

# Historical Review



Rockwood's Centennial Year

1868 - 1968



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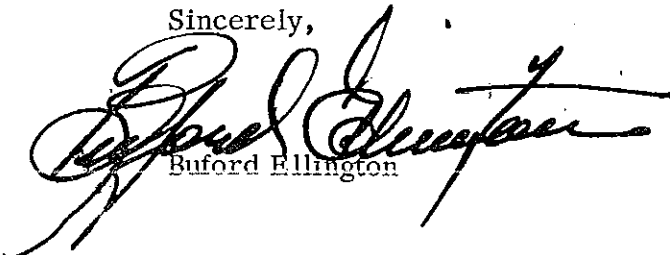
I wish to take this opportunity to commend the farsightedness of the people of Rockwood and Roane County for starting a trend which has made East Tennessee the industrial giant it has become today.

Without the advanced thinking of such stalwart men as General John T. Wilder, Colonel W. E. Rockwood and Captain W. E. McElwee, Tennessee would not have advanced so rapidly in the industrial arena of America.

You have yourself to thank for carrying on the dreams of such outstanding men, and the whole Upper Cumberland Area has profited and benefited from your example.

I extend my congratulations to you on the Centennial Year, and it is my hope and belief that your advancement and contributions will continue throughout the coming years.

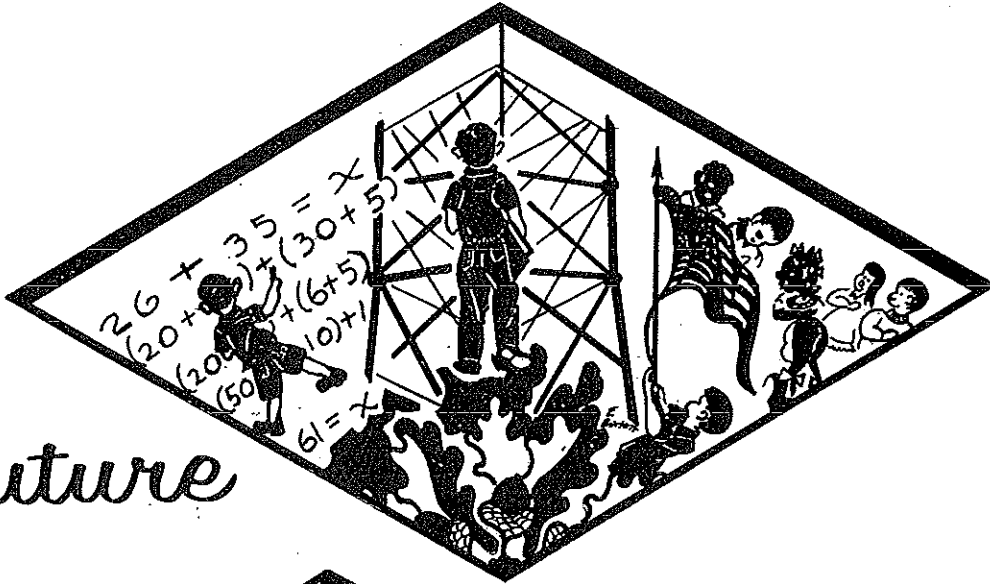
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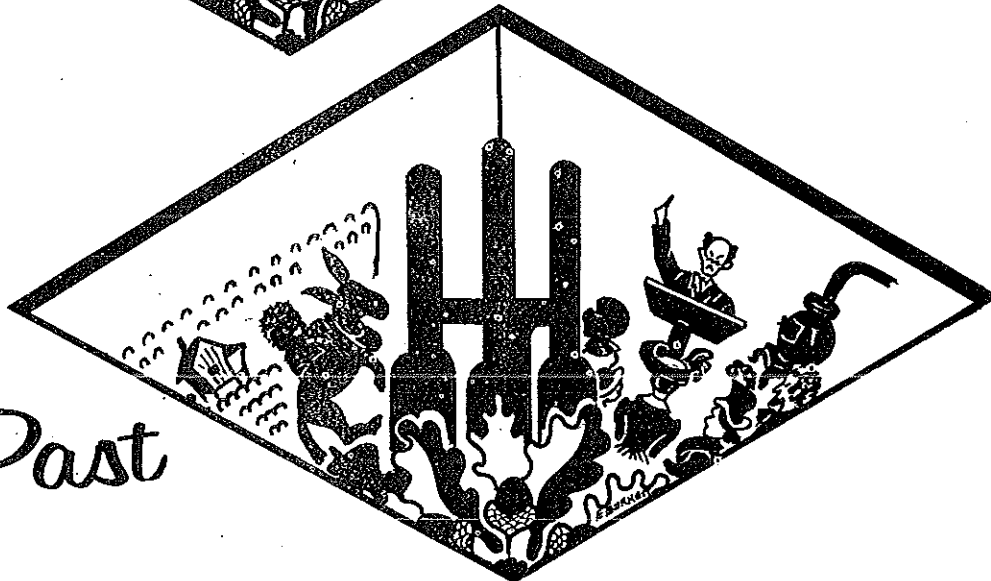
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# UNITED STATES SENATORS JOIN IN CONGRATULATING AREA ON 100TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

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COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 15, 1968

### TO THE CITIZENS OF ROCKWOOD AND ROANE COUNTY:

My warmest congratulations to the citizens of Rockwood and Roane County on this observance of Rockwood's 100th anniversary! We have seen a tremendous amount of progress in our area in these past 100 years. Rockwood has grown into a throbbing, vital community of which our entire state can be proud.

But as we pause to reflect over the past 100 years, it is fitting also that we look forward to the 100 years ahead. The coming years hold in them great challenge and bright promise. But it will take the same kind of work, sacrifice and effort to meet this challenge and realize this promise that it took in the past 100 years to reach the point of development you have today.

I join with you in this celebration and look forward to working in close harmony with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Howard H. Baker, Jr.*  
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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 1, 1968

Honorable Ray R. Baird, President  
Rockwood Area Centennial Committee, Inc.  
P. O. Box 269  
Rockwood, Tennessee

Dear Ray:

My congratulations to you and all the fine citizens of Rockwood on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

Rockwood and the entire Tennessee Valley have come a long, long way in the last century, and particularly in the last three decades. Some credit is due the land we love and its abundant resources, but most, I believe, should go to the people, past and present, who have spent their years on earth contributing in one way or another to the abundance we enjoy today.

Let us be thankful on this 100th year, but let us also dedicate ourselves to the purpose that a century from now future generations may be equally thankful for the progress to which we may contribute today.

With best wishes for a successful Celebration,  
I am

Sincerely yours,  
*Albert Gore*  
Albert Gore

AG:mlr



# Forward

When Christ went home to teach, the people asked who was he but a carpenter's son. He replied with the famous quotation, "A prophet will always be held in honour, except in his home town, and in his own family." And so it follows that to be accepted in one's home town can be a thrilling experience - first, to have the Centennial Committee accept my design for the seal and second, to be surprised with the question, "Would I be the editor of the book?" In fact, I was too surprised to say, "No".

With only a few weeks to gather data, the job seemed altogether impossible. It would have been so without the complete cooperation of everyone and interest that each has given. And, first, to everyone I would like to express my sincere gratitude,

Although I have drawn a great deal from the memories of my father, his wonderful store of knowledge of history, people, and folklore; and his sense of humor; from the heritage I have been so fortunate to receive by growing up among wonderful people who lived in Post Oak Springs - a community over sixty-five years old before the birth of Rockwood - this book is yours because you are the ones who have written it, and no one person could have possibly written it in the time that it has been done. There are as many different personalities exhibited in the styles of writing as there are people who wrote. We strived for human interest, humor, history, fun, and facts. We hope that we have gained all of these.

In Fredonia, Kansas, I have a very good friend who is one of my Professors retired from the University of Tennessee. When I sent her a paper containing the announcement of the seal, she surprised me with a prompt reply stating that in her

judgment you had made a good selection and that they too are celebrating their centennial this same year, and that she is deep in activities there as we are here. In later correspondence she has reminded me that in the book mistakes will be made, but to please remember that I will be even more aware of them than anyone else.

In talking with different people about Rockwood's Centennial, some seem to have the opinion that all has to be history, all pictures old, all achievements happenings of long ago. We have tried to gather from each decade of the century, including the last as well as the first. Our students at school are just as enthusiastic about making their centennial dresses in home economics classes and the boys are having just as much fun growing whiskers as their parents or grandparents. We hope that all ages realize that they do belong to this century and that the very young are only now beginning the preface for Rockwood's second centennial book.

Rockwood has had its ups and downs - its families and its individuals have known hardships and tragedies - they have known times of plenty. Some have had to uproot family ties to find livelihood elsewhere; some have been able to stay and still be successful. When Paul wrote to his friends at Phillippi he told them that he knew what it was like to be brought low, and to have plenty. He had thoroughly been initiated into the human lot with all its ups and downs - fullness and hunger, plenty and want. But he had learned to have the strength to live with either through Him who gave him this power. He admonished them with this beautiful verse: "And now, my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable - fill your thoughts with these things." (Phillipians 4: N E B)

Elsie Staples Burkett, Editor

# Acknowledgment

The editor wishes to express her appreciation to the members of her committee: Mrs. Baxter Patton, Mrs. Rusty Jiles, and Geraldine Wallick for their prompt and patient help in typing; to Mrs. Charles E. Fuls for the free use of her abundant files of pictures and stories she has collected over the years and also for her unending help in assembling the various submissions; to Mrs. E.T. Ingram, Sr., for her patient help and advice in collecting and assembling entries; to Mrs. Judson Carson for her many hours spent in helping assemble as she shared with us her experiences she learned from childhood by helping her mother publish The Dandridge Banner and The Jefferson County Standard; and to Mrs. Claude Cunningham for typing and helping individuals write articles with which they needed help; to Senator Ray Baird for the encouragement he has given to me through his constant expression of faith in my ability; to members of other centennial committees who have shared their interest with us; and most of all to the many citizens of the Rockwood area for their submissions to this book, for their cooperation in doing so, and for my pleasant associations with all who have indeed made this task a very rewarding one.

Elsie Staples Burkett, Editor

# Historical Background

In 1794 the land upon which the City of Rockwood is now located was owned by the Indians. A territorial legislature was convened at Knoxville that year and passed an act which provided that a wagon road was to be built from South West Point (now Kingston) to the settlements on the Cumberland (now Nashville). The Cherokees claimed the territory through which this road must pass and felt the white man had no right to cross their lands. When the first ferry crossed the Clinch River near South West Point, Indians were standing on the west bank of the river and demanded toll be paid before the boat could land.

This road was the cause of numerous conflicts. In 1799 the General Assembly of Tennessee recognized the correctness of the Indians' position and passed an "act respecting the road as stipulated by the Treaty of the Holston" and hostilities ceased. The new road west "began at the old fort where Thomas Norris Clark established a ferry, passed through the valley of Post Oak Springs and ascended the mountain at a low gap . . ."

"Home-seekers poured in from the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and even New England. They came with North Carolina land grants, either earned in service or purchased from veterans or speculators. The Walton Road was congested with 'movers' during the summer and autumn months - great topheavy North Carolina wagons drawn by oxen, broad-tired farm wagons piled high with household goods, and crude sledges with runners of hickory or oak; befrilled gentlemen astride blooded horses, rawboned farmers on hairy plow nags, peddlers and merchants with their trains of donkeys, immigrants too poor to afford horse or ox, plodding through the dust clouds with their meager belongings and children on their backs - all moving west toward the promise of land in Tennessee." (TENNESSEE, A Guide to the State, p. 48.)

The land at the foot of the Cumberland Mountain where Rockwood was later built was part of Grant No. 209 issued to Stockley Donaldson and James Wood Lackey from the State of North Carolina. Although many claims were being made by the white man, the Cherokee did not sign over title to their land until October 25, 1805, in the Treaty of Tellico. It was at this time Chief Tullentusky was allowed to hold a mile-square reserve on land which included what is now known as Brick Yard Springs in Rockwood. About fifteen years later the old Chief leased this reserve and moved to Missouri where he died.

By 1812 Hugh Dunlap owned an interest in the original Donaldson-Lackey grant and lived on a 640-acre tract which included a part of what is now the City of Rockwood. His house stood near the present location of the Rockwood Times building. In 1817 Hugh Dunlap sold all his interest in the original grant to Thomas Brown and John McCampbell. (RORC, D.B.E., -1, p. 154)

Thomas Norris Clark owned land adjacent to the Dunlap tract in 1817, and this was known as the "foot of the mountain" tract. He also held the lease on the Tullentuskie reserve. William Brown purchased this land from Thomas N. Clark and held it until 1834 when he sold to Joseph Kimbrough who built his home there. His heirs still owned this land when General Wilder and Captain Chamberlain bought the tract in 1865.

Members of the Brown family were large land holders in Roane County. General John Brown was the first sheriff of Roane County and lived in Kingston. He later operated the Cumberland Turnpike from the foot of the Cumberland Mountain at William Brown's to where John Kimmer first settled just beyond Daddy's Creek. (Public Acts, 1822, Chap. CVII)

General Brown, after the death of his first wife, decided to move to Missouri and conveyed his property in trust to his son, Robert A. Brown. (RORC, D.B.E., -1-556). John Brown then remarried, decided to remain in Tennessee, and moved to the "Dunlap Place" where he lived until his death on September 10, 1846.

John W. Brown, son of Gen. John Brown, inherited "the west one half of the Dunlap place" from his father, and it is believed he built, in the 1850's, the house known for the "Rockwood Oak," the home of the late Mrs. J.M. Clack. Many are the stories about the visitors who stopped at his home to rest beneath the old oak trees and obtain rested horses in exchange for tired ones that had pulled a wagon or coach over the rocky mountain road.

At this time, the nearest settlement to what is now Rockwood was known as Post Oak Springs. This village boasted an academy, church, and several places of business.

The War Between the States brought many changes in the lives of persons who lived in this area. Many left never to return and others came with the Union Army to catch their first glimpse of the beautiful streams and the heavily foliated ridges of East Tennessee. The conflict brought General John T. Wilder, one of the most noted brigade commanders in the Union Army, who recognized that here was an area with great possibilities for industrial development. He saw that here was the Tennessee River upon which barges could be floated for shipping, the land held great amounts of iron ore, and nearby ridges contained valuable deposits of coal. He believed that here was an area with great possibilities for industrial development. He saw that here was the Tennessee River upon which barges could be floated for shipping, the land held great amounts of iron ore, and the nearby ridge contained valuable deposits of coal. He believed that here was the ideal location to build the first furnace south of the Ohio to use mineral coal for the production of iron.

In September, 1865, General John Wilder and a friend, Captain Hiram S. Chamberlain of Knox County, purchased 728 acres of land from John W. Brown and the heirs of Joseph Kimbrough. (RORC D.B.E.-1 pp. 354, 355, 359) Three years later, on March 21, 1868, there arrived at Kimbrough's Landing (Rockwood Landing) a shipment of material to build the first furnace for what proved to be a business venture that would last 100 years.

Capt. W.E. McElwee has left us the story of how Rockwood got its name. On March 11, 1868, the steamer towed a barge to the river landing bearing a "Blandy" saw mill. Capt. McElwee was acting as agent for Gen. Wilder and had the authority to sign a receipt for the saw mill so the deliverer could get his pay. He started to head the receipt "Bells" for the name of the post office then kept at the Kimbrough place. Just as he started to write he was handed a letter stating that Mr. W.O. Rockwood had been elected president of the newly formed Roane Iron Company and the place would be named for him. It was thought the name properly described the location, and the first paper written headed "Rockwood" was a receipt for an old fashioned Blandy saw mill.

When sufficient material had been assembled and the day arrived to begin construction work, Gen. Wilder was greatly disturbed by what he saw. He knew the Civil War had not been over long enough for all animosities to have died down and could not imagine why so many men were beginning to gather. There was Capt. Wat Robbs with his cross cut saw, Squire Hector had a froe, James Griffith held a broad axe and others carried falling axes. He was delighted when told that this was a neighborly custom and these men were all coming to assist him.

Nathaniel Green built the first house that was erected in Rockwood. He had a contract with the new Roane Iron Company to build six log houses near the location for the furnace. The location of old Rockwood was what Davy Crockett would have called a "roaring thicket." An open way was cut and this path

later became Spring Street. Hiram McHaffee, a saw and hammer carpenter, had contracted to build one-room houses along that open way and old man John Godsey had the contract to build stick and dirt chimneys to them. A log house with an upstairs was built on what was afterwards called "Welch Row." This was a boarding house for the laborers and was kept by William White and family. Welch's Row was where the creek runs below the Tennessee Central Railroad and, in later years, at the lower end lived one Solomon Eskridge (Col.) who made and sold Green Flag liniment. The label had a big green flag on it and its virtues are now known; but he did a thriving business.

The furnace was completed and the first cast made on December 8, 1868, a little over eight months from the time the first parts were landed at Kimbrough's Landing. At that time only one steamer, the Cherokee, made one trip a week when the water was high enough. It could only carry 50 tons. General Wilder said, "The lumber was made, the brick burned, the building erected, the iron and coal mines were opened and a wagon road was built to the river, all in eight months and seventeen days. I can assure you that we worked diligently rain or shine."

Within eighteen months many people from Wales, England, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and other distant places came to Rockwood to work in the mines and at the furnace. It became necessary to build additional houses for employees and "Miner's Square" developed. (Rockwood High School and the adjoining recreational area is the location where the houses that made up Miner's Square were built). This development consisted of 16 houses: 4 faced Rockwood Avenue, 8 faced Wheeler Street, and 4 faced Strang Street.

The Roane Iron Company was ever mindful of the people who worked for them. Soon after the furnace was started they erected a community church and school. In 1875 Rockwood had the only two public schools in the county.

Up to 1880 the Town of Rockwood only extended down to Lenoir Street. When the Cincinnati Southern railroad was nearing completion, the part of town known as New Rockwood was laid out. The street nearest the railroad was named Front Street, and the construction of new buildings began. The first house to be built was a hotel and then the "Old Kentucky Saloon" was erected. John Montgomery immediately built a livery stable across the street from the hotel, and then Bob Short built a saloon on the corner of Front and Rathburn Streets.

The late Mrs. H.K. Evans came to Rockwood in 1881 to visit her aunt, Mrs. Ed Shanks, who lived in the Miss Kate Rodgers home. She said the way from the railroad to her aunt's home was an ore-dusted pig and cow path following what is now Rockwood Avenue. She recalled, "I remember that this was the day of voluminous petticoats with ruffles of white embroidery, and it was something to get the stain of red ore out of the ruffles after we had trailed them over the ground in some of our strolls."

The City of Rockwood was incorporated in 1890. "New" Rockwood and "Old" Rockwood was about a mile on Rockwood Avenue as the buildings were constructed. Bland Branch ran down Rockwood Avenue on the north side from Chamberlain Avenue and the course of it was changed in 1890 so that the main street of the town could be built along without the citizens having to jump the branch on that side of the street. In 1890 the new town boasted a population of 3,500 citizens. At this time some of the leading business men were J.F. Tarwater and T.J. Brown, ore contractors; D.M. Coffman, editor of the Rockwood Times; D.T. Peterman, A.J. Owings, J.D. Avery, John Swafford, S. Blaine Leeper, Acuff and Carter, George Cooper and John East, Eblen and Morrison, O. Steinwehr, J.H. Donaldson, merchants; Hon. F.D. Owings, Capt. W.E. McElwee, Harry Evans, J.W.C. Wilson, Charles Haley, E.T. Ingram, Henry and Ernest Tauscher, T.B. Clark and M. Fouché.

Others who started out by working for the Roane Iron Company, or had been helped by them to get started in business, were Capt. Tarwater, Capt. J.N. Baker, Sewell Howard, Ed Bayless, Blaine Leeper, E.T. Ingram, Sam Hinds, son of James Hinds, Capt. V.A. Heath, Hon. Will Millican, J.H. Tate, James Sartin, Tom Ragle, Tom and Jim Swaggerty, Dr. Tom Bowers, Florin Register, Sam Blake, Ernest Shadden, Sam and Tom Day, Clint Baird, Albert Etter, W.L. Verran, Fred Wright, M.H. Phillips, W.D. Acuff and George Tedder.

Within four years after the new town was incorporated new buildings mostly filled the block between Wilder Street and Chamberlain Street on Rockwood Avenue. In July of 1894 a most devastating fire swept away everything on the south side of the street except the building on the corner of Chamberlain Street and Rockwood Avenue. A few months later another fire burned to the ground all but one building on the north side of the street.

It was the custom from the earliest days of building the new town for all citizens to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy a celebration. Regardless of whether it was a stroll on Sunday afternoon to see the train come in, a boat ride on the river, Fourth of July celebration, or a Memorial Day Service, everyone participated in the event.

When our country became involved in the Spanish American War, Col. D.L. Coffman organized a company of 128 men from Rockwood and the surrounding area, Col. Coffman came to Roane County in 1876 and established, in 1880, a newspaper called "The Times."

The Tennessee Central Railroad was completed in 1900, and made available the timber and mineral resources of the Cumberland Plateau as well as adding another convenient method of shipping manufactured products from Rockwood.

Rockwood was built by many individuals of whom there are no written records of their achievements. In 1904 Judge A.P. Thompson was told by Capt. Hiram S. Chamberlain, president of Roane Iron Company, "I assert without fear any contradiction that we have in Rockwood the most intelligent and prosperous lot of employees of any company in the United States, north or south. Why, the different professions are being filled by sons of our older employees, and they are nearly all getting rich. Take Henry Richards for example. He was one of our miners formerly. One of his sons is a physician, and his other sons are leading business men, and Henry Richards is now rich. And the grand old man, Capt. Peterman, used to work for us for wages. Now I am looking for him and his sons to propose buying the Roane Iron Company out. He owns the best block in town, the biggest store in the county, one of the best residences and the Lord only knows what else, and Tom Peterman can best any Jew between Pensacola and New York running a store. George McLane, an old miner, is now one of our bank directors, and look at the property he owns. And there is Dr. Phillips of Briceville, son of our furnaceman, and Dr. Nelson, son of our former mine superintendent, and I do not have time to tell it all nor you the time to listen to me tell. Why many of our laborers have pianos in their homes and luxuries of all sorts. I am proud of our Rockwood people, and I tell you I am going to keep one furnace at least going if I have to stack the iron on the yard and wait for prices to get better."

"With the dawn of the twentieth century, Rockwood entered upon a period of growth in wealth, population and importance exceeding even the first three eventful decades of the city's history. In a special referendum election held in 1903 a new city charter was adopted barring saloons. Civic and cultural organizations were formed. The old mining camp town, crude and rough and wholly centered around one industry, was changing into a well developed community of diversified industries, with varied interests and activities." (Brochure prepared by Harry Seward)

From the dense wilderness to which General Wilder came, Rockwood has grown to be an outstanding transportation, industrial and recreation center.

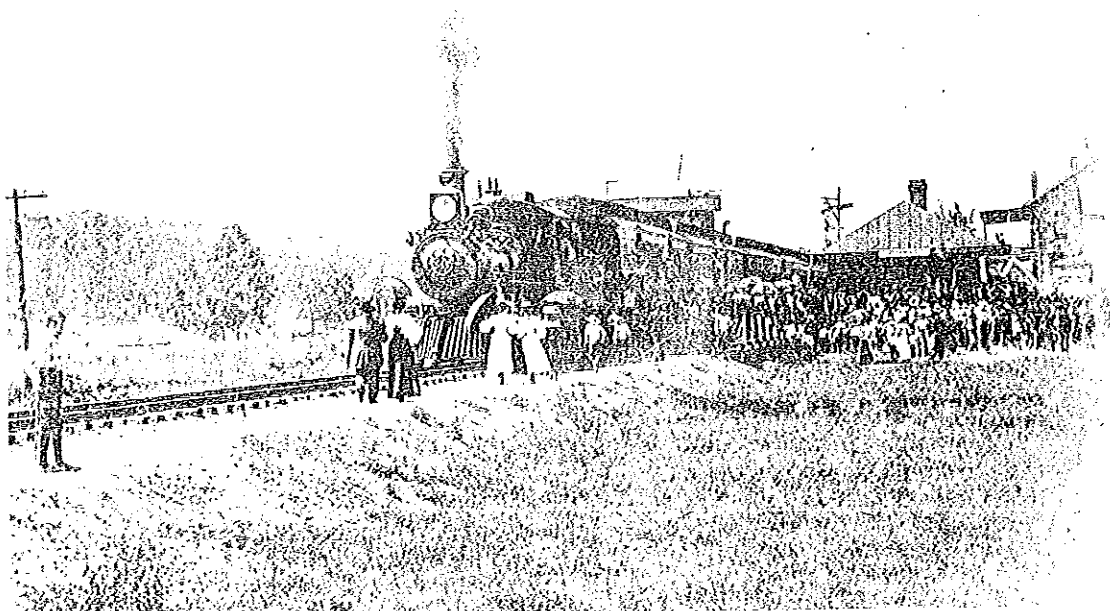
# Old Rockwood From The Mountain



This photograph taken from atop Roosevelt Mountain in the 1890's showed the entire City of Rockwood at that time being located in what is now called "Old Town." The new part of the city which is now downtown Rockwood was just beginning to be settled with the coming of the Cincinnati Southern

Railway. Note the Roane Iron Co. furnaces in left foreground, the two-story Company Store (Commissary), the neat homes and well laid out streets. This photo was taken by C. F. Steinwehr and is from Mrs. Eva Lee Fulks' collection.

## Hurrying To Meet The Train



This photo was taken shortly after the turn of the century when the City of Rockwood, at long last, "voted out whiskey" and eliminated saloons, at least in the city limits. This was a day of great celebration and a special train was secured for an excursion trip in honor of the event. Note the well dressed gentleman and lady under the umbrella in front of the engine and the full puffed sleeves of the ladies running to greet friends at the station. The building at right of the station is the old Walden Hotel.

# Government

## PRESENT CITY OFFICIALS

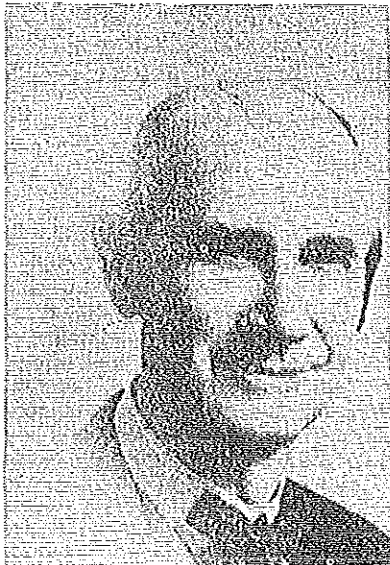


HARRY E. BROWN, JR.  
Commissioner 1965 -

CLINT H. PUTMAN  
Mayor 1965 -

JOHN H. ALBERTSON, JR.  
Commissioner 1961 -

## LIVING FORMER MAYORS



JOHN A. EAST  
Mayor 1929 to 1933



RUSSELL E. SIMMONS  
Mayor 1953 to 1965  
He is now Senior Vice President of  
the First National Bank and Trust  
Company of Rockwood.



LLOYD G. McCLUEN  
Mayor 1949 to 1953  
Now Criminal Judge of the 4th  
Judicial Circuit of Tennessee

Mr. John A. East served as Mayor of Rockwood from 1929 to 1933. During this period Dr. Thos. A. Phillips and Mr. Walter Howard served as City Commissioners. Mrs. Fred E. Crouch was City Recorder and Mr. Clifford Ragle was City Clerk. Haggard and Wright acted as City Attorneys. Dr. Rolland Regester was City Health Officer and Mr. J. H. Booth was Chief of the Fire Department. Mr. J. L. Sartin was the City Marshall and his assistant was Mr. W. S. Eddie. Mr. H. H. Rummage was Superintendent of Streets and Water.

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From 1949 to 1953 the City Commission of Rockwood consisted of Mayor Lloyd G. McCluen and Commissioners James T. Cole and Willard W. Wilson. This administration put the finances of the city on a "pay as you go" basis, and as a result there was no deficit spending. New machinery and equipment for the street and water departments was bought and paid for. Streets were paved and repaired, parking meters and a new street lighting system installed, and sewers were extended. The city purchased the right-of-way for

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## ROCKWOOD'S FIRST MAYOR



**M. F. Millican**

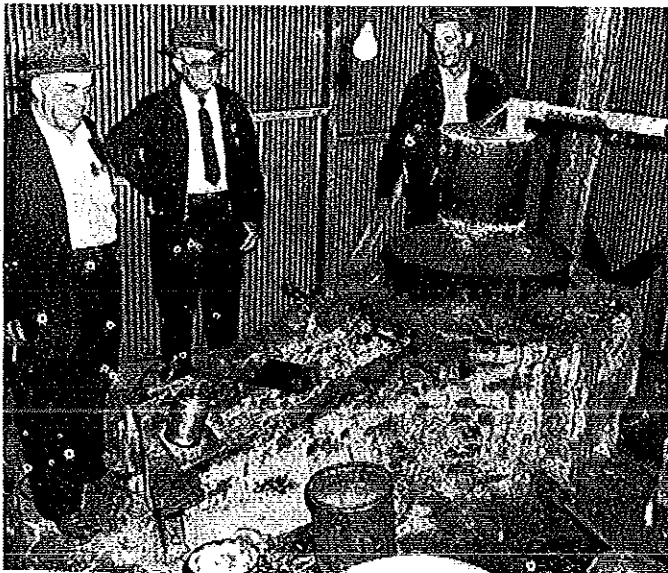
Mr. M. F. Millican was the first mayor of Rockwood after the town was incorporated in 1880. Mr. Millican was the father of Charles, Gus, John and Ed Millican, and Mrs. J. F. Regester and Mrs. W. H. Joseph.

### CITY BOARD ORGANIZES -- 1905

On Friday last night the new City Board met and organized by electing officers to serve the city for the ensuing two years. Mr. J. F. Crowder, who has made the city an able and efficient Recorder for the past two years, was reelected and salary increased from \$50 to \$75 per month. The work in the Recorder's office is constantly growing and the increase in salary follows as a natural result.

Mr. Fred G. Haggard was reelected city attorney and Mr. Hammond Fowler as city treasurer. Marshall T. W. Day was unanimously chosen to succeed himself at \$50 to \$60 per month. Other routine business was taken up and various bills ordered paid. After adjournment Mr. Day invited the entire Board to his ice cream parlor where refreshments were served.

## Local Officers Discover Still



GEORGE SARTIN, CLIFF ROBERTS ROY SARTIN

## MAYOR AND ALDERMEN. 1917



Left to Right, first row: Bob Barnard, Charles Farmer, Harry Doscher and Joe Sivils.

Second row, left to right: Sam Odom, Dr. T. L. Bowers and I. N. Barnett.

## Commission Government Formed

A special act of the 1921 Legislature abolished the old aldermanic form of city government which had existed with slight change for 41 years and established a commission government headed by a mayor and two commissioners. James A. Huff, H. H. Haggard and S. D. Smith were named mayor and commissioners, respectively, by the provisions of the act to serve for a four-year term. The new administration undertook an extensive program of public improvements, including the construction of five miles of paved streets, twelve miles of sanitary sewers, additions to the public school buildings, etc.

## Mayor John A. East

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These were the years of the great depression and the mayor and other officials spent much of their time helping to solve the problems of the unemployed. For some time during this period the City employed more than 700 men to work on streets and roads. This work was later taken care of by the State of Tennessee by Gov. Hill McAlister. These were the years of T.E.R.A.; F.E.R.A and W.P.A., all of which were emergency relief agencies. The City of Rockwood completed the Civitan Field with the help of this emergency relief labor, under the direction of Mr. Wilmer Shamhart. The City was hard pressed for money and it was difficult to administer city government. The city schools were turned over to the County to administer, in order to obtain funds from the State for the operation of the schools. In 1931 a franchise was granted to Tennessee Natural Gas Company to distribute natural gas for public and private use within the corporate limits of the City of Rockwood.

## Mayor Lloyd G. McCluen

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Gateway Boulevard, Rockwood took over the administration of the city schools from the county, employed a school finance officer, and hired a band director. A National Guard Armory was built. A twenty-four hour police department and city court was established, police cars were bought and equipped with radio systems, and policemen were put in uniform.

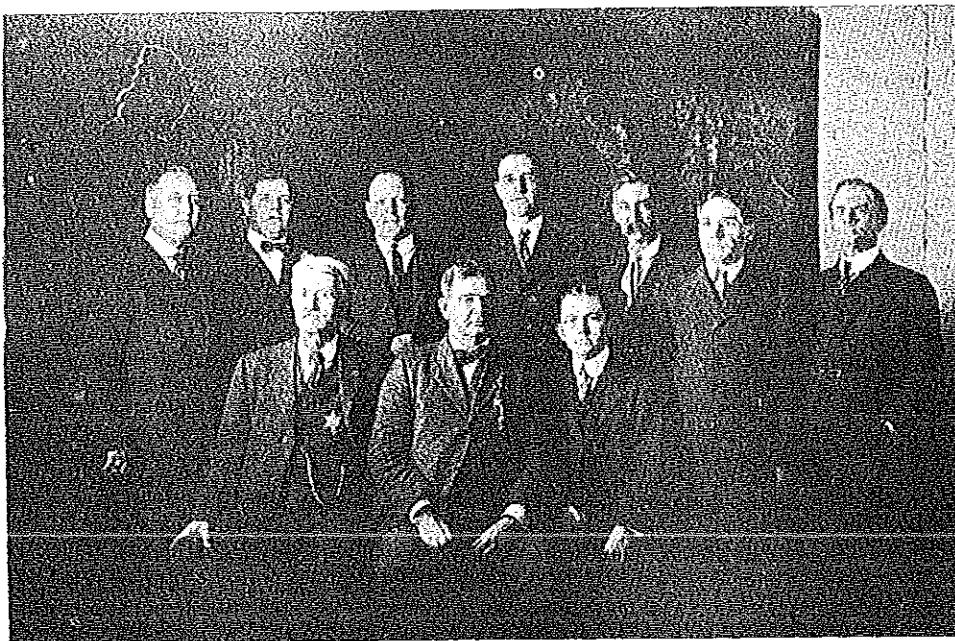
## TEXAS SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON VISITS HERE



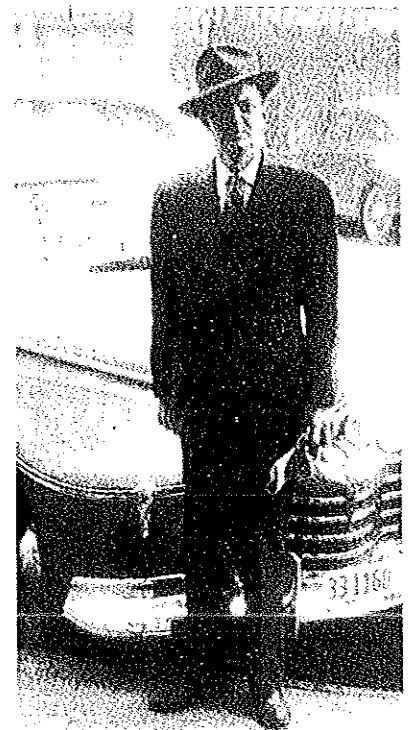
This photo taken at the old Roane County Airport (now the Roane Industrial Park) was taken in 1959 on the occasion of a visit here by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas. Other local and state dignitaries are pictured with him. From left to right are: State Representative Ray R. Baird, of Rockwood, Roane Democratic Chairman M. F. McDavid,

of Harriman, Public Service Commissioner Cayce Pentecost, U. S. Senator Albert Gore, Senator Johnson, Governor Buford Ellington, Congressman Howard H. Baker, Sr., State Senator Charles Eblen, of Lenoir City, and barely visible, the late Mrs. Zoe L. Fowler, of Rockwood.

## CITY OFFICIALS OF 1915



Front row, left to right: W. S. EDDE, DR. T. L. BOWERS, and I. N. BARNETT. Standing, left to right: OTTO DOESCHER, R. A. BARNARD, CHARLES FARMER, FRED BRASEL, JOSEPH SIVILS, SAM ODOM AND FRANK McELWEE.



"Kingfish"



**Hon. T. Asbury Wright**

A former Mayor of Rockwood and author of the famous anti-jug ordinances.

## STORY OF THE "ANTI-JUG LAW"

Exerpts from the "Tennessee Anti-Saloon Journal" for social and civic progress, Harriman, Tennessee, August, 1907.

### AS DRY AS GEORGIA

"Alabama has an anti-jug law, North Carolina has an anti-jug law, Kentucky has an anti-jug law. But poor old Tennessee has a jug governor."

Rockwood was the first town in the state to put in operation ordinances prohibiting the importation of liquor. It was not the first to pass such an ordinance, for Harriman already had one, but it was not enforced until Rockwood ordinances went into operation.

In this, as in the matter of principles of the four mile law, Rockwood is a pioneer. (Rockwood's four mile law prohibited the sale of liquor within four miles of any chartered institution of learning.)

The Board which passed these ordinances and put them in operation was: Hon. T. Asbury Wright, Mayor. Aldermen J. L. Millican, J. E. Fox, W. D. Kelley, T. L. Peterman and D. M. Coffman.

The Anti-jug law was passed as a result of the Anti-Saloon victory in 1903. A great campaign to drive out saloons began in 1902. Anti-saloon leagues were organized in Rockwood and Kingston. Neither town fully trusted the other. Each thought if it voted to go dry the other would go wet and get all the liquor money. So it was decided to set the elections on the same day so that neither could tell the other how it was going. In Rockwood the ladies quickly went to work for the temperance movement. The town was divided into sections, committees were formed under the leadership of Mrs. Willard Warner, general chairman, and a house to house canvass was made.

On election day white ribbons were pinned on the temperance voters and a free lunch was served at the polling place. The ladies brought the men to the polls in squads. Each squad was marched in headed by a lady as the leader. Even the laggards were collared and marched off to vote.

The saloon men gave up the fight. Needless to say the

## City Elections, Officials Since 1901

### ELECTION OF JUNE 3, 1901 --

Mayor: J. H. Wilson.

Aldermen: J. E. Clark, G. M. Cooper, John A. East, I. G. Fleming, M. H. Phillips, E. B. Shadden.

(On July 19, 1901, John A. East resigned and J. L. Burnett was elected by acclamation).

Recorder: C. F. Steinwehr.

City Treasurer: J. E. Clark.

Marshall: J. L. Cates.

Policeman: O. L. Nance.

Water and Light Commissioners: J. E. George, John A. East and M. H. Phillips.

### ELECTION OF JULY, 1903 --

(Minute Book 2, page 251 states July. This should be June) (Charter was changed in 1903 and thereafter there were five Aldermen instead of six)

Mayor: T. A. Wright

Aldermen: W. D. Kelley, Henry Richards, J. L. Nicholas, H. V. Tauscher, Willard Warner, Jr.

Recorder: J. F. Crowder

City Treasurer: H. Fowler

City Attorney: Fred Haggard

Marshall: O. L. Nance

### ELECTION OF JUNE, 1905 --

Mayor: T. A. Wright

Aldermen: W. D. Kelley, J. L. Nicholas, T. L. Peterman, Willard Warner, Jr.

Recorder: J. F. Crowder

City Treasurer: H. Fowler

City Attorney: Fred G. Haggard

City Marshall: T. W. Day

### ELECTION OF JUNE, 1907 --

Mayor: J. C. Wilson

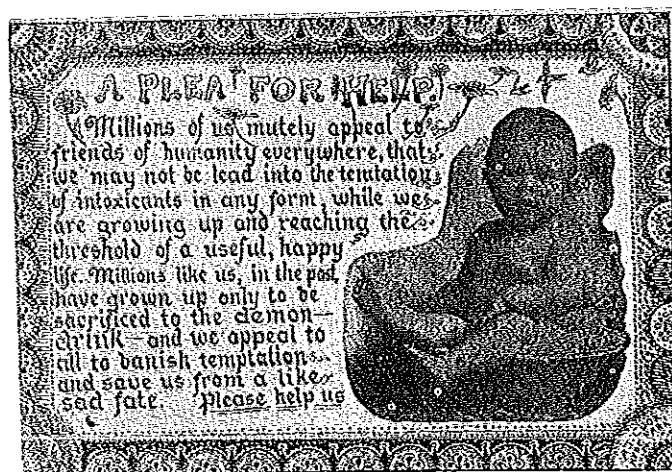
Aldermen: J. L. Nicholas, C. F. Millican, T. L. Bowers, Ed Rogers, J. H. Patton.

Recorder: T. D. Boyd

City Treasurer: I. N. Barnett

City Attorney: F. G. Haggard

City Marshall: W. S. Eddie



ladies carried the day. After closing all the saloons those who wanted their liquor had to have it shipped in so the anti-jug ordinance followed.

Many packages of liquor were sent in only to be returned to the sender. Finally the Southern Express Company refused to transport liquor to Rockwood in violation of ordinances of the town and the dear old jug, with its exhilarating contents, ceased to arrive.



ELECTION OF JUNE, 1909 --

Mayor: Col. D. M. Coffman  
Aldermen: Dr. T. L. Bowers, J. M. Calvin, Dr. J. E. George, Sewell Howard, William Richards,  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
Treasurer: H. Fowler  
City Attorney: S. M. Foster  
Marshall: William H. Brannan

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1911 --

Mayor: J. P. Tarwater  
Aldermen: S. D. Smith, J. R. Coleman, J. E. Wilson,  
J. D. Tanner, C. F. Farmer.  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
Treasurer: John A. East  
Marshall: W. S. Edde

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1913 --

Mayor: Polk Tarwater  
Aldermen: S. D. Smith, J. D. Tanner, C. F. Farmer,  
J. E. Nelson, T. L. Bowers,  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
Treasurer: John A. East  
Marshall: W. S. Edde  
Policeman: John Keylon

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1915 --

Mayor: T. L. Bowers  
Aldermen: R. A. Barnard, J. F. Farmer, A. H. Doescher,  
S. G. Odom, J. M. Sivils,  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
Treasurer: F. A. Brasel  
Marshall: W. S. Edde  
City Attorney: F. B. McElwee

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1917 --

Mayor: T. L. Bowers  
Aldermen: S. G. Odom, W. W. Johnson, R. A. Barnard, M. L. Brown, A. H. Doescher.  
(In February of 1919, S. G. Odom and M. L. Brown resigned and J. M. Sivils and Polk Nance were named to replace them).  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
Marshall: W. S. Edde  
Treasurer: F. A. Brasel  
City Attorney: F. B. McElwee

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1919 --

Mayor: T. L. Bowers  
Aldermen: R. S. Brown, G. A. Ault, W. E. Hall, Howard Howie, E. Sanborn,  
(In October, 1919, G. W. Ault resigned as Alderman and John Molyneux was named to replace him).  
Recorder: I. N. Barnett  
City Attorney: F. B. McElwee  
Marshall: W. S. Edde  
Treasurer: John N. Derrick

ELECTION OF JUNE, 1921 --

(The City Charter was changed to a Mayor-Commission form with elections to be held every four years).  
Mayor: James A. Huff  
Commissioners: S. D. Smith, H. H. Haggard,  
Recorder: B. E. Bacon  
(In August of 1921, B. E. Bacon resigned and H. K. Evans was elected to replace him. In August of 1921, H. K. Evans resigned and I. N. Barnett was elected to replace him)  
Treasurer: B. E. Bacon  
Marshall: M. L. Brown  
Attorney: J. Ralph Tedder

ELECTION OF 1925 ---

Mayor: James A. Huff  
Commissioners: Harry Howard and Carl Mee  
Attorney: J. Ralph Tedder  
Recorder: Charles F. Millican  
Marshall: J. L. Sartin  
City Police and Traffic Officer: John W. Millican

ELECTION OF 1929 ---

Mayor: J. A. East  
Commissioners: Walter Howard and Thos. H. Phillips  
Recorder: Fred E. Crouch  
Marshall: J. L. Sartin  
Attorneys: Fred Haggard and T. A. Wright

ELECTION OF 1933 ---

Mayor: John A. East  
Commissioners: Walter Howard and Thos. H. Phillips  
Recorder: Fred E. Crouch  
As a result of a recall election the oath of office was administered on November 13, 1933, to a newly elected Mayor and Commissioner.  
Mayor: Thos. H. Phillips  
Commissioners: C. L. Cole and Walter L. Howard  
(On August 13, 1934, H. E. Brown was appointed to fill the vacancy of C. L. Cole who resigned).

ELECTION OF 1937 ---

Mayor: Thos. H. Phillips  
Commissioners: Harry E. Brown and Walter Howard  
Recorder: Asa Wright (Mr. Wright resigned in July of 1941 and Clifford Ragle was appointed to replace him)

ELECTION OF 1941 ---

Mayor: Thos. H. Phillips  
Commissioners: Harry E. Brown and Thomas Molyneux  
Recorder: Clifford Ragle

ELECTION OF 1945 ---

Mayor: Dr. Thos. H. Phillips  
Commissioners: John A. East and Thomas Molyneux  
Recorder: Clifford Ragle  
Attorney: Hammond Fowler

ELECTION OF 1949 ---

Mayor: Lloyd G. McCluen  
Commissioners: James T. Cole and Willard Wilson  
Recorder: Alvin E. Nelson

ELECTION OF 1953 ---

Mayor: Russell E. Simmons  
Commissioners: Edward Foland and Judson H. Carson  
Recorder: Alvin E. Nelson

ELECTION OF 1957 ---

Mayor: Russell E. Simmons  
Commissioners: Wm. J. Haren and Judson H. Carson  
Recorder: Alvin E. Nelson

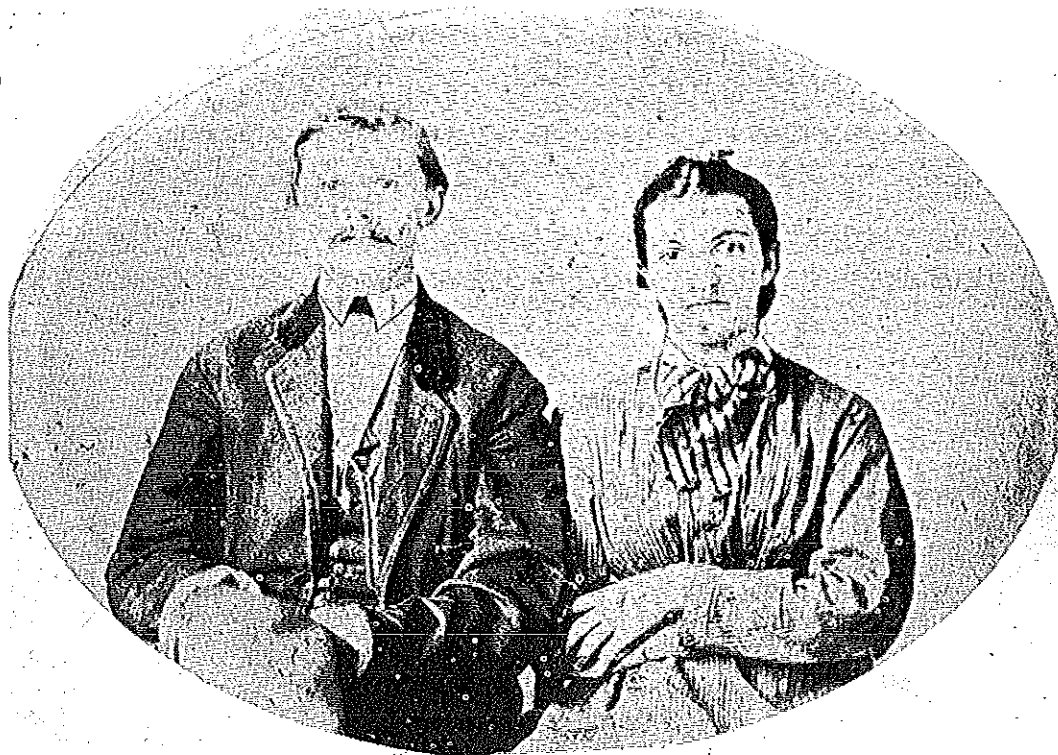
ELECTION OF 1961 ---

Mayor: Russell E. Simmons  
Commissioners: Wm. J. Haren and John H. Albertson, Jr.

ELECTION OF 1965 ---

Mayor: Col. Clint H. Putman  
Commissioners: John H. Albertson, Jr. and Harry E. Brown, Jr.  
Recorder: Howard Butier

# Weddings



Ernest H. Tauscher - Lucie Kreis, 1869



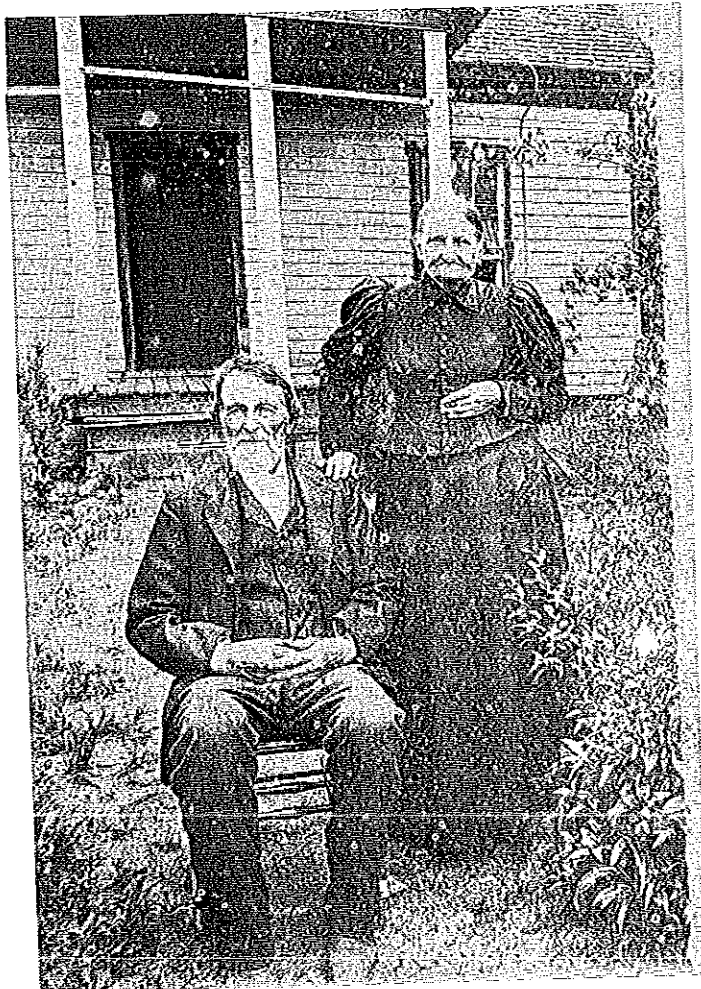
*Your presence is requested*  
*at the marriage of*  
*Miss Maude A. Wester*  
*to*  
*Mr. John F. McNutt,*  
*Thursday evening, April, twenty eighth,*  
*at seven o'clock,*  
*First Presbyterian Church,*  
*Rockwood, Tennessee.*  
*1892.*



**Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pierce Smith**

(Elizabeth Dorthy Furray Smith)

MARRIED NOV. 28, 1875 AT POST OAK SPRINGS  
 BY REV. JOHN H. ACUFF



**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuller, 1860's**



**Tedder - Ingram**

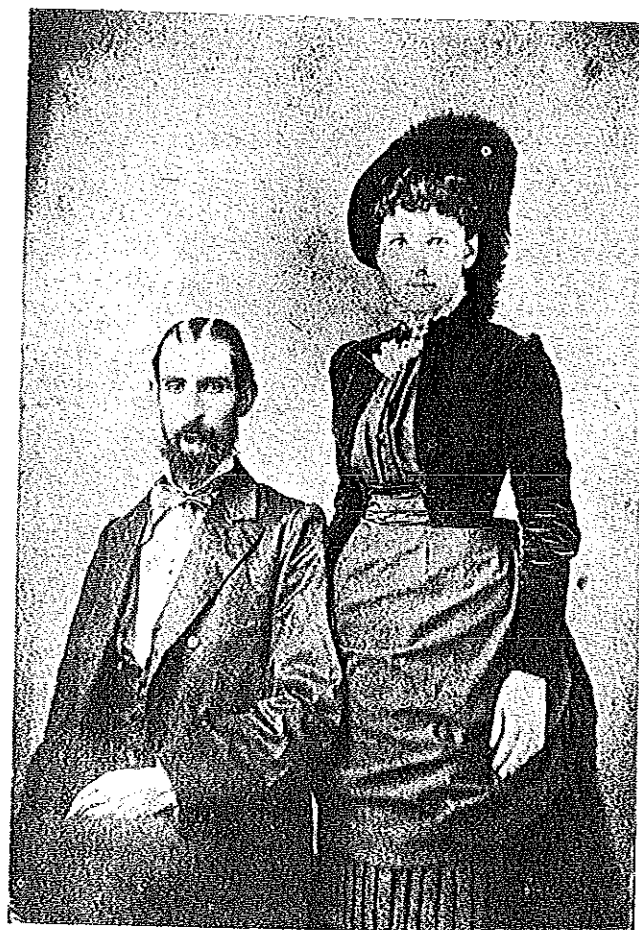
HESSIE INGRAM AND JOHN VADEN TEDDER  
 MARRIED DEC. 24, 1891





**Maud Tarwater Wright (Mrs. T. A.)**

WEDDING PICTURE IN 1895



**James A. Ervin & Malissa Kendrick**

MARRIED JAN, 1884



**Mr. & Mrs. Harry Clay Howard**

MARRIED 1918 Nce JULIA CANNON



**Delozier - Johnson**

MRS. SUZIE DELOZIER AND MR. SYDNEY JOHNSON

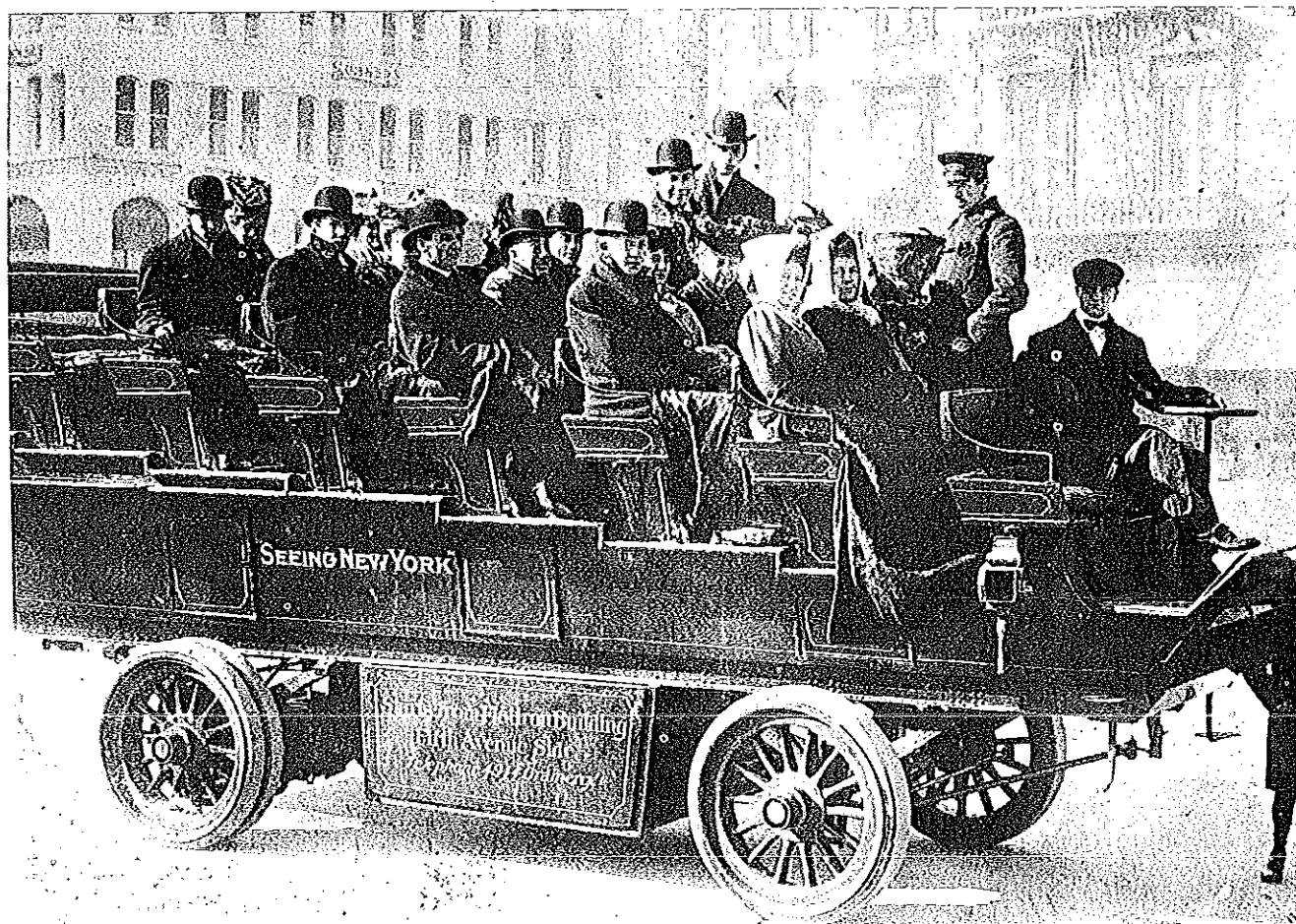
MARRIED 1905



AVA HOWARD WEDS JACK TARWATER 1906



MRS. F. SAYFORD BACON, Nee, LENICE INGRAM  
In Bridal Gown, 1920



MR. AND MRS. JACK TARWATER (on back seat) SIGHTSEEING IN NEW YORK ON HONEYMOON

## Attendants Help Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

BEAVERTON, OREGON -- A rare occasion indeed when a bride and groom can celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with the married couple who stood up with them 50 years previously.

Such was the celebration at the Tom Richards home on Greenway drive, October 11, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dickson, of Rockwood, Tenn., the couple who were the only attendants at their wedding in 1903.

Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Dickson were school chums in Rockwood at the turn of the century. Mrs. Dickson was the first to be married with Mr. Richards and the then Miss Willie Snow (now Mrs. Richards) as their only attendants.

PHOTO AT RIGHT --

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richards (left) and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dickson observe Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



MR. & MRS. TOM RICHARDS, Left, and MR. & MRS. JOHN DICKSON



JEANNIE HAGA WEARING THE WEDDING DRESS OF HER GREAT GRANDMOTHER, MRS. JOHN T. DICKSON.



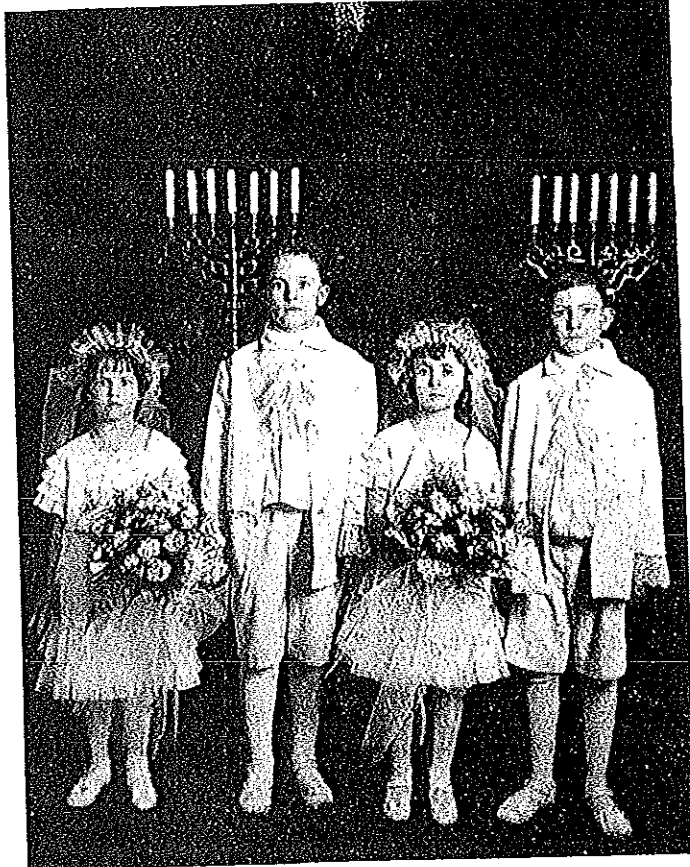
MRS. J. C. ACUFF, FORMER MISS REECE INGRAM WHO WAS MARRIED JUNE 9, 1915.





Haley - Clack Wedding

MRS. WALTER CLACK, FORMERLY MISS BESS HALEY



JUNIOR ATTENDANTS, Left to Right: BETTY HUFF, MORGAN CLACK, JR., BECKY TARWATER and E. T. INGRAM, JR.

## Owings-Rohrer Wedding Oct. 21, 1925



Left to Right: NELL REGESTER, MARY PATTON, ESTHER OWINGS (Maid of Honor), HELEN OWINGS ROHRER (Bride), HELEN BULFIN SHAWN (Matron of Honor), DOROTHY NELSON.  
Front: HELEN EARLY (Flower Girl), JANE TIMBERLAKE (Ring Bearer), BETTY BAKER (Flower Girl).

## Wilson-Dothard, June 18, 1941



Miss Mary Wilson was wed to Mr. Walter Irving Dothard, Jr., at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwood, June 18, 1941.

## Clack-Abercrombie Wedding - Late 1930's



Left to right: Anne Huff, Woods Wilson, Miss Abercrombie, W. A. Abercrombie (Groom), Jane Clack (Bride), Frances Boyd, Stacia Boyd, Miss Fletcher.

Rear: Woods Huff, J. A. Huff, Willard Wilson.

## Orr - Rowe

### LITTLETON-WILSON WEDDING, JUNE 30, 1931



Standing, left to right: Miss Elsie Staples, Bridesmaid, John Littleton, Best Man, Miss Orlene Staples, Bridesmaid, Miss Winona Staples, Junior Bridesmaid, is standing at left of groom, Mr. Charles Wilson, of Eastman, Ga., and Detroit. The bride is the former Miss Lillian Littleton.



Miss Vannesse Orr and James E. Rowe were married June 4, 1948 by the Rev. E. Mitchell Bryant, D.D., at the First Presbyterian Church.



# NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF EARLY WEDDINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

## Wilson - Kinbrough

From: The Times - Republican, Rockwood, Tennessee, December 7, 1899

"At the residence of Dr. and Mrs. R.M. Kimbrough, at Post Oak, on Wednesday night of last week, the marriage ceremony was performed by Elder C.B. Reynolds, that united the future destinies of their youngest daughter Miss Mary "Lizzie" (Elizabeth), and R.H. Wilson, son of Capt. and Mrs. J.W.C. Wilson, of Rockwood. The wedding was a quiet home affair. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Post Oak and the groom is one of Rockwood's most promising young business men, engaged in the livery business here. The Times - Republican voices the sentiment of their numerous friends in extending congratulations to the happy young couple."

(Same page carried illustrated ad of "R.H. Wilson & Co. - Liverymen etc.")

Submitted by Mrs. Catherine Knight

## Mrs. Tarwater Entertains

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. James Fletcher Tarwater very beautifully entertained at a progressive luncheon in honor of Mrs. Jack Tarwater, the bride of the season. The handsome home was darkened and profusely decorated with the ever graceful chrysanthemum and smilax, the color scheme being white and green.

The tables being numbered seating four ladies were placed in the drawing, library and dining rooms. The place cards, artistic white rose leaves, were sent from New York for the occasion. The menu consisted of eight delicious courses. The ice cream in form of wedding bells, still carried out the color scheme of green and white, bedecked with lilies of the valley.

Seated at the tables were: Mesdames J.F. Tarwater, Jack Tarwater, Polk Tarwater, Asbury Wright, J.A. Ervin, H.K. Evans, Jack Patton, Millard Ervin, J.M. Clack, Fred Haggard, J.C. Wright, Willard Warner, J.E. Smith, C.W. Ditchen, Fred Wright, Joe Baker, A.A. Ferguson, Sewell Howard, Roscoe Owings, Mrs. Mills.

Misses Ann Warner, Della Tedder, Millie Howard, Dell Bicknell, Hamby, Ella Mae Hinds, Katheren Lynn, Em Acuff.

## Brilliant Social Event

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Howard Compliment Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tarwater

The pretty Howard home on Kingston Avenue was the scene last Friday night of a brilliant social event in the way of a reception from eight until eleven o'clock given by Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Howard in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tarwater, who have but lately returned from their wedding tour through the east and north.

White chrysanthemums, palms and ferns were the decorations in the reception hall and drawing room, while in the library the color scheme was red and green. Guests began to arrive at eight o'clock and a continuous stream was kept up until 10:30.

Mrs. Roscoe Owings, a bride of this month, presided at the punch bowl, assisted by Miss Emma Acuff and Miss Addie Hamby. In the dining room the lavish use of LaFrance roses and ferns with ices and bon bons in pink and green carried out the charming color scheme.

Shaffer's Orchestra played throughout the evening, and the guests had the privilege of viewing the wedding presents, which were many and beautiful.

The ladies of the receiving party were: Mrs. Howard, who wore lavender crepe de chine; Mrs. Jack Tarwater, white satin massaline, real lace and diamonds; Mrs. J.F. Tarwater, black net; Mrs. Polk Tarwater, white lace robe; Miss Mildred

## A Surprise Wedding

From clippings submitted by Mrs. J.T. Dickson  
A SURPRISE WEDDING

"Miss Jennie May Millican and Mr. J.T. Dickson accompanied by Miss Willie Snow and Mr. Tom Richards drove to Harriman last Sunday afternoon, where Miss Millican and Mr. Dickson were united in marriage by Rev. William Burleigh, of the Christian church (in the living room of the parsonage). Mrs. Dickson is the eldest daughter of Postmaster W.F. Millican, and has been making a very efficient clerk in the office for the past year. She is a popular girl among a large circle of friends, who heard of her marriage with much interest and surprise. Mr. Dickson is a popular young business man, lately located in Rockwood. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are at home to their friends with Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Regester. The TIMES extends good wishes for a long and happy life to the young couple."

Date: May 31, 1903

Editor's Note: After an interview with Mrs. J.T. Dickson, I found that the above account of her wedding is accurate. With all due respect to reporters, then and now, we often find interesting stories quite distorted such as the ones which appear following:

### "ELOPED FROM ROCKWOOD"

And Married on the Emory River Bridge at Harriman

Harriman, Tenn., June 1 - J. McKinley Dixon, aged eighteen, and Miss Jennie May Millican, aged eighteen, the pretty daughter of Postmaster Millican at Rockwood, were married here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the Emory river bridge, Rev. William Burleigh, pastor of the Christian church performing the ceremony. The young people drove hurriedly from the bride's home at Rockwood, to avoid any interference from her parents who objected to the marriage, and would have interfered to stop it had they known it.

Only two or three people outside of the interested parties witnessed the hasty ceremony.

The bride is one of the prettiest young women in Rockwood, and is popular with a large circle of friends. The groom with his parents came to this section recently from Ohio. He conducts a barber shop in Rockwood. The young couple left for Rockwood immediately after the ceremony."

An account in another paper had it this way:

"Quite a sensational event occurred last Sunday afternoon, when J. McKinley Dixon and Jennie May Millican, both of Rockwood, were married by Rev. William Burleigh, pastor of the Christian church, at his home on Morgan street. The bride is the eighteen years old daughter of Postmaster Millican and is a very popular young lady. The groom, who is also eighteen years of age, is a barber who recently came to Rockwood from Ohio. The young people drove hurriedly from the bride's home to escape the vigilance of the bride's parents who were much opposed to the match. They returned to Rockwood after the ceremony."

Still another:

"Our little friend, formerly Miss Jennie May Millican of Rockwood who has been sending us Rockwood items, was married last Sunday afternoon to Mr. J.T. Dixon of same place. It was rather romantic wedding being secret and occurring on the beautiful bridge across the Tenn. at Kingston. We congratulate Mr. Dixon on his luck in winning such a fine girl as Jennie May and the ENTERPRISE wishes to them every possible blessing."

(It is quite amusing to remember that there was no Kingston bridge across the Tennessee River at this time, 1903 - another boner that helps Mrs. Jennie bear out the account of her elopement.)

Howard, white chiffon. The ladies assisting were Mesdames Asbury Wright, Willard Warner, J.N. Baker, A.A. Ferguson, J.M. Clack, H. Fowler, J.E. Smith, H.K. Evans, and J.A. Ervin.

# Golden Wedding Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith  
Golden Wedding Anniversary 1967

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks entertained on Sunday at the Rockwood Country Club for Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Three hundred friends from Rockwood and neighboring towns called between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The club house was beautifully decorated with arrangements of yellow and gold gift flowers. The tea table, covered with white satin, was centered with a large arrangement of yellow roses and burning tapers. Pouring punch and coffee were Mrs. Robert Hicks, Jr., and Miss Melissa Smith, of Kingston. A large number of relatives and friends assisted in serving.

Receiving with Mrs. Hicks and her parents were Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Frank L. Lynch, of Winchester, her sister, Mrs. Nelson Burton, of Estill Springs, and her three brothers. Mr. F.L. Lynch, of Goodlettsville; Mr. Jack Lynch, of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Pat Lynch, of Winchester.

Mrs. G.R. Russell entertained throughout the afternoon at the Hammond organ.

## HUNDRED'S ATTEND CELEBRATION

Among the many hundreds attending the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith were many of Mrs. Smith's relatives. Mrs. Smith was blessed with the attendance of her mother, Mrs. Frank L. Lynch, of Winchester; her sister, Mrs. Nelson Burton also of Winchester; brothers, F.L. Lynch and Mrs. Lynch, of Goodlettsville, Col. A.J. Lynch, of Washington, D.C.; and Representative Pat Lynch, of Winchester; granddaughter, Melissa Smith of Kingston; nieces and nephews; Mrs. A.M. Burton, 11 and daughter, Becky; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lynch Burton, David, Barry and Beth, all of Nashville; Mrs. Mike Lynch and Frank Simms, student at U.T. in Knoxville, who was accompanied by Judy Duckworth of the University of Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. George Spain, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lynch, Kim and Kathy Lynch, of Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. George Simms, Andy and Melinda, of Goodlettsville.

Others from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Moore, of Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins, of



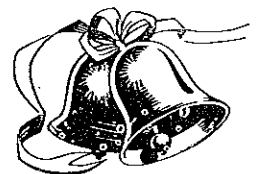
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fuller  
50th Wedding Anniversary 1949

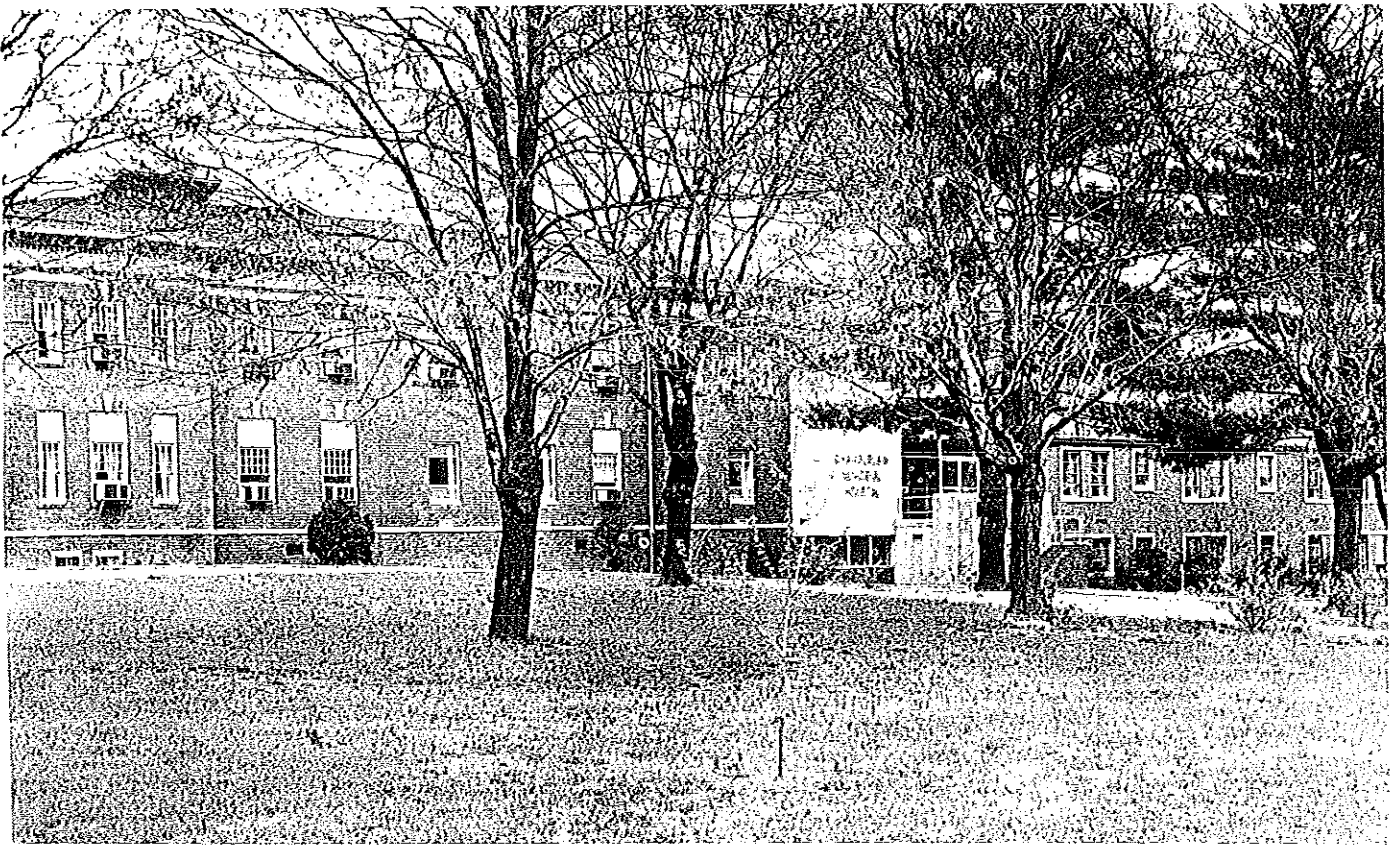
**GOLDEN WEDDING**—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller of the Post Oak Community, near Rockwood, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Fullers have 10 children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Knoxville; Dr. and Mrs. Spence Holden, of Nashville; Col. Hope and Miss Alma Blake, of Oakdale; Mr. and Mrs. James Rivers, of Kingston; Misses Hazel and Launa Brashears, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Newport, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Frazier of Spring City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith wish to thank all their friends who helped make their 50th wedding anniversary celebration such a joyous occasion.

The hundred who attended the party, the many, many beautiful flowers sent them for the many beautiful gifts, cards and visits, each and everyone is deeply appreciated.





CHAMBERLAIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ESTABLISHED 1917



Captain S. H. Chamberlain  
FOR WHOM THE HOSPITAL WAS NAMED

*Medical*

*Services*



GEORGE WEST, ANESTHESIOLOGIST (Left)  
AND LEROY STANSELL, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

# HISTORY OF CHAMBERLAIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

From the founding of the Brown Mill Mining Company and the Roane Iron Company, the family of Capt. H.S. Chamberlain has been interested in the welfare of Rockwood. In the olden days as the Roane Iron Company grew, so grew Rockwood.

Of course in heavy industry such as mining and steel production, there were numerous accidents, including some explosions at the mine. This of course produced casualties, and no adequate place to care for them.

Dr. J.C. Wilson was the company doctor, and the only place he had to treat these people was in his office and what limited facilities could be provided at the Roane Iron Company. Both he and Capt. Chamberlain regretted that they were not able to provide better medical facilities for the people that worked at these establishments.

The Roane Iron Company flourished and to a large degree influenced the growth, the attitude and the life of the people of Rockwood.

Eventually, Capt. Chamberlain retired from Roane Iron Company active participation and management and retired to Chattanooga.

Subsequently, Capt. and Mrs. Chamberlain passed away, and their children remembering their father's concern with the medical facilities in Rockwood, approached Dr. Charlie Wilson with the proposition that the Chamberlains would provide the land and half the cost of building the hospital if he would raise the other half of the building costs.

In the meantime, the Roane Iron Company has parted out a good deal of land to the City of Rockwood on condition that it be used for specified purposes. Included was a full city block bounded by Chamberlain St., Rathburn, Wilder, and Evans which the Roane Iron Company had designated as a City Park.

Consequently the Chamberlain family and Roane Iron Company had the deed for the City park changed and deeded the land as the site for the Chamberlain Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Charlie Wilson secured pledges from various people and establishments in town to provide half of the building costs and the hospital project was undertaken. The architectural firm of Wm.F. Furfend of 1208 Security Building, Chicago, Illinois was secured to draw the plans.

In due course of time, the plans were completed.

A committee of five men namely E.O. Wells, Superintendent of Roane Iron Company; Dr. J.C. Wilson, Roane Iron Company plant doctor; Polk Tarwater, President of First National Bank - Rockwood; and Fred G. Haggard, and C.G. Myers members of the law firm of Wright and Haggard were named to make plans for the building of the hospital and eventually became incorporators of the hospital. These gentlemen executed a contract with T.A. Newman, contractor, to build the hospital for a sum of \$24,000.

In the meantime, the committee incorporated and obtained a charter from the state of Tennessee for a corporation known as the "Chamberlain Memorial Hospital" for the purpose of organizing, equipping, and operating a hospital. The charter was obtained on the 20th day of July, 1917 certified to by J.B. Stevens, Secretary of State. A Board of Trustees of three individuals, one to be appointed by the Roane Iron Company, one to be appointed by the heirs of Capt. and Mrs. H.S. Chamberlain and one to be appointed by the City of Rockwood Board of Mayor and Commissioners was named to operate the hospital. The trustees were appointed for life, replacement being provided.

The hospital was named in memory of Capt. and Mrs. H.S. Chamberlain.

The hospital contractor, Mr. Newman, ran into deficit in building and the first Trustees composed of E.O. Wells appointed by the Roane Iron Company, Dr. J.C. Wilson appointed by the Chamberlain family heirs, and Polk Tarwater appointed by the City of Rockwood made an adjustment of some \$1,000 in the price paid for the contract. However a second request for additional money was rejected by the Board of Trustees, and the building was completed.

The first patient was admitted on July 4, 1918. Because the operating room was incomplete, this patient's T & A was done in the doctor's office and the patient then admitted to the hospital for post-operative care. Miss Maude Merritt, R.N. served as the first superintendent in the initial hospital staff of six. At that time, there were six practicing physicians in Rockwood.

On opening, the hospital had a capacity of 35 patient beds and 4 bassinets, student nursing quarters and hospital superintendent's quarters.

Eleven days after the first patient was admitted, a professional school of nursing was opened and continued to operate until 1937 and again from 1942 until 1945. During these years, 60 students entered the training class with a total of 46 students graduating.

In 1950, there was a vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr. Charlie Millican who was appointed by the Roane Iron Company. Dr. Tom Phillips was appointed by the Roane Iron Company to succeed Mr. Millican; and Mr. LeRoy B. Stansell was appointed by the Rockwood City Commission to fill the City's vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Since 1950, under the leadership of Mr. LeRoy B. Stansell, several remodeling projects eliminated the large wards, added an x-ray department, and more office space, but decreased the bed capacity temporarily. A new wing was added in 1956 providing a new laboratory and maternity facilities and bringing the capacity up to 38 beds and 10 bassinets. In 1957 a two story addition was added to house a new ambulance entrance and x-ray department with central supply on second floor. In 1959-60 an addition and remodeling gave the hospital a new surgery suite, recovery room, doctors lounge, kitchen, drug room, and 4 beds bringing the total to 42. Another wing was added in 1961-62 giving a new total of 56 beds and including a chapel-conference room and expanded the dining and lobby areas.

Currently, the hospital has a medical staff of 8 active members, 13 consultant members, and 9 courtesy members. A total of 125 regular and part-time employees are on the payroll making the hospital the third largest employer in Rockwood.

Chamberlain Memorial Hospital is a nonprofit corporation chartered by the State of Tennessee and is operated by a Board of five trustees, one each appointed by the Chamberlain family heirs, the City of Rockwood Board of Mayor and Commissioners, the Tennessee Products and Chemical Corporation, the Adler Co., and by joint action of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Rockwood, the Rockwood Federal Savings and Loan Association, and the Rockwood Branch of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Harriman.

All moneys derived from its service are reinvested in the hospital operation. The hospital is not part of any government - city, county, state, or federal. It exists solely for the public it serves.

The hospital is now preparing building plans to add nineteen (19) beds, new outpatient facilities and remodel, enlarge and modernize the office space.



## PRESENT PRACTICING PHYSICIANS IN ROCKWOOD



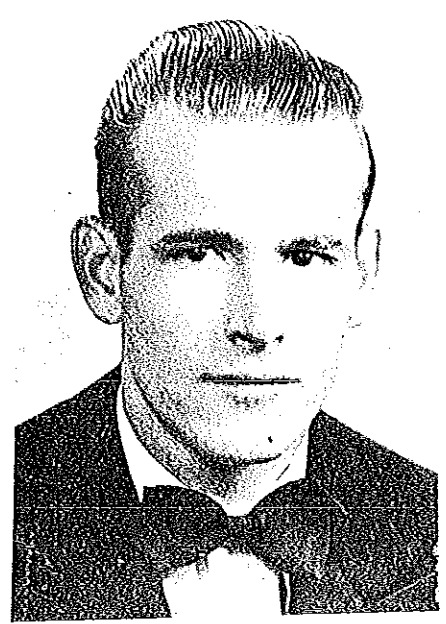
**DR. ROBERT S. HICKS**

Dr. Robert S. Hicks, Physician and Surgeon, received his early education at Rockwood High School and at Columbia Prep School, Washington, D.C. He received his Pre-Med Degree from U.T. at Knoxville, Tennessee, and was graduated from the U.T. College of Medicine, Memphis, Tennessee. He interned at the General Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee. He has spent twenty-five years as a practicing physician at Rockwood, Tennessee, two years of which his practice was interrupted by service as physician in the Navy during World War II. He is District Surgeon for the 30th Armored Division with rank of Colonel.



**DR. JOHN V. SNODGRASS, JR.**

Dr. John V. Snodgrass received his degree in Pre Med at Tennessee Technological University and his M.D. from U.T. at Memphis, Tennessee. He interned at the Nashville General Hospital. In 1960 he came to Rockwood where he is Chief of Staff at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital.



**DR. THOMAS A. FULLER**

Before finishing his high school training at Rockwood, Dr. Fuller entered the Navy and served in World War II four years. After returning to Rockwood, he became interested in football where he played on the high school team. He continued his interest in football and played on the Carson Newman team throughout his college career. He was graduated Cum Laude from Carson Newman with B.S. Degree in Chemistry and Biology.

After working two years with the Eastman Company in Texas, he entered U.T. Medical School at Memphis, Tennessee where he was graduated with his M.D. in 1955.

After completing his internship in Henry Ford Hospital of Detroit, Michigan, he returned to Rockwood where he has continued practice. He is Vice-Chief of Staff at the Chamberlain Memorial Hospital, a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical Fraternity, and the following medical associations: American, Southern, and Roane-Anderson.

Dr. Fuller married the former Arline Wegner of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. They have three boys, Michael, Stephen, and Tommy.



**DR. GEORGE ELLIS SHACKLETT**

Dr. George E. Shacklett was born on Aug. 28, 1926, at Rockwood, the son of George Hofstetter and Martha (Ellis) Shacklett. On the maternal side he is

from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis in 1964. He served his internship at Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. He began practicing medicine in Rockwood in July, 1966. He is married and has three children.



**DR. JOHN T. CHESNEY**

Dr. John T. Chesney served in the Army from 1956 - 1959. He then enrolled in University of Tennessee for pre-medicine. He received his M.D. Degree

the grandson of Jefferson Davis and Mary (Brown) Ellis, both of Roane County. His paternal grandparents were Henry D. Shacklett, M.D., and Emma Agnes Nix, of Kingston Springs, Tenn. After attending the local elementary and high school he received the B.S. Degree from the University of Tennessee and the M.D. Degree from U-T Medical School. He married Miss Patricia Ellen Larkin, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 10, 1951. They have two children, Amy Marie and George Ellis, Jr. Before entering general prac-

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## OTHER MEDICAL FIELDS



DR. C.O. JOHNSON

Dr. C.O. Johnson attended the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University. He graduated from Vanderbilt with his D.D.S. degree in 1912. He came to Rockwood in 1917 and started his dental practice. Later took time out to study Optometry and received his O.D. Degree in 1925.



DR. PAUL LAYNE

Dr. Paul Layne received his pre-dental at the University of Tennessee. He received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Tennessee Dental School in 1956. Began practicing in Rockwood in January, 1957. His wife is Wilma and his children are Lisa and Chris.

DR. GEORGE E. SHACKLETT

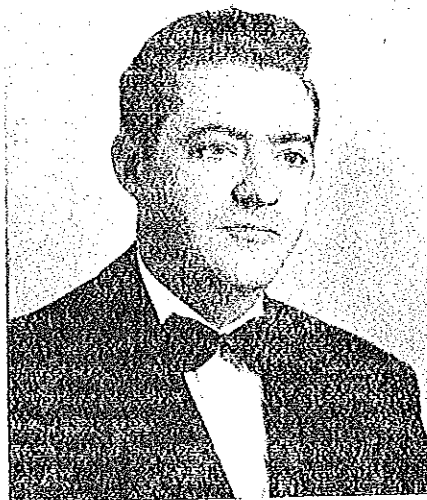
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tice in Rockwood he served his Internship at Columbia Hospital, Columbia, S. C. He was vice president of Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical fraternity. Served as president of Rockwood Civitan Club, is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, American Legion, Roane County Medical Society and a member of the



DR. E.A. CONGER

Dr. E.A. Conger was born in DeKalb County and attended DeKalb County High School and Burritt College in Spencer, Tenn. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry in 1910. He practiced in Smithville, Tennessee until 1926 and has practiced in Rockwood since that time.

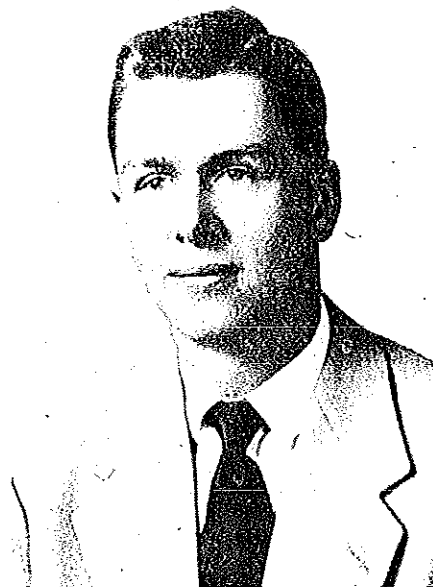


DR. CLINTON FLETCHER SMITH

Dr. Clinton Fletcher Smith did his pre-dentistry at the University of Tennessee. Graduated July 9, 1953 from University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis with degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Post graduate study at the University of Southern California. Practiced dentistry in Rockwood 14 years. Director of First National Bank. Director Roane County Board of Health. Member American Dental Association, Roane County Dental Society, and Second District Dental Society. 32nd Mason and Shriner. Member First Baptist Church.

Official Board Rockwood Methodist Church. Trustee, Chamberlain Memorial Hospital. During World War II served in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps, 1944-1946. Joined the University of Tennessee Student Health Service in Sept. 1967.

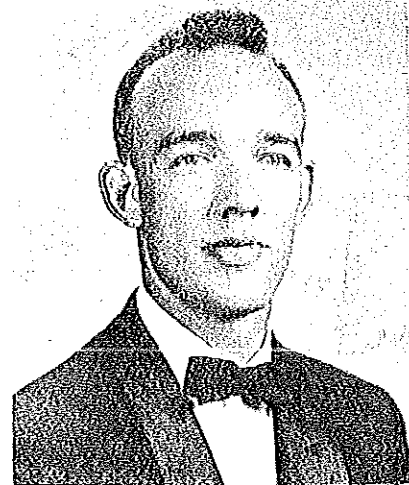
## Recent Former Doctors



DR. JACK LINDSAY

Dr. Jack W. Lindsay, son of Mrs. Mildred Lamb Lindsay and the late Carl W. Lindsay, after graduating from Rockwood High School received his degree in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee, Memphis, in December, 1954. After practicing in Gatlinburg and Kingston for short periods, he became a pharmacist at the Live and Let Live Drug Store. In 1956 he returned to U.T. and received his M.D. degree from U.T. Medical School and served his internship at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis. In 1962 he joined the clinic of Drs. Shacklett and Fuller and practiced medicine in Rockwood until July, 1966. He is now at U.T. Medical School doing a residency in radiology.

He is married to the former Gayle Martin and has three children, Max, Sarah, and Stuart.



DR. F.R. REED

Dr. F.R. Reed received his D.D.S. degree from the University School of Dentistry at Memphis. He has been practicing in Rockwood for 3 and 1/2 years.

# Children



DOROTHY NELSON  
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson



FREEDA OWINGS  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owings  
Died when a child. Buried on Post Oak  
Christian Church lawn.



CARMICHAEL ALBUM

A Civil War Picture



CARMICHAEL ALBUM



ROBERT BARTLEY 1885



ELSIE (3 mos.) & LUCIUS STAPLES  
Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Staples



Left: CHARLEY FULKS  
Right: NELL DANIEL



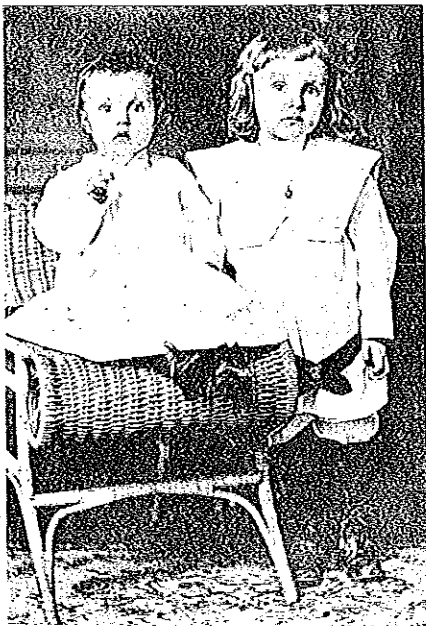
**HALEY CHILD**  
Stepdaughter of Mary Fuller Haley



**MRS. SEWELL HOWARD AND  
BABY MARGARET**



**MILDRED TARWATER AND GEORGE  
HOWARD ON MILDRED'S PONY**



**EVA LEE and ROBERT BROWN**  
Daughter & Son of H. E. Brown, Sr.



**J. C. HALEY** Stepson of Mary Fuller Haley



**CORNELIA HOWARD**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Howard



**MAMIE ELLEN SMITH** Age 2, 1889  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Smith



**ALLEN COPELAND, EILEEN, PATRICIA  
AND KATHLEEN PARKMAN, 1925**



**LILLIAN LITTLETON**  
Daughter of Herbert and Bonnie Littleton





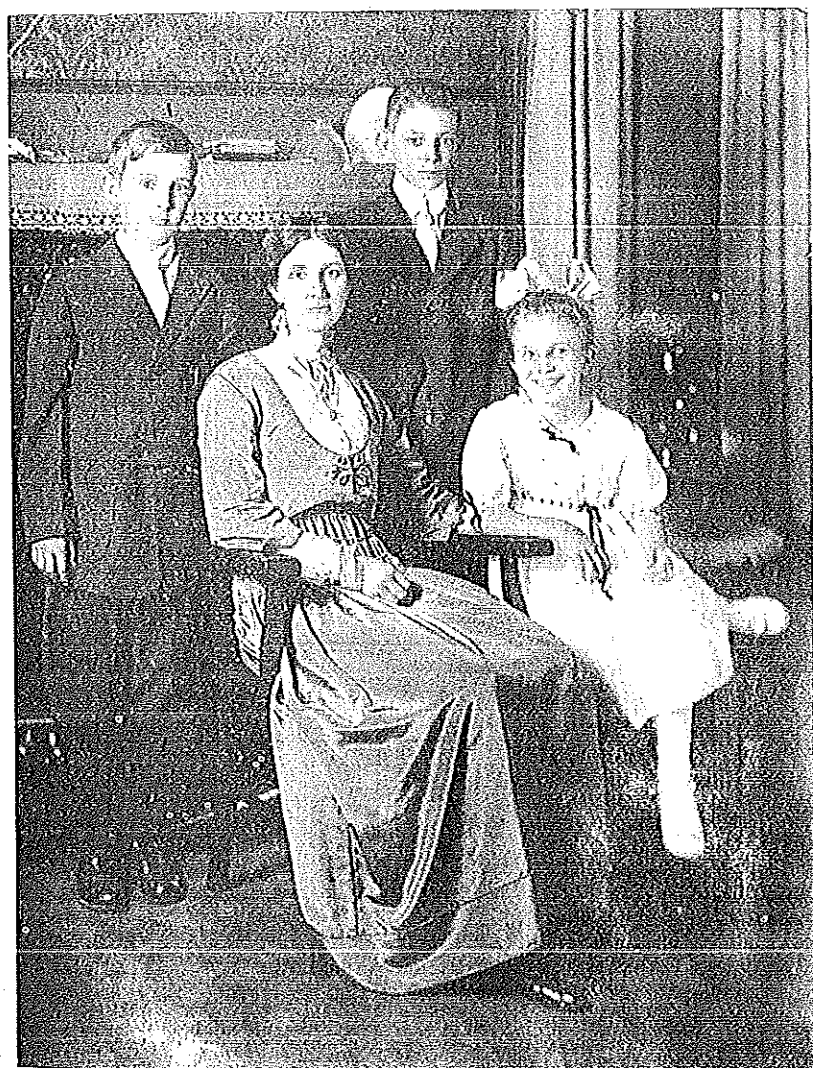
MALLIE AND IRA MONTGOMERY  
Children of Sydney Montgomery



REBA AND MARJORIE HICKS  
Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hicks



CATHERINE AND WILMA TURNER  
Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner



Center; Mother, MRS. HUGH L. HICKS  
Children: MASON, BYRON, DELLA SUE



FOUR GENERATIONS; Mary Elizabeth Mayes,  
May P. Evans holding Rachel Belle Mayes, &  
M. H. Phillips, 1943



GERALDINE WALLICK, At age 4.  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wallick



BEN J. LAMB, JR. 1922



GEORGE HOWARD, 5 Yrs.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Howard



NOMA J. FRITZSCHE  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fritzsche

## BEECH SPRINGS SCHOOL OF 1907



The above photo shows the Beech Springs School, of which Miss Sarah Sherrill was teacher, 61 years ago in 1907. Mrs. Ray Warner, who furnished this picture to The Times, also gave the names of most of the students.

First row, seated, left to right: Elbert Vitatoe, Henry Millican, Wesley Arp, Bertha Vitatoe, Jessie Fuller, Nealie Avery, the boy partly hid is Chester Garrison, Flossie Sweatman, Lillie Bane, John Henry Peacock, boy holding hat is Raymond Warner, Cora True, boy in lap is Elmer Warner, Elvia Simpson, Alyce Simpson, Robt. Simpson.

Second row: Ruth Arp, Frank Millican, Carl Vitatoe, Willie

Dupree, George Thompson, Victor Thompson, McKinley Simpson, Juanita Ragal, Maggie Clifton, Myrtle Warner, Bill Simpson, Jack Arp, the boy in the end is unidentified.

Third row: Max Lane, Walter Erwin, Wilson Lane, Oscar Peacock, Lawrence Dupree, Stratton Payne, McKinley True, Chester Griffis, Allen Avery.

Fourth row: Madge Thompson, Myra Sherrill, Gertrude Phillips, Austin Fuller, Wilma Avery, Walter Vitatoe, Bill Henderson, Bob Fuller, Blanche Fuller, Fred Phillips, Sarah Sherrill (teacher), Will Collett, Louella Payne, Murray Clifton, Ethel Mitchell, Mary Clifton, Bessie Sweatman, Martha True, Rhoda Griffis, A. True, Laura Warner.

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BERNARD'S

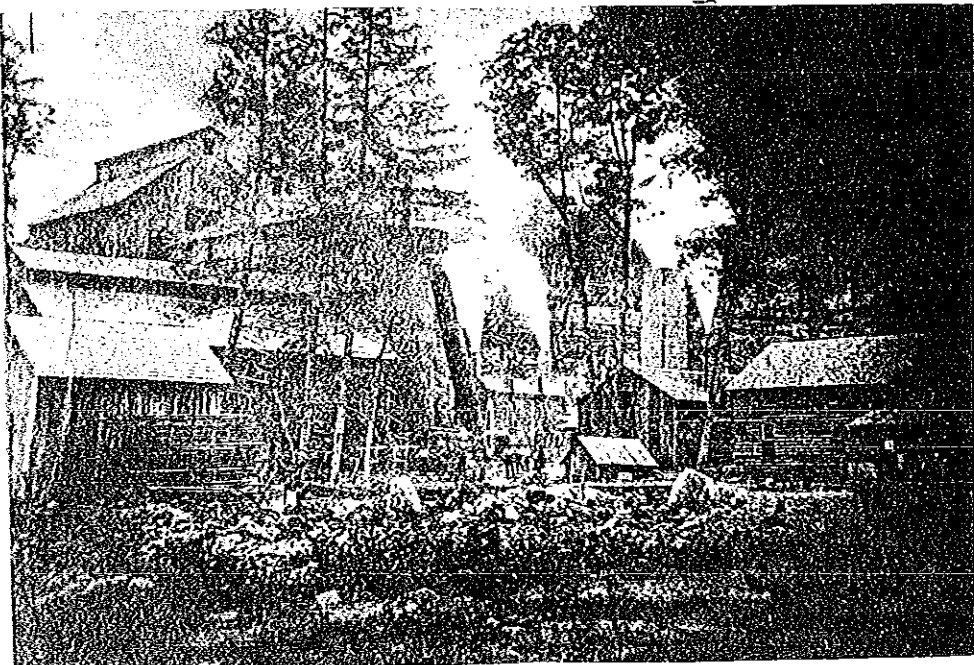
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Fred Eachus, President

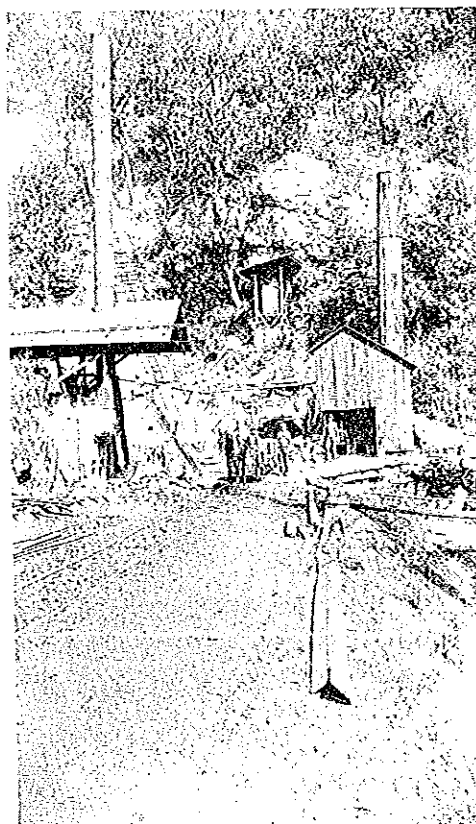
# Industry



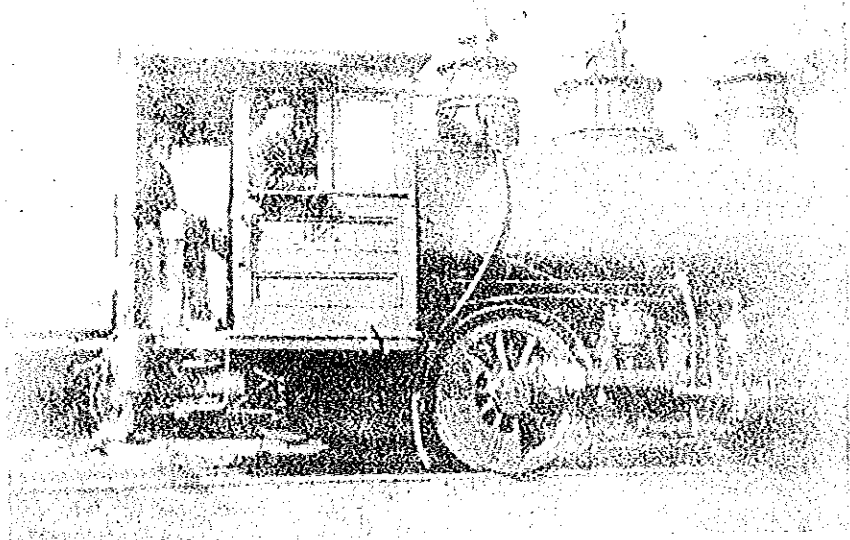
A Young Miner



Rockwood's First Furnace



Mine Entrance

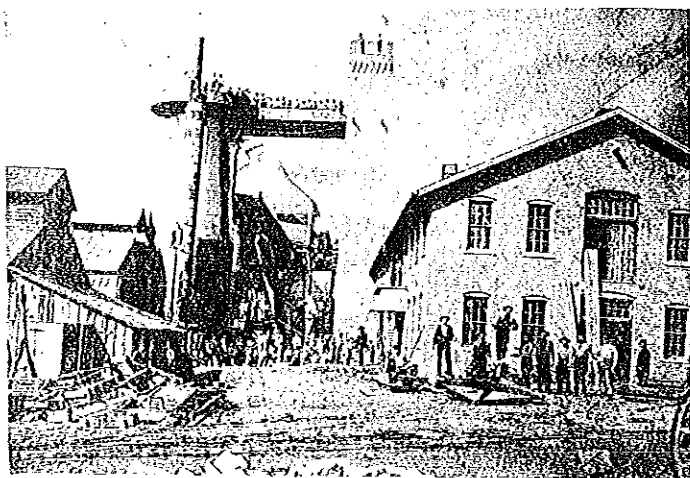


Dinky Engine At R.I. Company

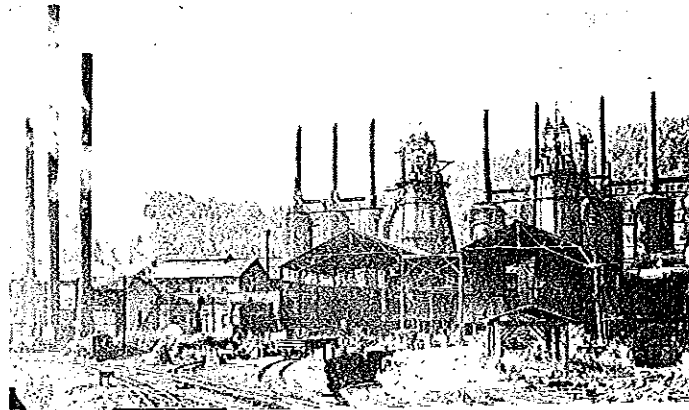


Coke Ovens

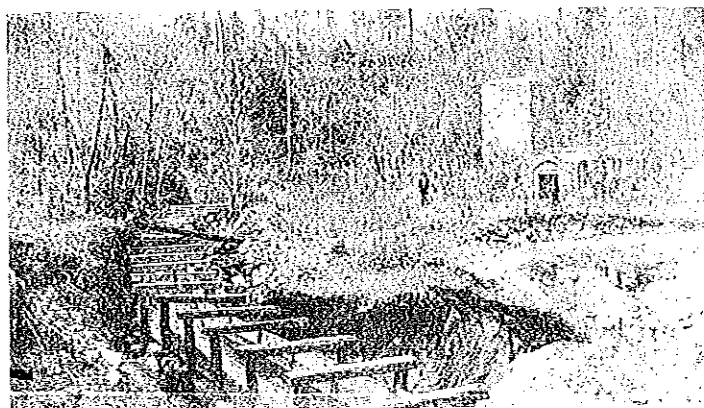




R. I. Co. In Early Days



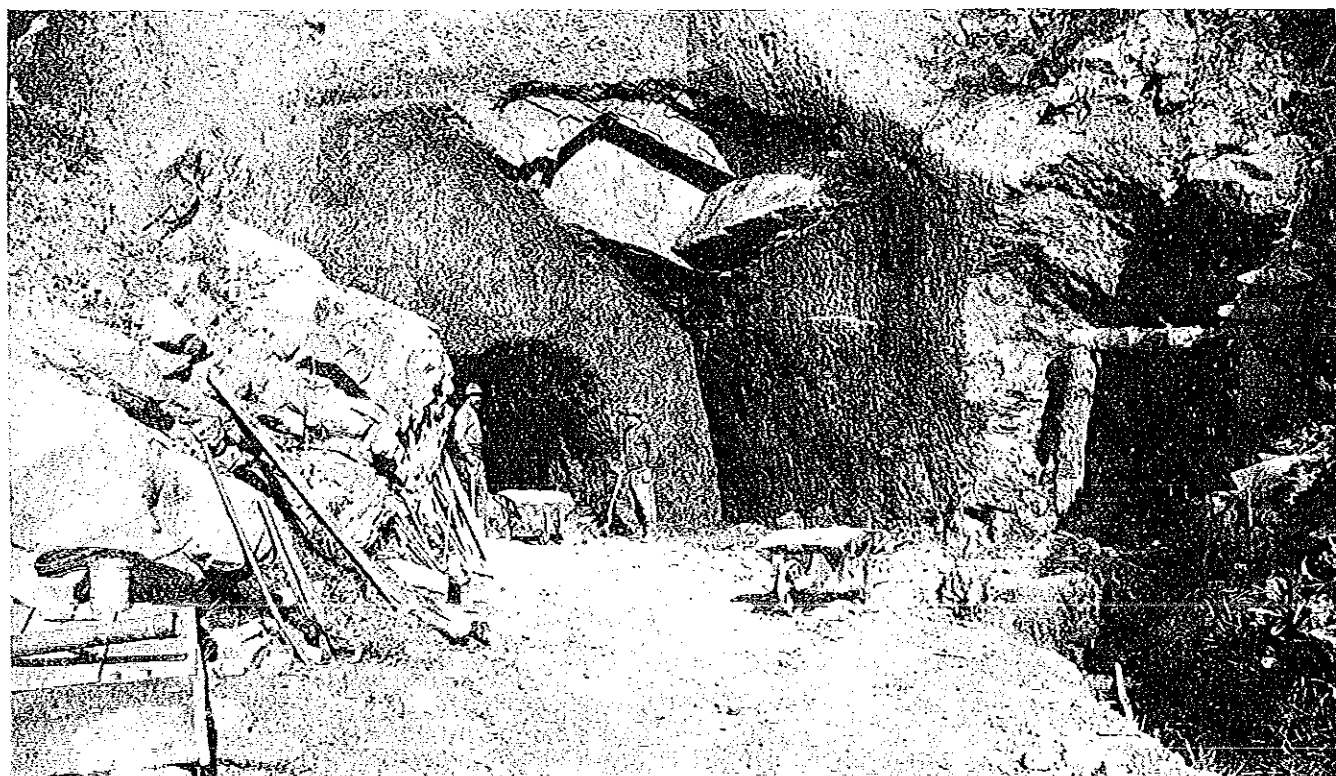
R. I. Co. During Depression Days



View At Big Sump Of Coal



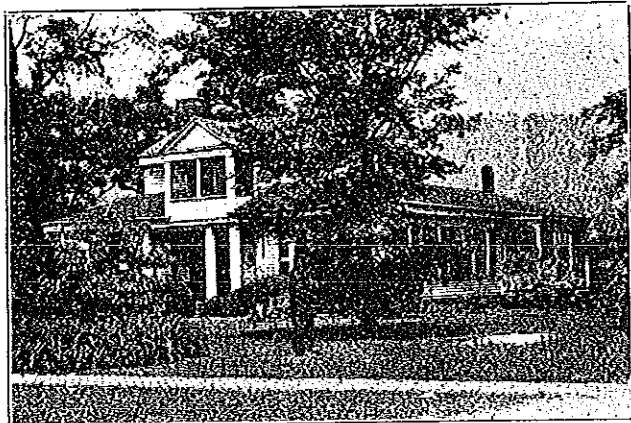
In The Mines



Excavation At Mines

## HISTORIC CLACK RESIDENCE Oldest Home In Rockwood

WAS STAGE-COACH TRAVELERS' STOPPING PLACE

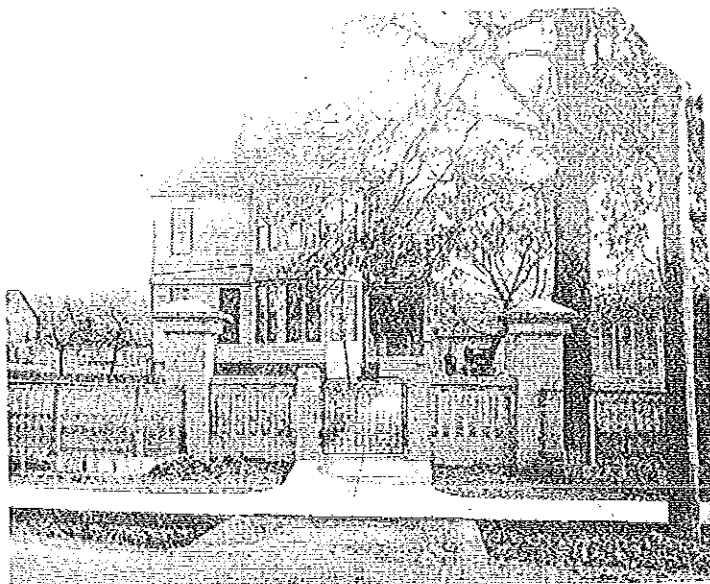


Where "Old Hickory" stopped

One of the most interesting and historic landmarks of the early days of Tennessee is the old Brown homestead in Rockwood now owned by Mrs. J.M. Clack, widow of the late Dr. Morgan Clack. This house was built nearly 100 years ago by Jack Brown, son of Gen. Brown who was a friend of President Andrew Jackson. It was the stopping place for the old stage coach and travelers enroute east and west through Tennessee, and was visited frequently by President Jackson on his trips from the Hermitage, his home in Nashville, to Washington.

A well, now sealed with concrete, in front of the house was an oasis where many a thirsty traveler of the old stage road quenched his thirst and watered his horse before continuing his journey through the hills of East Tennessee. A giant oak that stood by the well shaded the first toll gate in Tennessee.

## THE J. E. FOX HOME



This home was built and remodeled from the "Old Rockwood Inn", by Mr. J.E. Fox, local banker and father of Ernest H. Fox. It was located on the "Fox Lot" where the Coca-Cola Bottling Works now stands.

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PETE SMITH'S WATTS BAR RESORT

## JOHN T. STAPLES HOME

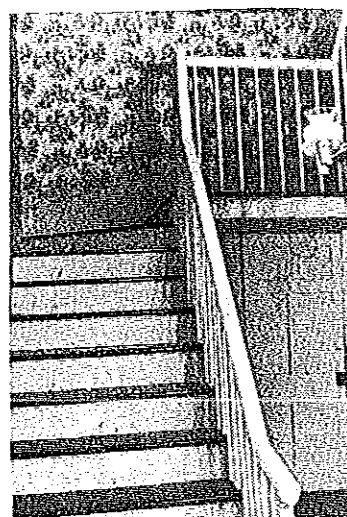


OLD STAGE COACH INN AND POST EXCHANGE

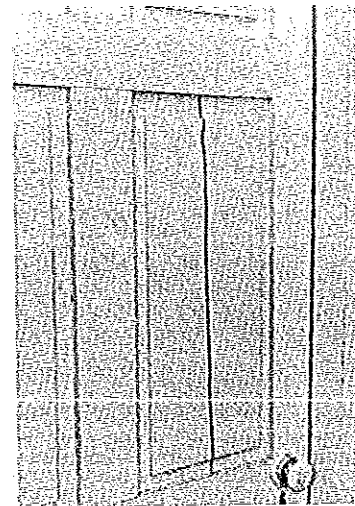
BUILT IN 1842 BY MATTHEW ALLISON



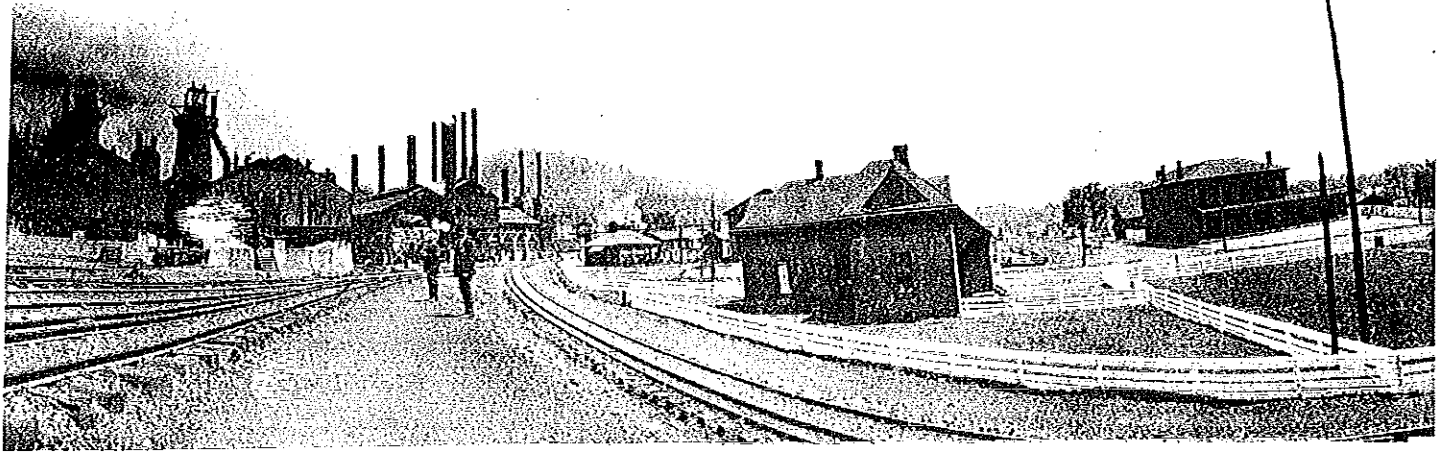
HARD CARVED DETAIL ALONG STAIRWAY OF J.T.S. HOME



STAIRWAY OF J.T.S. HOME



BAYONET MARK MADE BY UNION SOLDIER DURING CIVIL WAR, LOOKING FOR REBEL "SPY" AT J.T.S. HOME.



AN EARLY VIEW OF THE ROANE IRON COMPANY PLANT -- Here is a view of the Roane Iron Company plant taken in the early part of this century. The furnaces are in the left background and the office building in the center foreground. At right

is the old Roane Iron Company commissary, facing Rockwood Ave., at Spring Street. This building was destroyed by fire in 1945. Note neat white fences. Due to lack of activity at the time it is presumed that this photo was taken on Sunday.

#### ROANE IRON COMPANY.

Chartered by the State of Tennessee. Capital stock paid up, owes not a dollar. Its property is estimated at \$6,000,000, which will increase in value as the country settles up, and its minerals more highly developed.

REFERENCES.—Dun or Bradstreet.

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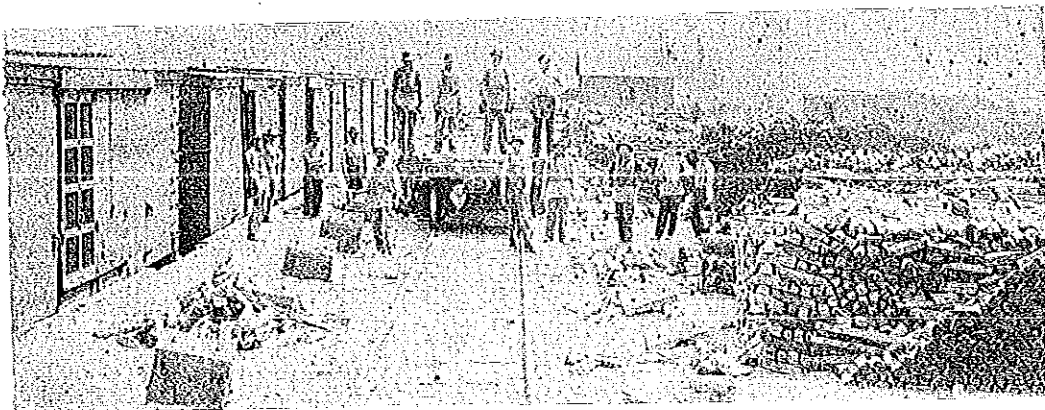
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FROM A 1905 ROCKWOOD BOOKLET



LOADING PIG IRON  
 AT ROANE IRON CO.  
 IN 1910

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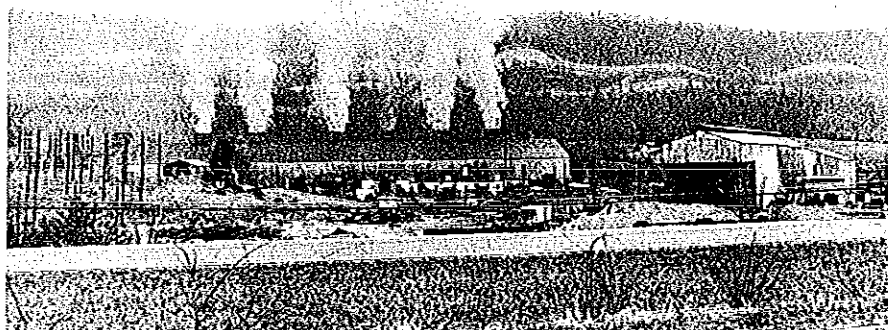


GEORGE B. HOLLSTEIN

Mr. Hollstein came to Rockwood in 1950 to be Assistant Superintendent of the Blast Furnace plant of Tennessee Products and Chemical Corporation, successors to the old Roane Iron Company. Prior to that time he had been associated with Republic Steel Corp., in Birmingham, Alabama.

In Rockwood he subsequently rose to Vice President of Operations over Roane Electric Furnaces here and Tenn-Tex Alloys in Houston, Texas, subsidiaries of TP&CC. A Methodist, Mason, and Shriner, he is on the board of Roane Civic Music Association, the Board of Trustees of Chamberlain Memorial Hospital, is a Director of First National Bank and Trust Company, and has membership in Rockwood Golf and Country Club. His professional affiliations include the American Society for Metals; The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; and the Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Oven Association. He is listed in Dun and Bradstreet and in Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Hollstein and his wife, Evelyn, enjoy hiking in the Smoky Mountains, and cultivating flowers at their home, 811 Staples Avenue. Their two grown daughters live in Fairfax, Virginia, and Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Hollstein has been active in P-T.A., Study Club, Garden Club, and is a charter member of Roane Civic Music Association.



## Roane Electric Furnaces

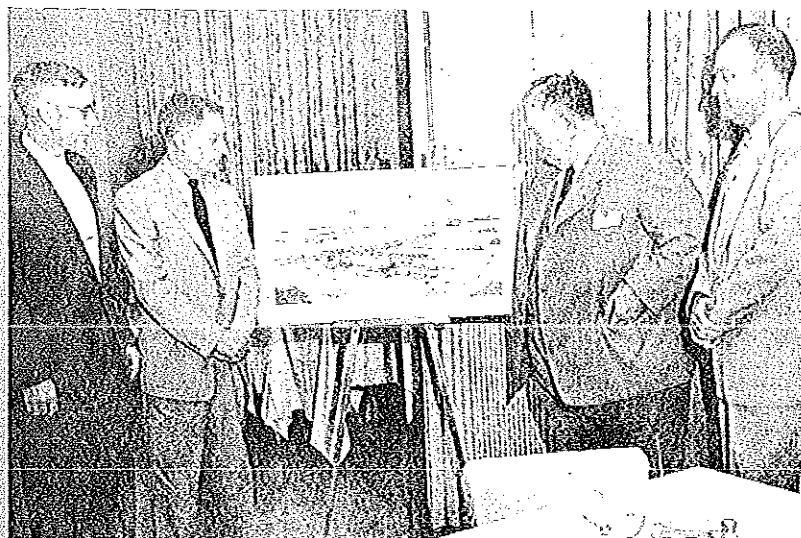
### LOCAL IRON AND COAL HISTORY

By Captain McElwee

The first stone coal used in Roane County was by a blacksmith named Allison Howard in 1812 while shoeing horses at Post Oak Springs for a regiment on its way to the Indian campaigns in Alabama. The first barge load of coal shipped down the Tennessee River was in 1930 by Captain William Jackson.

The first iron manufactured on the county was in a Catalan forge on Whites Creek in 1811. The first furnace for manufacturing cast iron was built by Matthew English and George Gordon at the mouth of the creek which empties into Whites Creek just above the present location of the Cincinnati Southern bridge. Cast mould board plows had been used but did not come into general use until English and Gordon bought the patent for the Dodd plow and manufactured them at their furnace in 1820.

Prior to 1868 no iron had been made south of the Ohio River, except by the use of charcoal for fuel. On the 11th day of February, 1868, W. E. McElwee as foreman for a company, began the erection of a furnace in which mineral coal or coke was to be used. The first run was made on the 8th day of December, 1868. The place was named Rockwood, for W. O. Rockwood, the president of the company.



## Discussing Plans For The New Roane Electric Furnace Plant For Rockwood

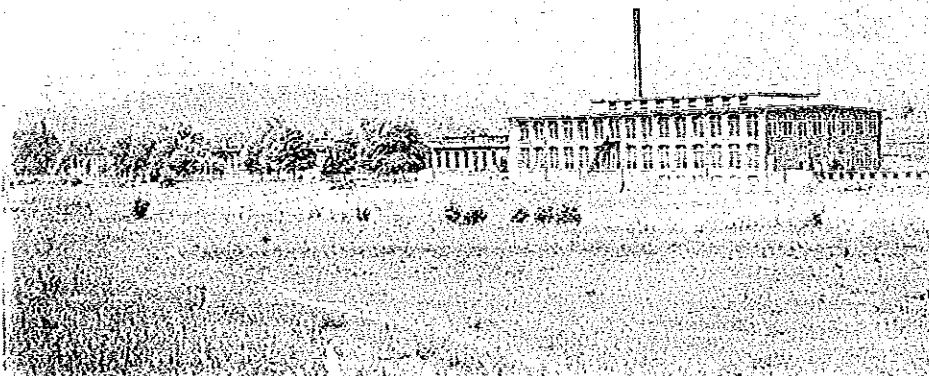
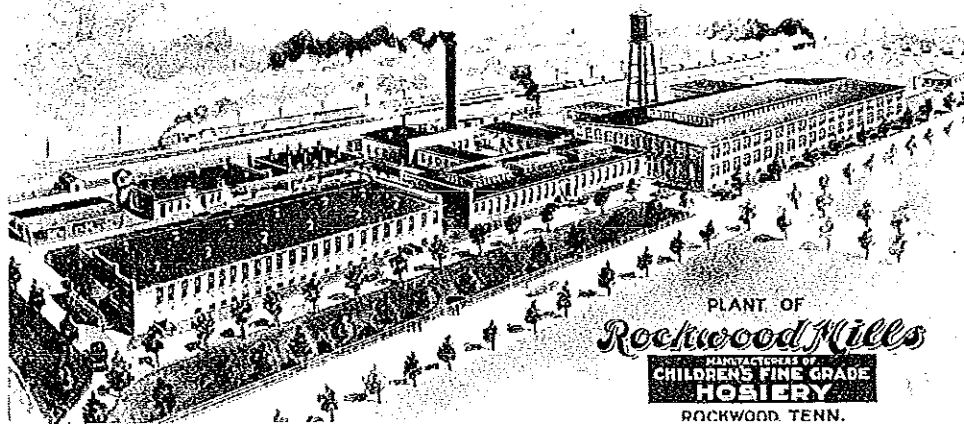
ROANE ELECTRIC FURNACE PLANT  
TENNESSEE PRODUCTS AND CHEMICAL  
CORPORATION

G. B. HOLLSTEIN, Manager  
J. P. PLUMMER, JR., Plant Superintendent  
W. P. WRIGHT, Personnel Director  
JOHN KRANASKAS, Laboratory Manager  
ROY OLSON, Assistant Plant Supt.  
E. H. CONNELLY, Office Manager

PLANS ANNOUNCED Left; Commissioners Carson and Foland, Mr. Carl McFarlin and Mayor Russell Simmons (Right).

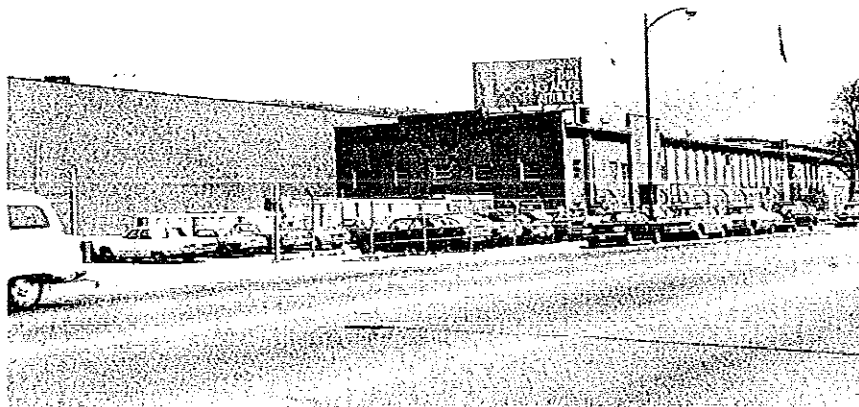


# The Rockwood Mills, Inc.



OLD HOSIERY MILL, ABOUT 1940, Photo by John Harness  
(Submitted by Jerry Harness, Huntsville, Ala.)

## The Adler Company -- 1968



Adler's Rockwood Plant, on Gateway Blvd.

FROM THE ROCKWOOD TIMES --  
"Good Will to All,  
Special Favors to None."  
Rockwood, Roane County,  
Tennessee, July 20, 1905

## The Knitting Mill

The plans for the Knitting Mill are now ready. It consists of a main building 50x150 feet, dye house 30x68 feet. These plans do not include the engine and boiler room. Mr. Andrews is now in the East for the purpose of buying the machinery. Mr. T.A. Wright has prepared the charter of incorporation. Just as soon as the charter is received the stockholders will hold a meeting for organization. Seven directors will be elected, four from Rockwood and three from Chattanooga. Immediately after the organization contracts will be let out and work will begin. Everything is expected to be complete by January 1, 1906. The Cincinnati Southern R.R. through Mr. McGuire, has agreed to lay the switch track and build one bridge across the creek. The Mill Company merely will do the grading. The switch track will be built at once so as to save expense in getting material on the ground.

### THE ADLER COMPANY

Tom Guggenheim, President  
Jack Tucker, Vice President of  
Manufacturing

Joe W. Howard, Vice President of  
Research and Development

W. A. Burrows, Plant Manager

Dean Earnest, Divisional Industrial Engineer

Theo Rooks, Supt. of Yarns

David Poole, Supt. of Knitting

Bill Rotters, Supt. of Dyeing and Finishing

David Kersey, Dept. Head of Warehouse

Yoshia L. Kamikawa, Supt. of Maintenance

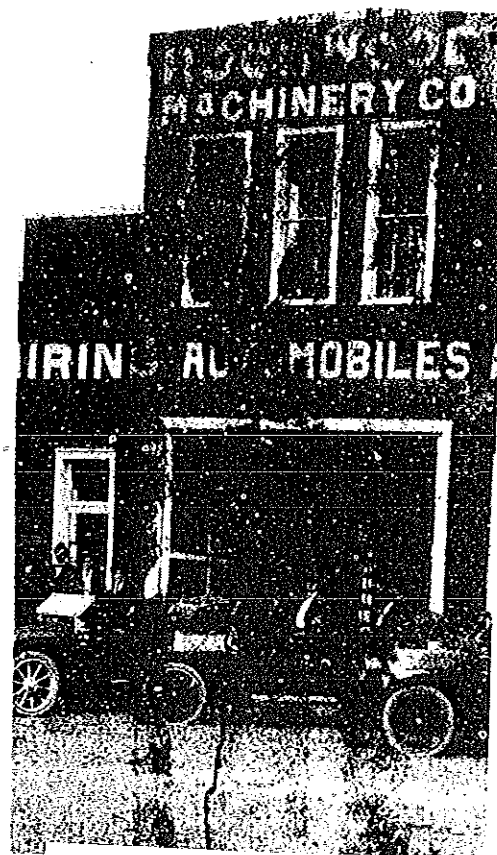
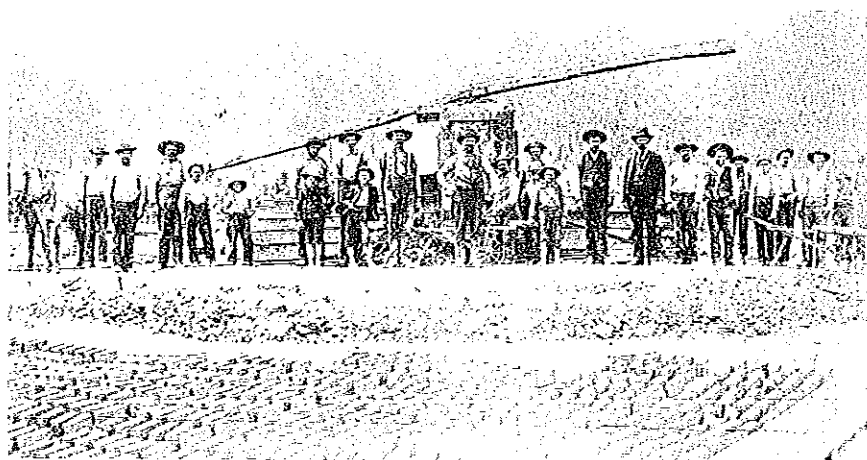
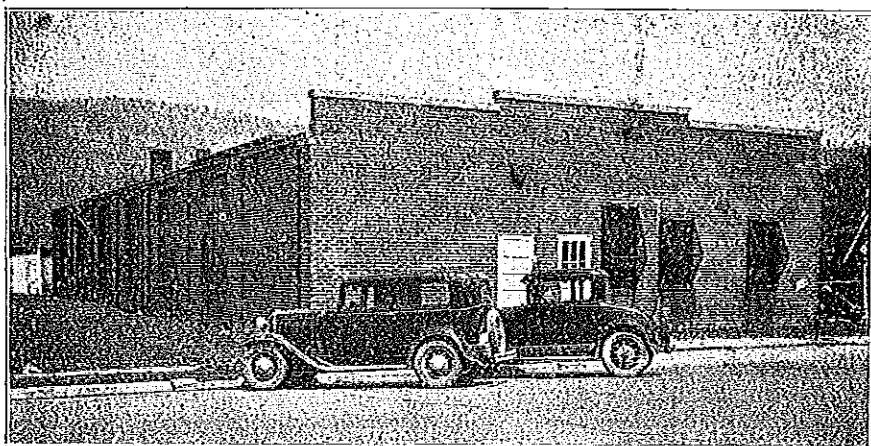
Jack Maples, Office Manager

Michael F. Spann, Personnel Manager

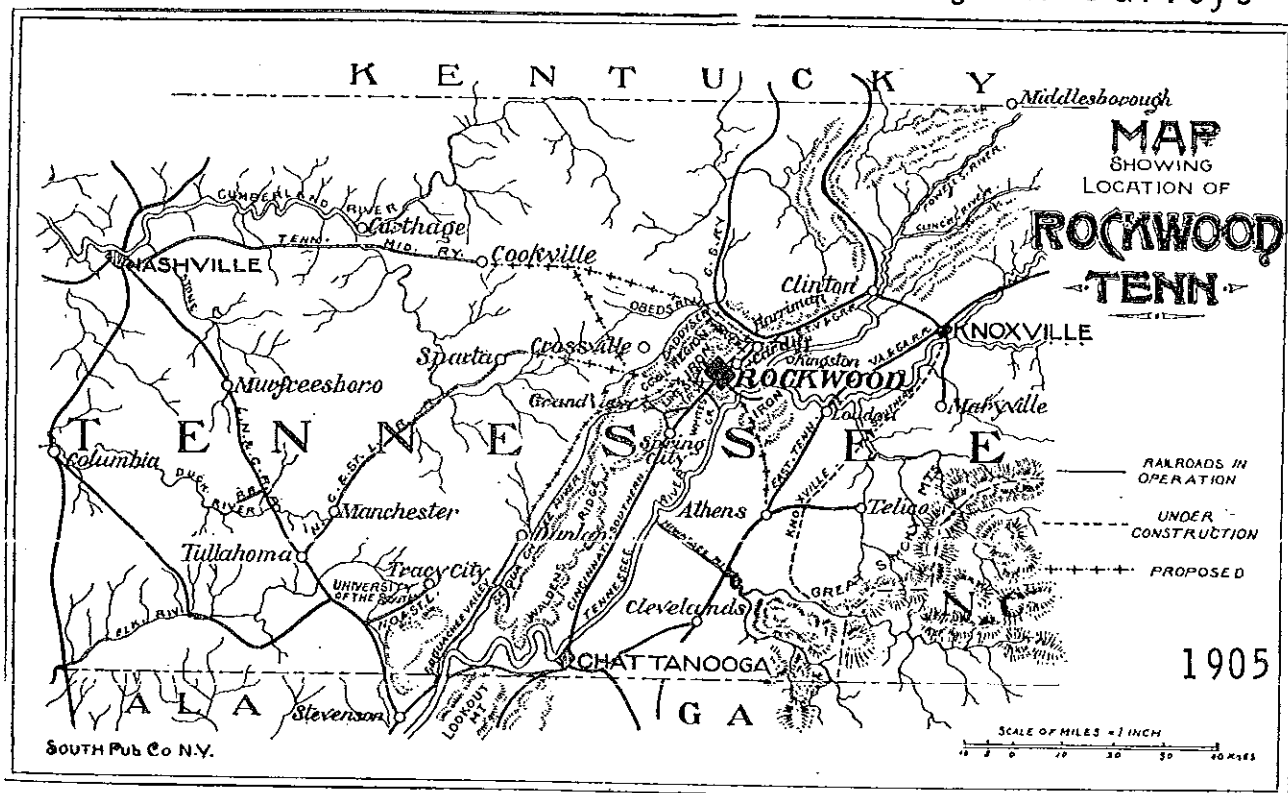


Second view of The Adler Company Plant.





## Geological Surveys



## PRESENT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



SUPT. ROY L. JOHNSON  
Principal Ridge View School



ROBERT E. CULVAHOUSE  
Principal Rockwood High School



HENRY SELBY  
Principal Central Elementary

## FIRST GRADUATES OF ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



### RHS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS, 1892

The first graduating class of Rockwood High School received their diplomas in appropriate exercises on May 12, 1892. The seven members of the class, along with the school principal, Prof. Lucas, are shown above in a photo copied from the original. They are, seated, left to right, Robbie Mary Kendrick, Prof. Lucas, Rebecca Sanborn and Alice Clack. Standing, left to right: Carrie Wilson, Robert H. Wilson, Charles Millican and Bell Wilson.

The complete program of this first graduation exercise is as follows:

### ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL First Annual

## Commencement Program

OPERA HOUSE  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1892  
7:30 P. M.

MOTTO: Ad Astra Per Aspera

Invocation	Rev. W. B. Brown
Music, Piano and Cornet, "Love's Golden Dream"	--Lennox
Latin Salutatory	Robert Howard Wilson
Oration, "Law -- Not Luck"	Rebecca M. Sanborn
Vocal Solo, "The Light-house by the Sea"	--Davis

Oration, "Duty Done, 'Tis Music to the Soul"	Alice Clack
Class Prophecy, Duet,	Isabella Haley Wilson
"Charge of the Uhians" -- Bohm, Op. 213	
Oration, "The Hopeful and Hopeless"	Carrie L. Wilson
Oration "Women who have Helped the World"	Robbie May Kendrick
Vocal Solo, L' Estasi, (Valse Brillant)	--Luigi Arditi
Valedictory,	Charles F. Millican
Diplomas Conferred,	T.A. Wright, Secretary
Vocal Solo, "Waiting"	--Millard
Benediction,	Rev. J.D. Winchester

## REUNION OF CLASS OF 1892, 45 YEARS LATER



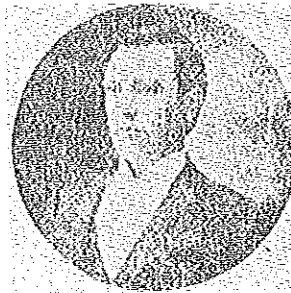
Forty-five years later, in 1937, the RHS Class of 1892 enjoyed a reunion in Rockwood. The picture above was taken in the same order as the graduating picture, all present at the time except Prof. Lucas, who was deceased. This photo was taken on the porch of Miss Elizabeth Wilson's home on Rockwood Ave. Seated, left to right: Robbie Mary Kendrick (Mrs. John Morgan Clack), Rebecca Sanborn, Alice Clack (Mrs. Sam Eaves), Standing: Carrie Wilson (Mrs. Ewing), Robert Wilson, Charles Millican, and Bell Wilson (Mrs. Zoily Martin). Photos furnished by Mrs. L.G. McCluen, Chairman of Scenario & Title Committee, Rockwood Area Centennial.



Etta E. Butler, Assistant

## CARDIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL, Cardiff, Tennessee 1899

DIRECTORS: T. Kindred, A. J. Erwin, Wm. King.



John H. Taylor, Principal

### -- ROLL --

Absent, Martha  
Absent, Japle  
Absent, Mary  
Akins, Maudie  
Baldwin, Jennie  
Bershears, Gertrude  
Brown, George Ann  
Campbell, Paul  
Carter, Harry  
Edwards, Sim  
Edwards, Dock  
Edmonds, Bennie  
Edmonds, Launie  
Erwin, Willie  
Erwin, Alice  
Erwin, Dorse  
Erwin, Creed  
Franklin, Fred  
Godard, Edgar

Godard, Alice  
Guy, Ida  
Haley, Roscoe  
Haley, Maggie  
Haley, Paul  
Hensley, Willie  
Hinds, Edd  
Hinds, Buddie  
Howard, Pearl  
Hutson, Creed  
Huffman, Lillie  
Hughes, Nina  
Hughes, Raymond  
Hyder, Mary  
Ingram, Dave  
Ingram, Maggie  
Keylon, Eddy  
Keylon, Laura  
Keylon, Ellis

Martin, John  
Martin, Roy  
Morris, Robert  
Morris, Sallie May  
Mosier, Meda  
Mosier, Leota  
Mosier, Robert  
Mosier, Olie  
Pass, Nathaniel  
Pass, Fred  
Quintrell, Fred  
Raglin, Joe  
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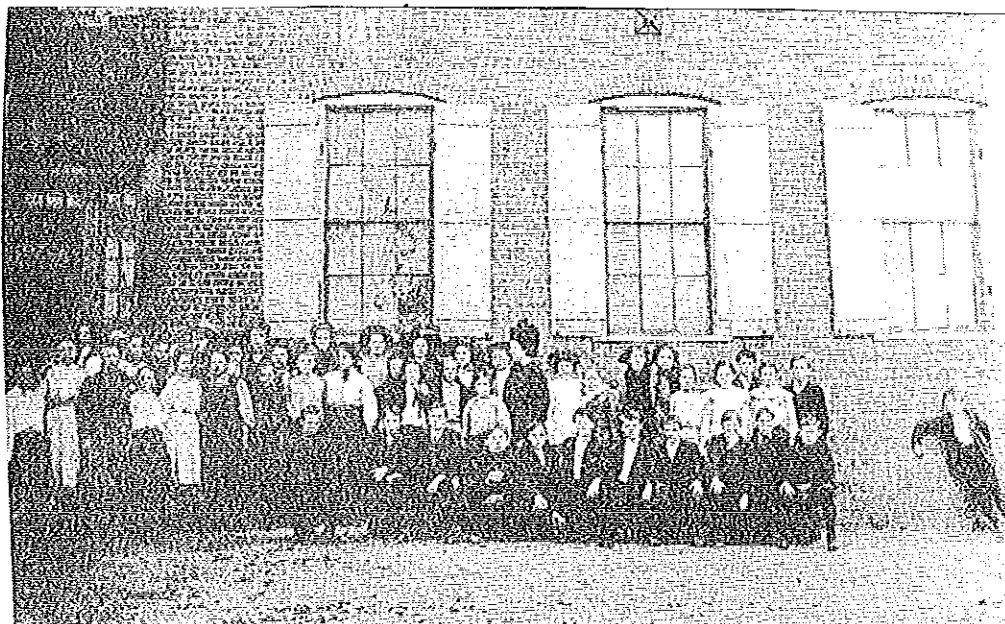
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Akins, Sarah  
Bledsoe, Robert  
Carter, Arthur  
Carter, Tommie  
Carter, Roy  
Carter, Willie  
Carter, Guss  
Carter, Samuel  
Carter, Nannie  
Edmonds, Charles  
Edwards, Floyd  
Edwards, Carl  
Edwards, Wilk  
Edwards, Andy  
Edwards, Willie  
Erwin, Walter  
Erwin, Dixie  
Erwin, Maggie

### -- ROLL --

Erwin, James  
Franklin, Dan  
Gray, William  
Guy, Lula  
Guy, John  
Guy, Joe  
Haley, Henry  
Howard, Henry  
Howard, Lillie  
Howard, Minnie  
Huffman, Dora  
Huffman, Elsie  
Huffman, John  
Hutson, Chas.  
Hutson, Marsh  
Ingram, Chas.  
Ingram, Lillie  
Ingram, Amanda  
Ingram, Moses  
Ingram, Annie

Ingram, Mollie  
Ingram, Ernest  
Martin, Annie  
Martin, Mattie  
Martin, Cordia  
Martin, May  
Martin, Myrtle  
Martin, Lolie  
Martin, Ollie  
Montgomery, Allen  
Mosier, Sallie  
Mosier, Thursey  
Mosier, Calvin  
Morris, Sam  
Quintrell, Clay  
Raglin, William  
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## Fifth Grade of Mamie Wallace, Teacher



This old school building was torn down in 1914 and through the efforts of Dr. Charlie Wilson, the old bricks were used in building the hospital.  
(submitted by Miss Kate Rodgers)

## First Graduates of Central Building, 10TH GRADE



Left to Right: Augie Coleman Reid, Pearl Daniels Cooley, Margaret Lindsley, Floyd Joseph, Ruth Mee Keller, Kate Rodgers, Wheeler Smith (absent).

## Rockwood Private School In 1911



This school was operated by Mrs. Bertha Derrick who is now 84 years old, Front row: John Allen Keylon, Wilma Derrick Bristow, Frank Derrick, Second row: George Howard, Clarence Rayder, Charles Wilson, \_\_\_\_\_ Hickey. Top Row: Mable Bivens, Edith Nance, Catherine Wilson, Margaret Howard, Sarepta Spurling.



THE OLD ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



# 1908 R.H.S. Graduates 1894 R.H.S. Graduate



Here are the sweet girl graduates of 1908. Making up the entire graduating class of Rockwood High School that year are the three lovely girls pictured above. From left to right are; Mrs. Mayme Barnard Margrave, Miss Mary Kathryn Tanner and Miss Ola Richards. Mrs. Margrave, a retired teacher, resides at 324 N. Kingston Ave., and is the only surviving member of the class. Miss Tanner passed away here only last year after teaching for many years at Austin Peay State College, at Clarksville. Miss Richards passed away in Texas where she had resided for many years.

## The Senior Class

of the

## Rockwood High School

requests the honor of your presence at the

## Commencement Exercises

June the third, nineteen hundred nine

at eight o'clock p. m.

Opera House



The Rockwood High School Graduating Class of 1894 is pictured above by the noted local photographer "Steinwehr". Seated, from left to right are: John H. Taylor, Miss Nettie Sanborn, Prof. C. D. Lucas, Miss Maude Tarwater and Miss Annie Steinwehr. Standing, left to right: Miss Hattie Clack, Miss Coda D. Lockman, Miss Maggie Clack and Miss Victoria Hedrick. Three members of the class not pictured are John A. East, John E. Nelson and Ernest B. Shaddon. This photo is the property of Mr. John A. East, 306 So. Chamberlain Ave.

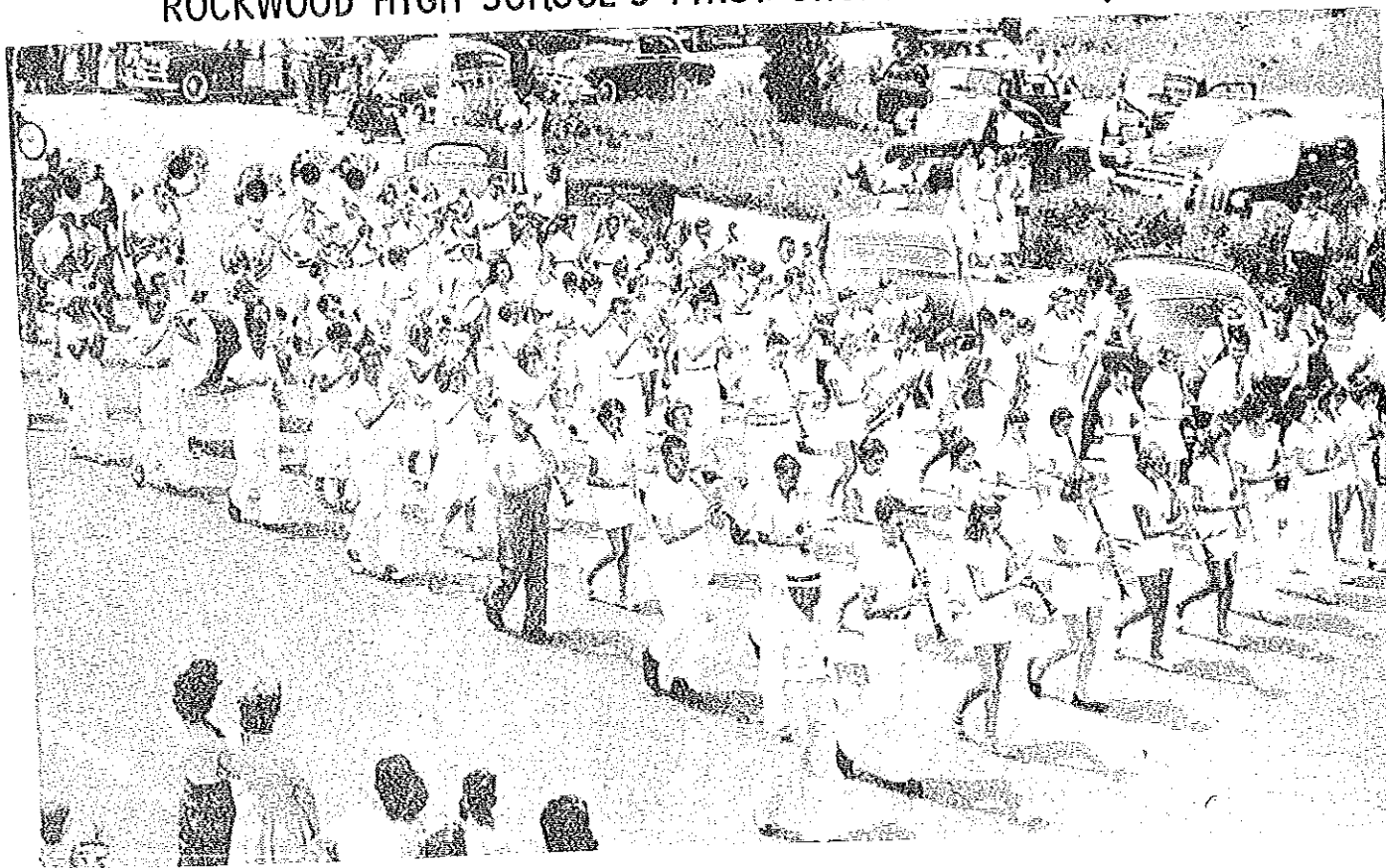
## Program

March . . . . .	Mrs. Usleman
Invocation . . . . .	Rev. R. M. Standifer
Piano duet . . . . .	Attaque des Ulana . . . . . Carl Bohn
	Misses Acuff and Phillips
Oration—"Ye Nexte Thyngs" . . . . .	Charles S. Mills
Vocal . . . . .	Selected . . . . . Mr. Charles Barnett
Oration—"Class History" . . . . .	Rachel May Phillips
Piano . Polish Dance, X. Scharwenkh . . . . .	Miss Ethel Swanson
Oration—"Night Brings out the Stars" . . . . .	Nell Tedder
Vocal . . . . .	Selected . . . . . Miss Dorothy Tarwater
Oration—"Personal Influence" . . . . .	Carrie Zerilda King
Violin . . . . .	Selected . . . . . Miss Maude Leeper
Valedictory—"The Aim of Life" . . . . .	Annie Millican
Male quartet, Selected . Owings, Regester, Barnett, Barnett	
	Presentation of Diplomas
Piano . . . . .	Selected . . . . . Miss Reece Ingram

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## ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST ORGANIZED BAND, 1950



MR. WILMER SHAMHART, "FATHER OF THE R.H.S. BAND," IN FOREGROUND

DIRECTORS: Bruce Ault, 1950-1952; Ed Bilbrey, 1952-1953; Miss Pat Hood, 1953-1956; Harold Heath, 1956-1959; Lowell Powell, 1959 -

## Rockwood School Faculty, 1924



First Row: Thelma M. McCluen, Nell R. Atkin, Alma King, Helen O. Rohrer, Blanche Pickering, Annie Molyneux, Morrell. Second Row: Reba Grant, Anna Trentham, Flora Kelly, Stella Brown, Mrs. Steadman, Luch Pierce. Third Row: Stella Honeycutt, Georgia Ervin, Mable G. Haltom, Estell McKenney, Pansy Cross, Kate Rodgers, Gertrude Hern. Fourth Row: Edna C. Bradley, Ruth Officer, Nettie Garrett, Sarah Sherrill. Fifth Row: John Burchfield, Mr. Conway, N.A. Steadman, Graybeal.



MRS. FAYE B. EVANS, Principal, Rockwood Elementary School (1947-1956) with JUDY THOMAS, Spelling Bee Winner.

# Graduating Class Of 1902



The Rockwood High School graduating class of 1902 was composed of the four lovely young ladies, pictured above with their Principal, Prof. I.N. Odom. The graduates, from left to right are: Misses Jennie Mae Millican (later wed to Mr. J.T. Dickson), Katherine Sanborn (married to Mr. Cornell), Prof. Odom, Della Tedder (married Mr. Cowan), and Margaret Richards (who also married a Richards and was one of the first nurses at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital). Mrs. Dickson, of 215 N. Chamberlain Ave., is the only surviving member of the class.

## ROCKWOOD TIMES HAD COLORFUL STORY OF 1902 R.H.S. GRADUATING EXERCISES

The Rockwood Times had a very complete and colorful story of the graduating exercises held by the Rockwood High School Class of 1902. Taken from a faded clipping furnished us by Mrs. J.T. Dickson, sole surviving member of the class, The Times had the following interesting account of the program:

"The Eleventh Commencement Exercises of the Rockwood High School were held at Peterman Hall Thursday night. The program was a most commendable one, worthy of high praise. The music was under the direction of Mrs. Willard Warner, Mrs. T. A. Wright, Misses Thoma and Robbie Kendrick, and was exceptionally good. Miss Thoma was the skillful accompanist for the evening.

"The stage settings were very fine, the background was arranged with bunting artistically draped in the class colors, white and green, and the class motto, "Nemo Solus Sapit" in gilt letters. Around the front of the stage were placed handsome jardinières filled with ferns and white peonies producing a beautiful effect.

"The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity to accommodate the large and appreciative audience.

"The class was composed of four young ladies, who by diligent studying had finished the high school course and were ready to battle with the more intricate problems of life.

"At eight o'clock the school board, the faculty, the graduates, the flower girls and musicians filed in and took their seats on the stage.

"Rev. Mr. Groseclose invoked the divine favor asking for blessings to be showered upon the young ladies who were entering upon the stage of action.

"The exercises opened with a piano duet by Mrs. Thoma and Miss Smith which was executed in a brilliant and pleasing style.

"Prof. Odom then in a few well chosen remarks introduced the graduating class.

MISS KATHRYN SANBORN

"The subject of Miss Sanborn's oration was "Self Culture." She spoke in a distinct, easy and very dignified manner. Her oration was an excellent one, showing culture and grace in its rendition and was listened to with deep interest.

"Prof. Bistline, of Harri-man, gave a violin selection, "Mazurka de Concert." He was his first appearance in Rockwood and the applause which greeted him and followed the melody drawn from his match-

less bow showed his playing found a responsive echo in the hearts of the people. Prof. Bistline is truly a finished artist and is one of the few who can render classic music in such a way as to suit not only the musicians but the masses.

MISS MARGARET RICHARDS

"Class Prophecy" was Miss Richard's subject. She vividly portrayed the future of the class as revealed to her by a veritable witch. She provoked a storm of laughter from the audience. Her fine flow of language and careful style brought forth hearty applause.

"Miss Minnie Acuff in a vocal number "Serenade" delighted her friends with the charming song. Miss Minnie has a pure, sweet soprano voice and a gracious manner which is most pleasing.

MISS DELLA KATHRYN TEDDER

"Miss Tedder's oration was "Education", a subject that required deep and thoughtful study. She handled it with tact and eloquence and held the closest attention of all present. Her oration was an able one and was delivered in a manner gratifying to her hearers.

MISS JENNIE MAY MILLICA

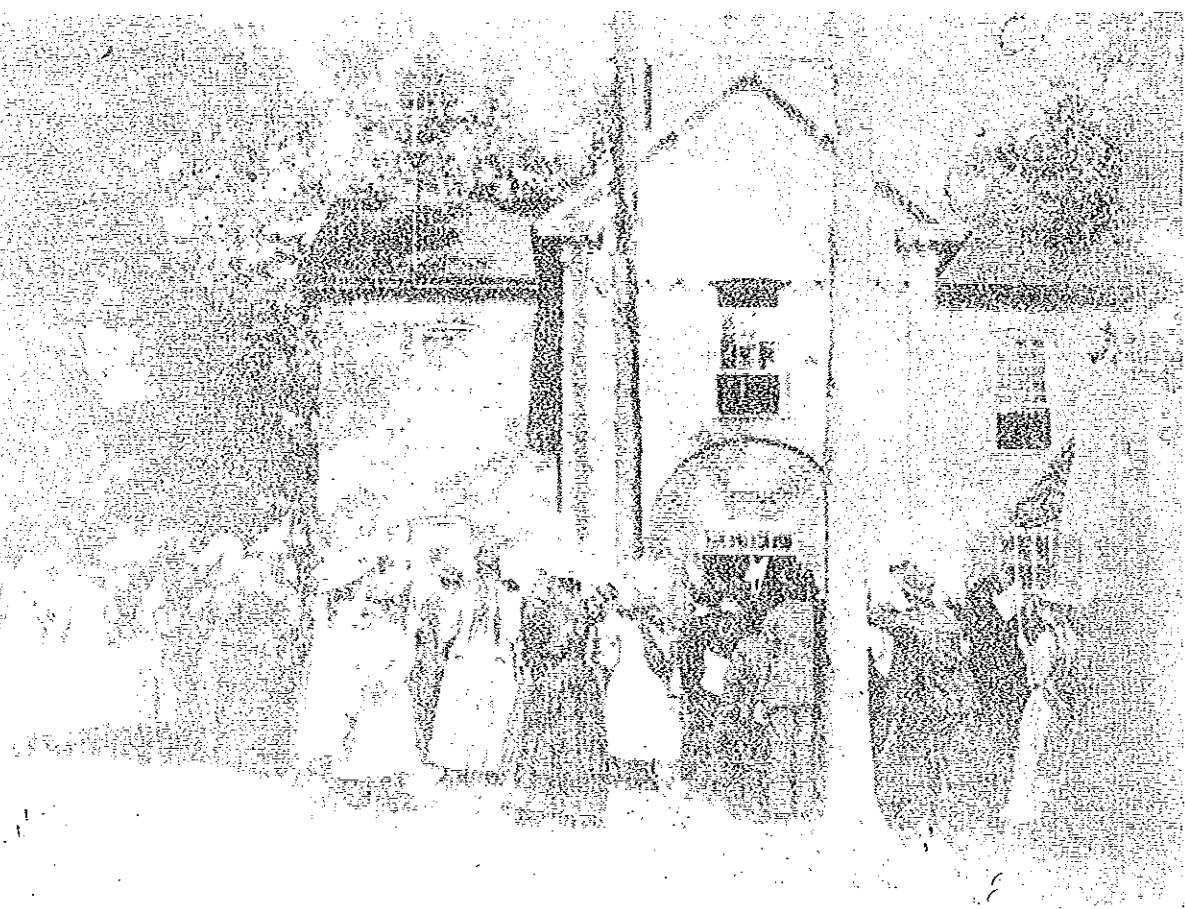
"Miss Millican by diligent application to her studies has won the honor of valedictorian. She chose as her subject, "Success in Life." She showed conclusively that to gain success we must merit it. The first thoughts brought out did much credit to herself. For the class she spoke of the teachers who had guided and counseled then she thanked their instructor for his kindness and patience, and spoke feelingly to the class of their separation after years of study together. Her oration was good and admirably delivered.

"The little flower girls, lovelier than the flowers themselves, -- Lennie Ingram and Ruth Cooper, assisted by Misses Bessie Leeper and Alice Redmon, presented to each of the graduates the many handsome floral tributes and favors that had been sent by admiring friends.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

"T.A. Wright, President of the school board, in a few well appropriate and eloquent remarks presented the diplomas to the class.

"The exercises closed with the benediction by Rev. G. Paul."



## ROCKWOOD'S FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

WHERE MISS ROBBIE KENDRICK TAUGHT

### ROCKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There were no schools in Rockwood in the year 1885. The first school was a frame church located across from the house where Miss Kate Rodgers now lives. There was a private school in Rockwood taught by Miss Sally Wilson. There was a four-room school house which housed ten grades. The wife of Colonel Kaufman, who ran the Rockwood Times, was the teacher in the beginning. In 1892 there were 117 pupils in the second and fourth grade. The pupils sat on benches built for two, but three had to sit on a bench. Later four more rooms were added to the school. Miss Robbie Kendrick (now Mrs. J.M. Clack) was a teacher. Commencement exercises were held in an Opera House located between the Christian Church and the hotel. The first public spelling bee was given by Mrs. Clack and her fourth grade pupils. (Mrs. Clack had graduated in 1892, a member of the first graduating class of the Rockwood school). Back then everyone ate where the football field now is. It was then a swamp full of trees.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES (Told by Mrs. Clack)

The exercises were held in the Opera House between Hotel and Christian Church. Hotel was not there then. In 1895 whole block burned: Shelley Home, Store, Church, Opera House and Store. Professor Lucas was Professor in 1892. Miss Rob taught second and fourth. The benches were made for two but she had three on them. She had 117 students. A company warrant for \$35.00 was what she got. The check had to be cashed at the First National Bank. She had to have \$1.75 to cash it. Later she taught second. Four rooms had been added. Now had 75 students. Taught for seven years. They had spelling matches. At recess they played townball. Played with flat bat, softball, and had pitcher, catcher, both girls and boys played. Where the football field is now, swamp full of trees; Oak and poplar. Everybody took lunches.

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## The Rockwood Schools

Submitted by Eva Lee Fulks

There was no school in Rockwood in the year 1885. The first school was a frame church across from the house where Miss Kate Rodgers now lives. Then there was a private school in Rockwood taught by Sally Wilson. Then there was a four room school house which house ten grades. The wife of Col. Kaufman who ran the Rockwood Times, was the teacher. In 1892 there were 117 pupils in the second and fourth grades. The class sat on benches. They later added four more rooms and employed "Miss" Rob Clack as a teacher. For seven years, "Miss" Rob taught in the old Opera House which was located between where the First Christian Church and Rockwood Hotel now stand. In 1895 the entire block burned, including the Opera House.

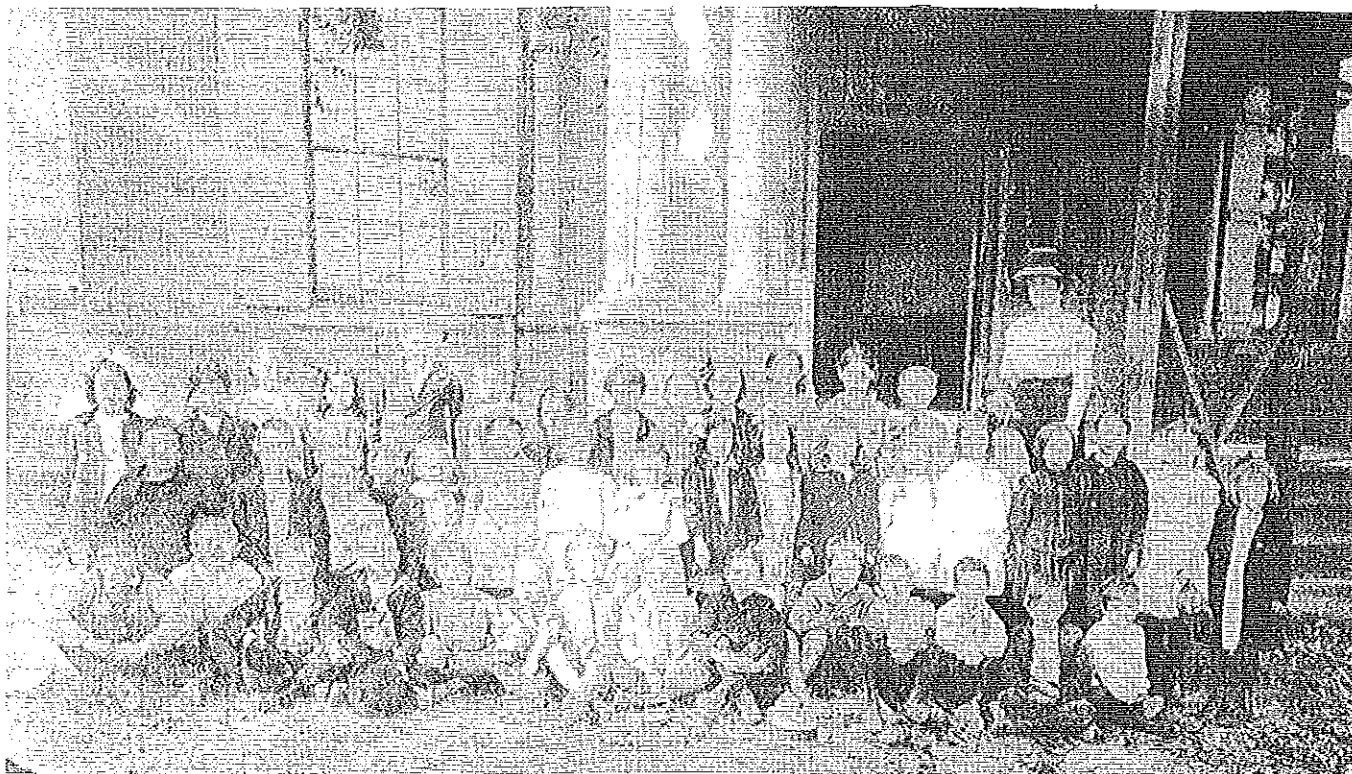
The first spelling bee ever held in Rockwood was when "Miss" Rob was in the fourth grade. She graduated in 1892. Back then commencement was an all-day affair. They would bring their lunches and eat where the present Rockwood High School football field now is.

Our present Central Elementary building was built in 1914. The junior high addition was added in 1923. In 1936 the junior high was rated A-1 by the State of Tennessee and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Rockwood had a scholastic population of 1,100 with a daily average attendance of 94%. In 1956 a new high school was built. In 1961 a new band room was added to the high school. The elementary building cost \$40,000.00 to build. The junior high cost \$48,000.00. The new high school cost \$150,000.00 and the band addition another \$27,500.00.

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MISS MARGARET OWINGS' FIRST GRADE CLASS IN THE SCHOOL WHICH WAS BUILT AROUND 1890

## R. H. S. TEACHERS OF 1901-1902



The eight teachers composing the faculty of Rockwood High School faculty in the school year of 1901-1902. Seated on a huge log near the school are, left to right; Prof. I.N. Odom, Principal; Mrs. Anne Sanborn Nicholas, Mrs. Robbie K. Clack, Miss Osceola Pendelton, Miss Hilda Thomas, Miss Minnie Gibson, Miss Eola Miles and Dr. Dan Richards. (These Photos courtesy of Mrs. J.T. Dickson.)

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ROCKWOOD PHYSICIANS:

DR. JOHN T. CHESNEY, DR. THOMAS A. FULLER, DR. ROBERT S. HICKS, DR. JOHN V. SNODGRASS, JR.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLASS, 1924



Left to right -- Margaret Rose, Grace Johnson, Sarah Parrott, Louise McLoughlin, Mildred Lamb, Eliz. Hall, (2) Louise Foland, Blanche Dickson, Dollie Bush, Marg. Millican, Annie Laurie Hickey, Ava Spurling and Madeline Witt, Miss Anna Trentham, Teacher.

## AROUND 1920



R.H.S. Teachers: Mrs. N.A. Steadman, English; Mrs. Anna Trentham, Home Economics; Mrs. Zoe Fowler, Latin and French.

## EIGHTH GRADE - 1925



First Row: Fred Hensley, Howard Brown, Clarence Doughty, Woods Huff, Clifford Hampton, Ed Delozier, Charles Wilson, Minos Leatherman, Jack Nealon.

Second Row: Reba Dale, Catherine Collett, Nelle Evans, Wilma Davis, Laura Delaney, Eva Lee Brown, Reba Hicks Ingram.

Third Row: Mattie Lee Winters, Audrey Delaney, Mary Alice Burns, Grace Dale, Ruby Brasel, Reba Powell, Arvazeen Blank, Mary Grant.

Fourth Row: Lawrence Kindred, Charles Fritts, Theodore Crabtree, John Birchfield (teacher), Charles Greene, Judson Carson.

Rockwood Times, 9/6/17

## HIGH SCHOOL OPENS Large Attendance In All Departments

The 1917 - 18 session of the Rockwood High School was opened most auspiciously last Tuesday morning, with a large attendance in every department. A good many visitors were present at the opening and the morning was given over to the classification of the students and making lists of the books that will be needed. Prof. Steadman outlined the work for the year, and every teacher started in with a determination that will mean a successful year. Chairman Phillips of the school board, in a short address, stated that it was the intention of the board to add the full high school grades next year. Until this year there have been only ten grades, but now the eleventh has been added, and next year the twelfth will be put on. This is the full high school course. Yesterday morning each department got down to work, and by the end of the week the work will be moving along smoothly. Prof. Steadman has made a very favorable impression so far and has under way some improvements that will mean a great deal to the school and the students.



Laboratory at Campbell High School 1959 - 1960. School was erected in 1921. Laboratory equipment was bought in 1960. Prof. Olinger is at the extreme left.

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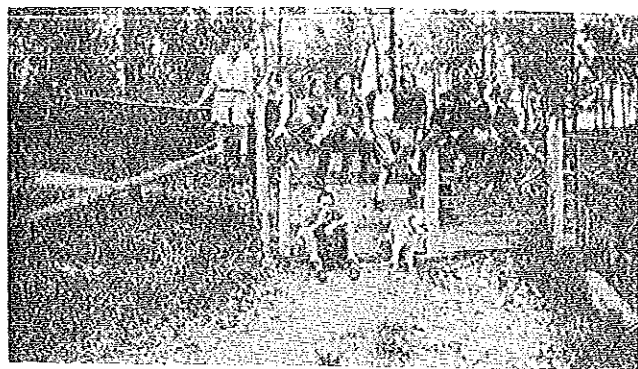
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## R.H.S. CLASS OF 1928



Edith Winters, Flora Pierce, Sue Rudder, Maude Dickson, Lois Stephens, Elizabeth Bledsoe, Edna Riddle, Lorena Wyatt, Barbara Zumstein, Perna Chambers, Edna Niles, Sabra Galloway, Hallie Ervin, Pearl Kelley, Margie Gibson, Elizabeth Hall, George Hall, George King, Millard Derrick, Blanche Martin, Mary Avery, Eva Crouch, Alma Bowman, Lee Knox, Elmer Brown, Roland Clifton.

## SENIOR CLASS OF 1929

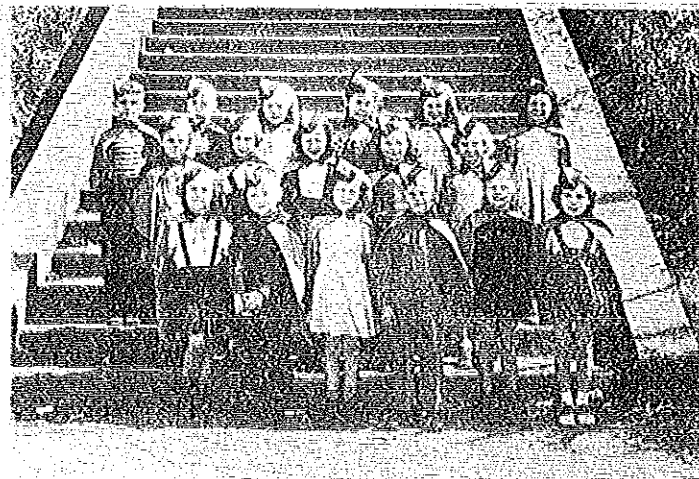


First class to go on a camping trip (week-end) for their senior outing. Place: Ensminger Cabin on Walden's Ridge. Chaperones: Prof. T.R. Eutsler and Mrs. Pearl Hargis.

Left to right in first picture: Charles Wilson, Ruth Ellison, Violet Wilson, Mary Grant, Eva Lee Brown, Arvazeen Blank, Kate Carter, Viola Greer, Howard Brown.

Left to right in second picture: Mary Grant, Wilma Davis, Ruth Ellison, Violet Wilson, Eva Lee Brown, Kate Carter, Arvazeen Blank, Reba Hicks.

## FIRST GRADE RHYTHM BAND



### FIRST GRADE RHYTHM BAND

First Row: Janie Fulmer, Tom Evans, Barbara Beene, David Evans, Margaret Lynn Weatherford, Barbara Frazier.

Second Row: Patricia Steer, Peggy Kemmer, Janice McKay, Jo Belle Masters, Faye Douglas.

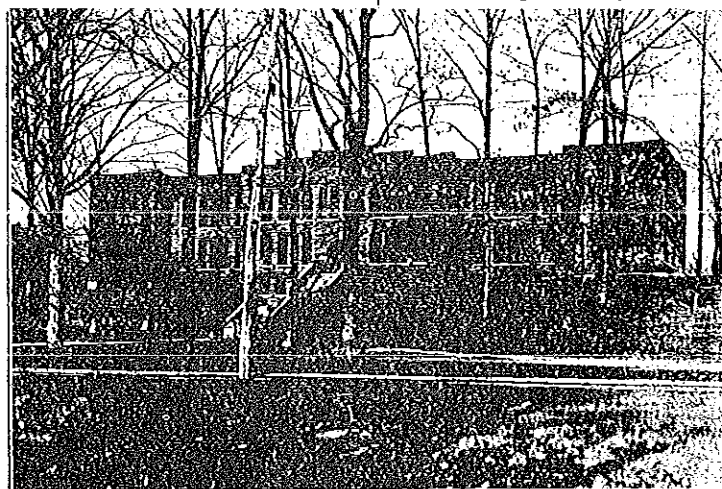
Back Row: Bobby Hicks, Turner Ingram, Edith Kirkland, Gayle Cooper, Mary Alexander, Martha Alexander.



T. R. EUTSLER  
Supt. Rockwood Schools, 1925-1953



L. E. MIDDLEBROOKS  
Principal,  
Rockwood High School, 1930-1953



ROCKWOOD'S \$50,000 SCHOOL BUILDING in 1915.



## R.H.S. Graduating Class, 1921



Seated: Morgan Clack, E.T. Ingram. 2nd row: Lorraine Janey, Reba Grant, Ivy Bacon, Hilda Grant. 3rd row: Ophelia Kelly, Peggy McNutt, George Turner, "Snowball" Elliott, Ralph Bearden.

## School According To Miss Kate Rodgers

From excerpts of a story by Mrs. Eva Lee Fulks in "The Rockwood Times", April 1, 1965.

In her beginning, the world was in a turmoil over the Spanish-American War, and her father's emotions were likewise disturbed over the recent inauguration of President McKinley. Although he was stern and king of the household, her childhood was happy with her more mischievous sister, Carrie. Their mother taught them many skills and worthwhile hobbies that remained with both.

She entered kindergarten at age five and finished the ten years available in Rockwood. She attended East Tennessee Normal in Johnson City, and Peabody Teachers College in Nashville. Miss Kate taught in the Rockwood school system from 1919 to 1965.

"One memorable event of their college days was that of November 11, 1918. News travelled slowly in those days. In the middle of the night suddenly the students heard guns firing, horns blowing, people screaming and, of course, dogs barking. All was commotion. The students know for certain that the Germans had invaded Johnson City. They huddled in dormitory rooms, frightened out of their wits, the remainder of the night, expecting, at any moment, to have the doors battered down by the Huns. Early the next morning the president of the college called to tell the student body to march into town because the Armistice had been signed! Alas, sleepiness ruled the day.

When she started teaching "Women's skirts were long and hats resembled umbrellas. Songs were "Over There", "Long, Long Trail," and "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," and so appropriate to this story, "K-k-k-katy."

A young lady, very demure and extremely conscientious was embarking upon a career that was to envelop her life and not only provide inspiration for everyday living, but also furnish golden memories for later years.

"Miss Kate has a sense of humor. She likes to joke and take joking. From "Did you Ever" in The Rockwood Times, October, 1945, she told on herself:

"Did you ever--?"

"Become anxious about your purse as this lady did? You would have, too. Time - mid-morning. Scene - rummage sale. One one of the tables were a number of odds and ends selling for five cents. The story -- A very nice person, looking things over, had in an absent minded manner put her purse down for just a moment. That was one moment too many. A girl, not knowing but that the purse was for sale, liked the looks of it and bought it, thinking that she was really getting a bargain--

## R.H.S. Class Of 1927



First row: Edith Crouch, Mary Sellers, Naomi Gray, Ona Roberts, Helen Sartin, Gertrude Erwin, Myrtle Elliott.

Second row: Margaret Rose, Esther Owings, Ethna Keith, Josephine Stevens, Ollie Mae Haga, Reba Golston, Ruth Zumstein.

Third row: Howard Proffitt, Tom T. Phillips, Ruth Montgomery, Vela Powell, Mildred Howard, Mildred Qualls, James Roddy, Willard Doughty.

Fourth Row: Everett Winters, Chester Brown, Charlie Richards, Tom Hayes Winters, James Moore, Lucius Staples (Evelyn Keyes absent.)

## CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL By J.B. Olinger

When I first came to Rockwood in the fall of 1924 there were only six Negro students in what was to known later as Campbell High School. At that time it was called The Rockwood Colored High School. Those six students made up the first and second years. There was no record of the high school work at the State Department of Education. There was only one Rockwood Negro student away in college.

For many years the idea of establishing and maintaining a high school for Negroes had been discussed by the officials of City of Rockwood and the Tennessee State Department of Education. Friends of Negro education believed that once a four-year high school was set up in Roane County, all of the eligible Negro students would enroll and take advantage of the educational program the high school would offer. But a great deal of work had to be done to point up the high school program.

By activity programs such as the Boy Scout and dramatics the school began to hold the students in school longer. Football and basketball played a great part in developing the interest and pride of the entire community in the work of the school.

By 1937 the school now known as Campbell High School had become a four-year accredited plant and until 1964 did a splendid work in molding the lives of the students of this area

and she was; but that comes later. When the lady missed her purse, both people were gone. Then came a frantic search--diligently everyone looked for it--then it was brought out that it had been sold--that was too bad--because in the purse were car keys, an uncashed check, money bank book, even the key to her bank box, and all the other things that one expects to find in a woman's purse--to cap it all off, she was in a hurry for a out-of-town trip too. In the meantime the girl had learned that she had a purse definitely not for sale and was on her way back to the Commerce Building when found. Did Miss Kate heave a sigh of relief? Oh, well, all's well that ends well."



# CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL

FROM A STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT

Submitted by Mrs. Alma Fletcher

For those who never had the opportunity to attend a school such as Campbell, I feel sort of sad.

I can recall that it ranked number one scholastically with other area Negro schools including Austin of Knoxville and Howard of Chattanooga.

We always had challenging football and basketball teams. I remember in 1951 our football team defeated Pearl High of Nashville.

Our teachers were the very best. We lacked nothing when it came to being prepared for college. Many of our students were contest winners in Mathematics and English contests among area schools.

During my four years at Campbell we all took four years of Mathematics, four years of English and Literature, two years of History. The boys had science, health and biology, the girls had Home Economics and all juniors and seniors had Chemistry one year and Physics the next year, or vice versa.

We thoroughly enjoyed life at Campbell. We had assembly once a week, and on special days such as Valentine's day, Easter etc., we planned special student participation programs.

Our Home Economics Department would sponsor a Style Show once a year, at which time the students would model the dresses, pajamas, evening gowns, and other items we had made during the year. Most of us made eight to ten garments a year, learned to cook, set tables, serve meals, and how to be a good hostess.

Our trip to Alcoa to the Music Festival was always a thrill. Our chorus won first place twice while I attended Campbell as a student.

We were so few at Campbell that the entire school could almost board a school bus. All but a few Rockwood students commuted.

Each year the Junior Class sponsored an educational tour. Since there were not enough Juniors and Seniors to fill a bus, I was fortunate enough to make all four tours, which included a trip to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, a tour of colleges in Atlanta, a trip to Washington, D.C. and my Senior year to Memphis to the State Basketball tournament in which our team played.

Many thanks are due Mr. Olinger who was primarily responsible for the life, enthusiasm and curriculum at Campbell. There was never a dull moment in his classroom. While teaching us math, chemistry and physics, he also entertained us by speaking French, displaying his knowledge of geography by painting our rivers, cities, countries, etc., on the maps hanging around his classroom walls. He also quoted Shakespeare and other poets and writers. It was always a thrill to hear him quote Anabel Lee. He inspired many a student and he made me thoroughly interested in all phases of learning.



# ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 1890's

By John A. East

I came to Rockwood in 1888 from Webster, Tennessee. I had previously attended school at Rittenhouse in Kingston. In the fall of 1888 I entered school in Rockwood. A high school was just in process of being formed. The elementary and high school were housed in an 8-room brick building on the grounds where the present Central Elementary School stands. Prof. S.F. Brading was superintendent at that time. As I remember, there were around 400 students enrolled. The first class to be graduated from R.H.S. was in 1892. In the formative years of the high school in Rockwood, some students had classes in one or more subjects with the senior class, at the same time having subjects with the junior class and even in some cases, with the lower grades. No one could graduate, of course, until he had completed the specified subjects. Consequently, there was no class of 1893. I was a member of the graduating class of 1894. Each year thereafter produced a graduating class. I recall that some of the subjects required in high school were: First and Second year Algebra; Plane and Solid Geometry (Wentworth's); Trigonometry; Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern Histories, English Literature and Rhetoric, Civics, First and Second year Latin and Caesar, Geology and Botany. Penmanship, English and Spelling were stressed throughout high school. Advanced Bookkeeping was an elective subject and six members of my class had a 2-year course in Bookkeeping, using the Williams and Rodgers system of Rochester, N.Y. Business College. Graduates of R.H.S. in the 1890's were required to master several subjects that now are considered to be College subjects.

The members of the 1892 class were Misses Robbie Kendrick, Rebecca Sanborn, Alice Clack, Carrie Wilson, Bell Wilson, and Messrs. Charlie Millican and Robert H. Wilson. It is a very interesting fact that Robert H. Wilson was such an able latin student that his graduation oration was delivered in latin.

The members of the 1894 class were Misses Coda D. Lockman, Maude Tarwater, Hattie Clack, Maggie Clack, Victoria Headrick, Annie Steinwehr, and Nettie Sanborn; Messrs. John H. Taylor, John E. Nelson, Ernest B. Shadden and John A. East.

Prof. S.D. Lucas, from Monroe, La., who was superintendent of the school for a number of years following 1890, was a very outstanding school man and a well beloved teacher. Prof. S.F. Brading, who came to Rockwood from Rittenhouse, was regarded by one and all as a very strict disciplinarian. Another good teacher of this period who came here from Rittenhouse Academy was Prof. M.L. Morrison. In 1897 W.C. Lawson, from Pulaski, was at the head of RHS. Among the outstanding belles and beaux of the day, in addition to the graduates mentioned, were: Misses Polly Nelson, Ola Bayless, Lizzie and Ada Sanborn, Rose and May Acuff, Della and Annie Peterman, Pearl Devaney and Lillie Black; Messrs. Fred Haggard, John Peterman, Freeman Montgomery, Dan Richards and Jesse Littleton. There were many others, but these are the names I recall.

During the 1890's students belonging to the Demarest Debating Society (National Organization) engaged in Debates of great interest to the Rockwood public. These debates were held in the old Rockwood Opera House. Representatives of the Demarest Society came from the East to Rockwood to judge the debates. I remember that Demarest medals were awarded to different times to Miss Kate Crowder, Mr. Fred Haggard, Mr. Dan Richards and Miss Annie Tate. The opera house was crowded for each debate.

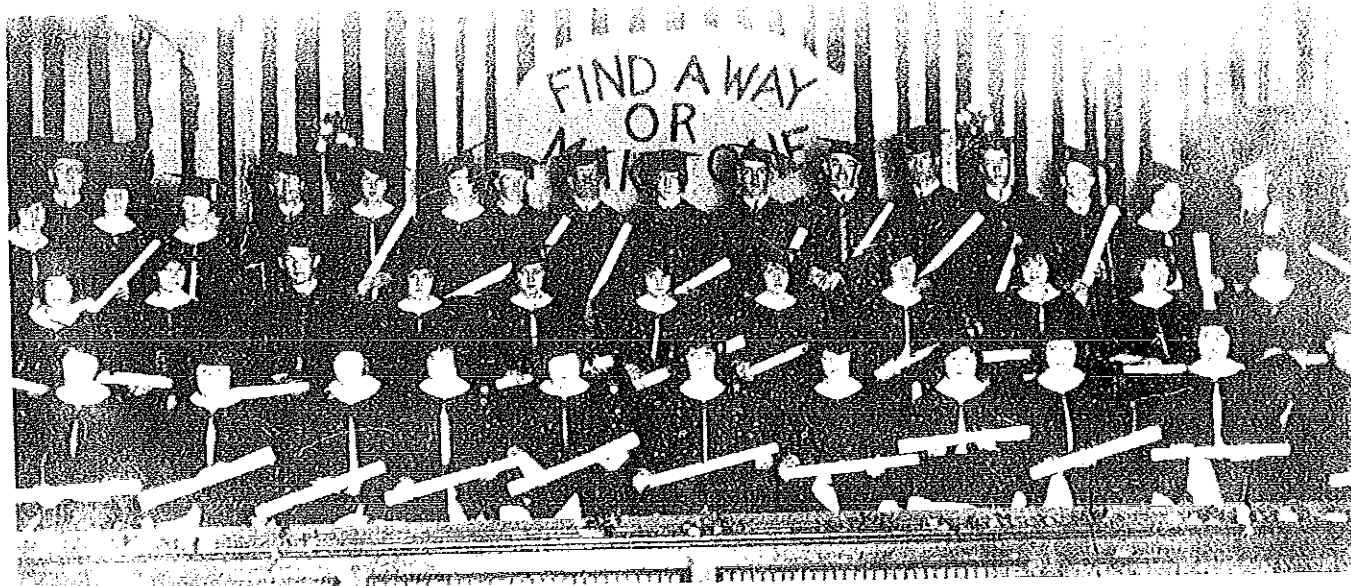
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FLAG PRESENTED TO CAMPBELL SCHOOL  
By V.F.W. Auxiliary. Left to right: Mrs. Corneal  
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## Rockwood High School, Class Of 1925



### "THE GOOD OLE DAYS AT ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 1921-25"

Submitted by Ellen Montgomery --

There has been much talk lately of razing old Central Elementary School to make way for a new school. As I listened to this hopeful planning, many vivid memories came flooding back over the years, and I decided to write some of them, lest if, by some miracle, the building is destroyed and the memories fade. There is scarcely a room in the entire school that doesn't hold some special memory for me. My, Oh my! If those old walls could talk!

You teen-agers today probably won't believe this, but in 1921 there were two sixth grades, two seventh-eighth grades (combined) and four high school classes on the top floor. One teacher taught all four years of high school English; one taught four years of history; one taught four years of Latin; one taught four years of Algebra, Geometry, etc. Another taught four years of science. There were only about 175 students in high school, so most everyone knew everyone else; and the teachers knew all of us. In fact, each teacher was really a counselor, and gave us individual guidance in our personal problems as well as class work. By the time we had reached our senior year, they knew us inside and out--even better than we knew ourselves! We were fortunate in having teachers who were competent, diligent, set high standards of work for us, and demanded respect for law and order in the school. Most of our teachers were fair, kind, warm and friendly, and interested in us as individuals. These things we remember them for, not the subject matter they taught.

Also, the memories we cherish most of our high school days, are friendships, extra-curricular activities, special events, etc., in the community and school. We enjoyed debating teams, literary societies, oratorical contests and various clubs; an orchestra, chorus, quartets, plays, operettas, minstrel shows, etc.

We looked forward with much interest each year to the Shakespearean Players from Hiwassee College. They always came in the early afternoon, and we entertained them with a picnic or cook-out for supper. The plays were always well presented and we enjoyed them very much.

Another highlight of each season was the Redpath Chataqua, which arrived the first week of June, right after the close of school. They presented a high type of entertainment for children and adults; sophisticated and otherwise.

The most important event of our freshman year was moving over into our new building, the present Junior High. The combined seventh-eighth grades were divided into separate rooms

and located downstairs. The high school classes had the entire top floor! We had two labs, a library, gymnasium, home ec. department and some extra class rooms; but they were soon filled, as the enrollment was increasing rapidly, and more teachers were added.

Of course, the most exciting addition to our school was the formation of a football squad, under the coaching of Dr. Leland Cook, Minister of the First Christian Church. The football field was parallel to North Wilder St., between Wheeler and Strang. (The Sanitary Laundry and the building at the opposite end of the lot were not there then). The field was bumpy, rocky, bare, and generally muddy. But that didn't dampen the spirit of the players or fans. Football was tough and brutal in those days, compared to present day standards. The fellows had little protection from rules or equipment; there was rarely a game that one or two didn't come out with a broken leg, arm, or collarbone, or worse! But they played ball, and loved it! Yes, we had cheerleaders too! But not the kind that put on a good show of rhythmic beauty and acrobatics! The only requirements for a cheerleader in the 1920's was a loud mouth, pep, and endurance. There were no seats, no fences or ropes to keep the fans off the field. Sometimes fans got mixed up with the team, on the sidelines in the mud and water, or dust, and it was hard to tell which was which. But we had good teams, and we supported them with gusto and determination.

When we won a game we always had a "snake dance." The students formed a long, long line by putting hands on the shoulders of the one ahead. Sometimes the line would be two blocks long, twisting, turning and snaking back and forth in the middle of the streets, always chanting some victory song. We almost got arrested once in Harriman for blocking traffic. Another time when we beat Harriman, at Harriman, the fans carried a black-draped coffin all the way from the football field down the main street through town, the Rockwood fans following along behind chanting an appropriate funeral dirge!

An unusual experience I shared with about twenty-five of my classmates was the trip to Dayton, Tenn., during the notorious "Monkey Trial". I think we took four car-loads -- about 25 of us. We had permission, too! We took picnic lunches, drinks, etc., but that was unnecessary because when we arrived we found the whole area surrounding the Court House

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## R.H.S. Class Of 1925 At 30th Anniversary Reunion In 1955

FRED H. ROBLIN WRITES OF 30TH REUNION  
OF R.H.S. CLASS OF 1925, HELD IN 1955

It was 30 years ago, Classmates--

When Professor Steadman told us during the Commencement Exercises for the Class of '25, "This is the last time you will all be together." If we recall correctly, the very next day Thelma Colvin left for California and Paul Molyneux left for Washington State. We've never seen either of them since.

Oddly enough, we can't recall a single one, that to our knowledge, has passed away. If that be so, then it's quite a record.

But speaking of records, we seldom see a school bus now--a-days that we don't remember Lester, Truman and Gwen Moulder walking that 8-mile round trip every school day--hot or cold, rain or shine.

We remember scores of things about that Class of '25. We remember that none of us had to take final examinations. We always did think it was done to assure none of us would be back to try the patience of Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Hearn, Prof. Graybeal and the others whose names won't come to us right now. We remember some gold fish too, which thrived on a dose of carbollic acid but expired after an alcohol lamp was emptied in their bowl. We remember how a couple of students (names on request) forgot (?) to stop their experiment on rotten egg gas. Then there was the time Miss Ollive Green relieved the boys in her class of seven little metal footballs that were forward passed across her room. Tommie Brown and Aaron Grant were into that escapade, and maybe Bob suite. And Charley Fulks let the curtain rope get away from him one night and smashed every light bulb in the stage footlights. And our first theatrical performance occurred when we addressed F. D. Owings and said, "Did you ever see a sea?" Remember those class plays! Miss Beck directed one and regretted it till the final curtain. We recall Catherine Ingram in one--something about "Only A Rose"--did she sing it--we've forgotten. Then there was

### "The Good Ole Days At R. H. S., 1921-25"

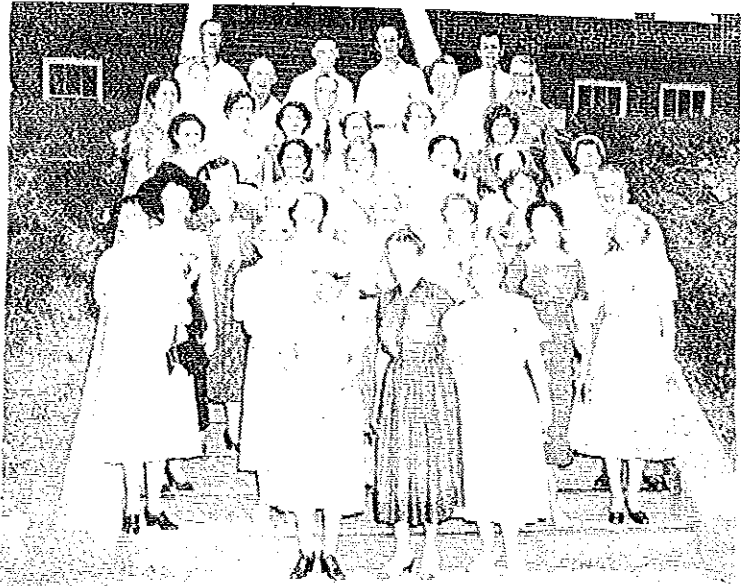
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crowded with concession stands selling food, drinks, pop-corn, cotton-candy, souvenirs, etc. It resembled a street-carnival more than a place of law and justice. Platforms had been erected outside under the trees, due to the crowds. We never did get close enough to hear the speakers; so we spent the day and returned home without learning whether our ancestors were monkeys or not! But we had had a wonderful day !!

There was no cafeteria in R.H.S. during my four-year sojourn there, so those of us who did not live within walking distance brought our lunches. That had its advantages. It was fun eating in groups with friends; sometimes trading a ham sandwich for sausage-between-biscuit; a boiled egg for a sweet-tater; a piece of cake for an apple, etc. Then too, we had time while we ate to share juicy items of "school gossip". Also, after eating, we had about 45 minutes left of the lunch period to enjoy as we pleased. Those of us who had friends with cars, spent the free time riding on the new stretch of paved road from Rockwood to Post Oak, which had just been completed, 1925. This was a real thrill, speeding along at 45 MPH !!! There was no bus service at that period of R.H.S.'s history either. Most of us walked; some as far as 5 miles, and played football too!

Our senior year was tumultuous, busy, exciting and wonderful. After three years, our original seventy-five or more Freshmen had dwindled to forty-two. Our class was small enough to maintain "closeness" and yet large enough for variety and interest.

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Mernard Sharpe, the only one with a car of his own; though occasionally we got hold of Dr. Cook's Overland. None of us could steer it for weeks after he had it greased. Charley Cole could borrow his dad's car occasionally for trips to Rhea Springs for the dances.

We recall when Frank Stevens and Cora Lee Keys tried to climb the wall in chemistry class. They were attempting to distill water but inadvertently put a solid cork in the beaker. It was a mess when the thing exploded. And one time a teacher asked Delphine Millican a question. She slyly read the answer out of her book and doggoned if the teacher didn't say she was wrong!

The worst time Howard Howie had as class president was keeping peace when the subject of caps and gowns came up. We were the first class to wear them, you know. What a battle that was. Was it 1925 or the year before when 20 demerits on deportment sent you before the Faculty. We went once, and thoroughly enjoyed it; kinda like joining a secret society. Our class might be dated 1925 B.L.T. (before lots of things): before beta Clubs, before bands, before school papers, before manual training, before commercial courses, before glee clubs, before class trips, before class annuals. We did have a couple of literary societies though. One was called Lanier, the other we've forgotten. Well do we remember our first time to speak before the Laniers: our hands trembled, our voice broke, our legs wobbled. Never again, we vowed, and skipped the afternoon session every time the society met from then on.

We recall the time a soucer sailed across the room and hit Rebecca Tarwater on the head. And that field trip with the agriculture class to prune peach trees when some of the boys found it easier to pull up the trees than to cut them off. What we would give to re-read the Class Prophecy and compare it with a current review. And we'd like to hear Ellen Rogers' valedictory address again. And how much more impressive would be Mrs. Ivey's favorite back-to-work slogan: "Now remember children, the golden moments are fleeting."

Come to think of it, the moments have "fleeted" but none of us are so old and feeble that we can't attend the reunion of the Class of '25 to be held in Rockwood the latter part of July this year (1955). Remember our class motto was "Find A Way Or Make One." Now is a good time to put that motto to use.

With fond memories,

FRED ROBLIN

(Editor's Note: The Class of '25 is enjoying another reunion on Saturday, June 15, 1968, during the time of the Rockwood Centennial Celebration.)

## MEMORIES . . . .

### Of School About The Turn Of The Century

According to Mrs. Ava Tarwater

She says there were serious moments and times when some things must have been learned, but the things that she best remembers are those that contribute to her keen sense of humor which she has maintained throughout her life.

When Prof. Lawson was Principal and Miss Rebecca Sanborn was her teacher, she remembers that four students usually brought their lunches and ate at school while their teacher and the other students went home for lunch. The four, Edith Underwood (Crough), Ella Mae Hinds (Hamby), Raymond Bayless, and Ava Howard (Tarwater) had just finished their lunches one day when they discovered a goat straying onto the school-ground. They caught the goat, shut it up in the school room and took off to the Cinder Dump to play. They took particular caution just to barely make it back at the second bell after Miss Sanborn and the others had already discovered the strange intruder. As they walked in with all appearances of innocence they found all of Miss Sanborn's papers and books pulled from her desk down into the water bucket, and books all over the room chewed up. If anything had been said, they were too late to hear it and no further mention of the episode ever took place.

The boys often found iron slugs in the cinders on the dumps! Their favorite target was Miss Sanborn's psyche knot she made in her hair, and each tried to out shoot the others with slugs they collected in their pockets.

When they were older they had a teacher, Mr. John Taylor, brother to Hannah Taylor. He was rather strick and told several of them that they had to stay in after school for some incident. May Underwood, sitting in front of Ava, declared she wouldn't stay. As the other marched out Mr. Taylor stood at the door counting, "1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Left - Right - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Left - Right." May determined to go, marched out and as she passed him she got his attention, and interrupted his counting. As he grabbed her to keep her from going, Ava and Raymond Bayless who had obediently remained in their seats caught him off guard and jumped out the windows. He hollered at them too late and they kept running.

One day "Fatty" Newson, a carpenter, was working on a downstairs window. Someone asked "Who'll pour the bucket of water on him?" Mrs. Ava said she willingly volunteered. As soon as she had dashed it out she ran and hid behind a desk in the back of the room. "Fatty" came dripping up the steps puffing and blowing with fat and anger, but never was able to determine the culprit.

She said her good friend Min Acuff was in a different room from hers one year. The door between the rooms had bumped the walls so much that the knob had made a little peep hole between the rooms. Min's teacher, who was a man, had her at the recitation bench reading. Ava peeped through the hole and said in a high fine voice, "Yoo hoo, Min." Min giggled. The professor stiffened and said, "Read, Minnie. Read Minnie." As he started toward the door, Ava hid until he went back, and then repeated the same trick. That time he came all the way and stood and watched longer than Ava calculated and when her head bobbed up from hiding he said, "That's just what I thought." He made her stand in the corner for this.

She said that some of the old professors were so strict that their punishment was cruel. One threw his watch at a boy and, missing him, hit the wall and broke it all to pieces. This same man hung a boy out the window and held him there by the heels.

Some of the boys in school got enough of this kind of treatment. They closed ranks and wrote a note to one man telling him that he'd better be gone by sunrise. He was and was never seen again.

## FROM A STUDENT OF THE 1950's

I was a student at RHS during the decade of the 1950's. These were special years to me.

What made them special? I think the fact that it was time of growth and change for our school and that we were a part of it. How did this growth begin? First came the graduate of the early 50's who said, "We want more than this from high school," and then began to plan and work for their goals. There were also those faculty members who said, "This isn't enough for our students," and then set up new courses - French, trigonometry, and physics -- so that we might have wider and more specialized range of courses from which to choose, as well as our basic requirements.

During our junior and senior years (Class of '55), new clubs were organized and time provided for club meetings. All the students, not just the "elite" juniors and seniors were encouraged to participate and to develop their interest and abilities. Perhaps the most significant change was the voice we students were given through the formation of the student council.

We dreamed a little, too, and began to plan and work for senior trip to Washington. Although our dream did not materialize for us, I like to think that our daring to dream made it easier for those classes who followed us to achieve what we could not. We still enjoyed our one-day trips to Gatlinburg and Lookout Mountain.

I would not forget the pranks, the fun, and those special moments of warmth and communication between students and teachers.

High school life in the 50's was much like high school life in any decade -- working, achieving, dreaming -- but was special for us, because we were there.

(Submitted by Mary Nelle Evans Hatcher)

## "The Good Ole Days At R. H. S. 1921-25"

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We had an excellent Drama Club, giving four full-length plays during the senior year. The best actors from these four plays were privileged to be in the final commencement play.

The football season was especially enjoyed this year, as we realized it was our last. Then came Christmas vacation with its promise of parties, dances, etc. but alas, a third of the senior class succumbed to mumps!

And sandwiched between were basketball games, debating meetings, oratorical contests and the like. The early March winds brought new hope and a breath of Spring, and renewed spirit and drive to "dig" a little harder on Geometry, Physics, Chemistry, etc. We could see the "end" now, and it would soon be Commencement time. We began making plans for Class Night, Baccalaureate, and Graduation Night. Some of the fellows suggested that, for economy, we wear caps and gown rather than spend a lot of money for lovely white dresses and new suits. The suggestion was like the explosion of a bomb! Angry words were exchanged between friends; the class split in two groups FOR and AGAINST caps and gowns. The war waged hot and furiously for weeks. Even parents became involved. But in the end we wore caps and gowns! The majority of the class voted for them. Well, some of the girls went ahead and bought the lovely white dresses regardless, and wore them under the robes. Bitter insult was added to injury when it poured rain on Baccalaureate Sunday, and those ugly black robes faded on the lovely white dresses and the boys' white shirts! As far as I can recall, this was the only incident that marred our fun friendship together during the whole four years.

We were a "tight-knitted" group, and stuck together in making major decisions. We didn't always agree, and argued vehemently at times, but it was all in good faith. We became rambunctious and perhaps unruly at times, and required a strong hand to enforce "the law of the Medes and Persians". We have wondered why our principal, Mr. N.A. Steadman resigned in 1925? Could it be that four years of us was just too much for him?



# EDUCATION OF EARLY ROCKWOOD SETTLERS



**RICHARD PIERCE BAYLY and wife ELMYRA STAPLES BAYLY**

Prof. R.P. Bayly was born in Loudon County, Virginia, June 26, 1807. His family that he left in Virginia were within earshot of the Battles of Bull Run, and this area now is part of the "Hunt Country". His college education was at what is now "Virginia Military Institute" after which he left Virginia to travel West. He went by horse and buggy through Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. Returning by a southern route, he stopped to teach at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, during the 1840's. In 1850, he married Elmyra Staples, born November 9, 1832. They remained in the area near Rockwood and he founded the "Post Oak Springs Academy" in 1850, where many of the Rockwood pioneers and their descendants went to school. Below is a copy of his original announcement written and signed by himself:

## "REGULATIONS OF POST OAK ACADEMY 1868"

Copied from Prof. Bayly's Records by Elsie Burkett

"It is understood that admission into the Academy is the signature of the parent or the student to subscription, and in case of a failure to sign, the student shall be regarded as a full scholar, and bound for the tuition fee of the whole session. Such are the members of Post Oak Academy.

We as members of Post Oak Academy, August 3, 1868, here concede that the preservation of good Order in Institutions of Learning is all important to success in the pursuit of an education, and to ensure success in this our laudable pursuit, and to preserve Order we agree to the following Regulations:

Reg. 1st - The Students will sit during recitation hours within the Academy, excepting those upon the benches, out of doors, in the Instructors' presence.

Reg. 2nd - An application permission will be granted to orderly Students and to those knowing their own interests to occupy seats in specified locations within the grove; but in extending this privilege a record of it and the terms of the privilege will be entered by the Instructor upon a memorandum, and so long as the terms are not violated the privilege will not be denied.

Reg. 3rd - Commands of the Instructor Shall be unhesitatingly and promptly obeyed.

Reg. 4th - Students under no circumstances shall stand up before others or with others, within the Academy, and talk and consult upon any subject whatever.

Reg. 5th - Obscenity, profanity, quarreling and fighting, buffoonery, and all jesting calculated to hurt feelings are forbidden.

Reg. 6th - Whistling and romping and loud talk within the Academy in School hours and out are forbidden.

Reg. 7th - Squads of two or three Shall not collect on foot about the door or around the building during the hours of study.

## Post Oak Academy

The Post Oak Academy was located in the field behind the John T. Staples house where Union Soldiers, also camped. It was continued by Mr. Bayly and several other teachers, but the building was burned during the Civil War. After teaching at Mars Hill, Rhea County, and Rittenhouse, Kingston, he and Mrs. Bayly returned to Post Oak, bought the Staples property from Julius Aytes, and continued the Post Oak Academy in his home. (An old blackboard is still in the wall of one of the upstairs rooms.) This renewal of the school took place the important date of 1868, the birthdate of Rockwood. Above is the list of scholars he enrolled that year, many of whom became Rockwood citizens.

## Post Oak Scholars, August 3, 1868

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Robert Brown	Darius Acuff
George Brown	Sally Acuff
Sallie Brown	Billy Acuff
Anderson Millard	John Casey
Fleming Millard	John Brown
Isabel Millard	Cary Brown
John Thompson	Theophilus Wetherford
Hugh Boyd	Martha Nixon
Samuel Wester	George Nixon
James Wester	Bill Taylor
Lizzie Wester	Sebron Hood
John Haggard	Adam Grogger
Mary Haggard	Henry Haley
Joel Suddath	Isaac Hill
Henry Staples	Sidney Steegall
Benjamin Staples	Thomas Fritts
William Staples	Henry Fritts
Arty Staples	Ludwell Washburn
	Pleas Willson
John Turner	Henry King
Robert L. Brown	Samuel Owings
William Hornsby	Franklin Owings
Willie McPherson	Amos Butler
Debby McPherson	John H. Taylor
Elizabeth McPherson	Ewing Bayly
Richard Kindrick	Joana Long
Betty Kindrick	Henry McPherson
Peak Hagler	Adam Grogger
James McDaniel	Elihu Owings
Thurston Bowman	John Turner
Harden Jolly	Mary Montgomery
James Durham	Margaret Montgomery
Joe D. Morris	Marney Montgomery

Reg. 8th - An ORDERLY BENCHE shall be instituted for the special benefit of the disobedient. This Bench is to be viewed not as a punishment but as a pardon of Offence, as well as a means of preserving Order.

Reg. 9th - A student transgressing any of these written regulations may be required, at any time, by the Instructor to occupy this Bench.

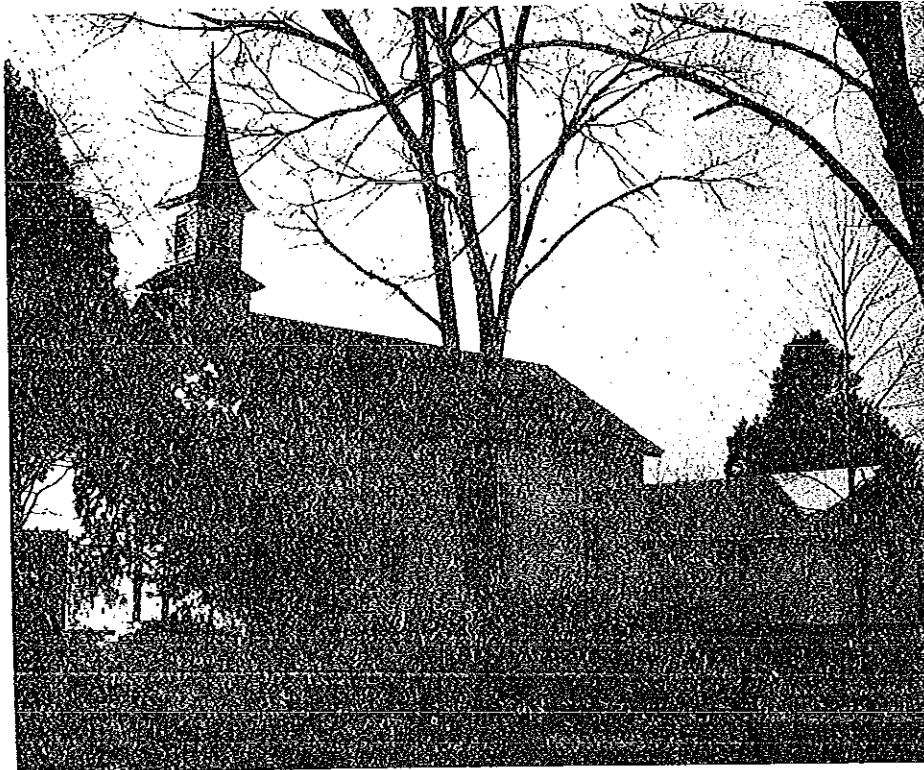
Reg. 10th - The length of time this Bench Shall be occupied Shall be discretionary with the Instructor.

Reg. 11th - Disorderly conduct of any kind upon the Orderly Bench will not be connived at; but will subject its Occupant to punishment - such punishment as is customary in Institutions like ours, to be made proportionable to the Offence.

Reg. 12th - A refusal to occupy the Orderly Bench shall be regarded as a HIGH OFFENCE and a willful attempt to subvert discipline will subject the offender to a formal trial before a regular board of Examiners who Shall fix or determine the punishment.

# Churches

## Mother Church



POST OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NEW EDUCATION ANNEX ON RIGHT

### THE CHURCH OF THE MONTH

The Church of the Month for May is the mother church of the Christian Churches of Tennessee, Post Oak, a rural church, three miles east of Rockwood on old Highway No. 70, leading to Knoxville. This church that apparently had been standing still for many years has made remarkable progress in recent years under the leadership of Tom Burkett.

Post Oak has been handicapped for many years by the lack of adequate space for Bible School Classes. Sometime ago Tom Burkett, the present minister, led the congregation to see the need of expanding the physical facilities. During 1955 a Bible School Annex was built at the rear of the church to provide more Bible School rooms in a community which is increasing in population due to the industrial expansion in the Kingston Springs area.

As the minister lives in the Post Oak community it gives the church its first resident minister. Although, Mr. Burkett works at Oak Ridge during the week, he returns to the Post Oak Community each evening and is able to give the church much more service than it formerly had under student ministers who only came in on week-ends.

The future of the Post Oak church looks promising for the first time in many years.

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GROWTH OF POST OAK CHURCH

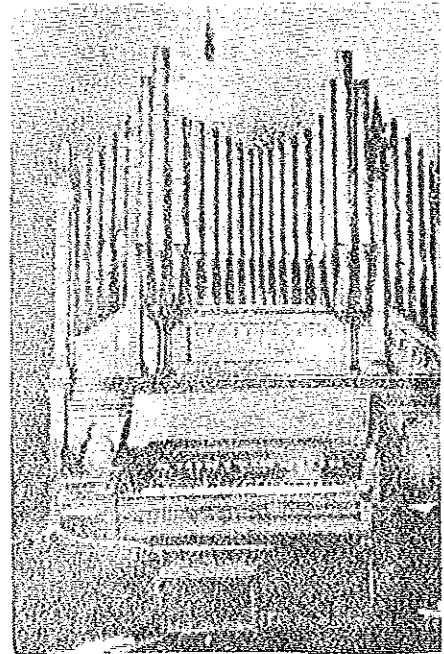
During the ministry of Tom Burkett at Post Oak, 1951 through 1955, the following accomplishments deserve mention.

1. The average Bible School attendance of 99.14% has practically doubled.
2. The average contributions have increased 264.47% per Sunday.
3. The church membership has increased approximately 100%.
4. The value of the church property has increased from around \$10,000 in 1951 to \$22,000 in 1955. This represents the new Bible School annex, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, rest rooms, a new gas heating plant, etc.

All of this work has been accomplished by actual expenditure of only around \$4,000 in cash. The remainder has come through donated labor and materials by members, friends, and other churches across the state.

Since 1953 the Post Oak Church has sponsored a Boy Scout troop which now has 17 members; most of this group attend Post Oak Bible School.

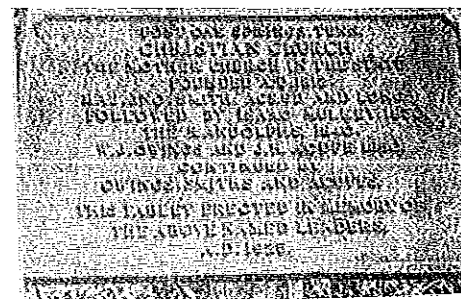
Plans for 1956 call for sponsoring a team in the Little League Baseball League of Rockwood. The minister, Tom Burkett, was instrumental in organizing this league and is now serving as a member of the Board of Directors.



A SMALL PIPE ORGAN OCCUPIES A CORNER OF THE STRUCTURE



**TOM A. BURKETT**  
PASTOR 1952-1966  
Serving at time of 150th Anniversary



THE TABLE ERECTED AT THE CHURCH IN 1925 PROCLAIMS THE FOUNDING DATE AS 1812.

## Roane County Convention

The churches of Roane county met in annual convention at Post Oak Springs, Sep. 5-7. There are four churches in the county, Rockwood, Harriman, Glen Alice, and Post Oak, and they are like one big family. Indeed, that is what they are. Post Oak is the mother church, and the other three are her children. It was something of a home coming. Services were held Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning and afternoon. Dinner on the ground Sun-

day. Ireland Cook, preached a sermon, the people sang, gave a brief history of Post Oak church. It is said to be the oldest church of our people in Tennessee. It was established about the year 1812, perhaps earlier. Her children have far outstripped the mother church in numbers, but she still holds the proud place of mother in their eyes, and they regard her with deep undying affection. Rockwood and Harriman are great churches, the former having a membership of over 600.

Glen Alice is not so large, but it is very much alive. At the memorial service an offering was taken to put a furnace in the building in which the mother lives, a beautiful and thoughtful recognition of their obligation and privilege. The money came quickly. A plan was suggested of having a county evangelist to serve three churches and compelling, and which is now being completed. It is a fine idea. York Tarwater and Jim Owens, John Staples, and Jim Owens, brother Smith, Le-

land Cook, and brother Moore of Harriman were all in their glory. They were all very happy, and their good cheer was contagious. We found many warm friends of our state work. They were enthusiastic and loyal in their expressions of interest in our great program. We never saw a finer spirit. At the memorial service, they sang the old songs led by Jim Owens of Glen Alice, accompanied by the orchestra from Harriman. Everybody sang, or tried to, all were happy and tried to

make everybody else happy. It was a glorious convention. We stopped with brother Staples, who lives near the church. He has a lovely home, and it was in his yard the memorial service was held, and that wonderful dinner was served. It was a great privilege to be with these good people and we will not soon forget the splendid fellowship. It would be a great thing, if that convention could be duplicated in every county in the state.

M. D. Gunn

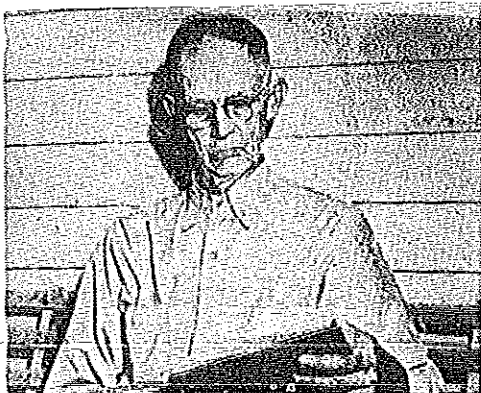


## Annual Meeting The Christian Churches Of Roane County

At Post Oak Springs  
"The Mother Church"

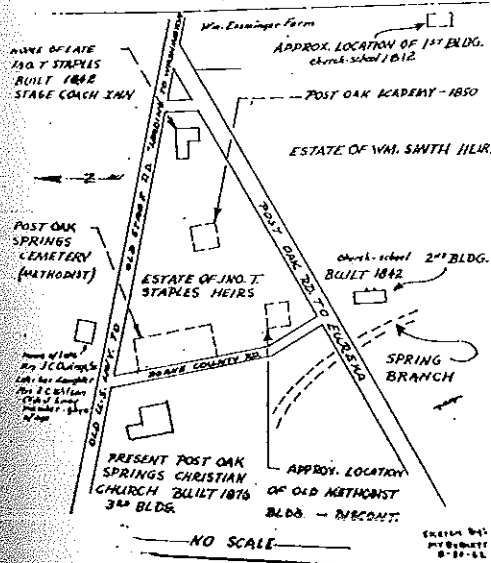
Sept. 5th, 6th, 7th, 1924

Basket Dinner followed the taking of the picture on the John T. Staples lawn. The orchestras gave a Concert on the front porch.  
(One of the most representative homecomings in the history of the old church)



JOHN T. STAPLES, Deacon and Unofficial Historian, reads Church Records on the porch of his home in Post Oak Springs.

Outline Map of Post Oak Christian Church Area



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# First Baptist Church

CHAMBERLAIN AT STRANG  
ROCKWOOD, TENNESSEE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 3-8-68 by John Burchfield

The Rockwood Baptist Church began as a small group meeting together for worship at a dwelling house on Wheeler Street. The group organized as a church and were admitted to Big Emory Association in 1878. The following were charter members of this church; Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Frank, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell, Mr. and Mrs. James Knox, Mr. and Mrs. William Tarwater, Mr. and Mrs. Dyke McClendon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Burchfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Owings, Mr. and Mrs. James Spurling, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eskridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Millican and Mrs. and Mrs. M.L. Morrison. Mrs. M.L. Morrison was the last charter member to survive and she passed away in 1953.

From the abstract of title to the present property the records disclose that the title was conveyed from the Roane Iron Company to M.L. Morrison, Abraham Carter and Dr. George W. Gaines, trustees, on December 22, 1890 for one dollar and called for lots 27 and 28 in Block 29 on North Chamberlain. Sam Weatherford was one of the carpenters who helped frame the building. Dr. George W. Gaines lived to be 81 years of age and died at Tallulah, La.

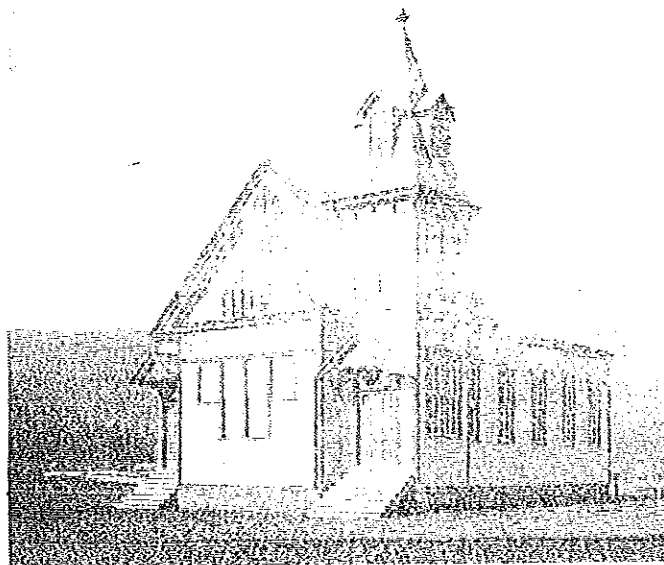
In the early days the church borrowed \$300 from the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The credit of the church has remained good and has been used several times since that date.

The Rev. Zack Morris was the first paid pastor; the list of pastors runs the alphabet from "A" to "U"; S.W. Tindell 1894, L.S. Baker 1894 - 1902, R.J. Gorbett 1908, Rev. Beals 1908, J.L. Edington 1909, R.A. Hale 1910 - 1911, G.A. Chunn 1912 - 1913, W.M. Griffith 1914 - 1915, D. Edgar Allen 1916 - 1917, O.W. Green 1917, W.N. Rose 1918, H.B. Cole 1919, D.B. Bowers 1920 - 1922, L.W. Clark 1923 - 1925, John A. Davis 1926 - 1928, Neslie V. Underwood 1929 - 1936, Charles Bond 1937 - 1938, Cannie W. Leonard 1939 - 1940, Hobart B. Ford 1941 - 1948, Wallace H. Carrier 1948 - 1957, R. Raymond Lloyd 1958 - 1962, Charles Holland 1962 - 1965, Raymond Sanderson 1965 - pastor at present time.

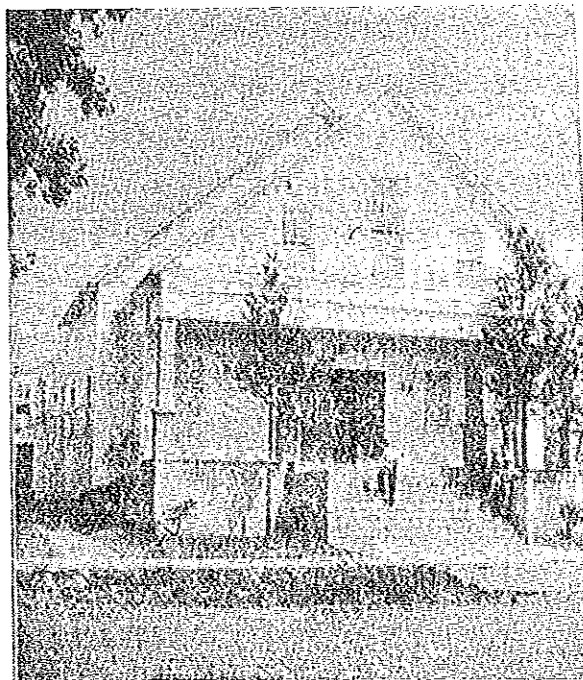
Snap shots from the album of preachers show; three bachelors, Bond, Carrier and Leonard; members of the D. Edgar Allen family with us now; D.B. Bowers had a lisp, a large family, was a hustler and in a letter to the church 12-1-49 he said "the first car I ever owned was given to us by the lovely people in the Rockwood church". L.W. Clark had a good percentage of young people at work, eight Sunday School rooms added during his stay; John A. Davis, the short, short little man; Neslie Underwood, Yankee emigrant by way of Carson-Newman College, pushed the young people for extra work, many of them shed tears when the family left for Mt. Dora, Florida, and from a note to the church 12-4-49 he wrote "many tender memories are associated with our labor together in the gospel during the years we were with you at First Baptist, Rockwood".

Charles Bond, long in sermon preparation, condensed, well organized sermons; Cannie Leonard, country boy, bachelor, one of the best when it came to leading the prayer meetings; Hobart Ford, country twang, best visitor at ease in any and all homes; Wallace Carrier, best administrator, best singer, with the help of James S. Smith and a good building committee led the church in building the new church building; Ray Lloyd, scholar, pleasing personality, a blessing to all who love Bible history and law and quite a singer in his own right; Charles Holland, city boy, best orator, a pleasure to hear;

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UNTIL 1921



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AFTER REMODELING  
IN 1921. BURNED ON SUNDAY, FEB. 1948.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1968



## First Baptist Church

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Raymond Sanderson, present pastor, good assets Nell and the boys, plus a good group of full time workers; J.D. Sayers, retired preacher, elected minister-at-large by the church, beloved by one and all, many who were patients at the hospital or ill at home were blessed by his visits and flowers; Joe Burnett, served as supply, solid, quiet, reserved young man, last heard from July 25, 1950 Minister of Education Tulsa, Oklahoma Church when he wrote "the church there (Rockwood) has a very tender spot in my heart as it was there I was ordained, conducted my first funeral, first wedding and the first baptism"; Ralph Elliott, another supply, clean-cut, wholesome young preacher; Frank Britton served as student pastor, North Rockwood, and did a good job; he was ordained Sept. 24, 1944. Primitivo Delgado was ordained July 12, 1939.

The church has grown through the years since 1878. The membership chart reads; 1878 - 26; 1910 - 218; 1920 - 115; 1930 - 567; 1940 - 641; 1950 - 552; 1960 - 954.

Sunday school attendance: 1930 - 255; 1940 - 253; 1950 - 296; 1955 - 536; 1959 - 533.

Baptisms: 1920 - 8; 1930 - 26; 1940 - 30; 1950 - 25; 1955 - 36; 1957 - 46; 1959 - 50.

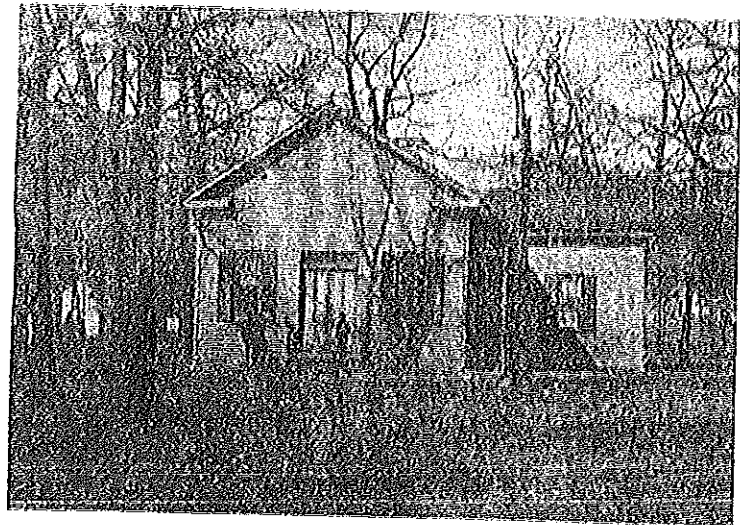
Training Union: 1955 - 221; 1956 - 219; 1957 - 202.

On February 29, 1948 two weeks after the Rev. Hobart Ford has resigned as pastor, during the morning worship the church building was evacuated because of fire. From that time until Dec. 4, 1949 the congregation held its services in the school auditorium. Construction on the new building started April 6, 1949. The Rev. Wallace Carrier had come as pastor Sept. 5, 1948. Work on the Educational building began August 8, 1954.

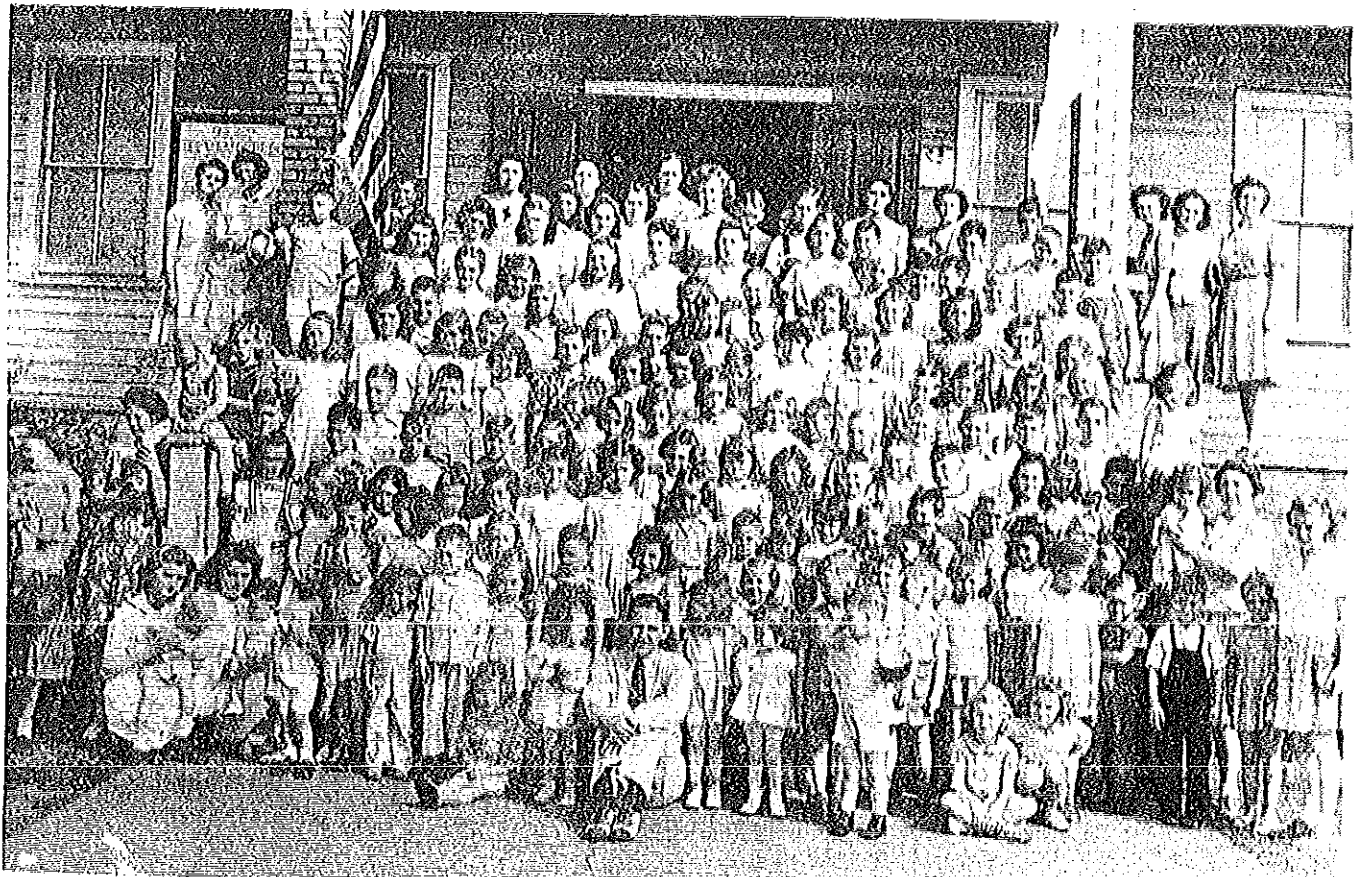
The church received aid from the State Mission Board 1918 - 1924, bought Hammond organ March 1942, bought the parsonage on Chestnut Hill Jan. 1945, the parsonage at 501 Crestview was built in 1961, the residence for the minister of music 440 S. Chamberlain Ave., was bought 1967.

## First Baptist Church of Lenoir Street

The First Baptist Church of Lenoir Street was organized in the late 1800's. Services were held for a while in the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall. The land on which the present building was erected was given to the members by the Roane Iron Company. The date of the laying of the cornerstone was April 29, 1900. The Pastor at this time was the Rev. D.B. Jackson. Some of the former pastors were; Rev. William Russell, Rev. M.C.M. Harris, Rev. R.W. Richmond, Rev. Preston Anderson, and Rev. Ben T. McDonald. The present pastor is Rev. Roosevelt Jones. The church is a member of Knoxville District Baptist Association and the National Baptist Convention. Submitted by: Mrs. Elaine Simpson



ROCKWOOD'S FIRST CHURCH AND SCHOOL HOUSE



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, IN LATE 1940's AND REV. HOBART FORD (Seated in Front)

# First Christian Church

Submitted by Mrs. Carl Lindsay

The Christian Church had its origin the earliest days of Rockwood since its members were among those who demanded church services by June, 1868. Thus a union service was held on June the third in a sawmill located on the site where the coke ovens were later built with the first sermon by Mr. Chastine, a Baptist minister. On the following Sunday J.H. Acuff of Post Oak Springs Christian Church preached at the sawmill to the congregation who sat on the log carriage while he stood on the head block. Mr. Acuff preached occasionally throughout the summer.

Through the efforts of this group, particularly Riggs Forsythe, the first church in Rockwood, the "Frame Church", non-denominational, was built in September, 1868. By invitation Mr. Acuff held monthly services for a year. J.H. Denton, a teacher in the public schools, held regular services for a time.

At this time B.F. Clay, of Kentucky, held evangelistic meetings at both the Post Oak Church and the Frame Church. Upon discovering the number of Christian Church members in Rockwood, he encouraged them to build a church of their own. The group bought a lot from Capt. J.W.C. Wilson and erected the First Christian Church in 1885. J.H. Denton served as minister until the congregation called its first regular pastor, James Billingsley, Jr., in January, 1887.

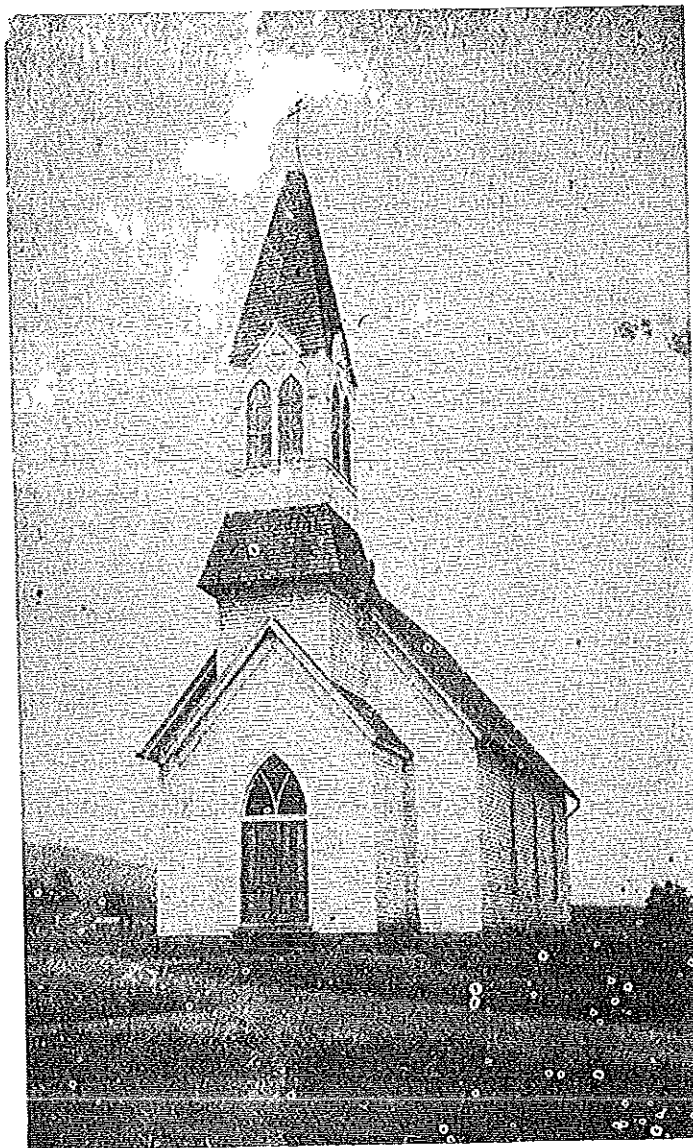
Although the church enjoyed success, it also suffered tragedies during these early years. James Billingsley, after a ministry of three years, died suddenly after being stricken with typhoid fever. On Nov. 30, 1894, a great fire destroyed a whole block of buildings, including the church, the original Opera House, which stood on the site of the Rockwood Hotel, Morrison and Eblen's Store, and the Shelley house. The church continued to hold services at the Presbyterian Church and at the Rockwood Inn until the new building was completed in 1895. The Roane Iron Co. donated a lot on which the church built its first parsonage, the house which Mrs. R.A. Barnard now owns.

From that time the church grew steadily and added to its facilities. In 1910 the men of the church gave their labor toward adding Sunday School rooms and completed the task in one day. In 1915 the wings were added and a pipe organ installed. In order to have a parsonage beside the church, in 1922 the congregation purchased from W.S. Edde the house which the ministers occupied until 1956 when the new one was built on South Chamberlain. A Fellowship Hall was added in 1954, and the new Education Building in 1965.

Since an effective church promotes good citizenship, the Christian Church has contributed much to the community. The minister from 1916 to 1926, Leland Cook, affectionately known as "Heavy," organized and coached the first high school football team Rockwood had. One of the first and finest Sunday School orchestras in the South was organized during the ministry of W.H. Shamhart, 1903 - 1910, built around his children, and was carried on until his retirement by Wilmer H. Shamhart. Since it was interdenominational in membership, this orchestra provided many young people with musical training and became the basis of the Rockwood School Band, Wilmer Shamhart's dream, for which he worked so long. The Council of Churches was formed largely because of the work of George H. Holwager. When the schools lacked space for the first grade in 1922 and the city lacked money to rent rooms, the church gave the use of its facilities. It was the Christian Church which first brought LeRoy B. Stanseil to Rockwood in 1929 to serve as Youth Director. Such activities and its record for cooperation in all projects for the betterment of Rockwood have made the church an integral part of the life of the town. The present minister is Vern Greenhalgh.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1968



CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1885 - 1895

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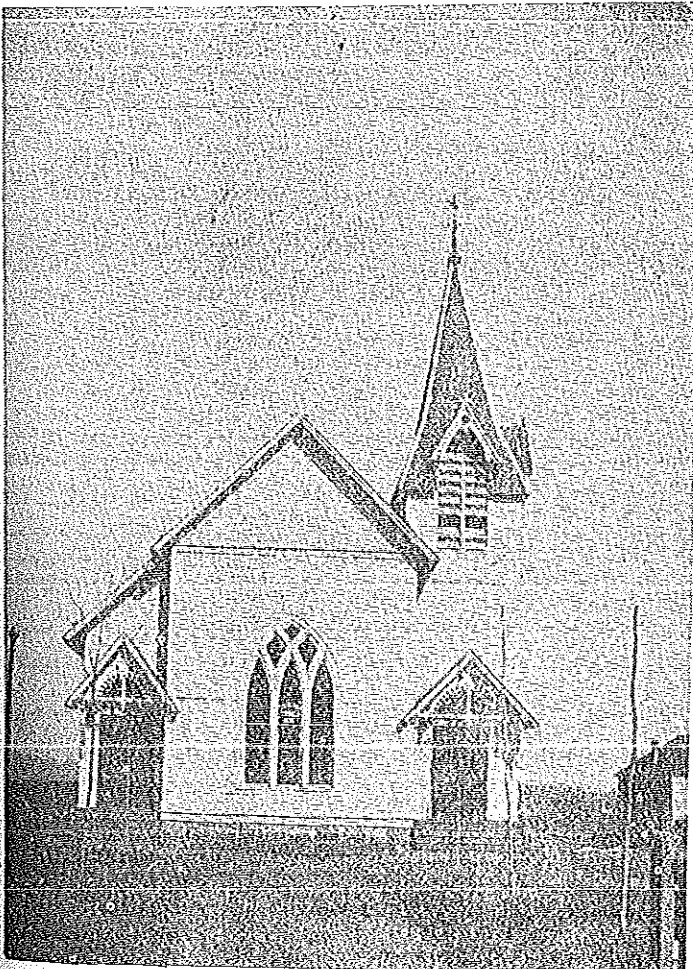
LADIES' AID SOCIETY, CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1903-1910  
Seated in front: Min Ellen Acuff.

Seated, left to right: Emmaline Acuff, Millie Howard (Mrs. Marion Foster), Minnie Hamby.

Standing: Roberta Acuff, Margaret Owings, Dr. W.P. Shamhart, Ava Howard (Mrs. Jack Tarwater), Ella May Hinds (Mrs. Theodore Hamby), Annie Laurie Leeper (Mrs. Roscoe Owings), Addie Hamby (Mrs. Fred Brasel), Nell Sossman (Mrs. Clarence Stevens), Mattie Hinds (Mrs. John Richards), Maggie Richards and Juanita Bayless.



MRS. JAMES "Aunt Bug" ERVIN  
Organizer of the Ervin Circle, Christian Church



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1895

## Trinity Methodist Church

Submitted by Mrs. J.B. Olinger

On September 26, 1881 the Roane Iron Company of Rockwood, Tenn., gave a lot fifty feet by one hundred and ninety feet on Trinity Street to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of erecting a building for services.

For the sum of \$1.00, the members were given a ninety-nine year lease to be used for a church only.

H. Clay Evans, the secretary of Roane Iron Company, drew up the deed. The trustees were: Henderson VanNay, Hiram McKamey, Henry Page, Hiram Skinner, Joseph Edmonson.

The first services were held in the new church in May, 1882. Immediately the church was named Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Trinity from the street on which the church was located.

For the first month there was no pastor. J.A. Jones, the school teacher spoke to the congregation, and organized a Sunday School and Epworth League.

Trinity Methodist Church was the first Negro Church to be organized in Rockwood.

This church served the Methodist Congregation until 1957 when it became so badly run down that they had services in Campbell High School's Auditorium.

The twelve members decided to build a new church.

By this time the Roane Iron Co. had changed hands and was known as Tennessee Products Company. Since the lot on which the church stood was only leased the members went to the new company with plans for a new church and new location. Tenn. Products gave them the present lot on Reese and Dunlap Streets for a new building. The old lot was given to Campbell High School for a playground. The new church was erected in 1964-65.

Trinity Methodist Church is very small but very active in the community. Its trustees are: J.B. Olinger, Otha Parham, and Rachel Johnson. Edwin Harrington of Chattanooga is the minister.



# Church Of Christ

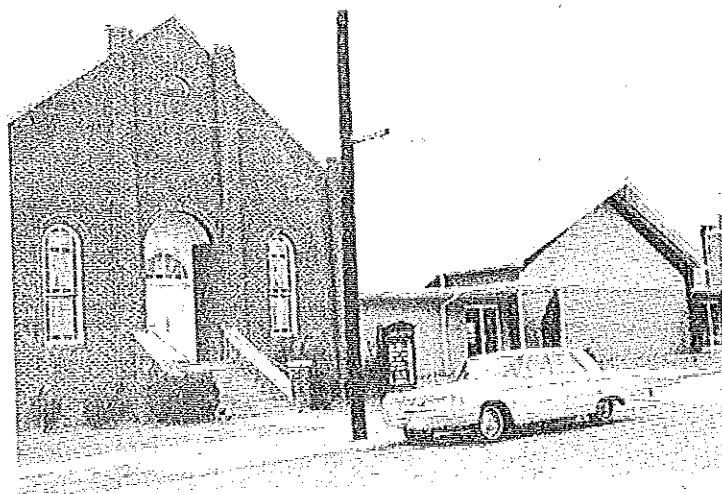
The congregation of the Church of Christ in Rockwood had its beginning in a tent meeting at the corner of Front Avenue and Dunn Street, in the year 1920. Will J. Cullum of Nashville, Tennessee, was the preacher. The first person baptized during the meeting was Miss Lela Shipley, who was later Mrs. Joseph E. Boles.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the church immediately set about to erect a building, and while this was being accomplished, services were held under the tent which had been moved to a nearby lot, and at the Pond Grove school building, which was on the site of the present Pond Grove Baptist Church. The building was finished in 1921, and Will J. Cullum was the first located minister. The first elders to serve were Ben W. Shipley, John Hill, Thomas Hickey, and Sam Goddard.

The church met at this location through the years preceding the closing of the Roane Iron Company's blast furnace, and through the depression years of the 1930's. During this time many citizens were forced to move away to other employment. Because of the zeal and faithfulness of the few remaining members, the congregation grew from a very small number to a membership now totaling 275.

Thomas J. Wagner, J. Sterling Turner, Charles M. Campbell, Thomas A. Burkett, James M. Lawson and Charles E. King were among the men who worked in early years with the congregation. Many young men came and preached during summer vacations, and have become loved and respected preachers of the gospel.

In 1942, while Carl C. Jones was minister, it was decided by the elders of the church that it would be expedient to locate a congregation to a lot which the church had purchased at 129 South Chamberlain Avenue. This was no small undertaking, but was entered into by members who worked diligently in every possible way. During this process the church met in a room at the back of a local cafe.



CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1968

In 1950 a 7-room brick house was built next door to the church building, as a home for the minister, who, at this time, is Carl W. Wade.

In 1964 a new and larger building was erected on the adjoining lot, in which the church now assembles. The original building was remodeled into rooms for Bible classes.

Present elders are Dave L. Smith, Dorsey Carter, and Simuel J. Hudgins. Deacons are Earl C. Holder, Doyal E. Watson, Fred Miller, and Robert S. Hicks, Jr.

For many years a daily radio program was conducted by the local minister. Also, a weekly Bible lesson, written by the minister, was carried by our local newspaper. The Rockwood and Harriman congregations were instrumental in the establishment of the Church of Christ at Kingston, Tennessee. The Rockwood church established the Mountain View Church of Christ three miles south of Rockwood, and has also assisted many young men who are now preaching the gospel.



CHURCH OF CHRIST IN 1921. WILL J. CULLUM, MINISTER (Standing in front of pole)

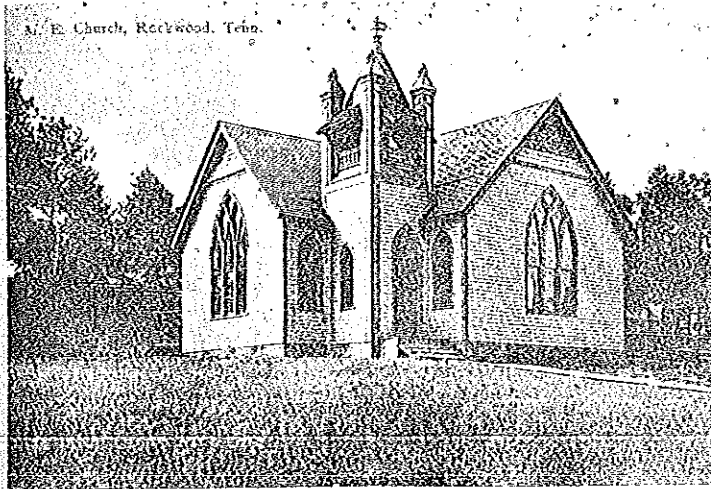


# Methodist Churches

The Methodist Episcopal Church was divided during the Civil War because of a difference of opinion on the question of slavery. The new church that was formed was called the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The old church retained the name The Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Kingston Avenue Methodist Church was organized first as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1865 in a slab building near the site of the Tennessee Products machine shop. Among its charter members were Gen. John Wilder, Maj. Rockwood, Capt. Harris and R.B. Thompson. For several years it was served by circuit riders.

Later in 1894 a new church was erected on Kingston Avenue where the number two fire hall now stands. The parsonage is still there,



KINGSTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH (M.E.)

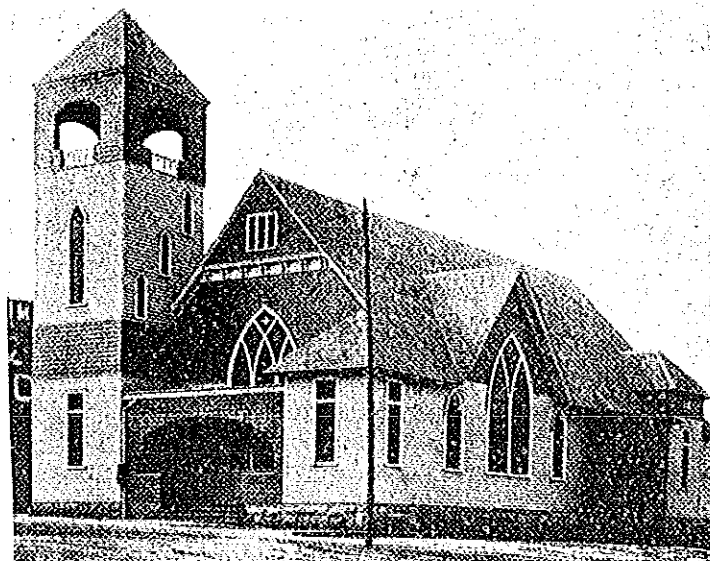
but the final chapter of the Kingston Avenue Methodist Church formally the "First Methodist Episcopal Church" was written December 20, 1960 when the building was destroyed by fire.

Sunday, December 18, 1960 was a glorious day. The church had the largest Sunday School attendance in many months. The Adult Classes were in the midst of a contest and the young adult class was full. Great things seemed to be in progress. In the worship service the people sang with all their hearts in the Holiday Season and the minister seemed inspired. No one realized that in less than forty-eight hours the beautiful church with its stained glass memorial windows and its Hammond organ and cathedral chimes would lie in ruins, fallen to rise no more. The last sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. E.C. Trentham and the subject was "The Finality of Jesus". The final song sung was Silent Night Holy Night and the last tune played on the Hammond Organ was Ave Maria, by Mrs. Marie Haltom. The last prayer was by Rev. Trentham, and he asked God's blessing and protection for all during the week before Christmas and that all would make Christmas Christian. The last thing to fall from the burning building was the Cross from the Top of the steeple.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South graciously invited the congregation to worship with them on Christmas Day.

At a Church Conference January 22, 1961, with Dr. W.L. Blackard, District Superintendent, presiding, the people of both congregations voted unanimously to merge and the new church would be named the Rockwood Methodist Church. The pastors, Rev. E.C. Trentham and Rev. G.W. Atkinson served as co-pastors until June 1961.

It was not long until the congregation realized that the Rockwood Avenue Methodist Church was too small to accommodate the fast growing church. The Sunday School Classes were too small. Folding chairs had to be placed in the aisles



OLD M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Located on Rockwood Ave., site of present Gateway Baptist Church

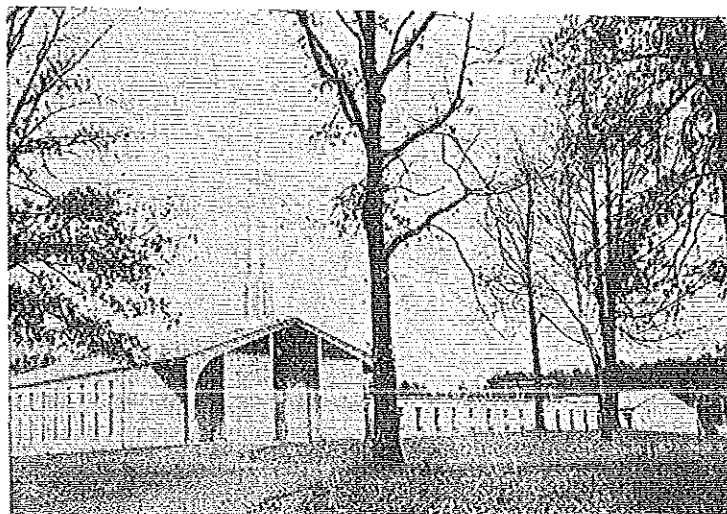
of the Sanctuary for church services. The church kept growing by leaps and bounds and plans were made for a new church to be built.

Mrs. Belle Molyneux presented the property on North Kingston Avenue for the church in memory of her late husband, Harry Molyneux.

On October 13, 1963 a "Ground Breaking Service" was observed. Mrs. Molyneux turned the first shovel of dirt. Then other long time members were given a turn. They were Mr. Charles Tedder, Major Robert H. Thompson, Mrs. May P. Evans and Mr. John H. Albertson, Sr.

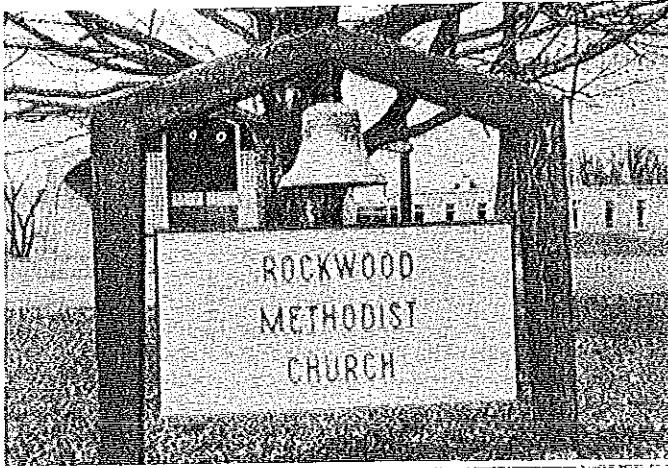
On August 2, 1964, the Rockwood Methodist Church held its formal opening. The church was filled to capacity at the morning and evening services and 1500 people attended the Open House in the afternoon. Present for the Services of Dedication were the District Superintendent of the Clinton District, Dr. Mark Moore, former pastors, Rev. Archie Kelley, Rev. John L. Chaney, Rev. D.W. Jenkins, Rev. Thomas Bellamy, Rev. E.C. Trentham, Rev. D.B. Wright and the pastor Rev. John Wikle.

Below is the picture of church as it is today.



At the entrance of the church property stands a frame with a bell which M.H. Phillips had made at the old Roane Iron Company and was one of the few things salvaged from the ruins of the church fire.

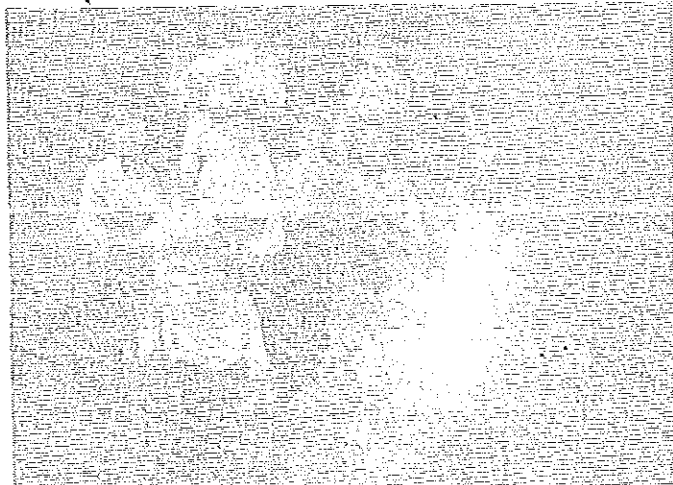
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PARTICIPATE IN GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



LADIES AID OF METHODIST CHURCH AT PICNIC  
(Mother of the late I.N. Barnett, at left)



LADIES' AID SOCIETY, METHODIST CHURCH 1907

## Wesleyan Methodist

### ROCKWOOD WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Submitted by Mrs. Marenda Neal

The Rockwood Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in a small church in the Eureka community in 1912 and was moved to a tabernacle at the present location on Evans a Church Street until the present building was built in 1916. It was known as "The Tabernacle on the Hill" because of its location. The lot was given by the Roane Iron Company to some very loyal members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the purpose of establishing the church. Mrs. Bess Pope is the only living charter member.

In 1935 a church parsonage was constructed on an adjoining lot. By 1959 there was need for a new parsonage and the old one was replaced with a modern brick bungalow.

In 1955, the congregation had grown and it was necessary to make an addition to the old building. The new Sunday School rooms which were built contributed much to the growth of the Sunday School in the next couple of years. A pastor's study was also added to the new addition.

There have been several renovations on the church including a new roof, new floors, ceiling and walls. The old pews were also replaced by new ones, bought by individuals in memory of some member of their family.

There have been fifteen ministers; Rev. A.L. Hill, Rev. (Mrs.) Etta Johnson, Rev. J.F. Yoder, Rev. J.A. Cassar, Rev. W.A. Oates, Rev. C.W. Brannon, Rev. G.R. Benton, Rev. J.R. Purkey, Rev. F.K. Smith, Rev. C.F. Smith, Rev. A.C. Clemens, Rev. William Ward, Rev. Douglas Heffner, Rev. Jeri Hanson and the present pastor, Rev. C.J. Goodspeed.



## More About Presbyterian Church

In this short sketch the writer has studied to avoid personating of the membership, because so many of them have rendered such long, faithful and conspicuous service to church and its clientele, that to give them proper recognition herein would require a manuscript too voluminous to be contained within the bindings of the booklet for which it is designed. However, we could not refrain from commending and expressing our gratitude for the loyalty, devotion, and unselfish service of our former beloved pastor, the late Rev. J.C. Orr and his family who for many years have supported the cause of Christ and church.

### LIST OF PASTORS

Rev. E.W.P. Wyatt, 1871-1873; Rev. A.S. Reid, 1873; Rev. McCorkle; Rev. D.M. Wilson, 1883-1887; Rev. D.L. Murray, 1887-1889; Rev. J.H. Cooper, 1889-1890; Rev. W.B. Brown, 1890-1892; Rev. John C. Lord, 1893; Rev. J.W. McMillen, 1893; Rev. J. Burchfield, 1895; Rev. W.A. Irvin, 1896-1910; Rev. A.N. Pennington, 1910-1912; Rev. R.L. Bachman, 1912-1914; Rev. Joseph H. Miller, 1916-1920; Rev. James C. Orr, 1921-1947; Rev. Milton B. Frazier, 1947-1948; Rev. Daniel John Dunbar, 1948-1950; Rev. Hugh Simon, 1950-1954; Rev. Ira H. Sadler, 1954-1959; Rev. G. I. Campbell, 1959-1966; Rev. Jeffrey R. Grote, 1967-

# First Presbyterian Church

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

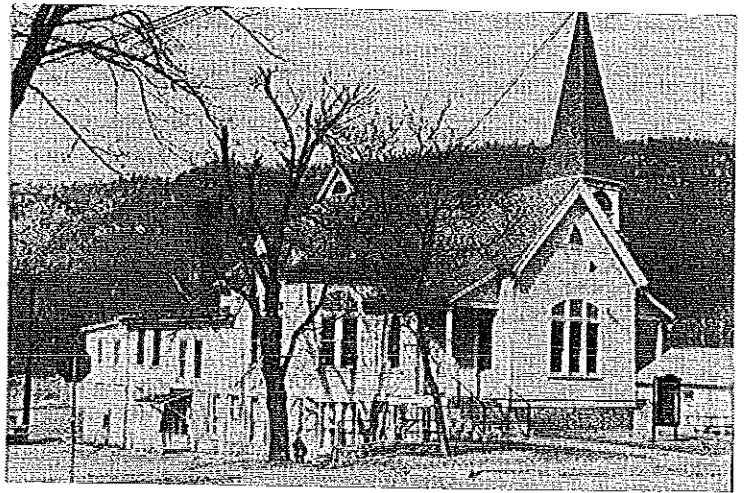
### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROCKWOOD

Shortly after the founding of the City of Rockwood by General John T. Wilder and his associates in the year 1867, a union Sunday School was organized at the suggestion and by direction of a Presbyterian layman, Mr. E. Riggs Forsythe; for a year or more this school met and held sessions under the sheds and in the rooms of a large saw mill plant erected by the Roane Iron Company. Out of a handful of members of this Sunday School, who subscribed to the Presbyterian faith, was conceived and organized the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood, Tennessee.

Concurrent with the erection of the large iron plant, the Roane Iron Company, which was organized by General Wilder and his associates, also erected a number of tenement houses, and also a building designed for the use of the union Sunday School and religious worship by any and all denominations. This building was erected on a site at the northwest corner of Trinity and Forsythe Streets; which was subsequently remodeled for use as a dwelling.

On April 2, 1871, again at the instigation of Mr. Forsythe, the "Presbyterian Church of Rockwood" was organized with a membership of eighteen, who were: John R. Evans, Mrs. Margaret Evans, Mrs. Mathilda Anderson, Mrs. Mary J. Knox, Mrs. May Ervin, Mrs. M. J. Shanks, Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, Miss Emma Wager (Mrs. I. A. Roberts), Miss Anna Wager, Thomas R. Evans, Mrs. B. A. Evans, John W. Richards, Mrs. Mary Richards, William Richards, Mrs. Nancy Hart, Mrs. Rhoda Lane, Mrs. Eliza M. Houston, and Mr. E. Riggs Forsythe. For the next eighteen years the small congregation continued to worship in the building provided by the Roane Iron Company for union services and in the home of its membership.

It appears that the consummation of the organization of this church came at the end of a three days session of those interested in its formation, with Rev. E. W. P. Wyatt and Rev. J. A. Riggs presiding and officiating. The first board of Ruling Elders elected by the congregation were: John R. Evans and Thomas Rhys Evans. By action of the congregation the Rev. E. W. P. Wyatt was called as the first stated supply pastor of the church, which continued to worship with intermittent services in the building provided by the Roane Iron Company until the year 1889, when Mr. H. S. Miller, who was the then store manager of the company, and an Elder in the church, suggested to the congregation the erection of a church building. A committee consisting of H. S. Miller, Dr. W. S. Gaines (an uncle of Dr. G. W.) and O. Steinwehr, with H. K. Evans as treasurer, was appointed by the congregation to select a site and accomplish the erection of a suitable building. The Roane Iron Company generously donated a site on Rockwood Avenue, just opposite the public school grounds; the contracting firm of Crumbliss and Geasland was engaged to design and erect the building, which was done at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00; it was of wooden construction consisting of an auditorium of 300 seating capacity, a chancel and altar, a pastor's study and two Sunday School rooms. The congregation continued to worship in this building for nearly a third of a century, when in the year 1921, the need for more room and better facilities to meet the demands of a growing membership and a wider field of service to the community, it was proposed to the congregation that we extensively enlarge and remodel the building in order to provide for a larger and better public service. This suggestion was favorably received by the church and a committee of the membership composed of E. O. Wells, John Molyneux and J. A. Huff was named to make a survey of the proposition and report on plans and estimated cost; the report made by this committee, recommending that the building be remodeled and enlarged, the auditorium be equipped with new pews and submitting plans therefore, at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00. The report was accepted and adopted by the congregation and authorized.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1968

The work to be done at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00. Dr. T. L. Smith was appointed chairman of a committee to raise the necessary funds and C. O. Stubbs was designated treasurer of the building fund. The new building was completed and equipped at a cost of \$15,000.00. Dedication services were held in August 1921. In the same year it was decided to acquire or erect a manse. A committee composed of James A. Huff, John Molyneux and Harry G. Sabine was appointed to carry out this decision of the church, and the manse was erected on West Ridge Avenue on Chestnut Hill at a cost of \$4,200.00.

In the late twenties the Westminster Guild, composed of young ladies and young matrons of the congregation established a reserve fund for the purpose of, at sometime in the future, equipping the church with a pipe organ, and in 1928, proposed to the congregation the installation of the instrument. The dream of this splendid auxiliary to our church was consummated by the installation of a beautiful organ made by Harry Pilcher Sons, at a cost of \$3,000.00.

In April of 1946 the church held its 75th anniversary to which all former and present members were invited. A great number of former and non-resident members were present. It was also the 25th anniversary of Dr. J. C. Orr's coming as pastor of our church. Dr. Orr served our church for a quarter of a century. He also served all of Rockwood during his tenure here. Dr. Orr was a rare type of man and pastor. He personified the quotation, "Practice what you Preach." Practically everyone living in Rockwood during his ministry here came in contact with him in one way or another, in church services, Sunday school groups, youth program of all types, public school classrooms, marriage ceremonies, funerals, civic and fraternal organizations, personal conferences or in other ways, and everyone was impressed with his sincerity, dedication, unselfishness and deep concern for every human being. Few if any pastors have ever had the influence or commanded the respect of all of the people of a community as did Dr. Orr. To know him was to love and respect him and he continues to live in the hearts and minds of all those with whom he came in contact.

In 1963 after many months of planning by various committees appointed to select a site, an architect, a contractor, a fund raising organization and various other necessary things involved in the erection of a new building program, it was finally decided that we stay at the same site and start construction of a three stage building program. Barber and McMurray, Architects of Knoxville, Tennessee, prepared the plans and specifications and Scandlyn Lumber Company was awarded a contract and completed the new educational unit in 1964, at a cost of approximately \$60,000.00. The entire cost of all units is estimated to be \$200,000.00, and our hope is to have all units completed or under construction by April of 1971, at the time of our centennial celebration.



## From A Student Of The 1960's

Sarah Bowman

"Good morning, boys and girls. I am Miss Riordan, and I will be your teacher this year."

Thus begins the first year in what is, for most, a twelve-year struggle for higher knowledge in the public school systems of the nation. The Rockwood City Schools are no exception. The names may be somewhat different and the procedure is perhaps less formal due to the more relaxed personality of Rockwoodians and Tennesseans in general.

Before you know it, Miss Riordan is a thing of the past and you've progressed to the fourth grade, hopefully, having mastered the basic skills. The fourth grade marks the beginning of the polishing and perfecting of the basic skills already acquired. You have learned since beginning school that, as a pupil you are inherently supposed to loathe and despise: (1) knowledge; (2) administration, teachers and principals; and (3) anything else that interferes with the pursuit of youth and fun. You are taught by your peers to love: (1) recess; (2) lunch; and (3) fire drills. You know all that, and it's all well and good, but you just can't help but like Miss Peters, 'cause she's so nice and young, and she smells as good as all the other teachers you've had. And you hate to admit it, but you like to spell, and read and stuff like that. And gosh, Mr. Franklin, the principal, speaks to you in the halls and pats you on the head and . . . well, a guy like that can't be all bad, can he?"

The fourth grade and subsequent years broaden your cultural base and such new concepts as drama, music, and art enter your realm. Some parents may decline to call the fourth grade pageant drama, or the self-designed invitations to PTA meetings art, but that's what it is, at least for the fourth grader.

It's now time to graduate from the eighth grade. Most school systems have instituted junior high programs whereby you don't enter high school until the ninth grade, thus cutting out the sharp and painful transition from junior high to high school. Such a system also cuts out eighth grade graduation and the pleasures of it. Not Rockwood. And you're glad. It's a sign of your newly acquired maturity and knowledge to be able to have your parents and the public see you make the physical and supposedly mental break from the idyllic days of grammar school. In your junior high career you have performed such phenomenal feats as living out of a locker, changing classes, writing essays on your home town, and, of course, that despicable poetry notebook. "Honestly, Leslie, I know I'll never learn to understand that dumb poetry stuff. That Shakespeare's-his-face. What on earth is he trying to say?"

Those eight years have brought social as well as academic knowledge. Socially, you now know that it is improper to literally chase boys. You must chase them only in a figurative sense, and that you have learned to do quite well. You have learned to dance, to behave everywhere, except on the dance floor, in a socially acceptable manner, and to hold those in power, (i.e. adults) in utter contempt. Academically speaking, you are master of all you survey -- the English language, mathematics in its entirety, and, of course, social studies are a snap! In short -- you know everything. Life, minus responsibility, is yours for the taking.

Thus prepared, you enter high school, a world you've dreamed about for eight years. You thought you knew, but it's really not what you expected. It is the opening up of new worlds -- foreign language, literature, business, higher math, science, specialized facets of social studies -- Jacksonian democracy, the Roman Empire --. The study of the English language seems to give the most trouble. "How could anyone with a name like George Eliot be a woman?"

It's hard, very hard -- hours of study for exams covering three months work, extracurricular activities that demand time and dedication; 4-H Club, Science Club, cheerleading, athletics; and social pressures that fill your life with problems,

## Dr. Glenn W. King



Dr. Glen King took his two years pre-optometry at the University of Tennessee. He had 1 year at Bryan College in Dayton and four years equivalent at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. He has been practicing in Rockwood since 1964.



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real and imaginary. "Oh Marge, if that darling Doug Pitche doesn't ask me out this weekend, I'll just corrode!"

The Prom, Junior Carnival, and Senior Play put star in your eyes and black out the less inviting prospects of semester tests, college entrance exams, and the like. Your senior year suddenly points up the need for decisive action and it falls like a crushing weight upon your shoulders. But you bear because twelve years of preparation have made it possible.

At the graduation ceremonies you listen to the perennial words, "...the youth of today are the citizens of tomorrow" and you walk up on the platform, accept your diploma, and shake the principal's hand. It's over. It is then that you realize what it's all about. Those in power, the Establishment, are not your enemies, they are your equals. They respect you and pin their hopes on you as for so long you depended on them. You don't know everything, you actually know very little. Maturity and wisdom are years away. And you meet the world that's bearing down on you with a steady eye, for these twelve years have made of you a knowledgeable and cultured creature -- you are now one of them. You owe them a debt you can never repay. You have been educated and emancipated by the school system, by your environment, and by your Self.

This in essence, is what it is like to have been a part of the Rockwood City School system.



# Organizations

## Curtis E. Smith Post No. 50 AMERICAN LEGION

MAJOR R.H. THOMPSON WRITES BRIEF HISTORY OF  
CURTIS E. SMITH POST, NO. 50, AMERICAN LEGION

Curtis E. Smith Post, No. 50, named for the first local soldier to be killed in action in World War I, was organized on August 19, 1919, at 2:00 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Rockwood, with twenty-five or more members.

These members, listed from memory, are: Dr. A. C. Wiley, Dr. Walter Clack, Dr. George E. Wilson, J. Ralph Tedder, Harry Molyneux, Harry Fritts, Cap Smith, Gene Smith, Paul Coleman, Dorsey Kelly, Floyd Elliott, Rush Tedder, Bob Thompson, Claude Bowman, John Ragle, Ford Arp, Rufus Ault, Houston Powell, Claude Hinds, Lester Powell, Henry Hinds, James Renfro and John D. Ward.

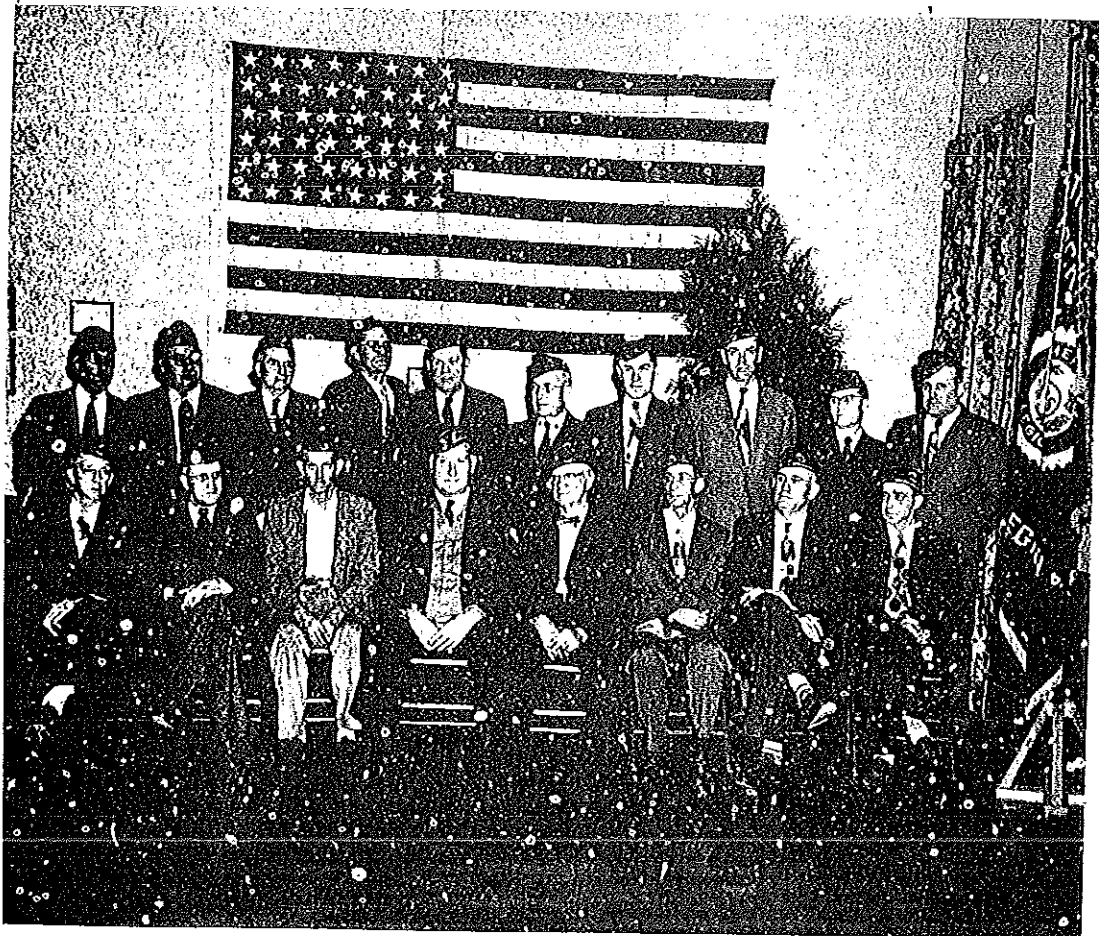
There are possibly a number of errors in the above however, they are mostly correct. Starting from the above number the Post has grown steadily, our maximum membership being as high as 624. With four Legion Posts in a county of some 25,000 at that time is a fine record.

Curtis E. Smith Post has never asked the public for any help, but has been most generous in supporting all worthy causes. Its achievements are unsurpassed by any Post of similar size.

Dr. Leland "Heavy" Cook was the father of football in Roane County. A member of this Post was the organizer of Troop One of the Boy Scouts. We have always fought communism and un-Americanism. At one time we had an outstanding Drum and Bugle Corps that responded "at their own expense" to all worthy calls. The Post supported the school to the extent of furnishing a manual training room completely equipped, a complete play ground, slides, swings and whirling ride swing. Also the Post sponsors student nurses for training, have a school award program, Boys' State representatives each year and all other worthy causes.

This Post was one of the outstanding factors in the two mine disasters and the Scout Flood. We have always had an efficient Service Officer with an office now in the Legion-owned building. The building has a self supporting income which also takes care of the memberships of veterans sick at home or in the hospital.

The Post owns a three-story business building in downtown Rockwood and two residences one-half block from the business section. The Post has presented the Legion School Award since 1933 along with three plaques containing names of the winners. The Post has sponsored many Memorial and Veterans Day services.



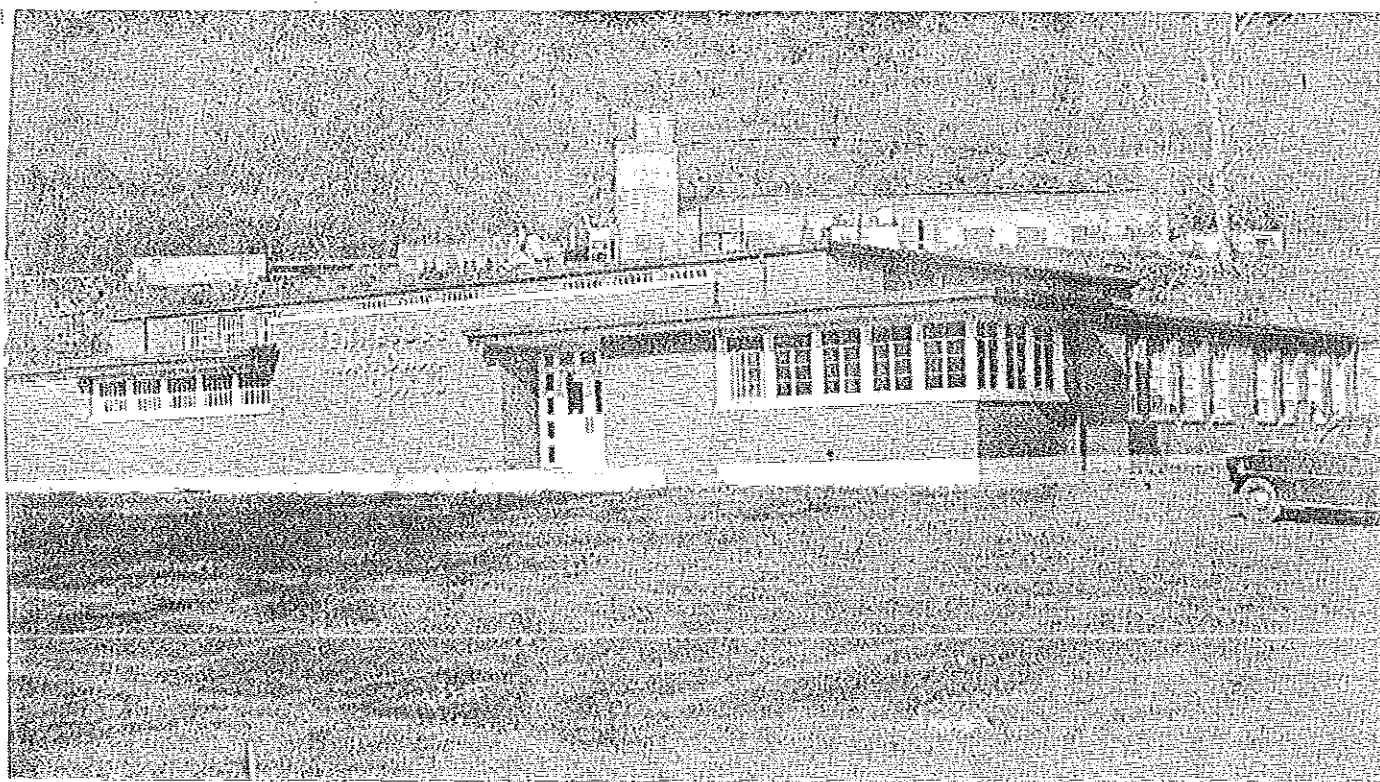
This photo, made in 1952, shows living Past Post Commanders up to that time. Seated, left to right: Robert H. Thompson, Harry Molyneux, Ford W. Arp, John J. Ragle, Harry W. Fritts, James Y. Renfro, Foster B. Pelfrey, Claud Bristow.

Standing, left to right: John L. Burchfield, William D. Teter, James W. King, John E. Harness, Frank R. Bristow, Claud I. Griffith, W. T. Margrave, Horace Melton, John H. Martin

and Tom T. Phillips. Not in the picture were Leland C. Cook, Dr. A. C. Wiley, J. Ralph Tedder, Paul Coleman, William H. Jarvis. Commanders since that time are: Forrest Bridges, Lonnie Hudson, Wm. H. Hinds, Carl Stephan, Floyd Hutcherson, B. F. Lorimer, Robert Clem, Malcolm Peters, Richard Shelton, Wilburn Henderson, Charles B. Haga, Fred Russell, Junior Burdette, W. A. Hamby and Ray Russell.



Funeral Procession of Curtis E. Smith, Rockwood's First World War I Casualty



Rockwood's Modern National Guard Armory

HOME OF A LOCAL TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY, FIRST ORGANIZED SHORTLY FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II.

# SCOUTING IN ROCKWOOD

## BOY SCOUTS

The first Scout Troop organized in the Rockwood Area was Troop #1 chartered in September 1913 with R.H. Thompson as Scoutmaster. In this era each Scoutmaster was assigned a number and the number assigned to R.H. Thompson was #10240.

In the late 1920's sometime after 1927, the Boy Scouts of America had a Scout Council known as the Cumberland Council. Mr. Charlie Acuff, formerly Scoutmaster of Troop 45, Rockwood, became the first Scout Executive of the new Boy Scout Council. Among the men guiding this new organization were James A. Huff, Sr., Harry Howard, Polk Tarwater and others vitally interested in preparing boys for responsible citizenship.

Rockwood has been involved in Scouting for boys, almost as long as Scouting has been a part of the youth program in the United States and the World Brotherhood of Scouting.

Troops have been sponsored by the American Legion, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Kingston Avenue Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church. Today, Rockwood has three active Troops and two Cub Packs. These units are sponsored by the First Christian Church, the Rockwood Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church.

Scouts from Rockwood have participated in all of the National Jamborees, except the first. A full patrol of eight Scouts attended the second National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with James A. Huff, Jr., better known as "Cotton" serving as Scoutmaster. A full patrol of eight Scouts from Rockwood attended the third National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch, near Los Angeles, California, with a Rockwood man, Ted Nance serving as one of the Assistant Scoutmasters.

At the fourth National Jamboree held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Eagle Scout Glenn McCluen of Troop 106 represented the Rockwood Scouts.

Elmer Rich represented the Rockwood Scouts by attending Scouting's Philmont Ranch at Cimmaron, New Mexico in the in the early days of the Philmont Ranch, a National Training Center for Scout Leadership.

In the early 40's Rockwood became a part of the Walden's Ridge District of the Knoxville Council, and the name of the district was changed to the Catoosa District in the 1950's.

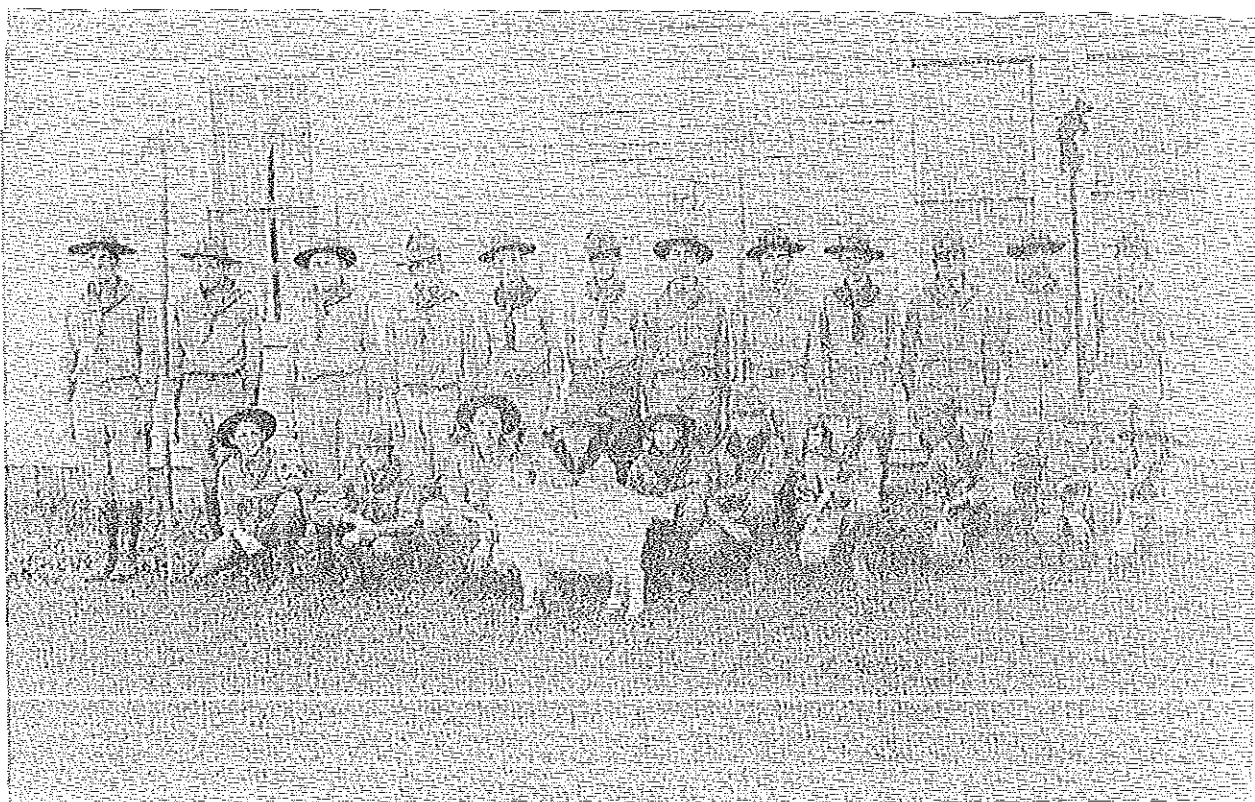
Among the men who have served Scouting in the Rockwood area are: Judge L.G. McCluen as Scoutmaster of Troop 45 in 1936, Stanley Warner, Scoutmaster of Troop 71, Tom Ward, Scoutmaster of Troop 107 in 1938, Charles W. Greene, Scoutmaster of Troop 106 in 1938, Robert Kidd, Scoutmaster of Troop 106 in early 40's, Allen True, Scoutmaster of Troop 107 in the early 50's LeRoy Stansell on the District level and as Council Vice President, Willard W. Wilson as District and Council Camping Committee member and very active in the development of the Council Camp at Rockwood, Camp Buck Toms.

Four Rockwood men have been recognized for their contribution to Scouting with the Silver Beaver Award. Mr. James A. Huff, Sr., being the first so honored in the Great Smoky Mountains Council, this being a post humous award and to St. George S. Jones, Jr., LeRoy Stansell and Willard Wilson.

Space prohibits inclusion of all the fine men and women who have made Scouting possible to the boys of the Rockwood community.

The Eagle Scout Award is not unknown to Rockwood Scouts nor is the Order of the Arrow unknown. Rockwood Scouts have participated in National Order of the Arrow conferences, World Fair Scout Service Troops, and Philmont Scout Expeditions.

Scouting today offers real adventure to tomorrow's leaders and the idea of the Daily Good Turn is relevant to the Space Age as it was to the era of the early 1900's.



READY FOR JAMBOREE IN ETOWAH

ROCKWOOD BOY SCOUTS IN 1927 -- Sitting: Jimmy Cole, L. G. McCluen, Jessie Polston, Bill Taylor, Willard Staples, Ed Burnett, Jack Shamhart, Fred Burnett, Woody Kerr, Jack Hamby. Standing: J. C. Acuff, Scoutmaster; Howard Brown, Oscar Grant, Joe Brashears, Bill Jarvis, Joe Polston, Walter Polston, Ed Delozier, Ray Wilson, Carl Mee, Clifford "Beam" Seward, Ted Derrick.



## ROCKWOOD GIRL SCOUTS, 1937-1950

Submitted by Rose Tedder Kidd

At the requests of Mrs. Harry Howard and Mrs. Joe Bernard the first Girl Scout troop of Rockwood was organized in the fall of 1937 as a lone troop through the aid of the Knoxville Scout office. In October with Mrs. Robert Kidd (Rose Tedder) as leader, and with Sarah Louise Tedder and Marjorie Hicks (Mrs. James Long) as assistants, fourteen girls were taken to Knoxville and invested as full fledged Girl Scouts.

By Christmas this first troop was put into uniform through the sale of cookies. The leaders made them in the kitchen of the Christian Church on Saturdays and the girls sold them over town. During this period they also knitted for the Red Cross and may earned Red Cross pins through this project. They often camped at Camp Townsend and Daddy's Creek.

During the early 40's, with Mrs. Kidd still the leader, Mesdames M.F. Phillips, Tom Burkett and Ellen Montgomery were assistants. During this time they presented an original pageant on the history of Girl Scouting in the Rockwood School auditorium. The program made such a hit that a repeat performance was given. The proceeds were used to start a fund for buying a piano for the auditorium. With a scrap-drive in the school next year, they added to their fund enough money to buy the piano that is still in use now in Central Elementary. Julia Howard and Vanesse Orr were the only two girls of this era to achieve the highest awards attainable to Girl Scouts. After Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Ellen Montgomery led the troop assisted by Mesdames Burkett, M.F. Phillips, and Maude Vann for a few years. Others who continued the leadership during the late 40's were Mesdames Irene Regester, Reba Ingram, Ethel Hamm, Louise Hamm, Virginia Bilbrey, Marilyn McCluen, Rose Milligan and others.

**MARTHA CARSON**  
Has Made A Career of Scouting.  
She is Field Advisor and Camp  
Director, Sangre De Cristo Council,  
Santa Fe and Raton, New Mexico.



## GIRL SCOUTS IN THE 1950'

Submitted by Mrs. Judson Carson

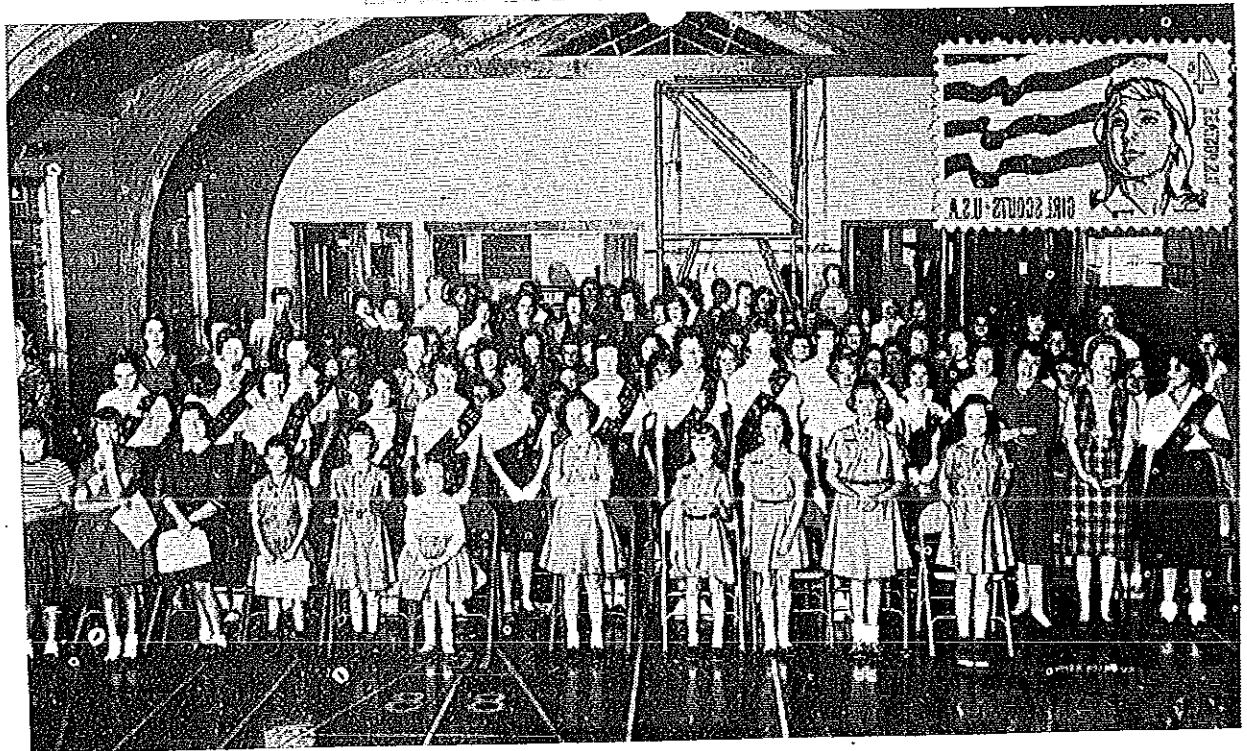
Volunteer leadership played out following the late 40's so for a while there was no troop; but during the summer of 1951, a ten-year-old girl, Evelyn Carson, had gone to C. Margaret Townsend and returned begging her mother to start scouting for girls here. Her mother recruited Mrs. Tom W. Jr., who was temporarily in Rockwood and Helen Hinds (Mrs. Bob Burnet). Peggy took the leadership course in Knoxville and the two Helens took the troop. Through the sponsorship of the Women's Division of the Council of Churches, this troop was invested as a lone troop at Christmas time, it was done at the Kingston Avenue Methodist Church. Santa brought more than twenty-five girls uniforms that year. Many of these girls stayed in scouting until they attained the highest rank conferred in Girl Scouting at that time. These two leaders and five of these girls have since served as counselors at established Scout, private, or church camps in Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and New Mexico.

The Highland Rim Girl Scout Council came into being during the 50's and had offices at Oak Ridge. In the fall of 1951, Rockwood and Harriman joined this council. One of the first projects of the Harriman, Kingston, Rockwood neighborhood group was a Father-Daughter banquet in Kingston. It went so big that the leaders had to roll up their sleeves and more potatoes after the first plates were being served. Recently, reorganization had done away with this council and Rockwood was placed in the Tanasi Council with headquarters in Knoxville.

In 1968 Rockwood is found with Scout troops for different ages rather than one lone troop. It is a "neighborhood" all its own headed up by Mrs. Ed Harvey who has completed ten years of service in Girl Scouting.

Time and space as well as lack of information prevented a full listing of volunteers over the years, but our hats are to the many leaders and contributors to the program 1937 - 1968.

From the 1951 lone troop Rockwood has now sent a full-time professional leader to Raton, New Mexico as a field advisor and camp director, Martha Carson.



ROCKWOOD'S FIRST COURT OF GIRL SCOUT AWARDS



## ROCKWOOD Business & Professional Women's Club

Submitted by Jessie Howard

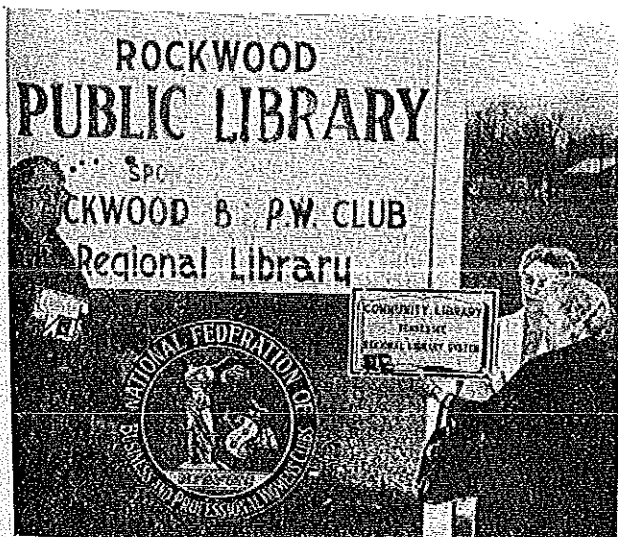
The Rockwood Business and Professional Women's Club is the city's oldest civic club, having been organized a few weeks prior to the beginning of the local Civitan Club. The organizational meeting was held on Saturday, October 22, 1921, at the old Mourfield Hotel, which at that time was under the proprietorship of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Roblin, Sr., who served delicious dinners to the semi-monthly meetings of the club.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson was the first president of the local club, which started with a charter membership of some eighteen or twenty business and professional women. Since Rockwood did not have a public library, this was the first project planned by the club, although they paid for a bed for indigent patients at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital for some time, helped sponsor the chautauqua, which was a cultural program brought here annually, before the days of television. The city had to guarantee the company a certain sum, and if sufficient tickets were not sold to finance it, the sponsoring groups had to go into their treasury to make up the deficit. We called house to house soliciting ticket sales.

The Rockwood Business and Professional Women's Club was organized two years after the Tennessee Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club started, and we are among the oldest clubs in the state, and are now a member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Our membership at the present time is forty-two and in addition to three charter members and a number of long-time members, we now have a good group of the younger business and professional women of the city who are interested in carrying on the work of this club which has been such an aid in helping in the civic and cultural life of Rockwood for almost half a century.

The local Business and Professional Women's Club, in starting the Rockwood Public Library, which was formally opened on July 4, 1922, put on many plays and street carnivals to raise funds for books and other expenses, and until the past few years paid all the expenses to support this project. While this is our major project still, we have a substantial supporting income from the city commission, and are able to branch out in other things worth while, among which is a scholarship fund which we have recently started to help high school girls carry on their college work. We also have started a fund to help in getting a new building for the library, which is badly in need of new housing facilities.

The Rockwood Public Library has been widely used since its opening in July 1922, and we are proud to have been able to furnish this area with such a worth-while project for so many years.



## History and Purpose Of The ROCKWOOD CIVITAN CLUB

The Rockwood Civitan Club was organized in 1921, four years after the founding of Civitan International in 1917, thus, becoming one of the oldest Civitan Clubs in the country. For years it held its meetings in the basement Sunday school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church where the ladies of the various churches of the community alternated in serving the noon meal each Friday. Under the direction of its first president, Arch Wiley, a local dentist, the club had a wonderful beginning. Down through the years it has been fortunate in having leadership that instilled in its members the zeal and zest to carry out its motto "Builders of Good Citizenship."

One of the club's first projects was to raise money and build Civitan Field, the athletic field that is now serving for the school athletic activities. Since the construction, the club has continued to add to the facilities and recently completed the wire fence around the baseball field.

In the 1930's during the great depression, Civitan established a clinic in Rockwood where people, who could not afford it, would receive treatment by the county physician for diseases that otherwise might have gone without attention.

It was also during the depression years that Civitan established the milk fund whereby underprivileged children could receive milk at school. Every year the club sponsors a boy to "Boy's State Program" and annually it sponsors "Career Day" in our school. Each year the club offers prizes and sponsors the contest for the best essay on various subjects.

The Rockwood Club is a unique club in that it is probably the only one that ever actually participated in the handling of governmental affairs of the town. This too, was in the depression years when Rockwood was hit harder than any town in the state other than South Pittsburg. The town had the same mayor and commissioners for several years and they did a fine job. The major, being a member of Civitan, on numerous occasions would bring some problem or proposition about the city to the club and ask for advice and guidance in handling it, and many times it was Civitan's recommendation that went into effect.

The club raises a good proportion of its money through its sale of Claxton Fruit Cakes, and it is by this means that at present we are sponsoring and paying the director's salary of the summer recreation program which includes the little league and other activities for the youth of our town.

For the last few years the club has sponsored the local horse show in an effort to raise additional funds for its various projects and to bring to the people of the area the opportunity for this type of entertainment and recreation.

Now, in Rockwood's centennial year and the Clubs 47th year, it is working toward making Rockwood a better place in which to live and to perpetuate the "Building of Good Citizenship."

ONE OF THE AMUSING STORIES FROM THE 1960 ESSAY WRITTEN BY GLENN McCLUEN, WINNER OF THE CIVITAN ESSAY CONTEST

When the new Roane Iron Company furnace began to produce its product no railroads were close enough to be used for transporting the pig iron, and the Tennessee River being near, this method of transportation was chosen. At first a wagon trail was made from the present location of the Tennessee Products Blast Furnace to the Tennessee River pretty nearly following the same course as the road to the Community Park Beach now follows. Mules were used to draw the pig iron to the river where it was loaded on to barges. Later rails were laid along this wagon road and a little steam engine was brought by barge to the landing. When the engine first arrived it was set upon the rails and after about an hour a full head of steam was built up. The engineer climbed aboard along with the fireman, and they headed the engine toward Rockwood. It didn't go very

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## Rockwood Garden Club

The Rockwood Garden Club was organized through the efforts of Mrs. James H. Smith (Eileen) in August 1952. The first officers were: President: Mrs. Eileen Smith; Vice-President: Mrs. Roland Regester (Irene); Treasurer: Mrs. Ernest Hutcherson; Recording Secretary: Miss Christine Grant; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. B.J. Lamb, Sr.; Historian: Mrs. J.O. Bowman; Parliamentarian: Mrs. L.G. McCluen.

The present officers are: President: Mrs. G.B. Hollstein; Vice-President: Miss Christine Grant; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Gregory Harris; Treasurer: Mrs. Glasgow Russell; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. B.J. Lamb, Sr.; Historian: Mrs. A.W. Gibson.

Some of the club's projects have been the planting of shrubbery and trees on the hospital and school grounds.

In 1962, Mrs. Dave Smith, President, with the help of the City of Rockwood, Rockwood business firms, and many residents, and much cooperation from club members, purchased and planted 150 dogwood trees on both sides of Gateway.

The same year, another project was the clearing of the unsightly, rocky ditch at the intersection of South Kingston Ave., and Gateway. This was planted with grass, trees, shrubbery and bulbs.

The club's most recent project was the beautification of the cloverleaf on North Gateway.

The (1968) future project will be civic developments.

## Rockwood Study Club

In April 1937, Mrs. Betty Owings, Mrs. Leta Smith, Mrs. Doris Regester, Mrs. Brownie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Florence Wilson, Mrs. Zoe Fowler, Misses Delphine Millican and Marjorie Hicks met at the home of Mrs. Smith and organized what is now the Rockwood Study Club. Mrs. Owings was the first president and Miss Hicks, now Mrs. James Long, of Hollywood, Florida, was the first program chairman. It was decided that the club would meet twice monthly, there would be a program, either a review of a book, a musical program or a current events program.

In the following months other members were taken in and a membership of thirteen was decided upon. However as more people wished to join the membership was increased to twenty where it now stands.

In the early days of the club, the members became ambitious and decided upon a course of study connected with the University of Tennessee, hence the name Rockwood Study Club. They soon found themselves less ambitious and returned to the varied programs with which they started, but retained the name Rockwood Study Club.

In the beginning dues were ten cents per meeting and were doubled, if one was absent. The money was spent for books which, after the club members had read them were sold to club members or donated to the library. The practice remains much the same today, except that dues have been increased to fifteen and twenty-five cents. However, the price of books to club members remains the same. Where, but from the Rockwood Study Club, could one buy a copy of Robert Massie's "Nicholas and Alexandra" for \$1.00?

The members felt that summer time was a time for light reading, rather than for lengthy reviews, so each year in June, the club has a picnic and disbands until September.

For thirty years September has brought the group together again, slightly changed over the years, it is true, but happy to be together again for another period of quiet enjoyment, and not too strenuous study.

The present officers are: Netha Fowler - President; Reba Ingram - Vice President; Margaret Saylor - Secretary-

## Mrs. Clymer Writes of Early Clubs

The following is a copy of a recent letter which Miss Kate Rodgers has received from her friend, the wife of a former Roane Iron Company Superintendent, Mrs. F.C. Clymer: Mrs. Frederick Hiester Clymer

97 Shewell Avenue

Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

March 11, 1968

Dear Kate,

It was good to get your letter and the copies of the Rockwood Times telling of the coming Centennial of Rockwood, for of course we are most interested. I am afraid I can't give you too much information, for many of the details I have forgotten by this time. The Roane Iron Company history must be fairly well documented, at least in the papers of that era, and I know there is nothing I could add.

My husband first went to Rockwood as a young engineer in 1895 - later becoming general superintendent (as of course you know) and he retired in 1916. He was very active in community service. During World War I he was county chairman of the War Saving Stamp campaign and legal advisor of the Selective Service System in Roane County. In addition he devoted much time to the sale of Liberty Bonds and was chairman of the Rockwood Chapter, American Red Cross, from 1917 to 1923. After his retirement from the Roane Iron Company he became president of the Tennessee Cast Iron Pipe Company, president of the Rockwood Machinery Company and vice president of the Rockwood National Bank.

The "City Beautiful" was the outgrowth of a small group of us - about eight or ten - who had a little circle which we called "The Mother's Club". We discussed child training and various related problems. I can't give you names of all the members but Mrs. Polk Tarwater, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Huff and I were in it. Later we decided to form a "City Beautiful" as we felt the need of beautification and order in the town. At that time the cows were allowed to roam the streets. I remember this vividly, for coming from the city I was scared to death to meet them on my walks! We had various campaigns to improve the town and awards were given. I remember particularly the effort to encourage attractive gardens. To broaden our interests still further this group organized "The Women's Club" which I think was federated. The organization meeting took place in the "new" public school opposite the Presbyterian Church. I believe Mrs. Polk Tarwater was the first president. I was Program Chairman and got out the first yearbook. Unfortunately I did not keep a copy of it. I wonder if that club is still in existence. I'm sorry I can't supply dates, but all this took place I feel sure, between 1915 and 1920.

I know the celebration in June will be exciting and I hope you'll let us know how it turns out. It is always good to have news from Rockwood friends. I am sending a small contribution to the Centennial Fund in memory of our happy days in Rockwood and I hope the celebration will be a great success!

Emily (Who is typing this letter) joins me in sending best wishes.

Affectionately, Elsie B. Clymer

HUMOROUS HISTORICAL INCIDENT WRITTEN BY  
GLENN MCCLUEN, CIVITAN ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

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far until it stopped and went into reverse. No one could sit in its backward flight to the river and the engineer and fire jumped. Just before it ran into the river, it slowed down stopped. The men climbed aboard the engine again and started toward Rockwood. About a mile out of town, the little engine started backward again but stopped after only about one mile. This time the men took no chances. They hitched mules to the engine and pulled it into Rockwood. The train was soon found and "Little Bess" gave many years of service before it finally derailed itself in a corn field and was used again.

## The Order Of The Knights Of Pythias

Knights of Pythias is the first Order in the U.S. to be granted a Charter by a special act of congress, February 19, 1864. Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States.

Oak Leaf Lodge #49, K. of P. in Rockwood, was granted a Charter May 8, 1889. The following as Charter Members:

J.P. Gray	J.W. Rice	L.F. Abston
Wm. Blankenbeckler	E.C. Etter	E.J. Baldwin
W.M. Donaldson	W.A. Geasland	H.K. Evans
Tom Murray	J.H. Patton	O.P. Delious
J.W. Pilon	M.F. Millican	J.J. Ferguson
W.L. Nelson	R.J. Fenesay	G.W. Goins
E.M. Bayless	Harry L. Mitchell	J.P. Tedder
V.W. Crumbliss	Arch Lee	Chas. G. Tauscher
J.J. McGinley	H.V. Tauscher	D.M. Coffman
Tony Schneidle	H.A. Crowder	Archie McDonald
G.W. Gaylon	J.M. Siveis	

Today we have some two-hundred members, Uncle Charlie (C.T. Tedder) being our oldest member, both in age and membership, he became a member June 25, 1904, still attends regularly each Thursday evening. He has served in every chair of the lodge and holds the Rank of the Golden Spur, a special rank which is rarely given; it is obtained only by outstanding members.

Oak Leaf Lodge, based on the Principals of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence has served Rockwood throughout the years in many and various ways, donating both time and money to any worthwhile project for the betterment of our citizens and community. At one time when many of our school children, whose parents were unable to afford many necessities of life, our lodge provided these school children with hundreds of pints of milk daily, also furnishing glasses, shoes and clothing. These are but a few of the services rendered by this fine organization whose membership is made up of worthy red blooded men of good moral character, men who believe in the existence of a supreme being, men of all religious organizations are eligible for membership, men who are willing to promote the cardinal principals of the order: Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Many, many Rockwood citizens have sat in the chair of "Chancellor Commander" the highest office of the subordinate lodge.

The Organization consists of the Supreme (International) Lodge which has jurisdiction over the Supreme Domain; Fifty-five Grand (State or Province) Lodges, which have certain respective territorial jurisdiction; and more than 3,000 Subordinate (Local) Lodges which are the primary and fundamental groupings of the members of the order. In addition there are three recognized auxiliaries: The Pythian Sisters, The Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan (DOKEYS) and the Junior Order (Pi Delta Pi) for boys 14 through 18 years of age.

"IF FRATERNAL LOVE HELD ALL MEN BOUND HOW BEAUTIFUL THIS WORLD WOULD BE"

"LIFT UP THE FALLEN"

Rockwood Has Many Other Very Fine and Worthy Organizations. However they are not included in this book because no historical sketch was received from them.

## Rockwood Golf and Country Club

The first golf course that Rockwood had was cleared out in a field at Post Oak Springs on a section of the original Major John Smith Land, now a sub-division of Dan Webster's directly opposite the homesite of the late William Staples. For several years, members of the club enjoyed golfing there until it was finally abandoned.

The location of the present course was originally John T. Staples' land sold to Mr. and Mrs. Nowers of Boston. They built their home there in preparation for Mr. Nower's retirement. His sudden death shortly before he was to come here interrupted their dreams and Mrs. Nowers (Mrs. Geo. Sylvester's sister) lived with her son only a short time before

she sold the property to the City of Rockwood. They converted the home into a club house and the land into a golf course which they used for several years.

Recently the membership of the club grew and they built a new clubhouse and improved the 9-hole course. It's membership is 144. They also built a large swimming pool. 1968 officials; Pres. - Pete Wright; Vice Pres. - E.T. Ingram; Sec. - Paul Layne; Treas. - Bill Mee.

## Pythian Sisters

The Pythian Sisters were organized in Rockwood on July 20, 1949 with the following as charter members and officers. Officers were: Juanita Pelfrey, Betty Booth, Veneta Tedder, Louise Powell, Mary Scott, Elizabeth Booth, Juanell Teter, Ethel Kindred, Helen Fulks, Arlená Albertson and Sadie Abels. Charter members were: Florence Harvey, Nell Frizzell, Katherine Tedder, Jessie Kindred, Emma Sorrick, Sudie Mee, Nell Tedder, Mildred Giles, Louise Baird, Martha Sue Weatherford, Bonnie Seward, Mildred McCulley, Rose Kidd, Evelyn Hollstein, Margaret Fisher, Martha Clark, Eva Lee Fulks, Amanda Pierce, Mae Fuller, Mildred Tedder, Mabel Elliott, Adele Bernard, Carolyn Bernard, Margaret Derrick, Kate Cole, Hazel Pelfrey, Lucille Roberts, Hazel Tedder, Ruby Doughty, Lillie Mae Bristow, Lutie Tallent, Alma King, Myra Mae King, Wilma Tedder, Gertrude Hinds, Rosalind Bridges, Jerry Pelfrey, Wilma Bristow, Belle Rogers, Kathleen Margrave, Maude Edwards, Mattie Hinds, Mable Thornton, Delia Kelly, Jeanette Carool. Many of the charter members are still active. We have 46 members and meet the third Monday of each month.

The Pythian Sisters organization in addition to its beautiful ritualistic work is engaged in altruistic work second to none among the women's organizations of the country. The Pythian Sisters also maintain a Junior Organization with like purposes called the Sunshine Girls. We do not have one in Rockwood now. Although a fraternal organization we have contributed to most civic projects. We gave the first \$100.00 and took the Rockwood Band as our project for the year 1950. We helped toward the purchase of their instruments. We also bought six uniforms for the band. We have contributed yearly to the Bible-in-the School, March of Dimes, Heart Fund. For many years we had the Cancer fund as our project for the year. Since the discontinuation of Bible-in-the School we have given to the Ministerial Association.

We have been affiliated with the Grand Temple of Alabama since 1955.

We have a visit from a grand representative each year.

The Pythian Sisters are dedicated to the cause of universal peace and are pledged to the promotion of understanding among women of good will as the surest means of attaining it.

Our officers for the year 1968 are: Lucille Roberts, Wilma Doughty, Jeanette Easter, Sue Burnette, Edith Rudder, Anna Montgomery, Georgia Hickey, Jane Pierce, Kate Cole, Velma Beckner.

## ROCKWOOD LODGE No. 403, F. & A. M.

November 8th, 1869

By virtue of a dispensation issued by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee the first meeting of Rockwood Lodge No. 403, F. & A. M., was held in Rockwood on November 8th, 1869.

The Charter authorizing it to work, was issued "this 16th day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy," at which time Most Worshipful John W. Paxton was Grand Master.

The charter, the original of which was destroyed by fire on January 7, 1946, is signed by Jno. Frizzell, grand secretary, and lists the following as the first officers of the Lodge:

John R. Neal, W.M.; John H. Millican, S.W.; David E. Rees, J.W.

Other than these, we find in the old minute book the additional officers and brethren:

J.A. Shadden, Secretary; G.W. Frazier, Treas., pro tem; J.C. Ables, S.D.; F.K. Suddath, J.D.; R.P. Short, Tyler, and brothers J.W. Wilder and S.J. Tedder, and in the minutes of Dec. 15, 1869, appears the name of Wm. Whitlock. All of the above officers and members have long since passed to their reward but Rockwood Lodge No. 403, F. & A. M., stands today as a memorial to their untiring efforts in the advancement of the great principles of Freemasonry.

At the above mentioned first meeting "Wednesday on or before each full moon at 7 o'clock p.m., was appointed as the time for the regular communication." At this meeting also a by-law committee composed of John R. Neal, J.A. Shadden, J.C. Ables and J.H. Millican was "appointed on motion." This was not only the first committee on by-laws but has the further distinction of any kind to be appointed by this Lodge. Differing somewhat with the present-day committees, these members reported at the next "communication".

The first set of by-laws consisted of twenty articles and were adopted at the meeting on Nov. 17, 1869 (this being only nine days after the call meeting but was the date of the "regular communication") and were ordered written in the minute book, which was done in a most pleasing manner and beautiful hand-writing.

The Grand Lodge Returns of 1870 show 5 members raised, 1 admitted, 23 degrees conferred and a total membership of 17. The first meeting in our new temple (located on South Chamberlain Street) was held December 3, 1954.

The Grand Lodge returns of 1967 show 24 initiated, 25 passed, 24 raised, 9 affiliated, 2 restored, 3 withdrawn, 6 deaths, with a total membership of 395.

## Rockwood Chapter No. 382, O. E. S.

Rockwood Chapter No. 382, Order of Eastern Star was instituted on Sept. 3, 1941, in a meeting held in the old Commerce Building, with a charter membership of approximately 25.

Miss Annie Molyneux served as worthy matron and U.C. Fulmer, Sr., as worthy patron for the first three years, then in 1944 Mrs. Jeanette Keith Easter was worthy matron and Lawrence Kindred worthy patron. Mrs. Easter served a second year with Frank Sonnen as worthy patron. In 1946 Mrs. Billie Griffith and Spencer Hill served in these stations, with Clyde Millican serving with Mrs. Griffith the next year.

In 1948 Miss Alma King served with John Gregory; 1949 Mrs. Christine Millican and Welzie Teague; 1950, Mrs. Eva Lee Fulks and Clifford Plemons; 1951 Mrs. Rose Kidd and John Martin; 1952, Mrs. Nola Griffin Clark and Lawton Millican; 1953 Mrs. Myra Mae King and James W. King; 1954 Mrs. Reba Ingram and Oscar Adams; 1955, Mrs. Catherine Martin and Robert Kidd; 1956 Mrs. Mabel Thompson and B.F. Lorimer, Jr.; 1957 Mrs. Dorothy Adams and Tommy Owings; 1958 Mrs. Martha Sue Weatherford and Roy Shelton, with Mrs. Juanell Teter and Roy Shelton serving in 1959.

In 1960 Mrs. Reba Owings and Frank Hughes served as matron and patron; 1961 Mrs. Mary Abel and Noble Brown; 1962

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Mrs. Glada Delozier and Tommy Pair; 1963 May P. Evans and Claude E. Story, Jr.; 1964, Mrs. Helen Fisher and Spencer Hill; 1965 Mrs. Katherine Ledford and Ed Roberts, Sr.; 1966 Mrs. Thelma Hill and Roy Mynatt; 1967 Mrs. Louise Baird and Ray R. Baird, Sr.

Beginning in 1968, Mrs. Betty Mynatt was installed as worthy matron, and her husband, Roy Mynatt as worthy patron. Soon after this, Mr. Mynatt, a highway patrolman for the State of Tennessee was fatally injured in an automobile accident while driving in his patrol car.

Rockwood Chapter No. 382, O. E. S. now has a membership of 209.



# FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE BOY SCOUT TRAGEDY IN THE WHITE'S CREEK FLOOD

By Lloyd G. McCluen

On Friday afternoon, March 22, 1929, an excited group of boys left Rockwood for a week end camp at the Tarwater bungalow on White's Creek. It was cold and drizzling rain, but this made little difference to the boys of Boy Scout Troop #45, because we had been looking forward to this adventure for approximately two months. Those making the trip were: Scoutmaster James T. Wright; Scouts Joe Brashears, Howard Brown, Carl Mee, Jr., James Cole, L.G. McCluen, Clifford Seward, Bill Taylor, Willie Evans, Jack Shamhart, Jack Hamby, Ted Derrick, Paul Hickey, Jack Tarwater, Jr., Willard Staples, Roy Green, J.C. Hill, Woodrow Kerr, Lawrence Montgomery, Ed Burnett, Fred Burnett, and Walter Polston. Harry Shamhart and Tom Douglas, younger brothers of Willie Evans and Jack Shamhart accompanied the troop. On most of our camping trips the members of the troop did the cooking, but this time we took along Dick Gilbreath to cook for us.

Upon arriving at the bungalow, we did our regular chores of making camp, and Dick Gilbreath prepared the supper. We had to start the Delco system which furnished lights, got in wood, and arranged our gear. After enjoying a hearty meal, we gathered in the living room in the center of the cabin around a big fire. Here we organized boxing matches and wrestling contests. When we had exhausted ourselves with our games, Jim Wright concluded the activities by telling a ghost story. Howard Brown and Walter Polston had to return home that night, so they and Dick Gilbreath went back to town, intending to return the next day. It was still drizzling a slow, steady rain, and we made beds on the floor of the cabin. Since we were all so tired from the games we had played, we kept no watch that night. I can recall no other trip on which this was not done, as it was a custom of the troop to keep watch all night.

About 4:00 o'clock a.m. Willard Staples, who was sleeping by the door, awakened us exclaiming that water was running in on him. Someone opened the door, and we saw that White's Creek had risen to the level of the cabin! The Tarwater bungalow was built about eight feet above the creek level, and the water had never been known to get this high. Upon discovering the height of the water, Jim Wright took control to warn everybody to remain calm while he and Joe Brashears tried wading out. There was a low place between the front of the bungalow and the garage, and the water was flowing very swiftly with a great deal of debris. Realizing that it was impossible to get all the boys out, Jim Wright decided that the safest place would be on top of the bungalow, and we climbed up to the top using the bars on the window as a ladder. There was no panic, because Jim Wright was loved and respected by everyone in the troop, and we fully trusted his judgment.

After we had been on the roof about two hours, we saw lights on the railroad trestle across White's Creek. Excitedly we began signalling with Morse Code. We later learned that Wilmer Shamhart, father of Jack and Harry, John McCluen, my brother, and Luther Majors were on the bridge. However, none of them could read the code and the attempt to signal was futile.

About 6:00 o'clock in the morning the steel highway bridge across White's Creek washed away, releasing a wall of water and debris. Shortly thereafter the garage and Delco house washed away. Jim Wright's new Chrysler 77 coupe came floating by, and the bungalow started breaking up. A chimney cracked and part of it fell in. At this time I moved to the top of the far bedroom. There was a loud crack, and the bedroom on which James Cole and I were standing seemed to pull upstream against the current, away from the main part of the house. Several of the boys fell through into the water, and the

bedroom portion then crashed back into them. Afterwards it turned like a box and floated into the main portion of the stream. The side of the roof on which James Cole and I were standing kept tilting, causing the roof to roll, so we kept running around trying to keep it balanced as we floated down stream. The two of us floated on this entire room and continued down stream for approximately one-fourth of a mile until we hit some trees and debris. This knocked the bottom and sides of the room out, but still left us a good portion of the roof on which we could ride. As we rode down stream we noticed Paul Hickey and Jack Tarwater clinging to trees floating ahead of us. As we rounded the bend opposite the Calvin James property we suddenly were thrown into a pine thicket, and we did not see Paul or Jack anymore after that. As I started to follow Jimmy Cole up a pine tree, I heard a cry for help. I looked over about ten feet where I saw Roy Green. I came out of the tree and started for him, but before I had taken two strokes something had hit Roy from beneath and he was gone. I returned to the tree and found seven other scouts had landed there and were clinging to the branches. This tree soon washed down and we all moved to other trees and debris. Tom Douglas had a broken leg, and his brother, Willie Evans, was taking care of him.

Jack Hamby, Clifford Seward and I swam over to some debris stacked against some trees, and we stayed there until we were rescued. Soon after we arrived at this point, Carl Mee, Jr., and Joe Brashears appeared. Joe was cut on the face and Jack Hamby's little finger was cut off at the first joint. The water continued to rise until about 10:00 o'clock. All along the creek scouts were climbing trees, only to have them washed out from under them.

At 10:30 John D. Ward swam to the pile of debris looking for his nephew, Woodrow Kerr. We could not give him any information, so he swam on in search of Woodrow. About 11:30 o'clock a.m., George King, Sam Chevrant and Charles Fults managed to get the first boat over to the pile of debris where we were. They first took the injured back to safety and Mr. King stayed with the rest of us. The injured were taken to the home of Fielding Hedgecoth, who had made his home available for all victims. At the Hedgecoth home, Dr. Thomas Phillips, Dr. Charley Wilson, and Dr. George Ed Wilson were waiting on the injured. It was impossible to get an ambulance to the Hedgecoth home at that time.

The last of us were taken from the pile of debris about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Upon arrival at the Hedgecoth home, we were required to drink a hot cup of ginger tea. I well remember how this tea caused the chill resulting from ten hours in the cold water to disappear.

Willard Staples received a crushed hip, and he was found farther upstream by a group led by Wallace Raulston and Charley Acuff. Willard stayed in the hospital for a year following the flood because of his extensive injuries.

Of the original group who had left Rockwood the day before, seven scouts and the scoutmaster were drowned. The scouts were Jack Shamhart, J.C. Hill, Roy Green, Woodrow Kerr, Lawrence Montgomery and the twins, Ed Burnett and Fred Burnett. The scoutmaster was James Tarwater Wright, to whom all who survived possibly owe their lives. In the eyes of the members of Troop #45, Jim Wright was one of the great scout masters of this country. He gave much of his time, talent, and money to scout work. He was last seen trying to save one of the boys, and all surviving members of this troop are confident that he gave his life trying to save one of us.

Of those surviving, only three now reside in Rockwood: James Cole, Paul Hickey, and Lloyd G. McCluen.

# Sixteen Postmasters Have Served Local Post Office During Century

The United States Post Office, Rockwood, Roane County, Tennessee, was established on July 1, 1868. According to postal records there have been sixteen Postmasters during the 100 years of its service to the citizens of the Rockwood area. The names of each Postmaster (or Postmistress) and dates of their appointment are as follows:

David E. Reese, July 1, 1868

Elihu R. Owings, December 23, 1872

Glanville W. Stone, December 14, 1874

Frederick N. Wright, July

19, 1876

Charles W. Stewart, April 10, 1877

W.F. Millican, August 9, 1880

Joseph A. Shadden, July 21, 1885

James M. Hill, March 23, 1889  
Mrs. Catherine M. Hill, June 11, 1889

William F. Millican, June 14, 1897

Robert P. Sulte, July 12, 1911  
Hammond Fowler, July 23, 1915

Zoe Leland Fowler, Acting, April 14, 1922

Robert H. Thompson, September 20, 1922

Hugh L. Hicks, February 8, 1935

Zirkle M. Cooper, December 1, 1947

Presently the office is being operated with fourteen employees and receipts range from \$123,000 to \$145,000 each year.

The post office has been located in five different locations during its history, having moved into the present Federal Building February 15, 1938. Presently in 1968 there is a contract approved for the modernization and expansion of the building including airconditioning.

## Rockwood Post Office And Carriers In 1908



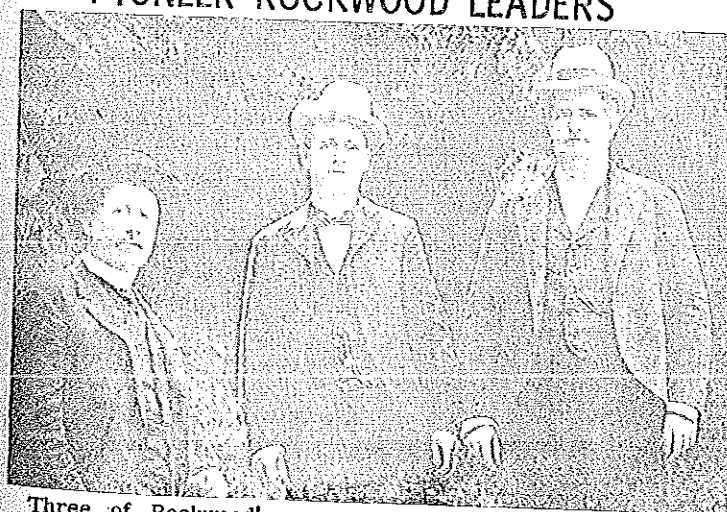
This photograph, said to be taken in 1908, shows the Rockwood Post Office and its four mail carriers ready for the morning rounds via horseback (note saddlebags). From left to right are; George King, Frank Abston, Walter T. Stone, and his son, Ray P. Stone. Of the four only Ray Stone, age 80, is still living. The office was located in the building now occupied by TV Sales and Service owned by City Commissioner Harry E. Brown, Jr. At that time Mr. William F. Millican was Postmaster, having been appointed by President William McKinley in 1897. This photo was loaned to us by Bill Stone 302 So. Ridge Ave., a grandson of Mr. Walter T. Stone. Mr. Walter Stone's father, Mr. Granville W. Stone, served as Rockwood's Third Postmaster from 1874 to July 1876.

Co. "H" ON THEIR WAY "OVER THERE", SEPT. 1917, ROCKWOOD, TENN.



"Every Man A Volunteer"

PIONEER ROCKWOOD LEADERS



Three of Rockwood's most outstanding business and civic leaders, covering the first half century of the city's history, are pictured above. The three were friends, business associates and leaders in every phase of Rockwood's growth and development from 1868 through the early 1920's. From left to right: Capt. James Fletcher Tarwater, Sewell Howard and T. Asbury Wright.

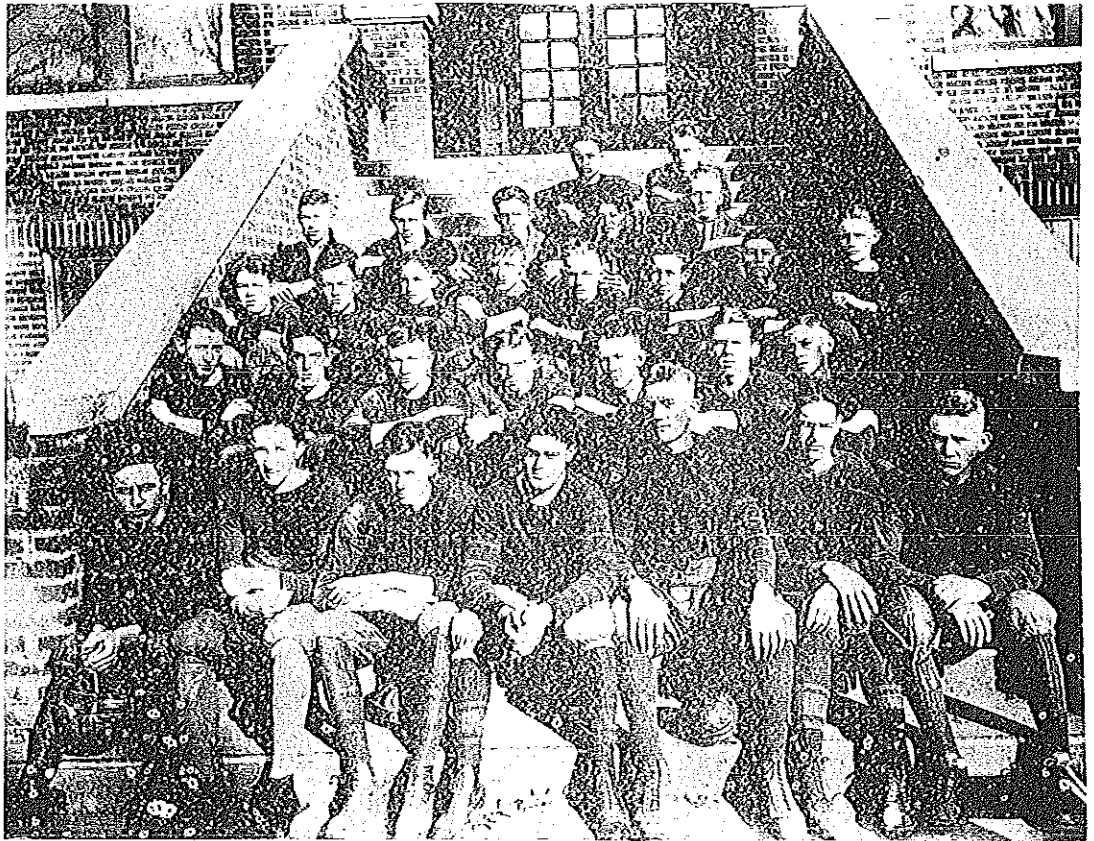
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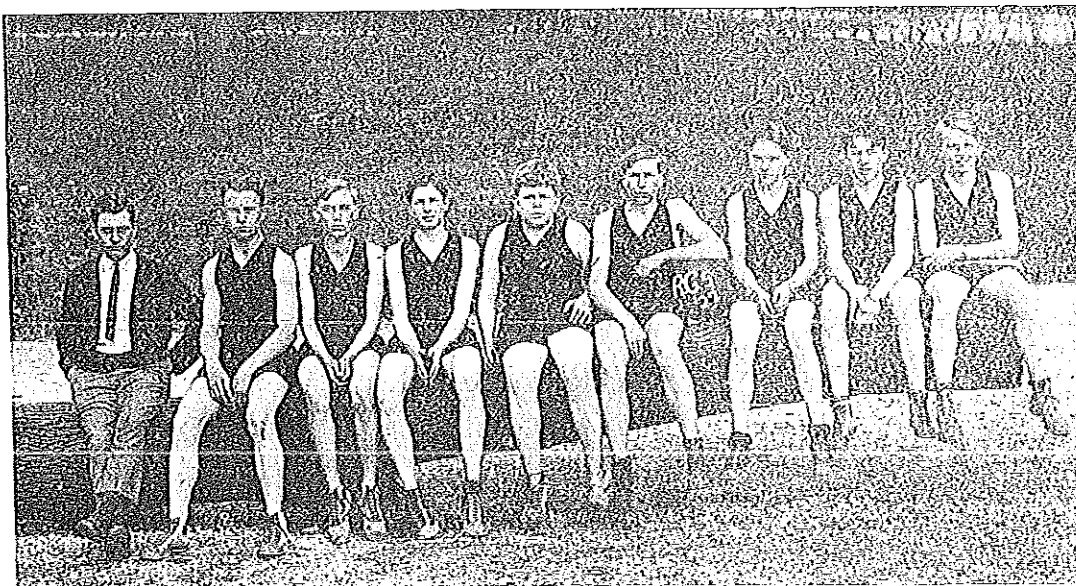
# Sports

## ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1921



Rockwood High School's first football team, organized and coached by Dr. Leland Cook, Pastor of the First Christian Church (now retired in California) is shown above. Bottom row, left to right: "Pete" Snow, "Baby" Turner, Lish Tedder, Earl Gibson (Capt.), "Snowball" Elliott, Guilford Millican and Willard Drevens. Second row, left to right: "Pee Wee" Colliers, Frank Millican, "Squeeter" Ingram, "Eb" Haltom, Clyde Baldwin, "Red" Chandler, Jim Tarwater. Third Row: Aaron "Bitsy" Grant, Alton Janey, Morgan Clack, "Dog-Ear" McCluen, "Fido" Watts, Earl Johnson, Bert Brown and Bob Collett. Fourth Row: Tommy Brown, Morgan Brown, Ed Roberts, Bernard Rose and J.C. Mee. Fifth row: "Gene" Johnson and "Ross" Haggard. This photo taken in 1921, was loaned by Mrs. Roy Morton.

## 1927 GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM



Above photo shows the 1927 boys RHS Basketball team, left to right: John Burchfield, Coach, Fred Bowers, J.E. Devaney, Gordon Wyrick, Oscar Grant, Paul Hinds, Charles Gang, Woodrow Wilson and Carl Mee, Jr. Mr. Burchfield didn't know the record of the team saying it was hard to get games back then and they played anybody they could find. Mr. Burchfield said that to the best of his knowledge all of the members of the team is still living except Fred Bowers, who retired from the Armed Forces and Gordon Wyrick who died in a private plane crash. The only one still living in Rockwood is J.E. Devaney.



# History Of RHS Sports

(By Bill Billings)

Since September 1921 when Dr. Leland Cooke, issued the first call for Rockwood High School football players, sports at RHS has taken many progressive steps, including the expansion of the program that now covers six different competitive athletic contests.

The facilities of today are quite different from those of the 1920 era when teams played football in an open field without bleachers, without headgears and inadequate protection. The game of Basketball has advanced from the old outdoor clay or dirt court, on past what was known as the old cracker box to a 1500 seat, 90 ft. playing floor gym. Baseball was started in RHS only a few years ago, so was golf and Volleyball so the youngsters of today have no idea of the hardships of coaches and players of yesteryear.

Rockwood began competing in athletic events in 1921 and oddly the Tigers won that one 69-0 over Harriman. The tilt was played on what was known as the old Kelly lot, located where the present Sanitary Laundry now stands. There was no fence around the field, no bleachers, no pallet of well mowed Bermuda grass. The players were furnished with jerseys, stockings and pants. They had to furnish their own pads (if any) and shoes. The colors were orange and black and remained from that day to 1950 when RHS kept the nickname of "Tigers" but because of so many conflict of colors changed to Green and White.

Their first Coach, Rev. Leland Cooke, pastor of the First Christian Church, organized the team, Coached 4 years without pay turning over the reins in 1926 to Gene McMurray, who coached until 1929 when Ivan Donnelly took over. Since 1921 the Tigers have had 18 head coaches. During what was known as the war years, 9 head coaches tutored Tiger players from 1939 through 1945.

The late Earl Gibson was the first Captain of an RHS football team which included William Snow, George Turner, E.I. "Lish" Tedder, John Elliot, Guilford Millican, Willard Stevens, Clint Collier, Frank Millican, E.T. Ingram, Elbert Haltom, Clyde Baldwin, Wade Chandler, Jim Lawrence Tarwater, Aaron T. Grant, Alton Janey, Morgan Clack, John McCluen, Theodore Watt, Earl Johnson, Bert Brown, Robert Collette, Tommy Brown, Morgan Brown, Ed Roberts, Bernard Rose, J.C. Mee, Eugene Johnson and Roy Haggard. (See Photo)

Rockwood's first basketball, not composed entirely of High School boys since there was not sufficient number enrolled in high school, was organized in 1915 with the following team members, Charles T. Culbert, Curtis E. Smith, Claude Fisher, Jim King, Millburn Atkins, Arbie Elliott, Donley Joe Acuff and Henry Hinds. This group played in what was known as the Cooper building located around the Booth Funeral Home - REU area. They were coached by Prof. N.A. Steadman, the school principal it is believed.

After expanding their program to cover the three major High School sports, Tiger teams began to blossom. They turned out winners, began remodeling and adding to their facilities. The local football field, now known as Civitan Field, was the first school owned field. For many years it was used as both a football field and a baseball diamond. The stands, until about 1941, covered and extended from about home plate to midway of left field. The old wooden cover and stands were torn out in 1945 and replaced with seats; concrete block and wood, including a small press box. These stands seated about 1000 persons. The old wooden fence around the field was replaced with a modern wire fence and the first lights were installed in 1945. This was a project of the Rockwood Athletic Commission. This commission was organized for the sole purpose of improving sports and facilities in Rockwood and operated all phases of the RHS program as well as the summer recreation program until about 1952 when they were prohibited by TSSAA from handling any school funds. This group of men, along with

several individuals, including the late Jim Huff are credited with getting the RHS sports program into high gear with improved facilities and equipment. As of this writing present RHS Athletic Director Gordon Mason has proposed a \$25,000 improvement program which is partly under construction. Several hundred sports fans of the area have high hopes his entire proposed program, including a new press box, remodeling and expansion of the home stands, removing of light poles from in front of the stands, extension of the fence around the playing field, new or remodeled rest rooms and a new scoreboard, can become a reality within the next couple of years. Those attending the Centennial celebration will note some of the improvements already underway.

Down through the years Rockwood has turned out many excellent football and basketball teams. To pick out the best would be impossible since the style of play within the past 10 or 15 years has changed considerably since 1921, however it would be well to note teams with great records. The team of 1942, 1943 and 1947, lost only one game. Teams of 1946, 1947 and 1962 lost only two while the 1957 team lost but 2 games and was the winner of the Tri-County Conference. Many think the team was 1947 was the best since they were the first RHS team to play in a bowl game, defeating Clarksville 14-6 at the first annual Lions Bowl in Athens. In fact this was the first bowl game ever played in the state of Tennessee. Clarksville, the week prior to the Bowl game, had defeated Springfield who was rated No. 1 in the state. Rockwood was ranked number 5 and 6 that year. We cannot recall, nor can locate anyone who knows of and undefeated, untied RHS football team. Johnny Lawson, tackle on the 1947 team is the only player from RHS to make the first team on the annual all state selection. Several have made the second, third and honorable mention squads. Lawson, who weighed in at 235 had good speed and was signed by University of Tennessee to a grant in aid. He changed his mind about attending U-T and was given a scholarship at Tennessee Tech. He played his freshman year and was called to active duty as a member of the local National Guard in 1950 during the start of the Korean War. Upon his return 3 years later he joined an industrial firm in Indiana where he is presently employed.

Basketball in Rockwood didn't seem to catch fire until around 1950 when the Tiger and Tigerette teams were able to move out of the "Cracker Box" into the present gym. From that date until now they have had their "ups and downs" but have produced more winners than losers. While they have never won a regional or state crown, both have turned in 20 game seasons several years. The years of 1950-51, 54-55, 64-65 and 66 were great ones. The RHS boys team of 53-54 won the Tri-County title, as Coach Tom Pemberton turned out a 20 game winner, the teams of 64 through 66 didn't win any title but gained more runnerup trophies than any other teams in history of RHS. Coached by Ron Shumate, the Tigers of 1965-66 were the first boys team to make it to the Regional tourney and Stewart Siler became the first RHS player to make the all state team. RHS girls, in 1951 came up with the first district trophy since the team of 1928. Led by Barbara Meade (Mrs. J.C. Smith) the Tigerettes under Reeves Derryberry won the district that year. In 1959 the Tigerettes, in an overtime defeated Meigs County for another district crown. This was perhaps the most thrilling of all RHS girls basketball games. Trailing by two points with only about 5 seconds remaining, Meigs committed a foul just as the horn sounded and Betsy Evans, calmly stood at the foul line sinking the needed two points to put the game into overtime. Rockwood won it in the overtime. Coach that year was Lawrence Baskin. Barbara Meade Smith holds the all time individual scoring record in girls basketball with 63 points in Rockwood's win over Harriman girls in the 1952 district crown. Mrs. Smith scored all but 7 of Rockwood's points in leading the Tigerettes to a 70-69 victory.

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# HISTORY OF RHS SPORTS

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Back in 1952 the Roane Theatre sponsored a contest to let fans determine the most outstanding player in the past 10 years. Tommy Roberts, fleet back with the teams of 46, 47 and 48 received this honor. Others in the running were Pat Evans, Johnny Lawson, both of the 46-48 teams, Eddie Roberts of the years 44 and 45 and C.D. Mee from the team of 1950-51-52. Since that time no one had attempted to select an outstanding player over a period of time either in football or basketball.

Possibly the most famous player ever to come from the Tiger Den is Coach Ray Graves of the University of Florida. Ray, who still has many friends in Rockwood, played with the Tiger teams of 1936-37, moving on to Knox Central and TMI. He joined the U-T Vols about 1940 playing 4 years there. Following the war years Ray joined the Georgia Tech staff as an assistant and moved to Florida as head coach some 5 years ago.

Another former RHS player who received nationwide publicity was Clarence "Shank" Knight, who played with the 1941-42 teams and was a Student-Coach in 1943 guiding the team to a 9-1 record. Shank was a senior at RHS in 43. Ineligible to play football, he was chosen by Prof. T.R. Eustler to coach the team, since no one was available to hire because of the war, draft and better paying industrial jobs. Only 17 years of age, he took the Tigers, and not only ran up a 9-1 mark but was ranked in the top 10 and turned out several players who received college scholarships. Among those players were Dillard Whittier and the late George Murray. Both played at U-T in 1944 and participated with U-T in the 1945 Rose Bowl.

In 1945 Reeves Derryberry returned to RHS as head coach. He had coached the team of 1941. Derryberry remained as head coach until 1953 when he resigned to take the Kingston post. Tom Pemberton took over in '53 and remained until 1964, the longest stay for any RHS coach. Pemberton came to RHS in 1950 as an assistant to Derryberry. Coach Derryberry is still active in coaching circles. He tutors the baseball team at Kingston and is regarded as Dean of East Tennessee Coaches.

There has been many well loved coaches and teachers in RHS over the years. Possibly one of the best known was Prof. L.E. Middlebrooks, assistant principal for many years. Few who remember will never forget his waving of a large blanket and cane from the sideline when Rockwood scored or made a good play. He was one of the few teachers who would come by a classroom and call out the team Captain on the day of a game saying, "how bad do you think we will beat them today." Outside of Coaches we would have to pick Professor Middlebrooks and Mrs. Fay B. Evans as two of the outstanding supporters of Rockwood Athletics during their years at RHS. Mrs. Evans, who passed away this past year, was a head coach but more than that a terrific booster of RHS athletics.

One of the strangest plays ever to take place occurred in 1938 when Gordon Hickey was out in the clear on this way for a touchdown against Crossville. Suddenly a CCHS player jumped from the sideline to haul down the surprised Hickey about midfield. The officials placed the ball on the 1 and Rockwood scored on the next play. Rockwood won the game 20-0 but this was still the strangest play we can recall in RHS history.

## ROCKWOOD'S "SOCKTOWN BALL TEAM" OF 1908-1909



The above baseball team were very hard to beat on the diamond in the years 1908 and 1909. Known as the "Socktown Ball Team" the team was composed of many well known local names which will be recognized by their many descendants here and elsewhere. Grandpa Charlie Nance is standing second from left, but we are unable to give the other names of the players in order. However those composing the team are: John Howard, Nathan Howard, Frank Baker, Joe Baker, Charlie Eddie, William Gray, Sy Carter, Monk Price and Charlie Nance. This prized photo was loaned to us by Charles Nance, Jr.

## 1934-35 R.H.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



First row, left to right: K. Seward, L. Martin, C. Doughty, Ida Burnette (Capt.), B. Early, M. Chambers. Second row, left to right: W. Litton, R. Elliott, E. Treadway, J. Pierce, H. Harvey, Coach A. T. Hawn. Missing from picture is Mildred Dodd,

## FIRST RHS MAJORETTES In Early 1940's



Frances Davis (Mrs. Joe Boyd) at left, and Winona Staples (Mrs. Howard Hassler) at right.

## 1924 ROCKWOOD HIGH FOOTBALL SQUAD

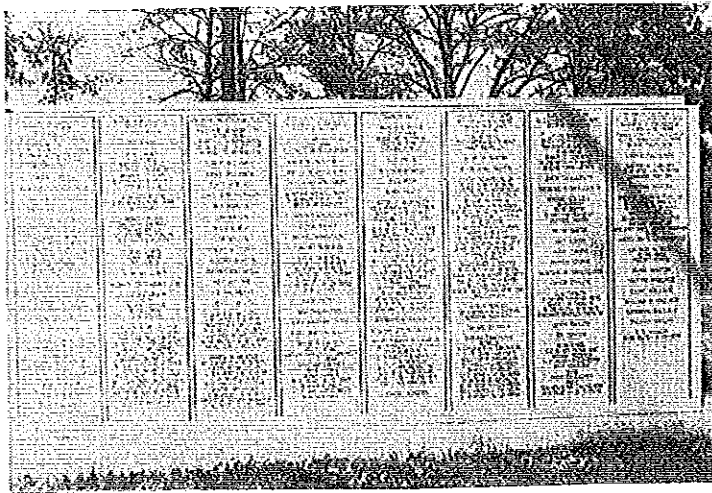


Standing (Back Row) left to right: F. D. Owings, , Charles Fuls, Fred Roblin, Byron Ehlen, , A. T. (Bitsy) Grant, Jr., Carl Mee, Jr., Moulder, Frank Stevens, Charlie Cole, Dr. Leland Cook (Coach), Howard Howie. Front row, left to right: sixth boy is Richards, Stratton Payne. Lying down are C. C. Wimsett, Tommie Brown and Young.



# OLD CEMETERY AND OAK GROVE CEMETERY

## Pioneer Citizens Listed At "Memorial Park"



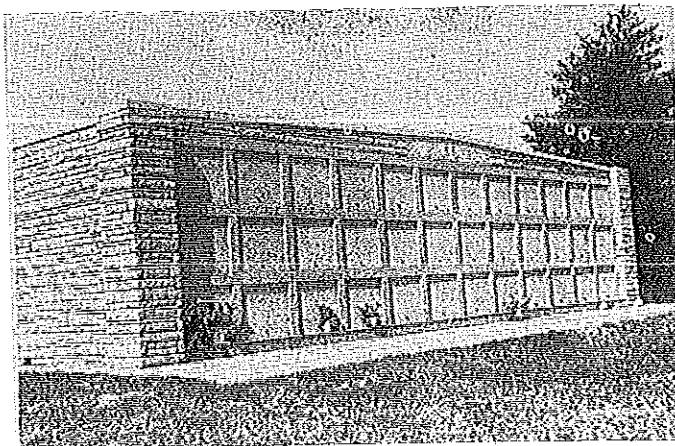
NAMES OF EARLY ROCKWOOD SETTLERS LISTED AT "MEMORIAL PARK" CEMETERY, FORMERLY OLD CITY CEMETERY

In recent years the Old City Cemetery, which had become an eyesore, was made into a lovely "Memorial Park" and a huge stone in the center of the area lists names (with dates of birth and death, if known) of all those known to be buried there. The cemetery is now fenced, with lovely trees, walkways, shrubs and benches for visitors to rest.

## Entrance To Oak Grove Cemetery



## Mausolium At Oak Grove Cemetery



From 1868 to 1898 Rockwood's population had grown to 3,000 people. The old cemetery was full and the need for a larger one was pressing. This became the next thing for the town to consider. The Roane Iron Company gave the ground and Willard Warner, Jr., was appointed chairman of a committee composed of Capt. W. E. McElwee, Jr., J. N. Baker and Mayor E. T. Ingram, Sr.

They met in the office of John F. McNutt on November 11, 1898. The committee was to plot the ground for the purpose of selling lots to ascertain the cost of building a road and of fencing. Capt. McElwee was appointed to survey the road, the cemetery and mark maps. He was to be paid \$2.00 a day. A surveyor receives \$50.00 a day now.

The first grave in the cemetery was that of Mr. Frank Suddath. It is on the first section after the gate entrance.

One reason for the old cemetery filling so fast was typhoid fever which was prevalent then and also the smallpox epidemic. In passing through the old cemetery once I noted where three members of one family died within days of each other of smallpox. Those who died of small pox were buried at once, at night and by lantern light. People burned old leather shoes thinking that would keep the pestilence away. Also there was a marble grave stone of a hand holding a trumpet. It was one of Emile Fickey who belonged to the Tauscher's German Band. Further on there was a handsomestone to Col. ? in 1st regiment in Tennessee and another stone to Col. ? in 1st regiment in Tennessee. One was a Confederate and the other one a Federal. The committee employed a superintendent to take care of the cemetery. He was to have a house and an acre of ground for a garden, the use of a horse and wagon to be used in caring for the cemetery. He was to be paid \$22.00 or less a month. A number were moved from the old cemetery to Oak Grove for \$5.00 later. Only the digging of the grave by the caretaker for \$3.00 was allowed.

The committees were always composed of the Superintendent of Roane Iron Company, Mayor of Rockwood, and three other prominent citizens. The present members of the board are: E. T. Ingram, Jr., who succeeded his father on the board - 70 years of service from father and son; Jim L. Tarwater, vice-president; George N. Dale, Secretary; Charles Wilson, Treasurer; George B. Hollstein; Clinton H. Putman, Mayor.

Oak Grove Cemetery is beautifully located on rolling hills and is kept in excellent condition. I go there often in memory of relatives and friends who are buried there and read on the stones the names of those who played such an important part in the business and social life of Rockwood - and utter a little prayer of "Pax Vobisium" (Rest in Peace).

## Impressive Baker Tomb At Oak Grove



The J. N. Baker Family were very prominent industrial and civic leaders in the early days of Rockwood's history. Members of this family were among the first to be buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.