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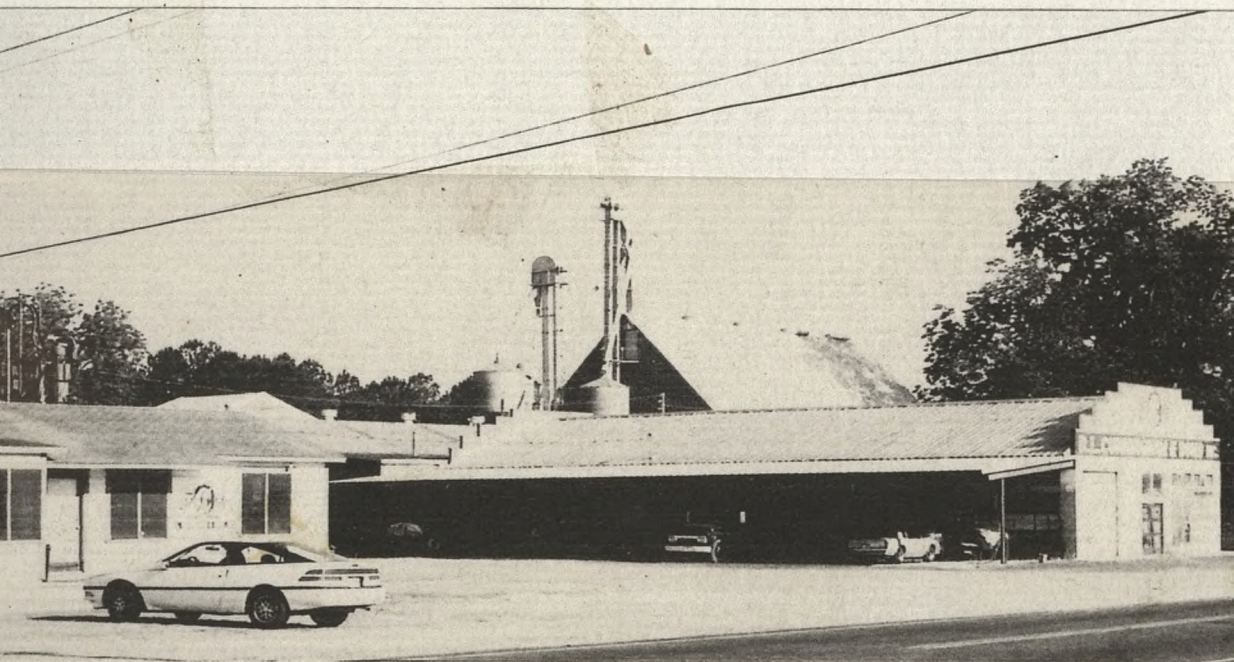
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R. L. (Robert) Cunningham Sr. began shelling seed peanuts in 1942 in what was then known as the old mattress factory, located on Washington St. across the tracks from the railroad depot. For sixteen years he shelled high quality seed peanuts, first at this location and later at the tobacco warehouse on Girard St.

In 1958 Robert purchased five acres of land on the Barwick road at the intersection of Bartow St. Here he expanded his operation to include a peanut buying point complete with dryers, drying wagons and a two thousand ton warehouse. Three years later Robert, along with his two sons Walter and Lawrence incorporated R.L. Cunningham & Sons, Inc. Their business grew through the 1960's and 1970's. During these years they added another warehouse, several more dryers and built a new peanut shelling plant.

In 1978 Larry Cunningham joined the firm. Today R.L. Cunningham & Sons has storage for eight thousand tons of peanuts. The operation now includes semi drying trailers and state of the art drying equipment. A small grain cleaning and bagging facility serves area farmers with custom cleaning and storage. Still, at the heart of the company is the peanut seed sheller. 2007 marks sixty- six continuous years in the peanut seed shelling business. R.L. Cunningham & Sons is proud of its heritage and is committed to its customers, the farmers of Brooks County area. The company slogan "Quality Seed Since 1942" reflects both an appreciation for the past and a commitment to continued quality in the future.



— Quality Seed Since 1942 —



"The Village" 301 W. Screven Street



1981



"The Village" 301 W. Screven Street



North Side of East Screven Street 2012



South Side of East Screven Street 2012



HOTEL GENERAL QUITMAN — QUITMAN, GA.



Bennet Law Office/ Historical Society

This small Greek Revival Cottage, located at 106 West Screven Street, is typical of the style popular in the pre-Civil war South. It was built circa 1860, records showing it was the dental office of Dr.D.I.Ricks. During WW I, it was the office of the American Red Cross. Then, it became the Law office of S.S.Bennet and Son. In 1979, the Brooks County Historical Society purchased the building .



Historic Tour

Roland Knight leads a group of preservation minded Lowndes Countians across Screven St. towards the first two buildings to decorate in

historic colors, Warmack's and Home Materials. The tour attracted approximately 58 visitors to Quitman.



Jack Renfroe gives visitors a history lesson on St. James Episcopal Church before they leave to view the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Among those stationed at other churches to

brief the visitors were Dr. John McGoogan, Bunny Kilpatrick, Lucia Harrell and Gladys McFarlin.

D. J. D. 6-10-81

James Horton, Bonnell Holmes, Jean Logan and Fraser Baker
cleaning the Bennet Law Office in November of 2004.



Bottles & Bottlers

The item about the old bottle found on the McLeod farm labeled Quitman Ice & Bottling Works brought a deluge of interesting calls and visits. It seems Quitman had more bottling works than Carter had peanuts.

Paul Bennet says he remembers a bottling plant in the old library building on Screven Street just across the alley from the S. S. Bennet home. It was operated by a Mr. Green who later sold out and moved to Florida and made a bundle of money. Paul says he remembers going over every afternoon after school with a nickel for a bottle of pop. Russell Hunter confirms this and said it was either lime cola or lemon cola. At that time very little coca cola was sold. The local market preferred L (for lemon or lime) cola or Orange Squeeze.

Mrs. James Chesner called from Charleston, S. C. and said the Hassell Bottling Company was one of the first and was in operation for years. Their major product was Orange Squeeze and the plant was named the Orange Squeeze Bottling Works. She said Joe Tison had vivid memories of the plant dating back more than 60 years. The plant was located on the corner of Webster and Bartow Streets facing Webster.

Glenn Murray comes in with two old bottles from local firms. One was marked Drink Delicious Bludwine (trade mark) for your health's sake and was put up by the Quitman Ice & Bottling Works. He also had a Lime Cola bottle filled with the original stuff and still showing some carbonation after more than fifty years. He says this plant was in a building on Screven Street next to the railroad and was operated at one time by Herman Thomas.

He recalls an early grocery store, Mitchum's Grocery, which made deliveries in a horse and buggy and he often rode with the driver and helped with deliveries. There was also a big block of ice in the buggy and if the wife needed a hunk of ice it was sawed right at her front door.

Not only did Quitman boast all these bottling works but ice plants as well. The only ice plant we remember was the one on Screven across from Powell's Farm Supply and owned and operated by J. M. Heath and the Sheffield brothers. Glenn recalls another one located near the South Ga. Ry. coal chute which made white ice and he recalls his father, R. C. Murray, bought stock in this company and it was operated by Bob Moore.

Incidentally if you have any of those old bottles from local bottling works hang on to them as they represent a chapter in Quitman's history which has never been recorded in print. If the historical society ever acquires a museum a collection of these bottles would be interesting.



Helen T. Chesser, native Quitmanite now residing in Charleston, S. C., sends in a picture of one of the first bottling plants in Quitman, the Orange Squeeze Bottling Co. owned by Joel F. Hassell. The plant was located on Webster Street next to a store operated by Howell Myrick across from what was then the Quitman High School. At recess time school children would dart across to the bottling plant or store for a drink or a bar of candy. Ida Helen said her brother, Joe Tison, worked for her uncle Joel Hassell for about 10 years from 1920 to 1930. The picture shows Mr. Hassell and Mr. Tison standing in the doorway of the plant.



Building Painted In Historical Colors

The Lee-Pickels Drug Store Building was recently refurbished with a new coat of paint in heritage colors. The color scheme was selected from a heritage paint chart with the assistance of Ed Cheshire, Brunswick architect, who has assisted in other exterior restorations of Quitman buildings including City Hall.

The base color was Monterey White, the pilasters and trim Georgian Green, and the shutters Charleston Green. The building appeared on the 1900 Sanborn insurance map and was built probably after the disastrous

fire of 1897.

The Brooks County Historical Society has been active in the support of preservation and restoration of Quitman's "turn of the century" buildings.

A committee is currently working on plans for a nomination for downtown Quitman to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Brooks County Courthouse recently received this honor, and was the second building in the county to be listed. Eudora Plantation was listed on the Register in 1976.

Local Drug Store Continues To Serve Needs Of Community

This is eleventh in a series of Business Histories by the Brooks County Historical Society.

Lee-Pickles Drug Store, on the corner of Screven and Lee Streets in downtown Quitman, is one of three pharmacies serving the needs of the community. For the past 43 years this firm has developed a reputation for promptness, accuracy, efficiency and integrity when it comes to meeting the drug needs in this section.

Old-timers recall the day when the building housed other business interests. At the turn of the century it was a general merchandise store operated by Mr. Mabbett. One year there was a revival in this church and the fiery evangelist preached on the evils of tobacco, among other things. The next morning Mr. Mabbett came down to his store, gathered up all his tobacco stock and took it out and dumped it in the middle of the street (this was in the days before the street was paved) and set it on fire. The bonfire was so big it set one of the hitching racks on fire.

After Mr. Mabbett's demise the store was occupied by Townsend and Whipple, a clothing store. There were several other businesses operated on this site for brief periods until Valdosta Drug Co. opened a drug store there which was operated by L.A. Wagnon.

In 1935 Lawton Lee, of Homerville, bought the drug store which he named "Cash Drug Store". The name was misleading since considerable credit was extended. Lawton handled the large prescription business alone until 1968 when



Lawton Lee pictured standing beneath the huge ceiling fan at Cash Drug Store. The girl in black suit behind the soda fountain is identified as Nadine Barker (Mrs. Carl Fessler). The other girl is unidentified.

Curtis Pickels was employed as pharmacist. This turned out to be a pleasant working relationship and he soon became joint owner. After Lawton's death Curtis became the sole owner on May 30, 1984.

The soda fountain in drug stores of former years draws the gathering place for men and women of all ages. Soda jerks were important members of store personnel and many prominent men in Quitman today put in their apprenticeship working behind the soda fountain. Often times the rushing hour demanded the services of some of the customers including John and George Lilly, L.A. Wagnon and others who were pressed into emergency tasks behind the soda fountain.

The tables where patrons were served their sodas were glass enclosed cases where the latest in cosmetic lines were displayed including the popular Houbigant, coty, Lenthieric, Evening In Paris, so milady could make her beauty aid selections while enjoying her drink.

For many years Lee's Drug Store was the gathering place for local matrons who began to drive up around 10 A.M. and park in front or on the side of the store, and honk their car horn demanding curb service. The soda jerks would run out and take the orders and then returned with the drinks on a clip-on tray which they attached to the car window. The ladies would spend the better part of the morning drinking

their cokes and munching peanut butter crackers while they caught up on the gossip as they visited between cars.

The present owner, Curtis Pickels, is familiar with soda jerking duties as he recalls his first paying job was behind a soda fountain in a Moultrie drug store. Previously he had worked after school on his family's dairy farm and he said the drug store appealed to him much more than the farm work. After graduation from High School he attended Mercer University where he graduated from the School of Pharmacy.



GOOD GUY GAB — The Royal Cafe is one of the favorite meeting spots for longtime residents who daily 'solve the world's problems.'

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ROYAL CAFE ON SCREEN SINCE 1913



Our Second Store, located on Screven Street, and employees at that time: the late Harry Oesterricher, O. H. Eason, Ed Pollock, Eva Eason, David Ramsey, Harrison Hines, Yot Waters, Wallace Williams, Glenn Murray. Delivery boys and meat cutter shown at each end Bo-Bo, Joe Chisholm, Sun Muse.

OUR FIRST STORE



across from the A. C. L. Depot shown with employees at that time: Swain, deliveryman; the late Elzie E. Eason, Jack Oliver, O. H. Eason, Bo Diddley, delivery boy



OUR RECORD ALBUM



**Eason's Groceries
Float in parade
In mid 1950's**



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TORREY'S 5410
OCT. 17-1937 QUITMAN, GA.

WASHINGTON
STREET

QUITMAN FREE PRESS, Thursday, September 8, 1977

Of Time And The Man

The Fifth in a Series of Brooks County Business stories Compiled by the Quitman Historical Society.

Way back before World War I a young man by the name of Lennie Lee Chisholm, a native of Jefferson County Florida and a newly graduate of the college now known as Savannah State College, arrived in Quitman and started to work in a shoe shop operated by Mr. John A. Hall. The shop was located in a building owned by Mr. Walter Hunter on South Washington Street between the old telephone building and Wall's Bakery. The Bank of Quitman has since purchased these buildings and had them torn down, using the space now as a parking lot.

While in college, Chisholm took a course in the art of shoe-making, an occupational skill that he has followed throughout his lifetime. This was in the days of "do-it-yourself." There was no machinery in this first shop, everything being done by hand. One had to sit at a cobbler's bench all day, using only a awl and needle and thread to do the hand-sewn fancy work) and nails and tack for the regular re-soling. Some old timers may still remember the wooden shoe that stood in front of the shop. If it should be made today, it would be a valuable artifact for preservation as part of Quitman's history.

Chisholm worked in this shop for several years before purchasing it from Mr. Hall. Then World War I came along and in 1918 he was inducted into the military. He served in the Ordnance Corps as a Sergeant, and his enlistment took him to France where he learned to speak the French Language very well. In fact today he can rattle off some "Parlez-Franc-ais," and one can

see a twinkle in his eye as he reminisces about his wartime experiences there. After the war in 1922, Chisholm returned to Quitman and re-opened his shop, this time on Forsyth Street back of the present Lane Store. Many men will recall how as boys, they liked to hang around the shoe shop and listen to his stories and his advice about life. Chisholm became their friend to many who have moved



Yesterday



Today

away, make it a point to visit him when they come home.

He made another move across the street before moving to his present location ten years ago on Culpepper Street. This is a modern and convenient store where he still does the best in shoe repairs and also stocks a good line of new shoes and accessories. This new place is in strong contrast to his early beginnings, but there is a reminder of the past that occupies a place of honor there. It

is an old handmade wooden shoe shine chair and stand. It is there that Chisholm's son Wendell (shown in the photo above at the age of three in front of the old shop) shined many a shoe saving his money until he had \$1,000 with which to pay his way to the same college that his father attended. Wendell is the only one of the four children presently living in Quitman. He works with the Georgia Forestry Commission. In addition to Wendell there is

Lonnie L., Jr. who works for Brinks Security in Philadelphia; Terry who is with HUD in Washington and his only daughter, Ann, a Director of Head Start in Columbia, Maryland.

He is married to the former Eddie Lee Moore, and it will be remembered that her father ran Moore's Cafe on the corner of Forsyth and Culpepper Streets. He was well known for his baked hams, turkeys and rolls, and he catered many a party and banquet. Mrs. Chisholm is very much a part of

the business and can hold her own in doing most anything that has to be done in the shop.

Chisholm is a man of action (he says fishing is too slow for him), and likes to spend his spare time working in his garden or his flowers at their attractive home on South Jefferson Street. He does keep busy. He is a member of the Brooks County Chamber of Commerce, is Superintendent of the Sunday School and also secretary of the Bethel A.M.E. Church; Worshipful Master in the Walnut Hill Masonic Lodge No. 313; past officer in the Consistory No. 289; a member of the Shriners and also Potentate of the Ossipe No. 65; and Masonic District Deputy of the Valdosta District.

His philosophy of life has kept him busy and young, even

though he is in his late 70's. He says he lives by the Golden Rule, and he believes in giving a man an honest day's work for his money. Chisholm has seen hard times come and go, but has managed to keep his head above the water and has earned a place of respect and leadership in the community. It should be noted that he was the first black man to run for the office of City Commissioner in Brooks County and was narrowly defeated in a run-off election.

We salute you, L. Chisholm! You may be in your "Golden Years" but you are still young in spirit and a worthy example for our Senior Citizens to take a page from you go about your daily life in your usual quiet and dignified manner.



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Quitman Hosiery Manufacturing on South Washington Street in the 1950's



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Quitman Pajama Factory June 1968

Valdosta Daily Times 6-20-68



-Times Staff Photo

Workers in Quitman Pajama Factory Illustrate Added Emphasis on Industry in Brooks County

City Appoints A. J. Powell To Area Planning Board

Quitman Free Press 4-25-68

Phelps Resigns After 5 Years

A. J. Powell, executive head of The Powell Farm Supply Center, has been appointed Quitman's member on the Board of the 9-county Coastal Plain Planning and Development Commission. He has accepted.

Mr. Powell succeeds Sherwood A. Phelps, who resigned after contributing five years service as Quitman's representative on the Commission Board.

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"FIVE YEARS IS a long time," said Mr. Phelps, "and I think its about time for a change especially in the light of several other civic jobs I am involved in. I am happy Mr. Powell will carry on for the City."

Mr. Phelps is Chairman of the Quitman Public Health Department, a long-time member of the Brooks County Hospital Board, and is devoting much of his time to the Mental Health program in progress here.

"He is a public-spirited man," Mr. Powell said of Mr. Phelps, "and has done a splendid job on the Coastal Plain job."

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THE BROOKS COUNTY member of the area planning group is Henry L. Carr, County Farm Agent of The Extension Service.

Mr. Powell is familiar with all ins and outs of the planning group. He was Chairman of the Quitman City Commissioners at the time Coastal Plain was organized and was instrumental in leading the City into the Commission. He has been in touch with Mr. Phelps since his appointment and they plan to attend the annual meeting together.

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CITY COUNCIL accepted Mr. Phelps' resignation with understanding and regret.

Commissioner Frank Ranew then nominated Mr. Powell and he was accepted unanimously.



—Quitman Photo Shop Photo

A. J. Powell
In the yard of his Farm Supply Center



—Quitman Photo Shop Photo
SHERWOOD A. PHELPS
Contributed Five Years



LOOKING NORTH ON WASHINGTON ST.
HOTEL MARIE IN BACKGROUND ON RIGHT

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Empire Cotton Oil Co. Quitman, Ga



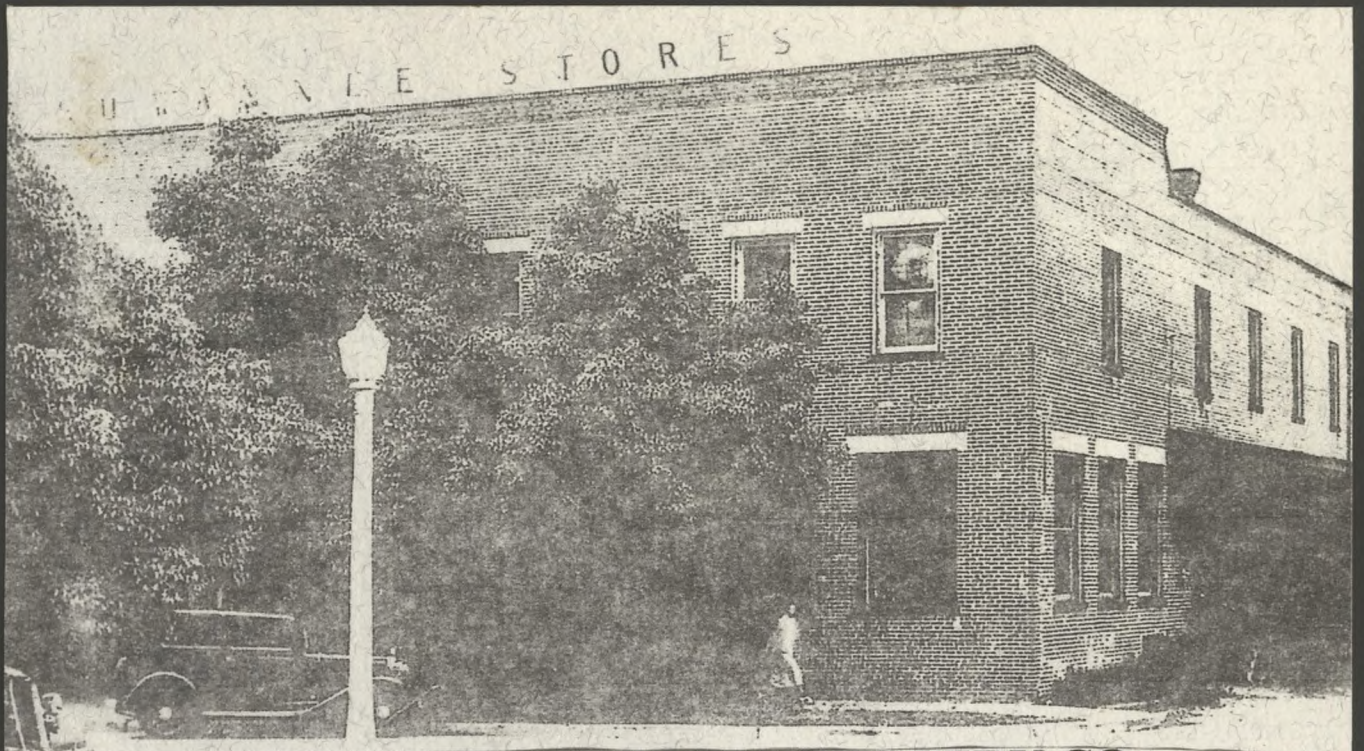
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B8238 Cotton Factory, Quitman, Ga.



THE SOUTH GEORGIA GROCERY CO.

In 1903, R.C. McIntosh , S.S. Rountree , J.W. Wade , T.W. Hunter , J.B. Rountree , J.M. Campbell , J.W. Spain , E.A. Jelks , W.T. Thompson , and S.S. Bennet formed The South Georgia Grocery Co. , a wholesale grocery business.

The company immediately began to grow, attaining extraordinary growth under the leadership of S.J. [Jack] Faircloth who served as general manager from 1910 until his untimely death in 1936.

The company shipped quantities of local products to northern and western markets. It has been said that Mr. Faircloth canvassed the county to find the very best products.

Brooks County hams and bacon as well as syrup and pears were popular items.

A chain of local stores all bearing the name of "Suwannee Stores" was established in nearby towns , and increased in other areas until all of South Georgia and North Florida had Suwannee stores , growing in number to over 200 stores. In later years , the grocery stores became "jiffy" stores , known as Suwannee Swifty.

The business closed in 1997.

✓ Jerry Folsom for Picture 263 4388

Brooks Co. Springboard For South Ga. Grocery Co.

This is the Ninth in a Series of Business Histories of the Members of the Brooks County Historical Society.

In the law office of Stanley S. Bennet, Sr. on January 19, 1903, Quitman's largest incorporated business came into being with capital stock of \$15,000. The minutes of that first meeting of the incorporators, stockholders, and directors, written in neat manuscript in the original minutes book, hold a treasured place among the business records of the South Georgia Grocery Company. Present at that first meeting were R.C. McIntosh, W.T. Thompson, S.S. Rountree, J.H. Wade, T.W. Hunter, J.B. Rountree, J.M. Campbell, J.W. Spain, E.A. Jelks, and S.S. Bennet. This newly formed grocery business was a wholesale company.

In 1912 this organization was joined by the Capital City Grocery Company of Tallahassee, and in 1917 by Rountree Grocery Company of Thomasville. Although they had the same officers, each continued to operate as individual wholesale houses. When the Capital City Grocery Company went out of business in 1957, it was merged with the South Georgia Grocery Company. The Rountree Grocery Company still exists.

With S.S. Rountree as president and S.J. Faircloth as general manager, the first retail store was opened in 1929 at the corner of Culpepper and Forsyth Streets at Five Points. Its bright yellow front proclaimed it the "Suwannee Store". Its success led to the gradual phasing out of the wholesale operations, and the opening of many retail stores.



South Ga. Grocery Co. Warehouse and Main Office Building located at S. Washington St., Quitman, Ga.

Two more were added in Quitman, one on Screven Street where Carmichael's is located today, and the other in the building on Screven now occupied by the Quitman Finance Company. This was a Feed and Seed Store operated by L.T. Beverly. At one time the retail stores numbered more than 200 and covered a territory extending as far south as Winter Haven, Florida and north to Fort Valley, Georgia, and from St. Marys on the east coast to Appalachicola and parts of Alabama on the west.

Upon the death of Mr. Faircloth in 1936 Seaman Williams, who was the Office Manager, was made General Manager. Then upon his death in September of that same year, H.H. Cooper, the General Supervisor, was made General Manager. In January 1938 Carl Rhodes of Hartford, Connecticut, formerly with the Hand Trading Company in

Pelham, Georgia, succeeded Mr. Cooper as General Manager and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1956.

Again another former Hand Trading Company employee now working for the South Georgia Grocery Company, Evans J. Plowden, was selected to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Rhodes' retirement. He was also named Secretary-Treasurer of the firm. This young Georgia Tech graduate began to take his place among the leading business men of the community and became active in both church and community affairs. His marriage to the former Jane Bridges of Brinson, Georgia brought still more talent and service to Quitman and the county. Jane's charm and graciousness along with her beautiful soprano voice have brought a distinctive quality to many social and civic functions, and her place in the



Suwannee Swifty Store No. 130 located at corner of West Screven and N. Laurel St., Quitman, Ga.

Methodist Church Choir is considered irreplaceable by many. Evans has served in many capacities within his church, the Kiwanis Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, and was for many years an effective member of the Brooks County School Board.

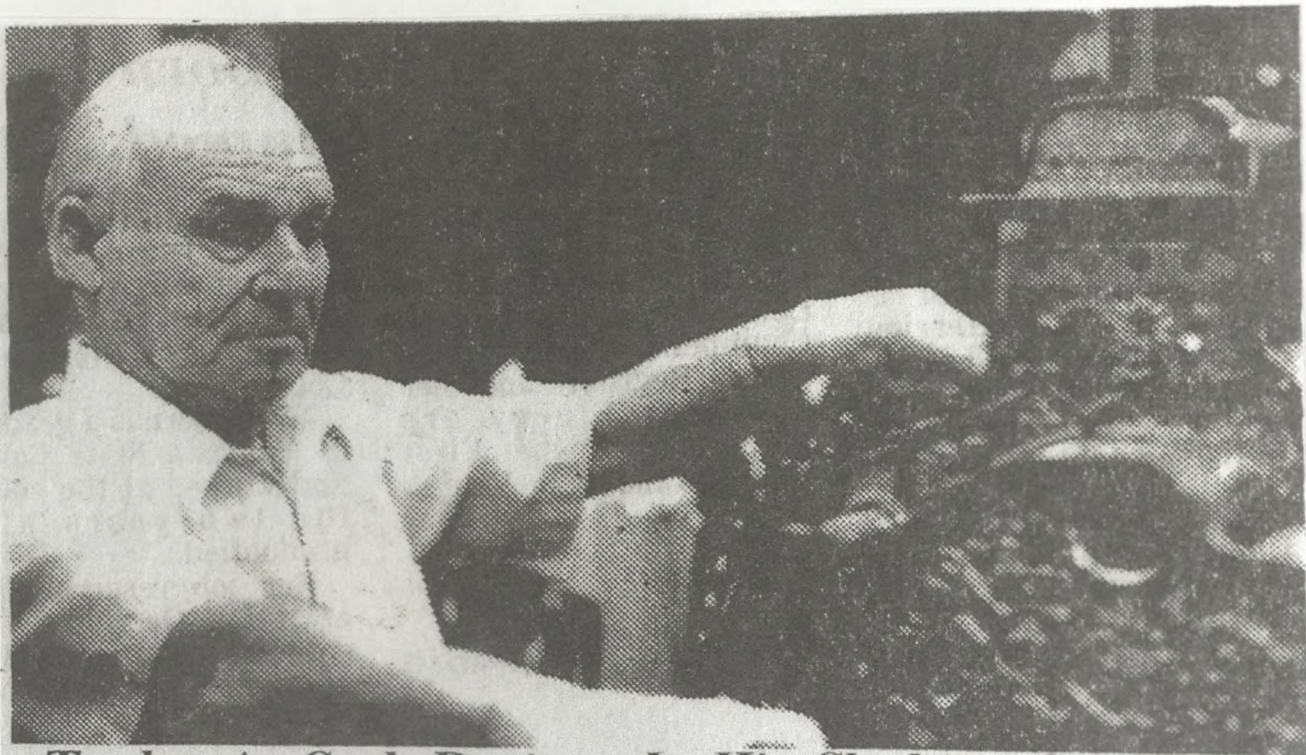
It was under his management that a new innovation to the company the "Suwannee Swifty Stores" was born. As the small rural community retail stores began to decline in profits, then in numbers, the company switched from the traditional kind of grocery store to the newer type of convenience stores that were becoming so popular throughout the country. These were located in prime drive-in locations and were open from 7 'till 11, seven days a week. The first Suwannee Swifty was opened in 1966 in Lake City, Florida. Soon they numbered 68 while the number of original Suwannee Stores had

dwindled to a mere 14. The last of the Quitman Suwannee stores (which incidentally had occupied the same place since it opened as the very first Suwannee Store) was sold to Wayne Carroll on March 8 of this year. The "Swiftys" are definitely "in" and have proven to be a boon to the business, 1976 being the company's best year.

What a proper time for Evans to choose to retire! Everything for the company was looking up, so on August 31st of this year after 39 years of devoted service he joined the ranks of the retired leaving his job as General Manager in the capable hands of Marion Folsom. Marion's 21 years with the company gives him a very good background in the business. Olan Benton, another old timer with the company, remains as General Supervisor.

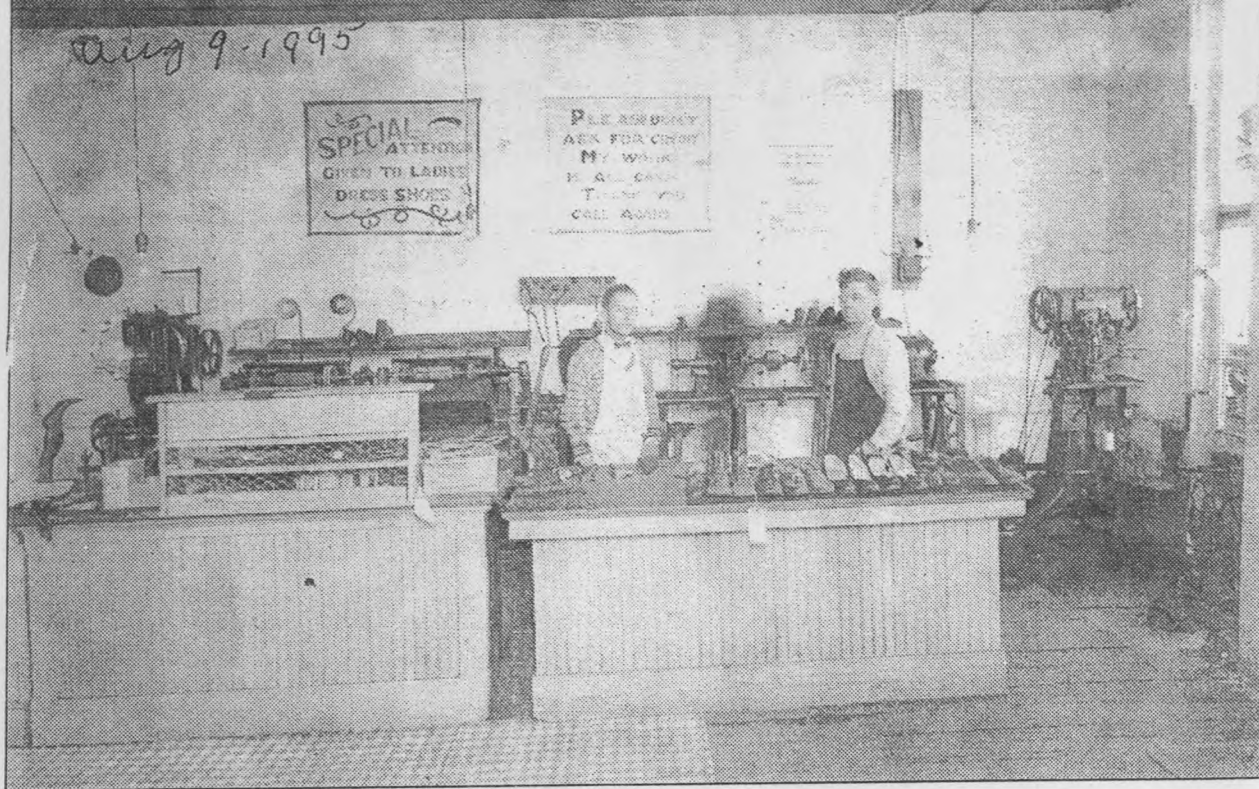


P. Lazarus, ca. 1925.



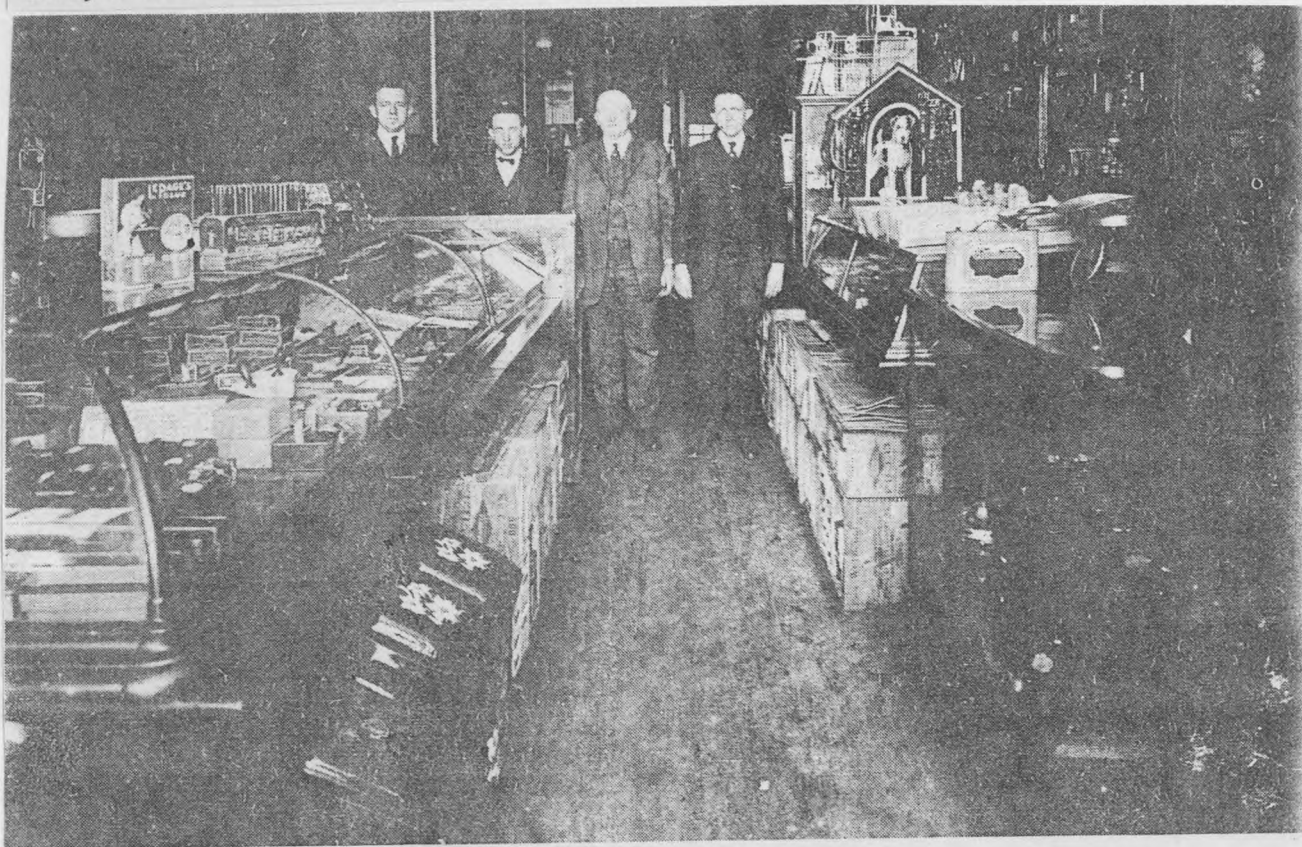
Taylor At Cash Register In His Clothing Store

Henry Taylor is working the cash register that his father used when he established the mercantile store known as B. Taylor in 1911. It was located at 307 E. Screven Street. After his father's death, Henry updated the store which he operated until his retirement. Today (2013) it is the location of the law office of Gerald Spencer.



WAY BACK WHEN – John Gordon Ring (father of Junior Ring) and Jimmy Barksdale are at work at the Shoe Hospital (circa late 1920's) located in the building now occupied by Kirby's. These "shoe doctors" repaired shoes,

sewing machines, harnesses and anything else that needed a strong stitch. The sewing machine seen in the far right corner is still being used to make harnesses.



A Stroll Down Memory Lane

A nostalgic picture of McIntosh's Store recently brought to the Free Press office shows from left to right: R. C. McIntosh, Jr., Boyd Hewett, R. C. McIntosh, Sr. and Lewis McIntosh.

The store's motto was "McIntosh's Store Since 1874" and was in business until several years ago. The hardware store location was where Booth's is today.

Homes Away From Home

By Bill Shiver

We went through a drive-through at a fast food place the other day. I couldn't hardly hear the person on the little tin speaker, but we finally got a couple of milkshakes. Two shakes for \$7.00.

It started me thinking about The Chicken House. During my teen years The Chicken House was one of my homes away from home. You'd pull up and honk the horn and Miz Emily would come out. You'd order a double cheeseburger, fries and a Wing Ding Coke. A Wing Ding was a great big ol' cup you could drink on all night.

Miz Emily would bring out the tray and you'd roll your window most of the way down so the tray would fit. You'd pay her a buck and a quarter and feast like no prince has ever feasted.

Another teen hangout was the C & W Café. I especially remember Friday nights after a home Tiger football game. The back room would be filled with us teen agers. It was a long narrow room with a juke box at one end. We'd dance to the Crests singing "Sixteen Candles." All the guys wanted to be like Steve McQueen and the girls wanted to be Sandra Dee.

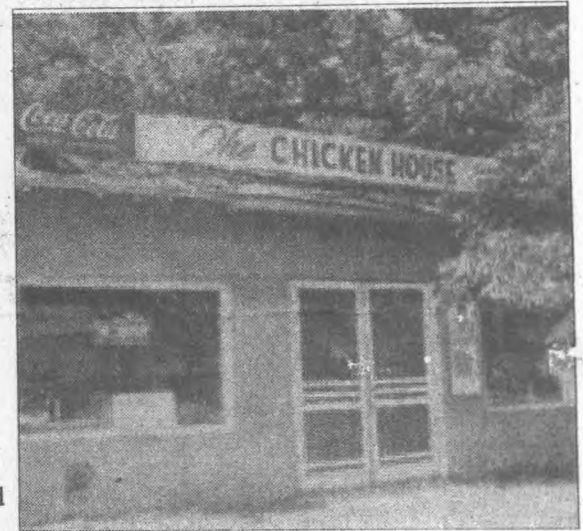
The other spot was on South Court Street at the Cream-O. Not much parking space but they had really good banana splits.

Like many others who grew up in my era The Chicken House, C & W and the Cream-O hold special places in our hearts. Teens had not discovered how to be rowdy quite yet. We'd sit on the hoods of our cars and talk about any subject under the sun. At The Chicken

House we'd sometimes just sit and play the radio. I remember one girl (who shall remain nameless) who wouldn't play her car radio because her father told her it used up too much gas.

A few years ago for some reason I can't recall, I went into the old back room at what was the C & W. It was used for storage then and the big juke box was no more. Still, I stood there and imagined a roomful of young folks. Dancing to the music of the Platters. A faint aroma of girl's perfume and boy's hair tonic wafted through the room. The friendly ghosts of a bygone time were ever present. At least in this old guy's heart.

I invite you to visit www.billshiver.com sometime and read some of the old columns.



WORLD
WAR
MEMORIAL

Monument In Quitman To Be Moved

By DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
Times Staff Writer

QUITMAN — The soldier who has stood alone in the median of Screven Street for 66 years will move to courthouse square early next month.

And more names will be carved into the scrolls at his feet which bear the names of local men who died in two of our nation's wars.

The war monument, built in 1920, will soon be dismantled, refurbished, and moved down the street to the west side of courthouse square, according to Lynwood Hall, a Bank of Quitman representative.

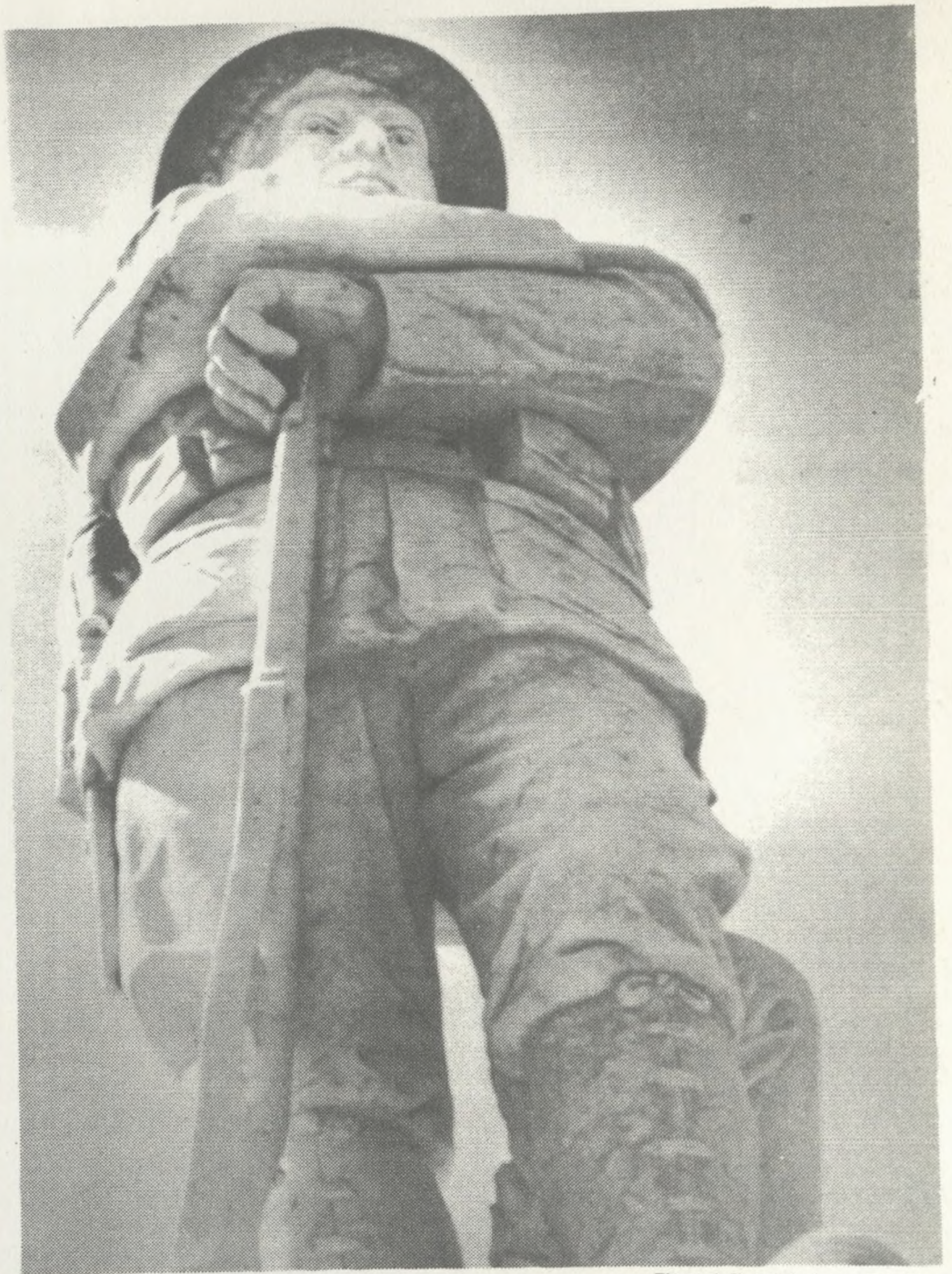
The names of Quitman and Brooks County men who died in the Viet Nam and Korean Wars will be inscribed on the monument with those of the World War I and World War II dead.

The bank is sponsoring the repair, relocation and addition on behalf of the local United Daughters of the Confederacy. The UDC monument was built in 1920.

The UDC originally planned to finance it through fundraisers, but Hall said the widening of Georgia 84 will put the monument in danger unless it is moved quickly.

The bank took on the project as a community service, he said. It will cost \$12,000.

"An auto accident in 1970 damaged a supporting column of the monument, and with the widening of 84, it's in greater danger. With heavy traffic in that area, motorists cannot safely view and enjoy the monument, so we're moving it to courthouse square," Hall said.



Times staff photo by intern Eric Olig

Statue Will Be Moved To The Brooks Courthouse Lawn

Old soldiers never die

After more than half a century of gazing west down Screven Street, the World War I Soldier marking the UDC memorial to those Brooks Countians lost in war was moved last week to safer ground on the courthouse square.

Harrell Monument Company of Moultrie completed the job Friday and Saturday of last week. Brooks County Concrete Products, Inc. prepared the foundation.

The Bank of Quitman not only arranged for moving the monument but shouldered the entire expense of the project. Bank president Bernard Cooper said a dedication ceremony is in the planning stages for early May.

Concern over the safety of the monument surfaced after the monument had been hit by an auto and more recently after the four laning of Screven has become a reality.





Quitman Monument Moved

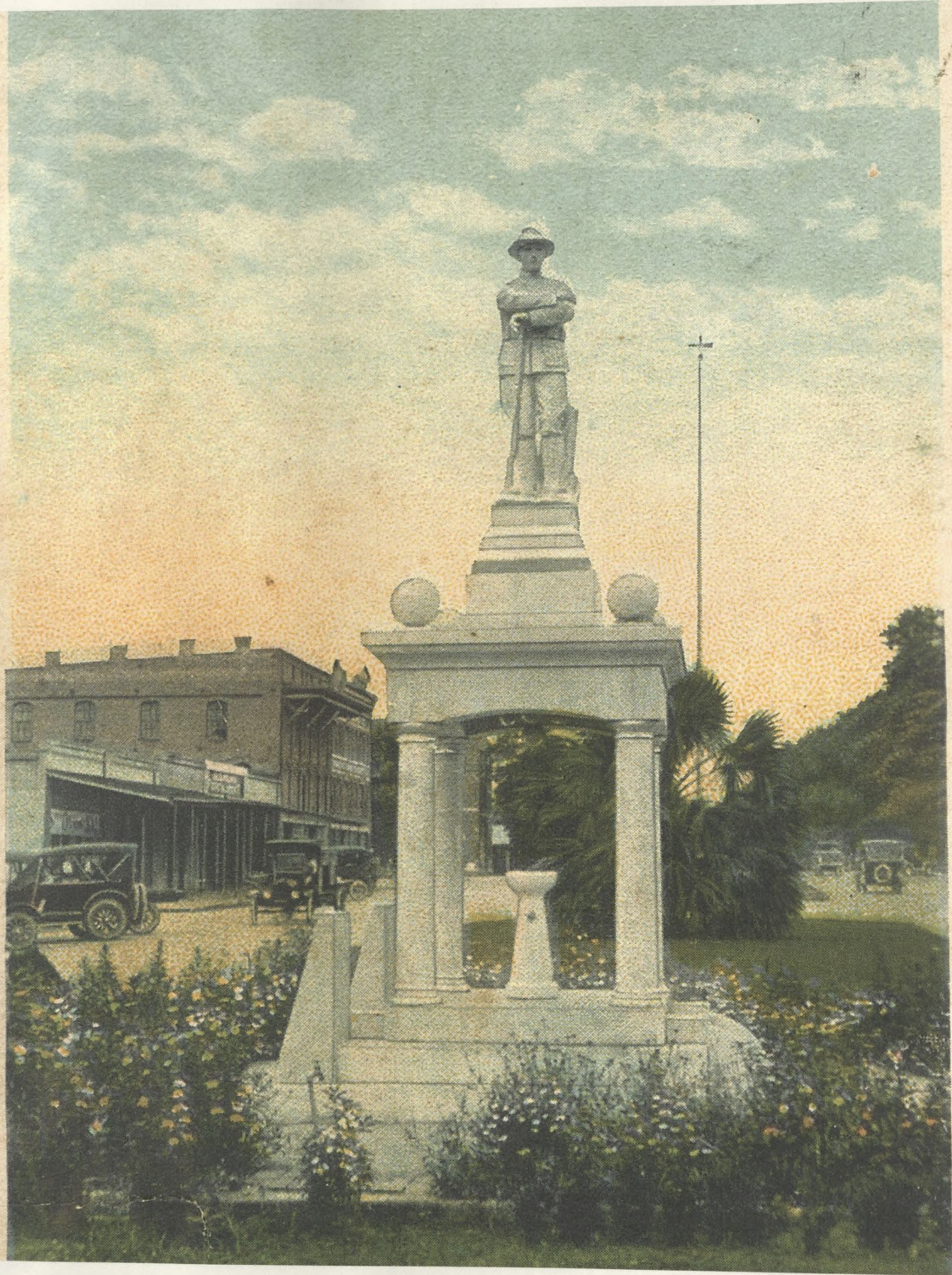
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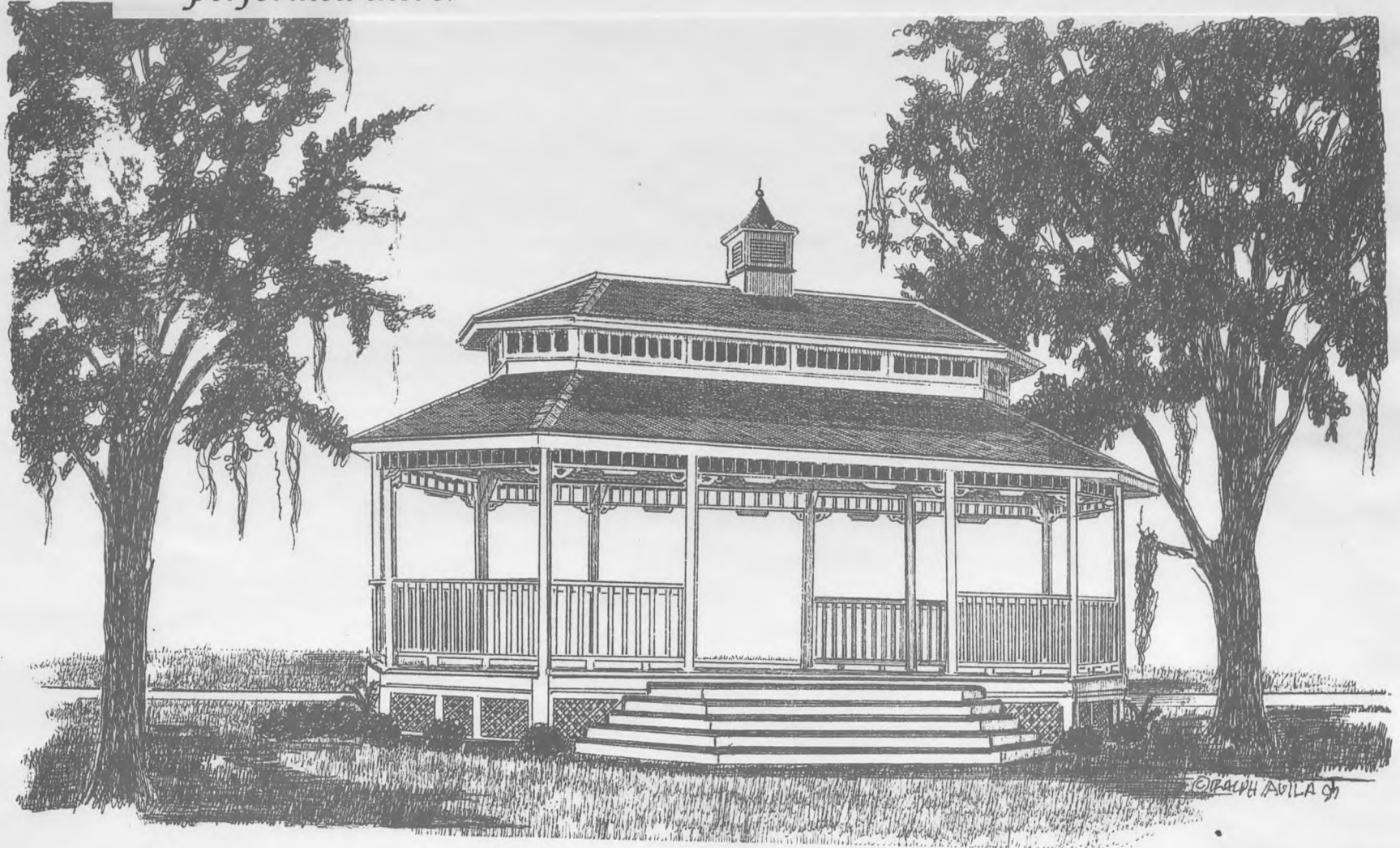
4:00 P.M.

QUITMAN, GEORGIA

Prelude	Brooks County High School Band
Welcome	Mr. Bernard Cooper, President The Bank of Quitman
Invocation	Bishop G.E. Brister
Presentation of Colors	Moody Air Force Honor Guard
National Anthem	Mrs. Sheila Humber
Remarks	Mr. Bernard Cooper Mrs. Sidney Hope, President United Daughters of the Confederacy Mr. Ed Young VFW Representative
Introduction of Speaker	Mr. Jesse Jackson Chairman of the Board The Bank of Quitman
Dedication Speaker	Honorable Charles Hatcher Representative, U.S. Congress Second District of Georgia
Laying on of the Wreath	Mr. Bernard Cooper and Mrs. Sidney Hope
Playing of the Taps	Mr. Karl Hill, Trumpet JAY MASON
Benediction	<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i> Mr. Chuck Roberts
Postlude	Brooks County High School Band



In earlier days, there was a band stand similar to the gazebo located on the North East corner of the Square. The Quitman Brass Band performed there.



GAZEBO

The Gazebo was constructed in 1996 by Quitman/Brooks County Chamber of Commerce for the citizens of Brooks County to enjoy. The Gazebo is located on the West side of the Courthouse and is used for all kinds of activities. A Gazebo Fest is usually held in October of each year.



Brooks County Hospital903 North Court Street
Built in 1925 and addition completed in 1960

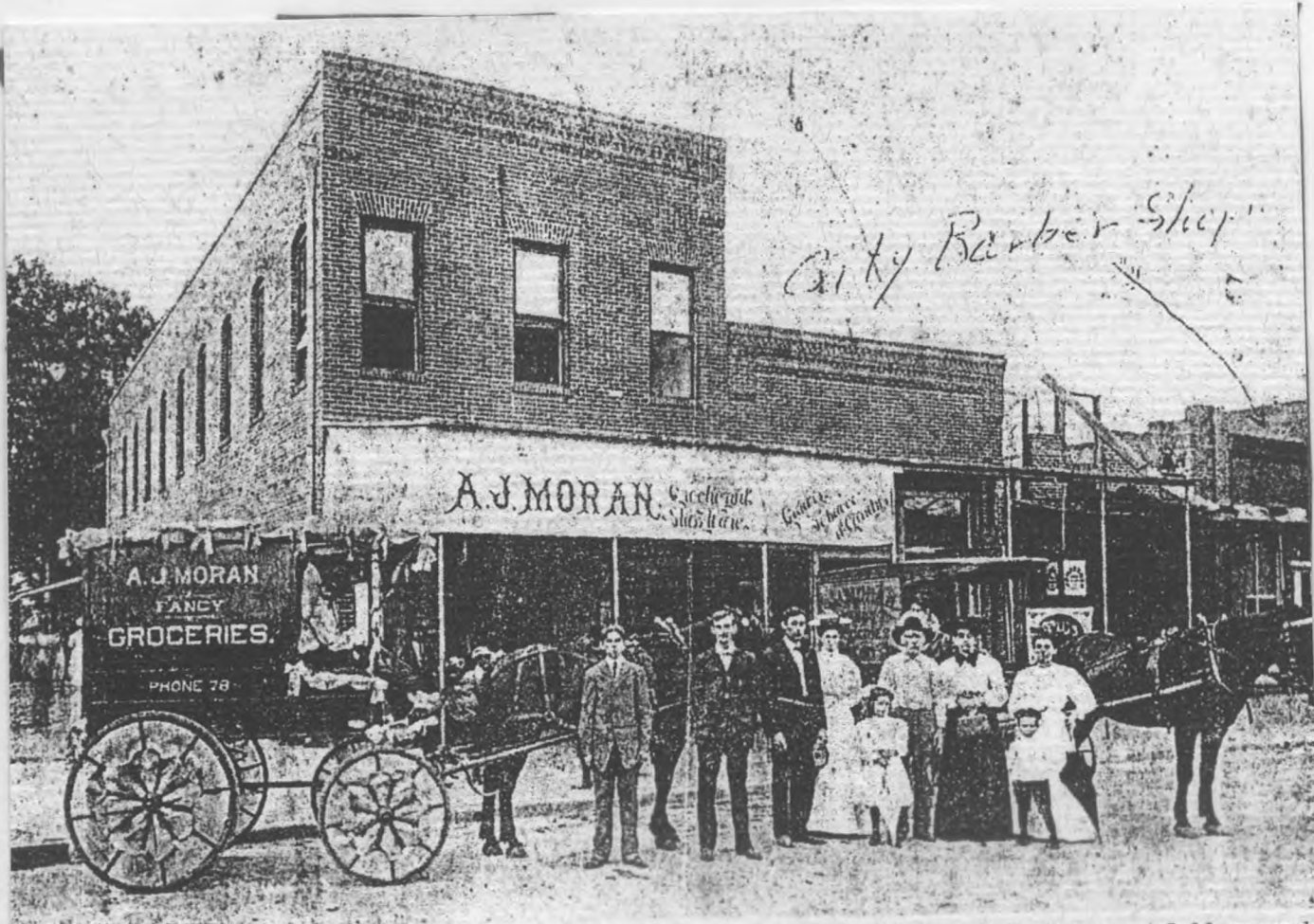
Watermelons



SAVING WATSON WATERMELON SEED O K JELKS & SON QUITMAN GA



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North side of E. Screven Street. Those pictured are from left to right: Walter J. Moran, E.E. Girtman, A.J. Moran and wife, the little girl is Gladys Moran, J.J. Moran and wife, Mrs. E.E. Girtman, and the little boy is Ralph Girtman. [building where Dr. G.A. Smith had an upstairs office; later downstairs occupied by Tanner's Antiques]



Ed Murray's produce stand on the corner of Forsythe and South Court Streets
Will Cobb, _____, _____, Otis "Goat" Massey, Ed Murray
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QUITMAN

- Alderman J, mineral water mfr, Scriven
 Atlantic & Gulf Mills, cotton yarn mfrs
AVERA & SMITH, druggists, paints, oils and glass, Scriven
 Avrett G W, stoves and tinware, Scriven
 Bank of Quitman, Lee
 Banks Florence, restaurant, Court
 Barnes J R, jeweler, Scriven
 Baum M, attorney-at-law, Lee
 Beasley Adam & Co, harness dealers, Scriven
BEASLEY M K, prop Quitman Bakery, Washington
BELCHER BROS, bicycles and sundries, general repairing of all kinds
BENNETT & BENNETT, attorneys-at-law, Scriven opp Court House
 Bennett S S, attorney-at-law, Scriven
 Bennett W B, Judge County Court
 Bowman J W, general mdse, Scriven
 Bowman & Mabbett, clothing and furnishing, Scriven
 Boozer J H, dentist, Scriven
BRANCH L W, attorney-at-law, Scriven
CANNON COMPANY THE, E L Jelks pres, J W Spain secy and treas, H G Cannon gen mgr, mfrs of tight barrels, halves and kegs, home office Quitman
 Christian G R, sewing machines, Washington
COLLINS R E, blacksmith and general repairing, wagons, etc, Lee
 Colquitt Ash, tailor, Lee and Stevens
 Conner E L, groceries, Lee
 Creech H, confectionery and fruits, Forsyth
 Creech L T, fertilizer dealer, Scriven
 Creech R C, agent, groceries, Scriven
DAVIS FERTILIZER CO, mfrs and dealers, made especially for South Georgia soils, Scriven
 Davis & Powell, groceries, Scriven
DAVIS W A & CO, brokers and dealers in sugar cane syrup in half barrels and tin cans, Scriven
DEKLE H E, jeweler, Scriven
 DeVain L, groceries, Washington
 Dorough G D, physician, Scriven
 Dukes E T, cotton warehouse
 Eason M H, meat market, Lee
 Edenfield A N, grocery
EDMONDSON J W, attorney at law, Lee
 Elder H M & Bro, groceries, Scriven
 Felder L A, physician, Scriven
 Finch J B, grocery, Scriven
 Fulton A, barber
 Gauden S S, physician, Scriven
GROOVER & CO, fire insurance, Lee
 Groover & Whipple, livery stable
HARDY J J, meat market, S Washington
 Hardy & McFarlin, meat market, Scriven
 Harvey H, shoemaker
 Hassell & Perry Co, gen mdse, Scriven
 Hatzopoulos P, fruit store, Scriven
 Hendry N C, dry goods, Scriven
 Hotel Marie, Scriven and Washington
 Hubert G R, cleaning and pressing, Scriven
 Jelks B A, physician
 Jelks E L, physician, Scriven
JOHNSON MARBLE WORKS, marble and granite tombs, monuments, iron fencing, etc, cor Court and Scriven, opp Court House
JOHNSON M S REAL ESTATE & RENTAL AGENCY, office with Johnson Marble Works, opp Court House
 Jones W A, furniture and carriages, Scriven
 Joyner C C, groceries and meats, Scriven
 Kent A, sewing machines, Scriven
 Langford A A, blacksmith
 LANEY M, carriage and wagon builder and all kinds of repairing, painting, blacksmithing, woodwork trimming, etc, Badgers old stand
 Lazarus Bros, dry goods and clothing, Scriven
 Leven & Cohn, dry goods and clothing
 Lewis J O, hardware groceries, etc, Scriven
 Lilly & Lilly, dry goods, Scriven
 Lilly H F & Co, dry goods, Scriven
 LONG W H Jr, attorney-at-law, Culpepper, east of Court House
MABBETT, GROOVER & THOMASS, general merchandise, country produce, etc, Scriven
 Massey J T, fruits and vegetables, Scriven
 Mathis J H, barber, Scriven
 Mathews W, physician, Lee
 Merchants & Farmers Bank, Scriven
 McAfee A, blacksmith
MCALL J G, attorney-at-law, Culpepper east of Court House
 McCloud J, barber
MCINTOSH, POWERS CO, R C McIntosh and T J Powers, wholesale and retail general merchandise and farm implements, Scriven
 McLellan S D, grocery, Washington
 McMullen James, druggist, Scriven
 Milteer A T, groceries
 Moran A J, groceries, Scriven
 Morrison D T, bicycles
MORVEN FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO, engines, boilers, saw mills, cane mills and steam users supplies, Southern Georgia R R
 Neel Bros, dry goods, Washington
 Oelsner & Felder, clothing & shoes, Scriven
 Oelsner J, clothing and furnishings, Scriven
 Oliver & Dennis, groceries and hardware, Scriven
 Palmer E M, grocery, S Washington
 Ponder Mrs C, restaurant, Forsyth
 Powers & Co, dry goods, Scriven
 Powell W J, groceries, Scriven
 Price L S, general merchandise, Scriven
PRITCHARD M C, family groceries, S Washington
 Quarterman & Jelks, druggists, Scriven
QUITMAN ADVERTISER THE, W A May mgr, weekly newspaper and job printing, Scriven
QUITMAN COOPERAGE CO, M Straus pres, J L Reinschmidt secy and treas, mfrs of tight cooperage, spirits, dip and syrup barrels
 Quitman Furniture & Vehicle Co, Lee
QUITMAN OIL COMPANY, E M McBurney pres, O K Jelks secy & treas, mfrs of cotton seed products, S Washington
QUITMAN REPAIR SHOP, Wood and Judge props, carriages, wagons, farm implements, etc, Washington
QUITMAN STEAM LAUNDRY, C R Coffey prop first class work on short notice
RICKS W L, photographer, Court
 Roan J B, news stand and jeweler, Scriven
 Roan J T, physician,
ROUNTREE SAMUEL S, general merchandise, fertilizers, etc, Scriven
 Sampson R, restaurant, S Washington
 Sereisky W & Son, clothing, Scriven
 Sheffield P, groceries, Scriven
 Southern Express Co, Scriven
 South Georgia Grocery Co, Scriven
 Stewart Bros, livery stable
 Thompson W T, cotton buyer, Scriven
 Tillman Hardware Co, hardware, Scriven
 Turner H G, attorney-at-law, Lee
TURNER S M, attorney-at-law, Lee
WADE J H, brick, lime, cement, building materials and ice dealer, Lee
 Williams C N, corn meal mill
WILSON JOS D, clothing, mens furnishings, shoes, hats and general mdse, Scriven
 Wilson R E L, dentist, Lee
 Western Union Telegraph Co, Lee

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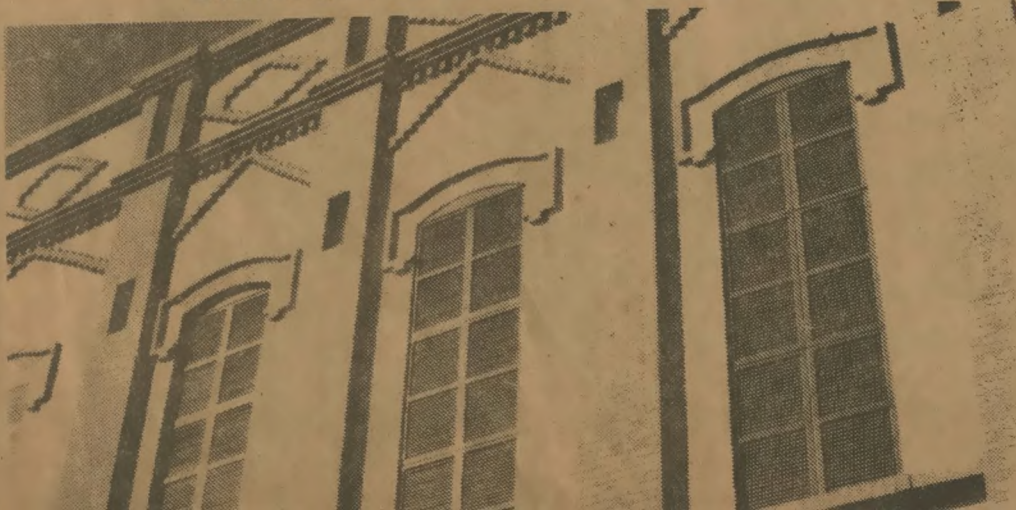
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interplay of different factors involved in the unstructured campaign. He's one of the young professionals who purchased an old house and priced it up. He has been active in the historical society since it was established about three years ago. And as publisher and editor of the Quitman Free Press, he's one of the downtown businessmen.

"We're not going door-to-door asking merchants to restore their storefronts. Some of them have \$7,000-

\$8,000 in aluminum siding and we can't ask them to take it down. If they think it looks nice, fine. If they decide on their own to take it down, more power to them," Mason said.

Mason's newspaper office, for example, has an aluminum overhang he's sure cost a few thousand dollars. He plans to take it down as soon as it starts showing signs of wear.

That low-pressure philosophy of the historical society is probably respon-

sible for its success. The historical society simply asks merchants to consider using historic colors the next time they need to paint and early American signs the next time they need a new sign.

The Williamsburg look came easy to Quitman in the first place. The two and three-story storefronts line the main street, divided by the envy of city planners today — a green belt.

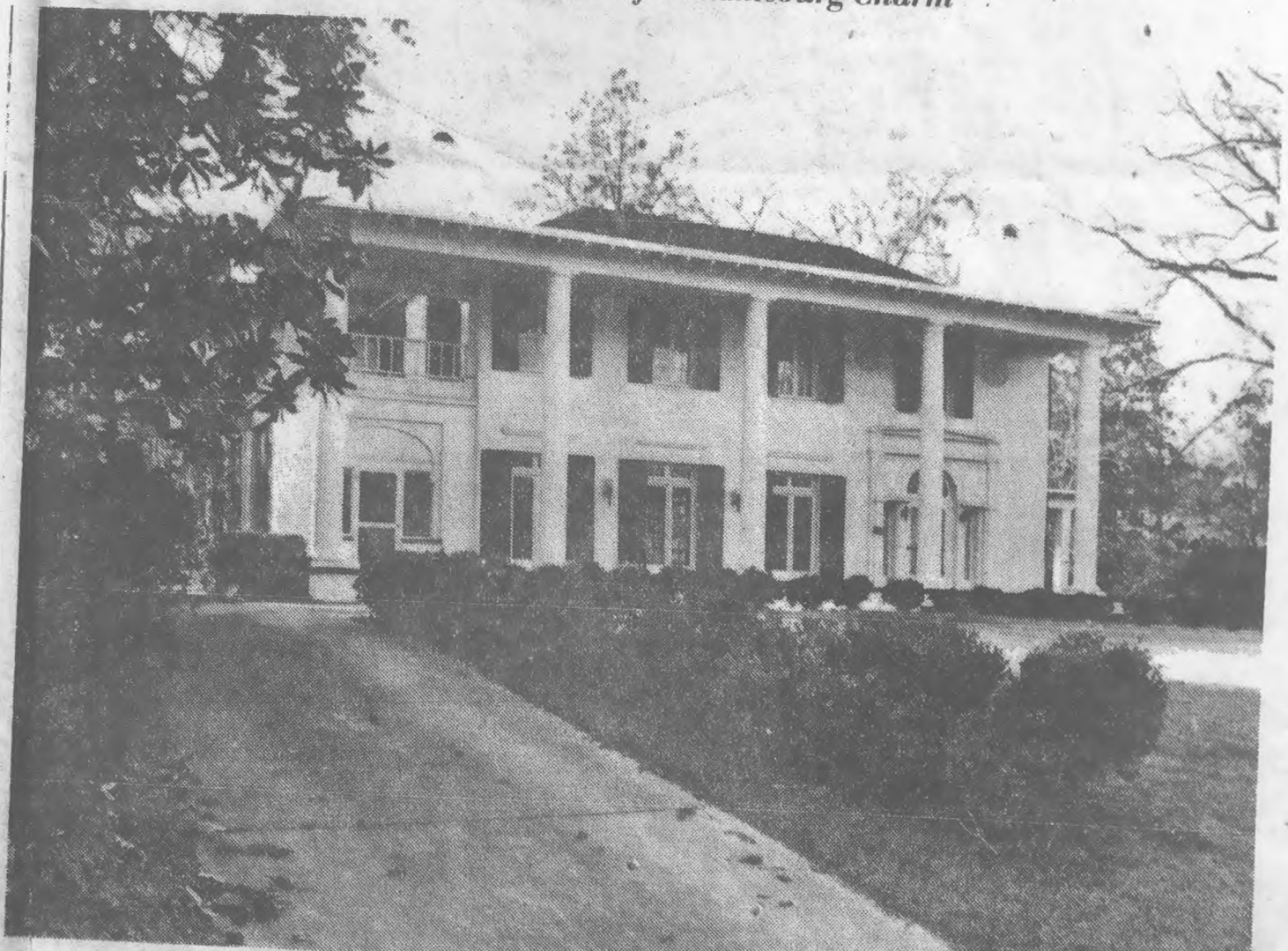
On North Court Street, row upon row of stately old houses line the thoroughfare, also

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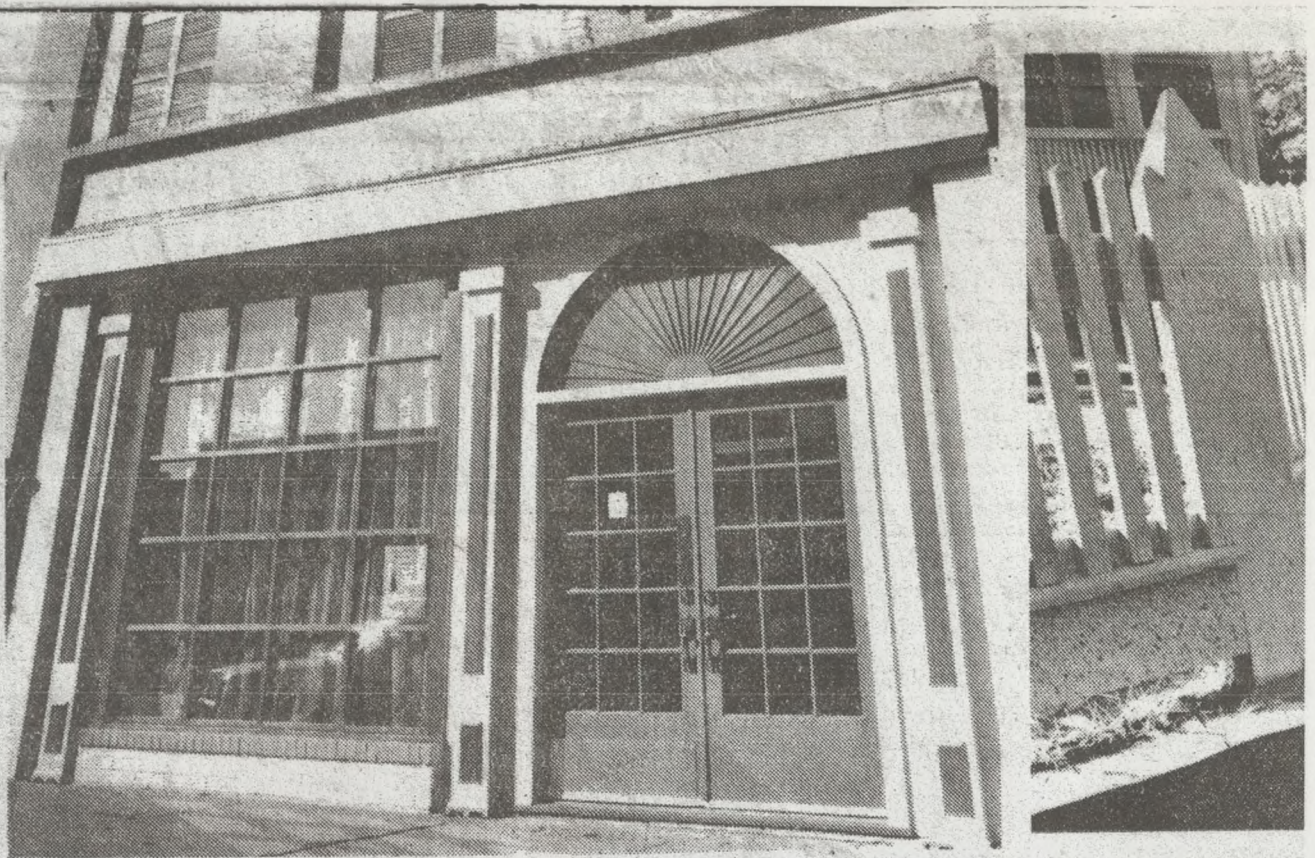
There's another trend in Quitman — industrial development. One would think that Quitman's aggressive chamber of commerce would bump heads with an active historical society. Yet except for a few encounters — like the time a historical society official called the chamber headquarters the ugliest building in town — the two trends continue to live in a state of peaceful co-existence.



Picket Fence And Its Shadow Add Touch Of Williamsburg Charm



North Court Street Mansion Is Part Of Quitman's 'D'



City Hall: After The Crowbar And Paint Job Is Over



Stately Houses, Stately Street: A Lot Of Raw Material

A. C. L. DEPOT,
QUITMAN, GA.



March 1994

Historic Quitman's.....

Springtime Extravaganza

List of Events

Antique Car Exhibit
Courthouse Square
10:00 a.m.-Until

Antique Show and Sale
202 East Screven St.
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.,,

Cemetery Tour
West End Cemetery
W. Screven Street
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Craft Show
311 E. Screven St.
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Artifact Show

VFW N. Washington St.

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Carriage rides

N. Court St.

Behind Courthouse

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Information Center

202 E. Screven St.

corner of Screven &

Culpepper

Lunch - 12:00 noon

Old Fashion

Pig Bar-B-Que

121 N. Culpepper St.

Museum Exhibit

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10:00 - 5:00 p.m. free

**Tour of Historic
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Go to info center

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