

WILLE SUN, GREENEVILLE

Rev. W. C. Morrison came to Greenville in 1951 and served as pastor of Friendship until 1955. The Church program continued to be successful under his leadership. Josephine Morrison began teaching at the George Clem School in 1953 and taught until the close of the 1959 school term when she resigned.

Rev. and Mrs. Morrison rendered invaluable service to the Friendship Baptist Church and also to the community at large. They reside in Alcoa.

Rev. Addison was pastor of Friendship for a short time.

The present pastor, Rev. C. C. Mills, accepted the call to Friendship in September, 1956. He and Mrs. Mills are doing a fine job at the church and also in the community.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in 1941 and soon the construction of a church was begun on Davis Street. The cornerstone of this church was laid in 1957 during the pastorate of the present pastor, Rev. C. Dorsey.

The Church of Christ is located on Anderson Street. The Seven Day Adventist Church is under construction on Henry Street. These churches have been organized only a short time.

The first school for Negroes was the old Academy School located on Church Street where the Municipal Building is under construction. The second school was a small two room brick building on Railroad Street which was condemned in 1921. Rev. J. H. Fort and Mrs. Adrian McGhee were teachers there for many years.

The school known as Greenville College was established in the late 1890's on the site where our present school is located. Greenville College was strictly a church school. It was operated by the Educational Board of the General A.M.E. Zion Church. The first president was Prof. Chandler. He was followed by Prof. Taylor, and then Prof. J. W. Younge, Dean of Swift Memorial College at Rogersville, was called by the Church Board to serve as the third president of the boarding school. This took place about 1915.

Students attended Greenville College from many states. A new block building was completed in 1922. This school was recognized far and wide as an excellent school. This was the only school for Negroes since the other school was no longer available. Greenville College was especially known

for its fine music department. Pres. Younge remained at the school until 1932 when he accepted the position of General Financial Secretary of the A.M.E. Zion connection. He moved his family to Salisbury, N. C., where they made their home. He passed several years ago.

In 1932, the boarding school was closed and the city of Greenville established a public school of junior high school level under the principalship of A. M. Gilbert. The school was now called Greenville College High School.

George W. Clem became principal in 1935. In 1937, the transition from the two-year to the four-year type was begun. In 1938, the school became a four year accredited high school. The class of 1938, consisting of sixteen members, represented the first graduating class in the history of the school composed entirely of Greenville residents.

In 1939, by order of the Mayor and City Board of Aldermen, the school was named George Clem School as a tribute to the late George W. Clem, former principal.

Mrs. Dorothy Clem, R. C. Martin and Rev. E. T. Pugh served as principals of the school until 1949.

The beautiful new George Clem School was completed in 1950. In the fall of that year, an enthusiastic faculty with W. F. Taylor as principal, and an inspired group of students entered the new school.

Otis A. Peeler was the principal of the school until this year. William Jackson is the present principal. The aim of the school is to develop mature integrated individuals. The George Clem School sends graduates forth imbued with the desire to serve where best they can.

The Negro Women's Civic Club was organized June 11, 1950, with a charter membership of thirty-six. The slogan of the club is "A Better Greenville". The club was organized with the following aims in mind; to help foster a recreational program for the youth in Greenville; to encourage our youth to obtain an education and to become good citizens; to assist in all drives for the betterment of Greenville; to aid our schools and our churches; and to lend assistance to the needy in our community.

The club conceived the idea of building a swimming pool to serve the community. This was a big project for a group of women to undertake. Ground was broken for the pool in July, 1951, but the lack of funds delayed its completion.

The women never ceased to work toward their goal. Construction actually began on June 19, 1954. The pool was dedicated August 7, 1954. On that date a dream became a reality.

Although the swimming pool was the major project, other civic ventures were not to be neglected. The club has participated annually in the Red Cross Drive and the Polio Drive. The club gives a contribution yearly to the Crippled

Children's Fund; it distributes baskets of food and makes cash donations at Christmas time. The club has assisted the school and the churches on many occasions. Each year the club awards a \$50.00 scholarship to the highest ranking senior of the George Clem School who enters college in the fall to further his education.

As a result of the work of this club, a recreational program for our youth supervised by a recreation director was started. A picnic area is now in use adjacent to the pool.

Mrs. Lena B. Lee was the founder of the Negro Women's Civic Club, and the following women have served as president: Mrs. Carrie Robinson, Mrs. Georgia B. Campbell, Mrs. Margaret Crum, Mrs. Florence Jones and Mrs. Mary Belle Carson, the present president.

The promise of what man is yet to do is not based on the things that man has done, but beyond all possible comparison will be the wonder of the things that man will do.

Many years ago, the exact date now forgotten by the past leaders, Mrs. Guy Shoun, Mrs. Fain Yost, and Mrs. Charles Brown started the first Girl Scout movement in Greene County.

Mrs. Guy Shoun headed the activity, and Mrs. Charles Brown led a troop of Juniors, while Mrs. Fain Yost headed the Intermediates.

Later Mrs. Margaret Bartlett had a troop for several years.

The history of Girl Scouting in Greenville seems to be blank pages until the 1947 date when the Youth Builders took over the effort.

The club as a whole took over and started three troops. The only aid given these troops was the financial and physical support of Youth Builder members.

Six years ago after meetings in Kingsport, Bristol, and Johnson City, the Area Girl Scout Council was organized. It has jurisdiction over ten East Tennessee counties.

The Area Girl Scout Council provides district directors who trained the volunteer adult workers.

The Girl Scouts have been provided with a district day camp, located on the Sam Saulsbury farm on the Newport Road.

This is a two-week camp, and the girls go four days a week by bus from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

At the camp, open to all registered Girl Scouts and Brownies, the girls learn outdoor lore, camp skills, and craftwork. The camp is staffed by volunteer workers.

An established two-week camp is at Sky-wa-mo, located outside Elizabethton. This camp is often used for week-end troop camps. The Girl Scout program is open to all girls between the ages 7 to 17, and is a progressive program. The Brownies are from ages 7 through 9, Intermediates are aged 10 through 13, and Seniors are girls aged 14 through 17.

The program progresses in outreach as the girls get older and learn more skills and the way of life that builds fine character, independence, a love of the outdoors, and the ability to care for themselves in primitive surroundings.

The primary function of Senior scouting is "aid to others". Senior Scouts render hospital service and aid their younger counterparts, the Brownie Scouts.

They also participate in varied fields of service, including Civil Defense and a Red Cross home nursing program.

Open to Seniors is the chance to participate in the activities of the International Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. This Association places an emphasis on the establishment of good international relations. It provides girls with an opportunity to have international experiences.

They may go to foreign countries to camp; another possibility is the exchange of adult scouts. Last year, the Juliette Lowe World Friendship Fund brought an adult scout from Athens, Greece, to this area.

The Girl Scouts have an annual National Roundup, in which Scout representatives from 25 foreign countries and all the states of the Union are represented. The roundup will be held in Colorado this summer.

At Cuernavaca, Mexico, which is near Mexico City, the Girl Scouts have an international hostel named "Our Cabana". Girls all over the world raise money to finance the two-week stay at this hostel. Similar hostels are in different countries all over the world.

The Greenville Girl Scouts have 19 troops, totaling 412 girls and 181 adults.

The Brownies number 216, there are 154 Intermediates, and 42 Senior Scouts.

There are 43 adult leaders, 133 troop committee members, and three adults on the Appalachian Council Board.

The District 5 leader for the Girl Scouts is Mrs. Dottie Carey.

Greenville is divided into "neighborhoods", with a chairman heading each neighborhood.

Mrs. Alvin Lee Hankins is chairman of the Unaka neighborhood; Mrs. Fred Honeycutt, Trailblazer neighborhood; Mrs. Audrey Cates, Royalty neighborhood, and Mrs. H. S. Anderson, chairman of the Cherokee neighborhood at Tusculum.

Mrs. H. S. Anderson is chairman of the Matcham neighborhood.

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