

***CITY OF PELL CITY***

*Mayor*

*City Council*

*and*

*School Board*

*Investiture*



*Center for the Performing Arts*

*November 7, 2016*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Mayor*

*Bill Pruitt*

*City Council*

*Jay Jenkins – District One*

*James McGowan – District Two*

*Blaine Henderson – District Three*

*Jason Mitcham – District Four*

*Jud Alverson – District Five*

*School Board*

*Joe Sawyer – District One*

*Cecil Fomby – District Two*

*Laurie Mize Henderson – District Three*

*Tammie Williams – District Four*

*Jeff Jones – District Five*

Program

<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>Judge Alan Furr</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Dr. John Thweatt</i>
<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	<i>PCHS JROTC</i>
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	
<i>National Anthem</i>	<i>Mrs. Marian Frazier</i>
<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>Judge Phil Seay</i>

Inaugural Meeting of the City Council

**REMARKS**                      **MAYOR BILL PRUITT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

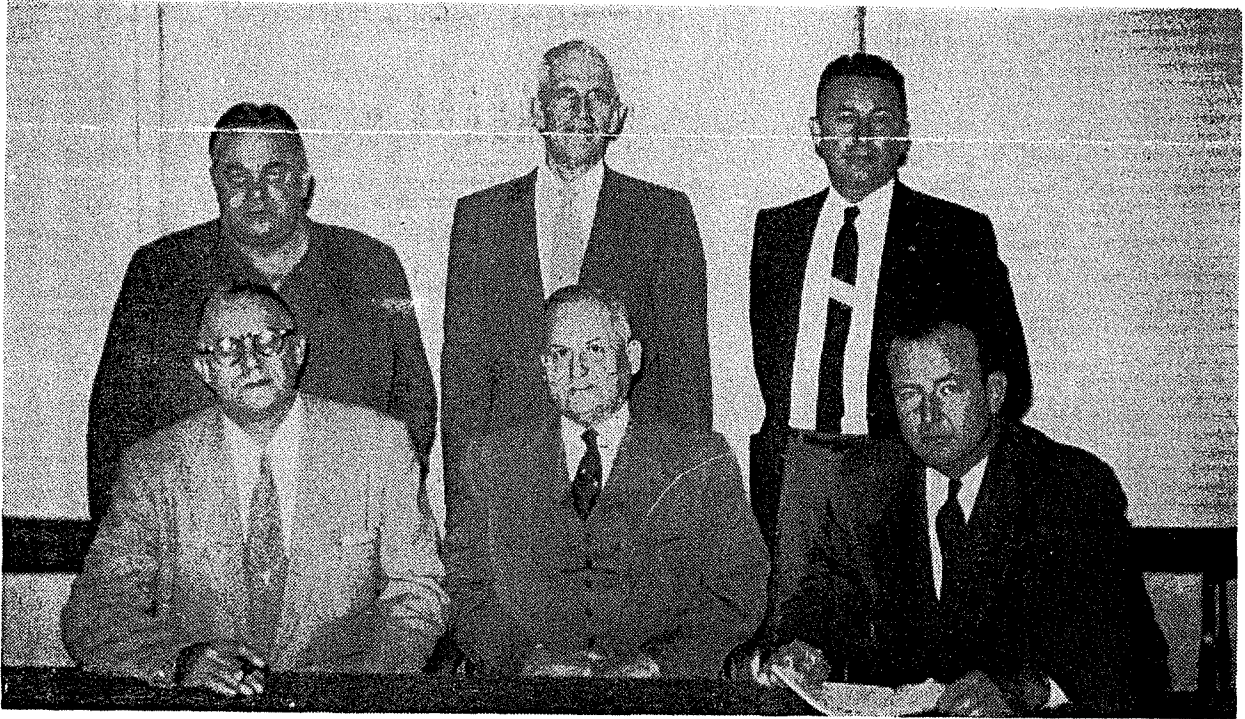
CITY CLERK'S

April 20, 1903 - April 18, 1904	McLane Tilton, Jr.
Feb. 1, 1915 - June 1, 1919	T. J. Kilgroe
June 1, 1919 -	Gordon McBain
Oct. 4, 1920- Nov. 27, 1931	W. F. Smith
Oct. 1, 1934 - Feb. 11, 1935	Mrs. Emma Fowler Cottingham
Feb. 11, 1935 -	Sam E. Fowler
Sept. 6, 1937 - Feb. 12, 1945	A. H. VanDevander
Feb. 12, 1945 -	R. R. Skelton
Oct. 4, 1948 - 1950	W. Austin Smith
Nov. 5, 1950 -	C. W. Scott
Feb. 4, 1952- Sept. 19, 1954	E. O. Martin
Sept. 12, 1954 - Nov. 30, 1989	Bettie Scott
Nov. 1989 - April 30, 1996	PeggyS. Lee
May 1, 1996 -	Brownie Drummonds

1902. Original settlers of the locality were Green G. Evans, John Truett, Marion Hazlewood and Abner Lacy. Its original promoter was George H. Pell of

progress on additional classroom facilities at the colored school.

Churches also play an important part on the Pell City scene and this capital



**THEY GOVERN PELL CITY**—Mayor Joe Kilgroe and members of the Pell City municipal governing body are pictured in the above photograph. On the front row (left to right) are Councilmen J. H. Stokes, J. B. Embry and Mayor Kilgroe. Standing are Councilmen Ed Blair, J. L. Garrett and E. L. Love Jr.

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## Election 1992

Mayor Lawrence Fields                      Mayor Pro Tem-Forest Walls  
Councilman Forest Walls  
Councilman James McGowan  
Councilman Johnny Degaris  
Councilman George Williams  
Councilman Mack Abercrombie  
Oct. 24, 1994 Johnny Degaris died  
Council seat remained opened

## Election 1996

Mayor Mack Abercrombie                      Mayor Pro Tem-Guin Robinson  
Councilman Forest Walls  
Councilman James McGowan  
Councilman Bernard White  
Councilman Guin Robinson  
Councilman John Abbott

Sept. 10, 1999 Mayor Abercrombie resigned  
Sept. 13, 1999 Guin Robinson appointed Mayor to serve unexpired term  
Sept. 13, 1999 James McGowan was elected Mayor Pro Tem  
Sept. 27, 1999 Donnie Todd, Jr. appointed for district # 4

## Election 2000

Mayor Guin Robinson (October 2, 2000) elected 1<sup>st</sup> full time Mayor  
Councilman Forest Walls                      Mayor Pro Tem James McGowan  
Councilman James McGowan  
Councilman Bernard White  
Councilman Donnie Todd, Jr.  
Councilman Darrin DeLoach



# MAYORS OF THE CITY OF PELL CITY

Greenberry Garrett Evans	1887-1891
N. B. Spears	1891-1903
William Jackson Purdy	1903
Sumpter Cogswell	1903-1904
T. S. Milsap	1904-1906
W. A. Starnes	1906
G. W. Pratt	1906-1908
Charles P. Pratt	1908-1911
E. A. Thompson	1911-1920
Frank Embry	1920-1922
Dr. J. O. Gray	1922-1924
Frank Embry	1924-1926
Sumpter Cogswell	1926-1941
Joe W. Kilgroe	1941-1944
W. T. Starnes	1944-1952
Joe W. Kilgroe	1952-1960
Sam F. Burt	1960-1964
-Otis Perry	1964-1970
Joe W. Kilgroe	1970-1971
Raymond F. Cox	1971-1972
A. E. Nixon	1972-1976
Paul Turner	1976
Hugh H. Williamson	1976-1984
Harvey C. Watson	1984-1988
Lawerence Fields	1988-1996
Mack Abercrombie	1996-1999
Guin Robinson	1999-

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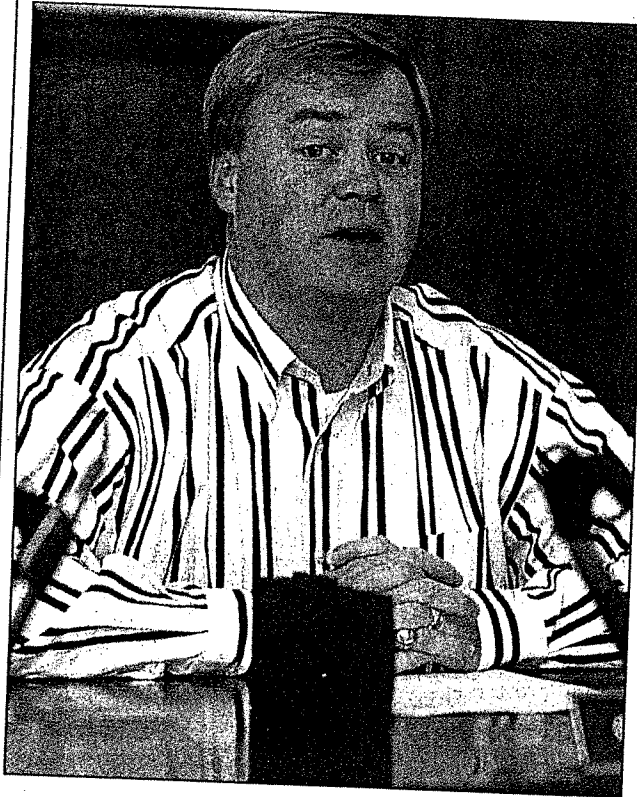
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**Guin Robinson, Pell City mayor pro-tem, is acting mayor following Mack Abercrombie's resignation Friday. The City Council will name a mayor Monday at the council meeting. The council will also appoint a new council member to replace the councilman chosen as mayor.**

# Resignation Pell City shocks c

By Chris Norwood  
Home staff writer

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# Drought to make market basket

By The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Alabamians

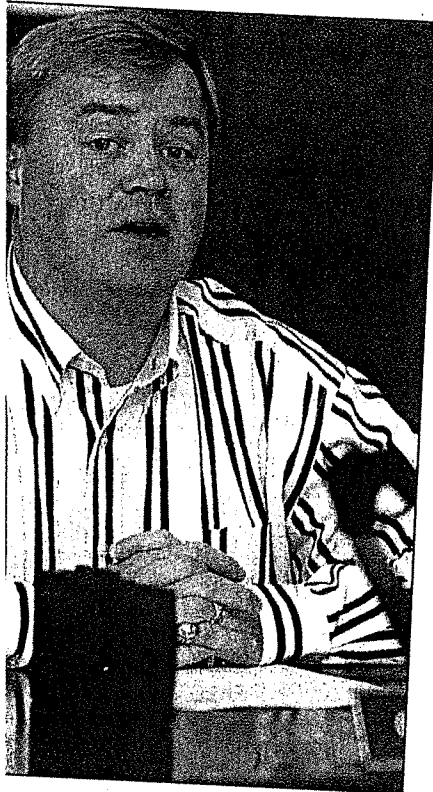
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Daily Home  
Sept 11 1999  
Labor Day



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Mack Abercrombie

Abercrombie said he would be returning to the private sector, and would not return to politics. He said he plans to spend more time with his wife and grandchildren.

"The council members are good

See Resignation, Page 10

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CITY OF PELL CITY

DEDICATION OF  
PELL CITY LAKESIDE PARK  
PELL CITY, ALABAMA

JUNE 10, 1990

2:00 P.M.



DEDICATED IN OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR  
TO THE CITIZENS OF PELL CITY

CITY OF PELL CITY

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

LAWRENCE FIELDS, MAYOR

BETTY TURNER

DALE RICHEY

JOHNNY DEGARIS

JAMES MCGOWAN

MIKE HUDSON

MAYORS

20 in 100 YEARS

NAPOLIEAN SPEARS  
W. GREEN EVANS  
W.J. PURDY  
GEORGE WALKER PRATT  
W.A. STARNES  
CHARLES PRATT

First minutes Feb. 1, 1915 at that time the following were  
serving: Mayor E.A. Thompson

Councilman S. Cogswell

C.R. Fay

U.C. Martin

J.L. Ragland

W.V. Walker

Election Sept. 16, 1918 (2 year term)

Mayor E.A. Thompson

Councilman Sumter Cogswell

W.A. Cornett

C.R. Fay

N.R. Shockley

H.M. Starnes

Election Sept. 20, 1920 (2 year term)

Mayor Frank Embry

Councilman H.M. Jones

H.V. Jones

J.V. Davis

Joe Willingham

Jas. L. Ragland

Election Sept. 18, 1922 (2 Year term)

Mayor Dr. J.O. Gray

Councilman S. Cogswell

U.C. Martin

J.L. Ragland

N.R. Shockley

E.W. Webb

Election Sept. 15, 1924 (2 year term)

Mayor Frank B. Embry  
Councilman C.B. Alverson  
S. Cogswell  
C.J. Fowler  
U.C. Martin  
N.R. Shockley

Election Sept. 20, 1926 (2 year term)

Mayor Sumter Gogswell  
Councilman T.J. Abbott  
W.L. Bramlett  
F.B. Embry  
U.C. Martin  
N.R. Shockley

Election Sept. 17, 1928 (2 year term)

Mayor Sumter Cogswell  
Councilman T.J. Abbott  
W.L. Bramlett  
F.B. Embry  
U.C. Martin  
N.R. Shockley

Election. 15, 1930

Mayor S. Cogswell  
Councilman T.J. Abbott  
W.L. Bramlett  
F.B. Embry  
U.C. Martin  
N.R. Shockley

No minutes until Nov. 5, 1934. Serving then were

Mayor Sumter Cogswell  
Councilman W.L. Bramlett  
F.B. Embry  
Blair Jones  
U.C. Martin  
N.R. Shockley

Election Sept. 21, 1936 (4 year term)

Mayor Sumter Cogswell

Councilman W.L. Bramlett

F.B. Embry

Blair Jones

U.C. Martin

N.R. Shockley

Jan. 3, 1939 F.B. Embry  
resigned and J.C. Renegar  
elected to fill vacancy

Election Sept. 16, 1940

Mayor Sumter Cogswell

Councilman W.L. Bramlett

Jack DeGaris

Blair Jones

Joe Kilgroe

U.C. Martin

Joe Kilgroe, Mayor Protem  
served from Aug. 4, 1941

Sept. 18, 1944

Mayor W.T. Starnes

Councilman U.C. Martin

Blair Jones

J.A. DeGaris

Lester Smith

E.L. Love

Election Sept. 20, 1948

Mayor W.T. Starnes

Councilman U.C. Martin

E.L. Love

Lester Smith

Jack DeGaris

J.L. Garrett

Election 1952

Mayor Joe W. Kilgroe

Councilman J.H. Stokes

J.L. Garrett

E.R. Blair

J.B. Embry

E.L. Love, Jr.



Election Sept. 17, 1956

Mayor Joe W. Kilgroe  
Councilman J.H. Stokes  
Otis H. Perry  
Earl Bowman  
E.L. Love, Jr.  
A.E. Nixon

Election 1960

Mayor Sam F. Burt  
Councilman J.H. Stokes  
Otis H. Perry  
J.R. Lowery  
R.F. Cox  
J.L. Garrett

Election 1964

Mayor Otis Perry  
Councilman J.R. Lowery  
R.F. Cox  
Wallace Shoemaker  
H.C. Clayton  
James S. Smith

Councilman Lowery died in March, 1965, and was replaced by A.E. Nixon

Councilman Shoemaker moved to Childersburg and Joe Kilgroe was appointed to fill the unexpired term in May, 1967.

Election 1968

Mayor Otis Perry  
Councilman R.F. Cox  
A.E. Nixon  
H.C. Clayton  
James S. Smith  
Joe W. Kilgroe

Aug. 10, 1970 Mayor Perry resigned as Mayor & Joe Kilgroe was appointed to serve the unexpired term. Otis Perry was appointed to serve on the council. Aug. 27, 1971, Mayor Kilgroe resigned as Mayor & R.F. Cox was appointed to serve the unexpired term. Paul Turner was appointed to serve on the council.

Election 1972

Mayor A.E. Nixon  
Councilman R.F. Cox  
Paul Turner  
Harvey Watson  
Charles Lockridge  
Forest Walls

Mayor Nixon died June 11  
1976. Paul Turner was  
appointed to serve the  
unexpired term.

Election 1976

Mayor Hugh H. Williamson  
Councilman R.F. Cox  
Paul Turner  
Charles Lockridge  
Forest Walls  
Joe Sawyer

Election 1980

Mayor Hugh H. Williamson  
Councilman Keith Porter  
Paul Turner  
Barnett Lawley  
Charles Lockridge  
Forest A. Walls

3/22/82 - Councilman  
Lockridge resigned as  
member of city council

4/12/82 - Dr. R.F. Cox  
elected to serve on  
council

Election 1984

Mayor Harvey C. Watson  
Councilman S.E. Kilgroe  
James McGowan  
Joe Wheeler  
Roy Holladay III  
Rickey Staples

Election 1988

Mayor Lawrence Fields  
Councilwoman District 1: Betty Turner  
Councilman District 2: James McGowan  
Councilman District 3: John A. DeGaris, Jr.  
Councilman District 4: Mike Hudson  
Councilman District 5: Dale Richey

PROGRAM

WELCOME	MAYOR LAWRENCE FIELDS
PELL CITY LAKESIDE PARK	COUNCIL WOMAN BETTY TURNER
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	REV. A.L. COURTNEY
SOIL CONSERVATION	ERNEST TODD
OUR CENTENNIAL YEARS	
THE MAYORS	JUDGE EDWIN HOLLADAY
COUNCIL MEMBERS	MAYOR LAWRENCE FIELDS
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	
CLOSING REMARKS	

any concerns to the commission. However, the second time Urso's request appeared on the agenda, Roberts tabled action a second time, saying residents of his district had complained of noise and traffic late at night when the club had been in operation in years past.

When contacted after the meeting, Roberts said that since St. Clair county has no zoning laws, there were

no grounds for denying the permit. "I was reluctant to recommend it (the license), but the ABC Board approved it, and he (Urso) has no criminal record, so there was really no reason for it to be turned down."

Roberts also said complaints about the previous operators were based on noise late at night. "But we can't hold that against the person who owns it now, we'll just have to see how things

go," he said.

In other business, the commission heard from Springville resident Eugene Farmer, who told them the condition of the road he lives on, Mountain View Road, has deteriorated greatly.

"The potholes are so bad that we have to go around them, and one day

See Commission, Page 19



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

afternoon at Sylacauga's J. in Sylacauga, Oak Grove,

# Abercrombie and Williams in runoff for Pell City mayor

Walls, McGowan, White and Robinson win council seats; Wheeler and Abbott in runoff

By Rob Strickland  
Home staff writer

After all of the more than 2,100 votes in the Pell City municipal election had been counted Tuesday night, Mack Abercrombie and George Williams came out on top in the race for mayor, with the winner to be decided in a runoff election. All the seats of the City Council had a winner Tuesday, with the exception of District 5, where Lynda Rayfield Wheeler and John D. Abbott IV will also participate in the Sept. 17 runoff.

Abercrombie received 776 votes to Williams' 524. The two other candidates for mayor, Stan Batemon and Sam Meason, received 433 and 435 votes, respectively. In the District 5 race, Abbott received 237 votes, and Mrs. Wheeler was the choice of 151 voters.

All of the candidates in the mayor's



George Williams



Mack Abercrombie

race said they are confident that Pell City will have a good mayor, regardless of who eventually wins.

George Williams said he was glad about the number of voters who participated in the election. "I appreciate the support I received, and I hope to continue to receive support in the runoff," he said. "But regardless of how the two runoffs turn out, our city is going to have an excellent mayor and council. We had some very good candidates all around."

Mack Abercrombie said he "was thrilled to death" with the results of the election. "I want to thank the good Lord, and the people of Pell

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*Won the run-off*

*Aug 28, 1996*

*Daily Home*

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*August 25, 1904 Coosa Valleyan*

*TS Millsap formally Mayor of Pell City has resigned his office to open a hotel in Columbiana. The City Council elected W A Starnes as Mayor.*

# Pell City Mayors

W. Green Evans mayor about 1891

Cosa Valleyan 4-19-1902 Election Mayor NQ  
Spears Aldermen: Sumpter Cogswell (clerk),  
Jackson Purdy, J. J. Hazelwood, Theo Zellmer, &  
John Cameron

June 1903 Cosa Valleyan Newspaper Mayor Colonel NQ Spears  
Clerk - Sumpter Cogswell

1903 March Cosa Valleyan Mayor Jackson Purdy  
Sumpter Cogswell - Clerk

April 18, 1903 Cosa Valleyan Election Sumpter Cogswell  
Mayor Clerk - 9-16-1903 Mayor Sumpter Cogswell  
McLane Tilton, Jr. Treasurer - Ed Mautz  
Aldermen: W.H. Miller, M. J. Lamby, H.A. Corbett, &  
NQ Spears & A.T. LeFite

Cosa Valleyan 4-14-1904 Mayor TS Millisap, Aldermen:  
Starnes, Le Fite, Kilgroe, Cogswell & Corbett  
St. Clair Herald 1906 Mayor Presiding WA Starnes  
March 1906 Mayor Starnes Aldermen: Cogswell,  
North & Mautz

St. Clair Herald 4-16-1906 Election  
Mayor George W Pratt - 27 votes W.A. Starnes - 27 votes  
Aldermen elected: Claud Alverson - 28 votes, Sumpter Cogswell -  
36 J.A. Laney - 24, A.T. Lick - 23, R.A. Martin - 42,  
W.H. Miller - 30, James L. North - 26, N.G. Speers - 24,  
& J.H. Walker - 24

Pell City Progress 1911 City Clerk T.J. Kilgroe  
E.A. Thompson - Mayor  
St. Clair Herald 1911 E.A. Thompson - Mayor  
Councilmen: J.E. Fox, W.W. Jellner, Sumpter Cogswell,  
J.T. Newbourn & T.J. Abbott

1921 Pell City News  
Frank A. Embry - Mayor W.A. Smith - Clerk

1922 Pell City News  
Mayor Frank A. Embry Clerk W.A. Smith Marshal Jno. Roberson  
City Attorney O.K. Garrett  
Aldermen: R.P. Love, J.L. Rayland, H.A. Cornett, J.V. Davis & Sumpter Cogswell

Pell City News 1922  
Election: Mayor Dr J. Q. Gray  
Aldermen: Sumpter Cogswell, ~~H. H. Corbett~~, ~~C. J. Gray~~  
VC Martin, J. L. Rayland, N. K. Shockey, & E. W. Webb

(1926?) - 1930 Sumpter Cogswell Mayor  
Election 9-15-1930

1944 Pell City News  
W. T. Starnes - Mayor City Council - Blair Jones, Jack  
de Larue, Lester Smith, VC Martin & E. L. Love

1948 Pell City News  
W. T. Starnes - Mayor City Council - J. L. Garrett, Jack  
de Larue, E. L. Love, Dr. VC Martin & Lester Smith

1952 Pell City News  
Mayor Joe W. Kilgroe City Council J. H. Stokes,  
E. L. Love, Jr., Lloyd Garrett & Edmund Blair

1956 Pell City News  
Mayor Joe W. Kilgroe City Council - J. H. Stokes,  
Otis Perry, Carl Bowman, E. L. Love, Jr. & Audrey Nixon

1960 Pell City News  
Mayor Sam Burt City Council - Otis Perry,  
J. H. Stokes, J. R. Lowery, J. L. Garrett, & Dr. Raymond Cox



September 6, 1930 Bell City News

Mrs. E. A. Thompson died Tuesday (9-4-1930)  
nee Josephine Fox born Arostook County,  
Maine 11-13-1850 married there 8-9-1876  
4 children 2 died in infancy resided in South-  
Carolina from 1885-1907 then moved to Bell City

2 daughters Mrs. J. L. Barnwell Abbeville, S. C.  
Mrs. Wasson Harmon Bell City  
Buried Croftwell Cemetery

E. A. Thompson - Early Mayor of Bell City & Supt.  
of Arostook Mills 1911

1964 St. Clair News Oregis

Charles P. Pratt - Prominent Bell City Man Dies Was Mayor of Bell City  
from 1908-1911 and Solicitor of St. Clair County. Said to be Bell City  
Youngest Mayor. Was also Field Director of American Red Cross 1918-1925  
A native of Waltham, S.C. came to Bell City in 1907  
His father George Pratt was the first President of Bell City Manufacturing Company

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January 1903 Coosa Valleyan Mayor Colonel NB Spears clerk--Sumpter Cogswell

March 1903 Coosa Valleyan Mayor Jackson Purdy Sumpter Cogswell--Clerk

April 18, 1903 Coosa Valleyan--Election Sumpter Cogswell--Mayor, Clerk--McLane Tilton, Jr., Treasurer--EJ Mautz, Alderman: WH Miller, M.O. Formby, H.A. Cornett, NB Spears, and A.T. LeFils

Coosa Valleyan 4-14-1904 Mayor T.S. Millsap, Alderman: Starnes, LeFils, Kilgroe, Cogswell, and Cornett

St. Clair Herald 1906 Mayor presiding W.A. Starnes, March 1906 St. Clair Herald Mayor Starnes and Aldermen--Cogswell, North and Martin

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Pell City Progress 1911 City Clerk--T.J. Kilgroe, E.A. Thompson--Mayor.

St Clair Herald 1911 E.A. Thompson--Mayor, Concilmen: J.E. Box, W.W. Zellner, Sumpter Cogswell, J.T. Mewbourne and T.J. Abbott

January 19, 1911 Pell City Progress Rev. G.G. Evans died at his home 3 miles NW of Pell City at 11 a.m. Tuesday. He was about 70 years old and was Mayor of Pell City about 20 years ago.