers batted 1,000 during a recent ceremony. They staged ancient rites for rain at three Hopi villages. A short while after the rites ended, rain began to fall at all three villages.

Jordan prepares for UN move to allay crisis.

St. Clair County Organizes For Project Head Start

Ashville — January 11, 1966

The St. Clair County Child Development Program, organized in December, 1965, in Ashville is working to set up the Project Head Start in the entire County. There will be two centers. One at Ashville and one at Pell City. The chartered members consist of people from all sections of our county. The county organization consist the Board of Directors and Advisory Policy Committee. The Rev. James Palmer of Ashville is the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Committee and Board Members were elected without regard to race.

All functions of the organization will be governed according to Section 204 and 205 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. There will be no discrimination in the selection of children, teachers and other workers.

The program is organized to help the poor of St. Clair County who have children 4 to 6 years old who have not entered school.

The Head Director Mr. J. H.

Davis P. O. Box 281 Ashville will be taking applications for student participation, teachers and other workers such as bus drivers, cooks, social workers, teacher aids and volunteers, Jan. 20, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Ashville High School. All those who should like to apply may present themselves at that time.

Project Head Start is part of the anti-poverty program known as the Child Development Program. The main office is in Washington, D. C. The regional office is in Atlanta, Georgia. Phone 526-4501.

We plan to start classes by June 20, 1966 if all goes well with our application.

We should like to secure the help of the citizen of St. Clair County to help us plan and carry out the purposes of this program both private and public official.

Rev. James Palmer, Chairman.

Mr. J. H. Davis, Head Director.

St. Clair News-Aegis, April 17, 1958

Patricia Washington Is County Essay Winner

A Springville High School student, Patricia Washington, is the 1958 St. Clair County winner in the National Essay Contest.

Miss Washington was announced first-place winner and received the Governor's Meritorious Award; plus a \$25 Saving bond awarded Probate Judge M. W. Forman and Court of County Commissioners, at a ceremony at Springville High School this week.

Topic of her essay was "Why Hire The Physically Handicapped?"

Miss Sally Inzer, a representative of the Alabama Employment Service in St. Clair, and under whose auspices the essays were written, presided over the program.

The Rev. Paul Mabe was introduced by Springville High School Principal B. G. Smith, and led the devotional. Miss Inzer then presented Sam Canderday, vocational rehabilitation counselor in this area, who explained the duties of his office and the ways in which physically handicapped persons are aided in their rehabilitation. He cited two such people from our own community, now gainfully employed because of aid received through his office.

Mrs. Sara Holland, Regional Director of the Coosa Valley Library Association spoke of the willingness of her department to furnish materials and books for those who wished to do research in the writing of essays. If books are needed



PATRICIA WASHINGTON
Essay Winner

which are not available in their library facilities, they are willing to borrow from such books from other libraries.

Mrs. Ruby DeJernett Moore, English teacher at the Springville High School explained about the contest in which Patricia participated, and told of Patricia's having also been the winner for the County in the Birmingham News Oratorical Contest.

Judge Ward Forman presented the Governor's Meritorious Citation and the \$25 Savings bond to Patricia for her winning essay "Why Hire the Physically Handicapped?"

Judy Lovell led the student body in the singing of "America" and "America the Beautiful".

HUGH HARDY

Williamson New County Superintendent

The St. Clair County Board of Education has elected Hugh Hardy to be the new Superintendent of the County Board at their meeting Thursday night.

The new county school leader will succeed to the position left vacant by the death last Week of Orville D. Duran, and will serve the unexpired term of Mr. Duran.

Harold Williams, chairman of the County Board, said the election was unanimous, and that there was no other applicants for the job. The new education leader had been serving as assistant county superintendent. He worked part of the term of Supt D. O. Langston and during the three years that Mr. Duran has been superintendent.

Williamson earned his BS degree at Jacksonville College and his Masters at the University of Alabama. He taught for two years in the county system before going to work as assistant to Mr. Langston. Qualifications for the county superintendent's job include at least five years in the county school system either as a school principal or for the county board in an executive capacity and a Masters degree. Williamson qualified in all counts. In addition he has been in on the planning of the new school building program upcoming in this county and will be able to carry on with the plans.

The board did not appoint an assistant to the new superintendent, waiting until a later date to allow more time for recommendations for this important place.

PARENTS:

HERE IS THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT EDUCATION IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY

	State Pays	County Must Pay
Salaries of Teachers and Principals	\$1,440,839.00	\$1,211,571.00
		\$229,268.00
Transportation Costs . .	185,000.00	132,347.00
		52,653.00
Other Current Expense Maintenance, Heat, Light Bills, Janitor Salaries	122,175.00	114,353.00
		7,822.00
TOTALS	\$1,748,014.00	\$1,458,271.00
		\$289,743.00

Before the county can pay any funds for the above, we must set aside \$125,000.00 to pay on bond issues used to build the Duran Jr. High School, Pell City High School Gym., Ragland High School and the Ashville High School. Therefore, we must have \$289,743.00 + \$125,000.00 = \$414,743.00 of local funds to continue to operate at our same level. This leaves us short \$22,743.00. We have received \$389,000.00 so far from property tax. The beer tax amounted to approximately \$3,000.00 for the first 1 1/3 months.

We received the money from state on the basis of 217 teachers allotted to our system. We have to employ 22 extra teachers paid by local funds to keep 6 high schools accredited by state and 3 of these by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

We need increased teachers' salaries, additional teacher units, additional funds for transportation (We have been able to buy only 4 buses in the last three years), additional funds for other current expenses such as maintenance and operational costs. As of March first every one of our schools has had to begin paying its own light bill. The average light bill is about \$200.00 per month per school. The Bookmobile Service has been lost because there are not enough funds. In some counties the county board pays all of the funds needed with Title III. This county matches on a 50-50 basis for Title III, but a lot of our schools can not take advantage of this because they do not have the money.

If you are interested in your schools and want to help by writing letters, express your interest, concern and desire to the following:

Honorable Albert P. Brewer Governor of Alabama State Capitol Montgomery, Alabama 36105	Honorable Edwin Holladay Alabama State House of Representatives State Capitol Montgomery, Alabama 36105
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Honorable Aubrey Carr
Alabama State Senate
State Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama 36105

For you to help in this matter it should be done by March 10, 1969.

Compiled by your P.T.A.

517 pupils. These pupils are transported by 8 buses. In addition to the regular instructional program a well equipped library under the supervision of a trained Librarian.

The school has the following clubs to meet the needs and interests of the students: Library Club, Beta Club, F.T.A., F.H.A., F.F.A., Student Council Officers, and Annual Staff.

A Physical Education program is under way to meet the needs of every high school student. Two coaches and a girls Phys. Ed. teacher supervise this program. Each room in elementary school has a supervised play period each day.

In major sports our school has basketball and baseball teams.

If St. Clair County High School is to render the service it should in the future a new high school building, a gym, and a larger lunchroom are a necessity.

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First County High School Started In The Year 1908

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

(This is the 2nd. in a series of news stories dealing with every school in St. Clair County. Read the News-Aegis every week for the history of your school.)

In 1907 the state legislature passed a bill providing for the establishment of a county high school in each of the counties of the state. St. Clair county was one of the first five counties to take advantage of this offer. The present high school opened in the fall of 1908 with K. L. Benson as principal and Miss Minnie Woodall assistant. The enrollment was 26 students who became the first graduation class in 1912.

The course of study offered many subjects for a few minutes a day on certain days of the week where as today a few subjects are offered for 45 to 90 minutes a day. For the

first 7 or 8 years there were only 3 teachers but the faculty had grown to 7 teachers by 1925.

In 1925 the Vocational School was built providing instruction for boys in Vocational Agriculture and girls in Vocational Home Economics. Some later additions to the school have been the Auditorium, Lunchroom, and the modern 7 room Elementary building. The Auditorium will seat 400 and is used as a gym, for Physical Ed. classes, being used 7 periods a day.

St. Clair County High School today has a faculty of 18 teachers and a student body of

About The School

The History of St. Clair County Head Start

Head Start exists because it is founded on the principal that we have high hopes that it is possible to set children and their families on a course toward a better life. Believing that disadvantaged children suffered from a lack of money rather than a lack of intelligence, a war on poverty was launched.

St. Clair County Head Start strives to provide high quality comprehensive services to the children and families served. It also works to establish a partnership between federal and local staff to continuously improve quality Head Start delivery. A comprehensive relationship is nurtured with local school systems in order to deliver high quality services.

St. Clair County Head Start has provided area children with opportunities and experiences they might not have otherwise had since 1965. This program was created to break the cycle of poverty by providing a program designed to meet the emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs of the students we serve.

This program was housed in church basements, classrooms of St. Clair County Training School, old Eden Elementary School, and then finally, in the early 1980s moved to its present site Coal City School.

The initial Head Start Program began in 1965 under the leadership of Mr. John Davis. Mr. Walter M. Kennedy was instrumental in making this a model program in St. Clair County. Under his administration, the program progressively grew from 20, 100, to 160 students until he retired.

The baton was then passed on to Mrs. Elsie H. McGowan in 1994. The program grew even more to 217 students with more than 40 staff members and (2) 7-member governing bodies. After 16 years of dedicated service, she retired September 2010.

The program was led by 2 dedicated Co-Interim Directors, Mrs. Stephanie Stinson and Mrs. Susan Bradt from September 2010 until June 2011. They each served dual roles as Chief Fiscal Officer and HSTARS Manager respectively.

The torch is currently carried by Ms. LaToya Orr as Executive Director since June 2011, and the program currently strives to move onward and upward.