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A Narrative Covering Seventy Years About Cairo High School

A few years ago, when talking with Cairo School friends, one asked, "Why don't you write a narrative of your experiences connected with Cairo and Grady County Schools?" I replied, "maybe sometimes." Possibly now is a good time to write this, to there seems to be more general public interest in Cairo and Grady County Schools than in some time, or every before.

This will be called a 'School Narrative' and will write about only some of the high spots, for it would require a book with my conversational and wordly style to cover all of my Cairo School experiences during the 40 years I have been on Cairo School Boards of Trustees. I will not mention many names, for if I gave names of all of the fine Cairo School Citizens it would easily be above a hundred loyal and active supporters of schools in Cairo with whom I know worked in our continuous efforts to have Cairo Schools equal to any, and there have been rough, tough, and discouraging times and problems to overcome. I will write "School Citizens," a simple way to say those citizens who demonstrated their interest in schools by their readiness always to help in work on a project for the good of schools.

A 3-ROOM CAIRO SCHOOL IN 1898 — 70 YEARS AGO

The time and events I will cover are almost entirely those I have some connection with. My first experience was to enroll as a student in 1898 in Cairo's 3-room school that was located on the land where the present Southside Elementary School is. The school had one main room housing the high school grades, with its desks, its stage, and it also served as an auditorium with the audience sitting in the pupil's desks. A shed like room on the east and west sides served for the lower grades. Cairo's population then was 705, and the school was city operated.

The school campus was made complete for those times, with a very good wood house that was also a good backstop for the ball players. We had a fenced in well with the "Old Oaken Bucket" and later a plain wooden unpainted music building for the part time piano teacher. I remember goats roamed the spacious campus, for I had an unfortunate experience with them that my family teased me about for years, but I won't take your time to tell about. There was no plumbing in Cairo for schools at that time. But there were convenient thick woods to the south and west. This school was a far, far cry from our modern Cairo Schools of 1968, but was the school with Cairo went out of the 19th into the 20th century.

CAIRO'S FIRST BRICK SCHOOL BUILT IN 1906 SUCCEEDED THE ABOVE 3-ROOM FRAME SCHOOL BUILDING

A splendid brick school building was built in 1906, directly northward across the street from the 3-room frame building mentioned earlier. This school had an auditorium upstairs. After my return from college in 1913, my first experience with Cairo Schools was as bookkeeper for the financial records of the schools, which were kept on the books of the Roddenbery Hardware Company, as my father, W. B. Roddenbery, was Secretary-Treasurer of the Cairo School Board of Trustees at that time.

The Cairo school revenue then was from a local tax levy on City of Cairo property plus a matriculation fee of \$2.50 for each pupil at the beginning of each school year, plus donations and with a comparatively small monthly allotment from the State of Georgia coming through the office of the Grady County School Superintendent, J. S. Weathers. In looking at old 1914 records, I find where 14 salary checks totaling \$634 paid for one month including the superintendent's salary, and averaged \$45.00 per month.

It may be interesting to some, and will record the fact, the first diplomas were given to the Class of eight Cairo High School graduates in May 1909. The school had only ten grades.

CAIRO'S FIRST BRICK SCHOOL BURNS TO GROUND

On October 4, 1921, Cairo's brick school (built in 1906) burned to the ground with no salvage, cause unknown. School continued at several places including churches, Sunday School rooms and the courthouse until a temporary barrack type building with 18 classrooms, 22 ft. square, could be built. This was done in record 29 days, and some classes moved in on Monday, November 1, 1921.

Cairo people (only 1908 in 1920) had long believed in a good education for their children, so the loss of their splendid brick

continue into the 1960's in the quest for good and better schools for our little city and county.

THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL FIRE ERA FOR CAIRO SCHOOLS

The second temporary school building was put to another good use. Basketball fans and players may like to know of the first high school indoor floor, as I remember, and told to me by some of the players. The partitions of the temporary wooden school building, the second one, after the new brick building occupied, were torn out and made a basketball floor. A high jumper could nearly touch the ceiling. I helped a little in coaching, and the team had to run, run to score, for there would be very little outside shooting for the ball would hit the ceiling. Some of those Cairo High Players now have grandchildren in Cairo Schools who will enjoy the modern hardwood gymnasium floors. Among these players were: Bill Oliver, Jim Wood, Leo Bass, Clower Mott, and Bobby Dyson.

After this temporary building was torn down, Cairo High School played basketball about town, as: Tobacco Warehouse, Copeland Park dance hall, Cairo Club Court at 9 North Broad Street. The town boys, some who had played at college, were the pioneers, however, for indoor basketball in Cairo. They had a team playing as early as 1911. They played nearby towns of Pelham, Camilla and others who had indoor floors. They played on the second floor of the City Hall. What an "all purpose building" our City Hall is! Early in the century traveling lyceum lectures performed there; black-face comedian shows; the new Grady County held its first sessions of Court there in 1906-07 until the courthouse was built; it was used for church services when churches were being built; kindergarten classes were taught there; the public library was there for about 15 years; now the Chamber of Commerce offices, and all the while the City of Cairo's business offices upstairs, with Cairo's fire department on the ground floor. You see, old people like to talk of old times. Don't think it unusual, for you will too when you get old.

To let our wonderful new citizens know, and the old ones to reminisce back 47 years, let me recite about very early Cairo High Football, which game now is the big spectator sport in High School. I will write what a player, Bobby Dyson on the 1921 football team has told me. The first Cairo High School football game was the one game scheduled for the fall of 1921 with Plunkett Private High School in Thomasville. The first full football schedule followed in the fall of 1922.

I mentioned "wonderful new citizens" above. Often I have expressed how fortunate Cairo is to have them, for starting decades ago they have contributed immensely to Cairo's growth, and without them Cairo could not be what it is today. They have brought much in talent, devotion to community, many special abilities, leadership, and they no longer are new citizens, as they have become integral parts of community life.

CAIRO'S SECOND SCHOOL BRICK BUILDING

My first official connection with Cairo Schools was by filling a vacancy on the City of Cairo School Board of Trustees of which Mr. J. B. Wight was chairman. He appointed me on a committee to help in the \$40,000 bond election for building the present Northside Elementary School. There was opposition to the bonds, and I remember well the fine organization of Cairo School Friends who fought to win that bond election. I believe I can correctly say the women, as part of the organization, and in each of the four wards in the City of Cairo, got out the vote and won the election easily. When it comes to education and better education, I take my hat off to the mothers of the children in school.

THE YEARS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION IN THE 1930's

Soon after building the Northside Elementary School came the shock of what two generations already are calling "The Great Depression." Banks closed, savings were lost, actually hunger was rampant. I'm sure young people get tired of hearing we older fellows talk about the Depression. Our answer is simply "we hope you don't have one." Schools suffered with short school terms. Many rural schools over the state were only open from five to six months or less. There just wasn't much money circulating. John Herndon was Superintendent of the Cairo

did not have a building for many school activities, and for use as a basketball court. The team practiced outdoors and played the few games they did at various places about town.

Cairo's population now was about 3100, and Cairo Schools were an Independent School System with its boundaries the city limits. However, many students came in to Cairo High School from the county outside the city, and they were always welcomed with open arms, and there are some notable present Grady County Citizens who did this.

Again dedicated Cairo School Citizens rose to the occasion and built a splendid gymnasium with practically no money. No government, state or federal, came in like they do now to build you a building, but advantage was taken of Federal Recovery Acts as the Civil Works and Works Progress Administrations in getting this job done. The government administrations would not furnish some materials that we needed cash to buy for the job. Some said "wait for better times." That word "wait," is a terrible word when important school progress is needed at once.

The Community Recreation Association was formed and they developed a plan to borrow money, \$5, \$10, \$25 or more and give a note for the loan. You wouldn't get enough outright donations. The promise was made to pay interest and dividends, and payment was to come from the gate receipts of the Grady County Basketball Tournament, which would fill the Gym during the several days the County Tournament was held. Many schools were all over Grady, and each school had a boy's and a girl's team. These loans produced the money to buy the things we had to have where cash was required acquired, but there was not enough of this money to buy the lumber.

PINE TREES FROM MANY GRADY COUNTY FARMS HELPED BUILD THE GYMNASIUM

Probably more different farms have pine tree lumber in the present Southside Elementary School Gym, than ever has helped build a Gym in America. Farmers gave one, two, three or more trees, but we had to go and get the trees. The late Mr. W. M. Tyson, with Tyson Lumber Company, did yeoman work in getting different people to haul the logs that he sawed into lumber. John Herndon, the Cairo Schools Superintendent, did great work on this Gym building, as did so many others that I won't attempt to name.

Under the Recovery Federal Agencies, ordinary labor was furnished, also carpenters, and Contractors L. M. Powell supervised it, and he told me this week his salary was about 60c or 70c per hour, totaling \$35.00 per week for six days work.

We thought this a beautiful building then, but we know it doesn't compare with the present very fine Gym on the High School Campus. But regardless of how fine other gymnasiums may be, this first Cairo High School Gym, or basketball shell, finished in early 1934, and for 34 years has filled a great need and still does on our Southside School Campus. It served for many school activities, and later the band room was there. Let's call this 'Bootstrap Project No. 3,' and the job was done by a large number of Cairo School Friends, and all the county schools have enjoyed it.

It is interesting that the Pine Tree idea was duplicated some years later in the football field a few yards from this gymnasium. Most of the large and tall light poles were from pine trees furnished by the late Mr. Cuy Harrell.

UNEXPECTED INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS PAID ON THE NOTES

Believe it or not, some interest and dividends were paid on the gymnasium notes for a few years. The writer had signed the notes, and as recovery was coming about and more money in circulation, there was a temptation to ask they be donated, but he couldn't well do this. But a fine Cairo citizen took on the job and collected those Community Recreation Association notes and turned them in, cancelled. This gentleman was none other than Georgia's present Supreme Court Justice W. H. (Duck) Duckworth, a loyal Cairo School supporter, whom the writer phoned this week to verify this. One of the men who cancelled his note, and who always did his full share for Cairo Schools, was Cairo's beloved Judge R. C. Bell, who sometime later became Cairo's and Southwest Georgia's first Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. Judge Bell's and Judge Duckworth's children attended the Cairo Schools.

Quite a distinction, it seems to me, that Cairo has supplied two men of the highest and most honored spot in our state judiciary, the Chief Justice of Georgia, and all in one generation.

school building was not a knockout blow, though this fire was not too long after the building was built in 1906 and with an addition in 1912.

With indomitable will, plans were immediately made for a bond issue. This was the third time in 15 years (1906, 1912 and 1921) the little City of Cairo had to raise many thousands of dollars and end up with only one school building. But it would be a much larger and better brick building with a splendid auditorium. This building was built in 1922, and first occupied in January 1923, but not before disaster in the form of another school fire.

CAIRO'S FIRST TEMPORARY FRAME BUILDING BURNS

Trouble, it seems, often come in battalions. Before the new brick building was even started, the first wooden temporary barracks type building built in record time, and occupied for only two days, burned to the ground early in the evening of November 2, 1921. Again no salvage, for it was a tinderbox. I remember well, running from downtown to the fire. Again, children kept up their school work in churches, Sunday School rooms and the courthouse, and the second temporary building was again built in record time.

These temporary buildings made a sizeable dent in the fire insurance money and made the financial burden greater on the City of Cairo's population of 1908. There was not any state or federal money for building during those times. Among the school leaders who led through these difficult times were J. B. Wight, Chairman; W. B. Roddenbery, J. M. Poulk, and M. L. Ledford. I was privileged in a few years to serve with most of these men.

CAIRO LEARNED EARLY TO PULL ITSELF UP BY ITS OWN BOOTSTRAPS

I would like to call the recovery from the crises of the two fires as "Bootstrap Project No. 1," and other such projects would

Schools, with Principals at both schools under his supervision. One particular year in the midst of the depression years, money for schools dwindled and dwindled from state and local sources. Cairo Schools had built an enviable record of having not less than 8 months of school. But it seemed it could not be done the year I refer to, for money was exhausted to pay the teachers. It was difficult, if not impossible, to borrow money.

SCHOOL TEACHERS, ALL OF THEM,

COME TO THE RESCUE

But Cairo had a "school hero," and he was our Superintendent, the late John Herndon. We were faced with closing schools with only a 5 or 6 months term, which would put the students near a third of a year behind in school work. John banded together every one, including himself, of his Cairo School Teachers to finish out an eight months school term at a salary of \$25.00 per month. I remember seeing some landladies where the teachers boarded, to urge them to reduce cost of their monthly board and meals a little, so the teachers would have a few dollars left for personal needs. This might be called "Bootstrap Project No. 2." It is often said that hardships and austerity bring out the best in a person or a people, and this has happened for America more times than once. The school spirit of Cairo Schools during those days was high, and splendid work was done in the classroom. This proves that people with a will and a dedication for the task at hand, can get the job done and money can be made a second consideration.

CAIRO SCHOOL'S FIRST GYMNASIUM BUILT IN MID-DEPRESSION YEARS

A big school thrill for the many Cairo citizens in their persistent quest for better school facilities and better schools was to occur during the 1930's. Cairo Schools were fairly well equipped with the building at the High School location, and the splendid Northside new Elementary School. But Cairo Schools

Cairo High School can be proud of many of those who trod her halls, and another one was Vereen Bell (Judge Bell's son), the famous outdoor author of "Swamp Water" and other books, who lost his life in combat in World War II. We can be proud of the tradition of Cairo Schools, and the present Cairo Schools students are challenged to carry on the tradition.

During these times we had passed some notable milestones, and many difficulties had been overcome by pulling strongly on our own bootstraps, but there were many more things to come that Cairo School Citizens would be challenged to do. If one stops and thinks he will realize to have good schools in our midst, it doesn't "just happen," and effort, sacrifice and dedication is required, and usually success has to come gradually over many years.

CAIRO SCHOOLS DURING LATE 1930 DEPRESSION YEARS AND TO 1945

All of what I have written is about City of Cairo Schools, which were within the City of Cairo Independent School System, but many students in Grady County from outside the city of Cairo attended the Cairo Schools, and for some years such students paid tuition and transportation, then later the County Board paid the transportation from some areas and probably arranged for the tuition with the City of Cairo Schools, though I am not certain of this.

The early 1940's saw increased interest in school improvement. Many were thinking of and planning for improvements, particularly the State of Georgia Department of Education, with reference to consolidating, for to gain efficiency for all schools, and particularly for rural county schools, such as the Grady County Schools were. Many schools in Grady County, some very small with small areas about the schools, were strained to operate their schools, and some had the added cost of outstanding bonds for their school buildings to pay every year but all the communities were making every effort to have good schools for their children. Cairo had issued bonds for what then were two fine school plants — the Southside and the Northside

Schools, and they too were still paying interest and retiring those bonds, and would for years ahead, as did other schools in Grady County.

THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SCHOOL ACT OF 1945 AFFECTS ALL SCHOOLS IN GRADY COUNTY

In 1945 the General Assembly enacted Laws that placed all schools in a county into a county School System, except where a school system was an Independent School System. This affected Grady County in a revolutionary way. Prior to 1945 there were many school districts over Grady County. And several had issued their own bonds to build their schools. They still had not retired all of those bonds in 1945. Each school district had a treasurer of its Local Board of Trustees, who received tax money from the Tax Collector on taxes levied to pay teacher salaries, other expenses, and payments to retire their bonds should they have bonds outstanding. This 1945 Act required any cash balance this treasurer had be turned in to the County School Superintendent's Office. There were many interesting instances about this money being turned in, for some had none, some had little, and one or two had considerable amount. From this time onward the County School Board Office set the tax milage for each district to pay off any bonds, and assume the tax levying authority for operating all schools in the County School System, but did not for any Independent School Systems.

IN 1945 THE INDEPENDENT CITY OF CAIRO SCHOOL SYSTEM DID NOT CHOOSE TO CONTINUE AS AN INDEPENDENT SYSTEM, BUT JOINED OTHER GRADY COUNTY SCHOOLS TO MAKE UP A GRADY COUNTY SYSTEM, AND PLACE ALL ITS ASSETS IN THE GRADY COUNTY SYSTEM.

The City of Cairo System Trustees chose to cast its lot with all of its sister schools over Grady County, so as to start building a Grady County School System under the new School Law. The three City of Cairo Schools: Cairo High and Southside Elementary, Northside Elementary, and the Washington Schools had as its school system boundaries the city limits of Cairo with a population in the last census of 4653 people.

There are now, and were, many Independent School Systems in Georgia, several in South Georgia and they were: Thomsville, Valdosta, Pelham, Americus, and Moultrie. Of course most of these cities with much property in business buildings and merchandise inventories, would have a large tax digest valuation to raise tax money from and be able to more easily and efficiently operate their schools than could agricultural areas as Cairo and Grady County were proud to be. The writer was a Cairo Trustee Board Member at the time of this decision. People generally were near unanimous, and I have never heard a complaint since then of their decision to join in with other Grady County Schools.

Fortunately, the City of Cairo was near to the very center geographically of the county. This made it much easier than, in so many other counties where the main city and county seat was not so fortunately located. With a large rural area north, east, south and west of Cairo, made it proper that the Cairo geographical center also be the **EDUCATION CENTER**, and very practical to build a great Cairo High School with a board curriculum comprising all departments for a complete high school, and for all who wished to attend. This I am sure had been the dream of many school people for years, and when completed would be something every Grady County Citizen would be proud of.

In 1945 the City of Cairo Schools faced a momentous decision as to whether to remain an Independent School System, or join in with all Grady County Schools. The City School Board agreed unanimously to become a part of the County School System, and that is why we now have in Grady County one fine Grady County School System for all schools. The purposes of the Legislative Act was to try and guarantee every boy and girl good educational opportunities.

Cairo Schools in 1945 transferred to the County Board of Education the title to all its assets, and as we often say, it was lock, stock and barrel. This included all land, school buildings, seats, desks, typewriters and miscellaneous equipment, which had a conservative value at the time of about \$200,000.00. In several recent conversations I have found all of the younger age citizens do not know of, or know little of this momentous change in Grady County and Cairo Schools, and some would ask "How was the actual change made?" I suppose I should give full information if this Cairo School History is to be complete.

I phoned Dr. Allen Smith, Assistant State School Superintendent, this week to be sure my memory of the 1945 school act, the property transferring, and what I am writing about, is correct. The following were the steps in 1945 for this transfer or change over:

1. Cairo Board of Trustees prior to 1945 had full control of its schools and received the school tax money from property

al standards which could lead to better schools, and thereby better education for our children.

I believe it will be of interest to record here the number of old school communities that were included in 1945 in the new Cairo School District — Education District No. 1. All of these would make a long District name, wouldn't it, but the city proper, the farms, the people in these communities and city make up the present Cairo School District:

City of Cairo — Woodland — Chason — Fairview
— Live Oak — Midway — Pleasant Grove and
Sunnyside old school communities.

A GREAT ASSET TO CAIRO SCHOOLS AND ALL GRADY COUNTY — OUR CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Another great project came before the 1950's. Do you not swell with pardonable pride when you see Cairo High's great band march by, stepping high, sending out for all to hear beautiful music? Cairo was fortunate to have Major W. T. Verran, a great musician and a fine director, to organize this band in 1946 and continue as its director for 13 years to 1959. Other able band directors have carried on the fast growing band tradition for quality music. The Cairo High School Band excels and is in the forefront among high school bands in a wide, wide area of the South.

We can certainly call the equipping and starting off of Cairo High School Band another "Bootstrap Project No. 4." And music and school "lovers," let us call them, contributed the thousands of dollars needed to equip the band with good instruments and snappy uniforms. The well organized and led "Band Boosters," (comprising school patrons and supporters) have done great work every year and still do with financial help and other leadership. This band lends a fine kind of prestige to Grady County and draws boys and girls from nearly all corners of the county to make it the fine band it is. They are fine ambassadors on their many trips over the Southeast, and it adds to the image that we strive when the Seniors of 1951 added another year to their schooling and graduated in June 1952.

NOW ON INTO THE 1950's. \$575,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE ELECTION CALLED

In the late 1940's and early 1950's it was clearly seen our school buildings were completely inadequate for better schools, with more consolidation to come. Those many Cairo School Citizens and Cairo Citizens generally who for a long time had worked for progress in their schools were ready. We looked for leadership from our County School Superintendent, a School Professional who could lead for the entire county, and he did a magnificent job. He directed survey after survey by state school official and engineers. With a complete Grady County System drawn up after more than a year's work, the County Board and the School Superintendent approved the full county plan, and this big job was "Bootstrap Project No. 5," and a call for a bond election was made so as to match the \$1,497,659 free money available from state funds. Grady County could legally issue bonds for \$575,000 and with the state money added totaled \$2,072,659.

THE \$575,000 BOND ELECTION

School Citizens and voters interested in better schools all over the county pitched in and the election was won, however, six out of ten voting precincts voted NO in the election

THE GREAT SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM BEGINS

There had been other school fires at Whigham High School and Washington High and Elementary in Grady County. The County School Superintendent and Grady County Board of Education decided the first money to be spent of the \$2,000,000 was to be used to build schools in Whigham and at Washington Consolidated Schools.

WHAT THE \$2,047,000 BUILT AND DID NOT BUILD.

The bond money could build the main school units in the original plan but was not sufficient to build the football stadium. Before contracting for all the buildings, the discount rate had gone up, and bonds produced less money, and materials had advanced. The classrooms and their adjuncts were given preference in building. Splendid buildings were built for the Whigham Schools, Washington Consolidated School, Shiver, Beck Branch and the new Cairo High School buildings. But money gave out and there appeared no way to build the stadium at Cairo High School which was a greatly needed facility, and was in the original plans when bond issue approved.

For many years, until a few years ago, after appealing without success to the County Board for funds to supplement salaries and pay for needed equipment, a number of Cairo School Friends contributed thousands of dollars to fill this gap and maintain the best school possible under the circumstances. Those who did this because it was greatly important were happy the County Board and County School Superintendent now cooperate splendidly and the money for this all important purpose is available to all schools. This is "Bootstrap Project No. 7" and thanks are due our County Board and Superintendent. It is good to have it proven that the County School Board can pay teachers supplements to the State salary which should assure a good faculty in the County Schools.

COMPLIMENTARY RECOGNITION FROM A STATE SCHOOL SURVEY

With the help of Cairo School Friends, and recently of full cooperation of our County Board and the County School Superintendent, progress has continuously been made, and it is appropriate to here comment on a state-wide survey out of Atlanta of Class AA Schools, of which Cairo High School is one. The informal report showed Cairo High School to be one of the top two of this class for the best overall balance in academic, athletic, administration and faculties. They were frank and told us we were No. 2, and the No. 1 was a private school in Atlanta, which is known to be well provided for in its financial requirements. To be in the top two of class AA Schools surveyed is a compliments to our students, our faculty, our county officials, and the splendid building facilities and equipment we have for better school work.

A REASONED BELIEF OR PHILOSOPHY OF SCHOOLS

Before I close this School Narrative, I wish to give my philosophy on the academic athletic and extra-curricular phases of the twelve years our school children spend in schools. The school is their world, and we strive to have good guidance and direction by the individual teachers who are associated every day with their students. A balanced and complete range of departments in a school is necessary to meet the varied needs and interests of boys and girls.

Everyone who knows the writer knows how much he likes athletics, whether football, basketball, baseball, track, golf, or any kind of athletics that require training, discipline, a dedication that will develop desire to excel, I am for it. But I place academic work first all the time, for a student will carry more from his success in the classroom through life than any other part of his school participation. I believe very much that athletics inspire for better work in the classroom, and this is true with a great majority who participate in athletics, as good character can be built and surely school spirit is developed.

I would like to give here some facts about what the students of Cairo High have done during the last 12 to 13 years. At the start of this period of time, Cairo High had never placed in the Literary Meet, a tournament comprising 16 events connected mainly with academics. Not even as high as 5th place. Cairo High had done only fairly well with athletics.

Starting 12 years ago we began to excel in athletics to a reasonable extent and won our share of games. Soon our boys and girls developed a greater high school spirit than ever before, and forthcoming was a desire to also win in the Literary Meets. Our boys and girls in competition with our Class AA Schools made the following record:

8 or 9 straight years we won our Region Literary battle with schools in our class, among them Bainbridge, Thomasville, Cordele, Dublin, Nashville, Lowndes County, Waycross and others.

In those years we won four of ten state titles in competition with 50 schools, placing twice in second place and once third — a total seven out of ten years at or near the top. And two of those years we missed first place by only one point. The writer does not write of these successes in any boasting way, but to point out a well balanced school of its academics and athletics is good for all. Also it emphasizes that outstanding men and women on our faculty are needed to accomplish this, and supplements must be available to fairly show our appreciation for work done by faculty members contributing.

I believe it interesting to know what schools we competed with in the State Literary Meet outside our region, and some were: Newnan, Gainesville, Dalton, Cedartown, and many Atlanta schools as Marist, Westminster, and Murphy.

Our winning has stimulated other schools to try and excel, too, and the competition is betting tougher, and that is good for all. Yes, I believe a fine athletic program helps the spirit of students, inspires them to do better in things academic, and all of this means developing a desire to excel which will remain with them through life, whether as a farmer, a lawyer, a surgeon, or any other of a long number of walks of life.

This is the first time in my life I recall ever having been willing to write for publication in a newspaper anything of con-

2. Cairo School Trustees went out of existence in 1945 except as an Advisory Board.

3. The five County Board of Education Members remained as they were, and they now are the same, with the City of Cairo being added to what is now the rural part of the present Cairo School District.

4. The City of Cairo population and its tax digest value became a part of the Cairo School District, which was made up of the City of Cairo proper, plus a wonderful farming area extended about 8 miles north, 4½ miles east, 7 miles south, and 3½ miles west, and populated then by 4000 to 5000 fine farming citizens. In 1967 this new Cairo District's population was estimated at 12,500, or 2/3 of the total county population.

Of course more than one out of the estimated 12,500 citizens now in the Cairo School District, which is the same as the Cairo voting precinct, should have the privilege and honor to serve on a County Board of five. I believe that the citizens of the other four school districts, Education Districts No. 2, 3, 4 and 5, and comprising the communities of Beachton, Pine Park, Calvary, Reno, Whigham, Spring Hill, Blowing Cave and Spense voting precincts, will want to join with the Education District No. 1 and bring about a correction of this inequality at the first opportunity given them.

NOW WE CAN WRITE OF SCHOOL PEOPLE'S DREAMS OF THE LATE 1940's AND EARLY 1950's "COMING TRUE" or "BEING CONSUMMATED."

The consolidation process or program was soon to start. Probably we should say a large part of it was "compelled" by State School Authorities in Atlanta. But who can now say they were not then, and are not now right, for they were thinking of the school children more than the pride of us adults. The State School Authority could bring much needed financial assistance which our country could not provide, and require high education-

BUILDS THE STADIUM

Besides much equipment yet to be bought, and paid for over a number of years, the stadium which had been somewhat promised to many citizens when the bond issue was carried was not built. The County Board appointed citizens interested in schools to urge the City of Cairo and the County Commissioners to build the stadium. The writer remembers that committee of 25 school-minded citizens had 24 present for one important meeting, and the other one was ill. Such loyal school dedication gets jobs done. The City of Cairo agreed to and paid \$25,000 in cash, and the County Commissioners furnished convict labor, skilled labor, machinery and materials as well as other valuable services, and built the stadium that many enjoy, and all can be proud of.

I cite this stadium accomplishment because it is a fine illustration of cooperation between city and county agencies of government, which is so valuable for progress in any line of endeavor, and particularly in schools. Let's call this "Bootstrap Project No. 6," with city and county commissioners doing the bootstrap pulling.

FIVE FINE SCHOOLS READY

By 1955 the Whigham and Washington Consolidated Schools were completed, and in 1956 Cairo and the other schools were completed and all ready for classroom work. More obstacles were to develop. Competition for the best teachers, particularly in the more difficult High School subjects, increased and were hard to find and employ. Supplements to the state salary were necessary for many other schools were supplementing salaries. For too many years our County School Board did not see fit to furnish funds for this all important purpose, and we could not expect talented teachers to continue to come to Cairo at a salary not in keeping with training and experience.

hope I have given reasonably interesting running record of the ups and downs of Cairo Schools during near all of this century.

In the first part of this Narrative I wrote that I would mention a few names. I was on the Board for a long number of years with four School Friends and my friends, and as we were the Cairo Board of Trustees for so many years, I would like to pay tribute to their dedication in doing always what was best for the schools, without hope of any gain, and neither they nor I ever received expenses or a penny for any services. These men were the late J. Slater Wight, H. T. LeGette, Dr. J. V. Rogers, and Dr. W. A. Rehberg. These men, along with Walter Williams, were extremely liberal contributors and never did they turn down a request for a donation for teacher salary supplements or anything else for the good of the schools.

Many Cairo School Supporters gave liberally of their time and means when the rocks and some mountains got in the way. And to those who are living, I hope you will live again through memory some of the times covered by this narrative. And to those friends who have always responded, particularly the ones who have passed on, I dedicate this poorly written School Narrative. I am not gifted as an author, as you have seen if you get this far.

For the record, and only a few who read this will remember the six County School Superintendents since Grady County was formed in 1906, and they are: J. B. Wight, J. S. Weathers, Rev. J. P. Swann, Walter Eskew, W. H. Muggridge, and Lloyd Connell for the past 20 years. I feel privileged to have participated in some way with each in schools development. I served on Local Trustees with Mr. Wight, went to school to Mr. Weathers, worked closely with the last four as a City School and Local Trustee.

May some, no, many of you, carry on what I think is now a great Cairo High School tradition, for the best available instruction for our school children.

JULIEN B. RODDENBERY

THE MESSENGER BELIEVES THIS NARRATIVE WILL GIVE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE INTERESTING TO MANY AND IS NOT POLITICAL, HOWEVER MR. J. B. RODDENBERY, SR. INSISTS HE PAY FOR THE SPACE.

Cairo, Ga., January 1902

Mr. W. B. Roddenberg

TO CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL, DR.

Chas. Beale

25

Albert

1 00

Julien

25

Incidentals

15

By Cash

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Cairo, Ga., October 1901

M. W. B. Roddenberg

TO CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL, DR.

Sept. acct. rend	6 15
Albert	2 50
Julien	1 50
Charles	2 00
Incidentals	15
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Cairo, Ga., Dec. 1901

W B Roddenberry

TO CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL, DR.

Chas
Julien
Inc

By Cash
R.C.

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STATEMENT.

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M W. B. Roddenberg

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Cairo High School

May	Albert	1 00
	Incidentals	05
June	Albert	1 00
		<u>2 05</u>

W. B. R. Guardian

May	Charles	95
	Incidentals	05
June	Charles	50
		<u>1 50</u>

By Cash 2.85
 Full payment

STATEMENT

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M. R. S. Roddenberg

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Cain High School

May	Montane	20
	Incidentals	5
June	Montane	50
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By Cash

80

Full payment

STATEMENT

April 189

M. R. S. Roddenberry

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Cariso High School

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Incidentals

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By Cash 30

STATEMENT.

April 189
Mrs H. B. Roddenbery

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Chambers High School

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Incidentals	.05-
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Incidentals	.05-
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By Cash

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Cairo Ga 1890



M. W. R. B. Roddenberry

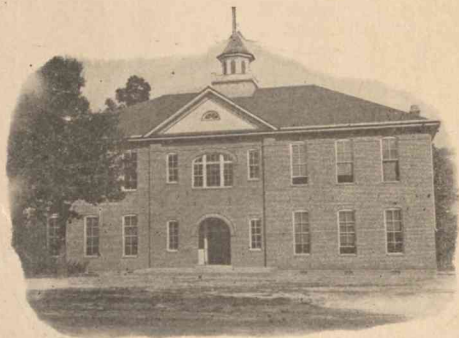
W. H. Searcy as
Cairo High School.

for tuition

TERMS

Sept 26.	Albert ^{2.50}	Charles Bell ^{2.00}	Julia ^{1.50}	Gene ^{1.50}	6.15
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9 27	Paid	W. H. Searcy			
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CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL, CAIRO, GA

Feb. 19, 1910.

Mr W. B. Raddenbury,-

Please pay to
George Williams 50 cents for
putting up stove pipe in
our School.

C. H. Marchman
(Prin).

Cairo, Ga., February 1902

Mr. W. B. Roddenberry

TO CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL, DR.

Albert

Julien

Charles

Incidentals

By Cash

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25

25

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Judge W. H. Duckworth
Georgia State Supreme Court
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

May 20, 1968

Dear "Duck":

Enjoyed my phone visit with you a short time ago when I called you to check on my memory about we forming the Community Recreation Association and building the Southside School gymnasium or basketball shell. What you and I talked about was vividly in my mind, but I wanted to be sure and I knew you could verify details.

No doubt you remember some angles of it, like I do some, and it was quite an accomplishment then when money was nearly non-existent.

I wrote my Cairo High School Narrative, and I enclose herewith a copy. People had been insisting that I write it for some time, and particularly they wanted to get in the paper that week for we had a school referendum coming up and they wanted people to be informed about what Cairo Schools were, and it wasn't ~~happened~~ that they "just happened" to be good.

I didn't proof read it myself, nor did the Messenger proof read it, for we were right up to the deadline and there are 8 or 10 little errors in it that don't mean too much. They did mix up one paragraph completely but it wasn't particularly important for it was giving the date when we went from 11th to 12th grade.

You will find it's written in my conversational way of talking, but I didn't intend for it to be a finished work of any kind, in fact, I couldn't make it so if I had tried. And I certainly didn't want a ghost writer.

We had an unusual school referendum. Our representative, Burton Womble, passed a bill for a referendum to decide two things: If we should change from the County School Superintendent being elected by county-wide vote to his being elected by a 5-member Board of Education that would be elected by county-wide vote. Then the second thing was if we would change to electing the 5 County Board Members to county-wide vote or continue by grand jury appointment. And it was all in just one vote and the ones against the referendum secured an injunction from Judge Robert Culpepper to throw out the part for changing the way to elect the County Superintendent. It didn't take a lawyer to see there was no choice, and Burton not being a lawyer himself followed some advice that proved not good. I was one that was against the referendum because under the circumstances I thought we should continue to elect the County School Superintendent. I wanted to change the way of electing the Board of Education for I had gotten tired

#2 Judge W. H. Duckworth - 5/20/68

of the job of informing grand jurymen every March about school matters. I would have as many as six or eight grand juryment sent to me every March to asklme what the actual school situation was. However, I didn't want to change to electing by county-wide vote when Cairo District 12,500 people had one member and Beachton and Pine Park with about 900 had one member.

But believe me, the people wanted to elect the Board of Education, as I did, and they wanted to do it now, whereas I wanted to do it about two years later with a different kind of Legislatice Act to vote on.

Since you are interested in anything about Cairo, I believe I'll put one of my letters that I mailed out along with the map, etc. there will never anything come up on this to involve you, or I wouldn't send it. But believing you are interested in Cairo and always will be, and when you read the school narrative you will wonder why I stressed some certain phings in it. So throw these in the wastebasket when you have read the parts you want to.

So I tell them that the ones against the referendum won the first half, but lost the second half. But as far as I'm concerned, it's all right as it now is, though I did oppose the second half also, but there was no way of stopping the great momentum of wanting to get from under the grand jury appointment. We had finally gotten a good Board of Education by informing the grand jurymen of what the situation was and the high cãass type of men we needed on it, and that is one reason our schools are as good as they are. I think we can yet keep a good Board by school-minded people taking an interest in the elections.

I expect you will remember about the two school fires, and many other things this narrative gives.

I know you didn't ask for this rambling letter, but as I am sending you the narrative, I wanted to give you what was tied in with it and why they insisted I write it that week.

I hope that Willabelle is getting along well, and that both of you are enjoying good health.

Sincerely yours,

JBR:A



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA

WILLIAM H. DUCKWORTH
CHIEF JUSTICE

May 22, 1968

Dear Julian:

I thank you for your letter of the 20th and the enclosures. It is good to review the history of the schools and observe their present. I read your entire article and think it was a typically good Roddenbery job well done.

I enjoyed our telephone talk and wish I could talk with you more often. Try to come to see me.

With usual kind regards and every best wishes to you and your family, I am,

Your friend,

W. H. DUCKWORTH

Honorable Julian Roddenbery
% Roddenbery Brothers
North Broad Street
Cairo, Georgia

April 22, 1969

The status of, and information on the Cairo High School and Whigham High School, as to teacher loads, etc., and recent addition of teachers to both Cairo and Whigham High Schools, is recorded in this memo right at the time of it happening.

Effort was made in the fall of 1968 for a teacher to be added to the Whigham High School, but considering the pupils per teacher, it was not granted.

There was a teacher aid paid for by federal government in Whigham High School, but that was not paid for by Grady County. This person finally became full time secretary.

At the time of efforts to put on the extra teacher, the principal at Whigham was not particularly in favor of it, and that had something to do with it not being granted, and probably it was that it would have taken realignment of his schedule already in effect for the 68-69 year.

In the February or March 1969 Grady County Board of Education meeting, a Board Member made motion that two teachers be added to the Whigham High School in September for the 69-70 year. No mention was made in that motion for additional teachers for the Cairo High School where the load per teacher was far higher than in Whigham. Probably it was that the size of the Whigham High School would and could not absorb slow learning negroes added in 66-67 and 67-68, for they had about 40 of them all from the negro Whigham elementary grades moving up during the 66-67 and 67-68 year made the ratio rather high for slow learning pupils compared to total enrollment for the high school was not large enough to absorb those without extra instruction from the viewpoint probably of an idealist.

At the time of this request and motion for the two for Whigham High, it was then brought to the attention of the Board and the member making the motion that the Cairo High had a heavier load per teacher and by far more than Whigham, and they should have additional teachers to have better instruction. This motion for two for Whigham and none for Cairo High was sadly glaring, and then the one making the motion for two for Whigham revised his motion to have also two for Cairo High School. It, of course, was specified in the motions as to what the teachers would be for. And though these two additional for Cairo might help a little with the high teacher load, which was between 25 and 30, and this is estimate, at Cairo High, and maybe under 20 at Whigham High, and this was estimate, it increased the

already unfavorable per pupil teacher load,.

Anyway, the motion was carried for each to have two additional teachers. This is for the 69-70 year.

It should be noted that to add two teachers to a very small school can increase the taxpayers cost by a considerable amount, maybe \$10,000 or \$12,000. And the same thing would be true for each school, of course.

One of the teachers for Whigham High would spread out the courses of Math and to add some, and no doubt was needed. The other one might be needed with the slow learning if the federal aid money lost, or would be spread out over Social Sciences. But information available for this memo does not give this information.

This just happened last month in Board Meeting, and it won't be on the minutes as to how this came about. The Board Member making the motion was from Cairo, and he also is a patron of the Cairo High School with children in school, who along with all other Cairo students are handicapped with heavy student per teacher ratio, and he was not looking out for the Cairo High School, which is hard to understand.

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June 12, 1979

This is memo of a conversation with a businessman in Cairo who is very knowledgeable of what goes on in all phases of the community. It is so chock full of his opinions from things I didn't know, that while it is fresh on my mind, that is, what was talked about in the conversation, that I should record it.

This was on Saturday morning, June 9th, and was a lengthy conversation.

He said that students applying for jobs from the Thomasville Community School, or that present State of Georgia School, and I'm not talking about the one that was Birdwood, that the applications were not made out properly, hardly one out of a hundred, and their graduates are not getting what they were claiming to get. This is the Vocational Center, I guess, over there.

He said he believed we had a good Vocational School at Cairo, and the six courses, but he was anything but enthusiastic about it, and said it might get better later.

He said Whigham High School, and I will use WHS in this memo, didn't need but five English Courses, and those 13 English Courses in Cairo High were just extra and kids didn't need them. I wouldn't ask him why the best educational minds in Georgia had those many courses and more, unless they were needed. I didn't re-argue with him, but let him have full sway, and I guess I did encourage him to talk.

I couldn't believe it, and wouldn't press it, but when I said I guessed a number of the teachers at Whigham lived in Cairo, or were Cairo citizens, and he said "Oh, about 90 or 95%." He must have been guessing then, and it may be true.

I had told him that the Cairo Principal, as well as Lloyd Connell years ago, said if there should be a combining of Cairo and Whigham Schools, that any teachers would be needed at the larger school, and I asked Wayne Tootle about that ~~and~~ recently and he said "Our turn over would take care of those few that would not take exactly the same courses at the combined school." It was like water on a duck's back, he wasn't hardly listening.

He said he was at Whigham recently, and had historical meeting, and at the end, a good number had a long conversation and what was mainly said about the two schools was that if they ever closed their schools, they wouldn't a one of them come to Cairo High, but would go to Bainbridge. I couldn't but answer that and said "I don't think we need any more students from Whigham or elsewhere to have just as good a high school as we have. Of course they would go there until they changed their minds and school regulations are such that any year they could change and come to Cairo. But they are not needed at Cairo to have as good a school as we have. But that can't be said, per school people, and that's Atlanta and others, that in the long run it would save much much money and go into millions for both Grady County and the State over 20 years.

On the above subject, at time of dictating this, I haven't changed that I don't want to see the Whigham school closed and see the pain from the emotional viewpoint of those many people there. Since we don't need them to have a good school, I individually am willing to pay my extra tax money to bring it about. But school people ask me to cooperate with them in educating people on what the facts are, don't feel that way. But I still feel that way and I doubt, however, any action will be taken to close that school because of the intense emotionalism and what people think would lose business for Cairo businesses and it likely would, but in the end would make them more business, but will be years ahead.

J. Hamilton Whigham

6/2/79

He made a statement that there were ^{more} blacks at WHS than Cairo, but he is in error on that, and it's the other way around.

This indicates he didn't know what he was talking about; that is, if figures given me are correct on the racial balance there.

He said about everything he could against Cairo High School. He said he had been told by teachers that it was one of the worst high schools anywhere; that the teachers they were getting from FSU were not as good as the others, and it was just pitiful per what some teachers at Cairo High told him. Again he may be talking thru his hat. He said the teachers at Whigham were far superior to CHS teachers.

He said recently he was down near Cairo High School campus and he believed he saw \$2,000 change hands in buying dope or marijuana. This, of course, should ~~xxx~~ almost make unnecessary this memo for it's too wrong. I said if that much there, it must be \$5,000 at Bainbridge, and he said he was satisfied it was that much there.

He said Cairo's faculty had a 40% turnover; that is, change as quitting and hiring somebody else. I will check up on that. His exact words on the FSU students teaching now was "Teachers from FSU are worse than anywhere and no good." Then he made a slip. He said "Did you hear of the racial trouble at WHS?" and I told him no. He said on the last day of school they had racial trouble and in sending the kids home they had to put a man on every bus with a strap to make the children behave in carrying them home. He said he was at the nursing center when this was going on.

He wasn't going to tell me that, but he did begin to tell it and I told him to come on, since you started, and tell me about it, and he gave the above and said that was all there was to it. He didn't know how far it went, whether there was any physical contact.

He tried to tell me something about contacting other schools over South Georgia, but he didn't have much of a story and I don't know exactly, but it was to report that much of the consolidating wasn't as people thought. Of course at every place a small school is closed to go to a Comprehensive School, as Mr. Wommack at the Moultrie County School Superintendent said in that ugly way of expressing it, there is are always some soreheads but over here they had gotten over it within a year's time and they are praising the school, and "why didn't we do it five years ago?" Still not all of them will ever be won over to lose their schools and for that reason I won't have any active part in closing the little schools and that means I will maybe be a party to depriving a couple of hundred kids of a better education. I have, in a way, felt that way about it, even during the time of gathering the information and being helpful in having a good part in getting out the letters.

I have had a conversation with Mel Thomas. His children go to Whigham School and he said the letters were good to let people know how it is. I didn't know he had gotten the letters, in fact, I didn't want to send anybody the letter that is in our company unless they were members of the committee, except one man who had been interested in schools. But I have let some of them read the letters, but that's only one person.

It's not a big deal state-wide, but for Cairo it is as big a deal as you can make it.

I have a note that this man said the WHS won the literary meet. I told him it was one of the best small schools, was a B school until this year it was an A, and I asked did he ever look to see what schools they competed with to win it. And of course he didn't want to know.

Another thing he said that surprised me, he said south of the railroad in Whigham District, 90% of the people hated Fred Collins. That's the word he used. Not much better north of Whigham. I thought it was the other way around, and I'm wondering if I was getting accurate information.

He said the good old citizens as the Trulocks and mentioned one or two others, were kind of out of the picture now, and that is correct, and we older fellows ought to get out of the picture, except that when we are called upon by the younger ones to help them, if we can help them, we should not refuse.

The purpose of this letter is to remember these things, for all or part of it only may be true. But it shows we have a prominent businessman, active in Cairo, that doesn't see what education is and what it means to the present and future, as the writer does. And he is, for some reason, a critic of his own Cairo High School. Of course he is entirely wrong about that unless 9 out of 10 of the other schools that we think are fairly good schools are good schools. We have to acknowledge we have three or four as at Valdosta and Thomasville that are exceptions. They have withstood the integration and still have better schools than the average, though Cairo High can be made to be equal to any and I hope it's on the way to be that way at this time.

JBR

A test reference Cairo's early Schools as remembered first hand.

I remember some great Cairo School teachers, both in the 3-room Cairo School known as the Cairo Academy, followed by the first brick school built in 1904, all in southeast CAiro, Ga., and among them was Miss Frye of Virginia, Miss Clyde Bostwick of Camilla, Miss ^{Frye}, Miss Beulah Zant who taught in school buildings on this very location for about 50 years, and I remember so well the tall and athletic and handsome principal, graduate of a Virginia school, namely, Frederick Caesar Augustus Kellum. All of those above were teachers in the schools before 1904. And those were the days when, believe it or not, a long hickory or gallberry bush whip would be standing in the schoolroom's corner.

The Cairo Methodists built their first sanctuary in **1873**, described as a one-room frame building with arched windows and a wide, arched door, painted white.

The first school in Cairo opened about **1873** on Broad Street, next to the Methodist Church. W. D. Howren, the first teacher, went on to become a bookkeeper for Wight & Powell. J. P. Lunsford, from Mitchell County, subsequently taught the school, known as the **Cairo Academy**, from **1873** to **1875**. Lunsford was a bachelor, tall, thin, and balding, with a gray beard. His residence near the school was five rooms, with a well inside the house, and a lightning rod on the brick chimney. A nice vegetable garden in the yard completed the scene.

By **1874**, Cairo had two additional schools, one taught by A. W. Ivey and the other by Noah Rogers. The **Cairo Academy and the Ivey** school were each three months long, while the Rogers school met for two months.

Columnist B. L. Hearn noted in **1875** "Messrs. Roddenbury [sic] and Howren are discussing the propriety of changing the present school system. They favor a teacher for each branch of study; and each one to be thoroughly finished before entering upon the next." **That fall**, at the end of two months of classes (August and September), Professor **Lunsford closed the school** and moved away. The following year he was teaching school in the North Carolina settlement. Dan W. Rountree from Quitman (Brooks County), a young man just out of college, became the next teacher at the Academy. Walter B. Roddenbery shared one distinct memory of Professor Rountree:

Church records show that on Oct 4, **1883**, Hector MacLean submitted plans and offered to build a one room church building for the sum of \$650.00. George A. Wight donated 1 acre of land.

The Presbyterians completed their own church building early in **1884**. It was built by Hector MacLean on an acre deeded by George A. Wight.

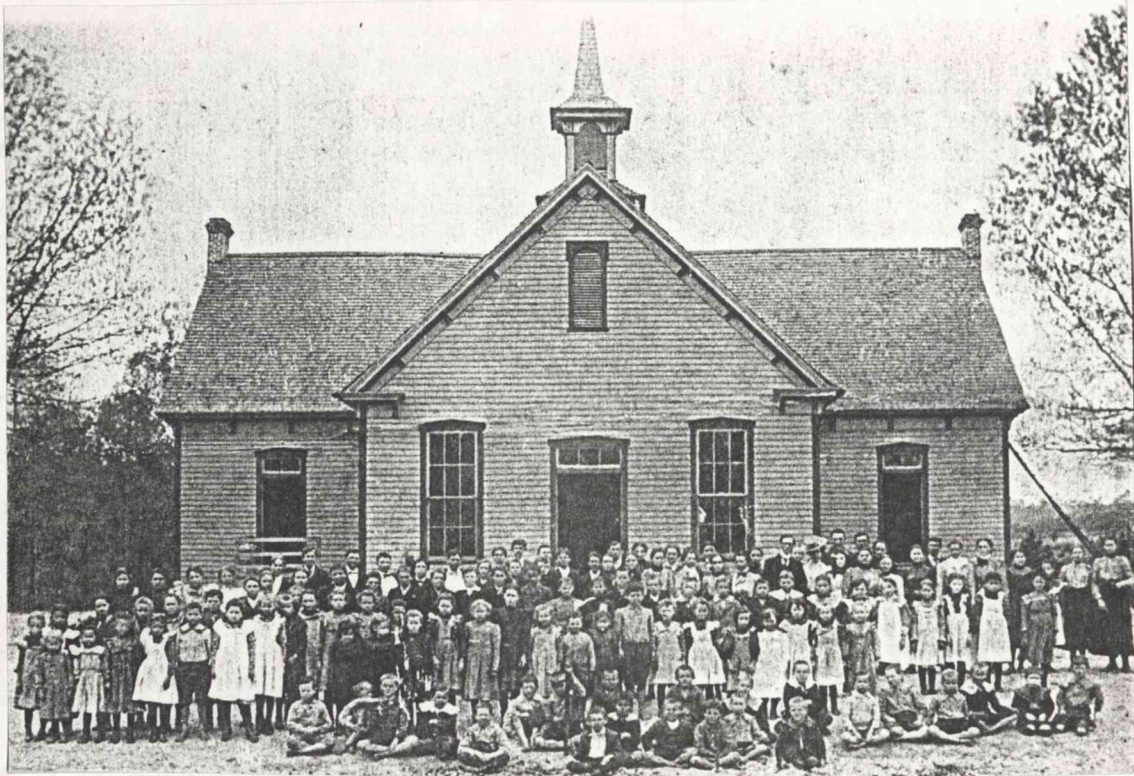
The **Cairo Academy** grew under the leadership of Professor Glenn, and its trustees **constructed a new school building after the 1888 fall term**.

In **1890**, Cairo had two schools with upper level classes, each with its own building. Professors Wight and Glenn taught students at the **Cairo Academy or High School**. J. E. Dyson taught the second academy, possibly the **Cairo Institute in North Cairo**. Citizens purchased land for a Cairo Grammar School.

By **1895** the **Cairo Academy was called Cairo High School**. The school added a library and a science laboratory, while continuing the traditional literary and music departments. To accommodate these academic areas, the **1898 Cairo High School had three rooms**. The largest, for the high school classes, also served as an auditorium. Two smaller, shed rooms housed the primary, intermediate, and advanced classes that preceded high school. A former student noted, "those were the days when a long hickory or gallberry bush whip would be standing in the corner. By the turn of the century, Cairo High School had 160 students in ten grades, including some students from Decatur County."

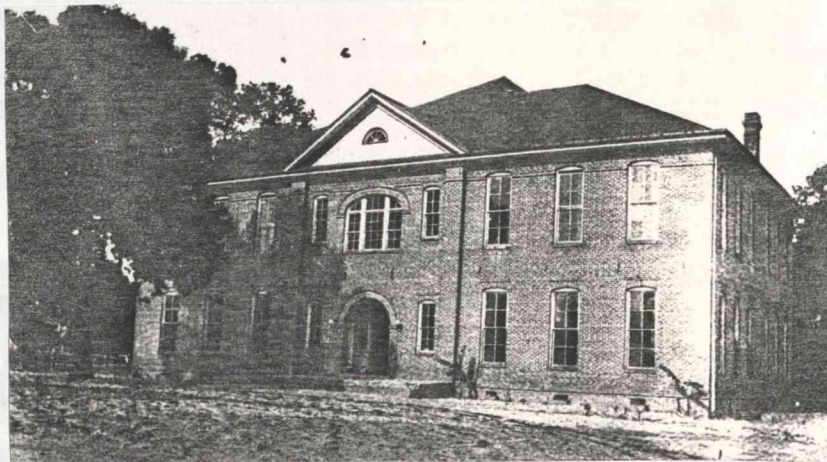
1860: Jacob Ricks deed to Trustees of Tired Creek School, located north of Deas Belcher's home. 1905 Sunnyside School, used as a school building until 1925

ca. 1872: 1st 1 room school on South Broad St. south of Methodist Church, middle of block; Robert H. Harris (1842-1928) brought from Thomasville, salary personally guaranteed by William Powell and S. A. Roddenbery



ca. 1889: 3-room school-house faced north on College Ave. (5th Ave) approximate to location of Gym, called Cairo Adadamy, City operated, City population 705

ca. 1890: Cairo Institute, west of WBR house, built by stock subscription - *Receipt for 1/2 share each - value \$133.11*



1904: \$15,000 bond issue, brick building with auditorium upstairs (across the street & north 200-300 ft. North of old bldg), revenue from tax levy on City property, plus annual matriculation fee \$2.50 per student, plus donations, plus small monthly allotment from the State of Ga through Grady County Schools

*Photo?
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Cairo, Georgia March 20 1935

To _____:

This certifies that you loaned the Community Recreational Association _____

One hundred fifty & no/100 DOLLARS,

which it promises to refund with six per cent interest out of net receipts (after expenses in connection with maintenance and operating the building are deducted from gross receipts) derived from use of the building during period and for purposes that the Community Recreational Association have right to and control of the building on. Not transferable without the consent of Community Recreational Association.

COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

By J. B. Thomas Sec.-Treas.

Depot Agent

Information: The money loaned the Community Recreational Association by its members was used to pay for building a basketball shell or gymnasium on the Cairo High School grounds. The amount of payments on this loan will depend upon the amount of net receipts received from use of building for the purposes the Community Recreational Association control building during the ten year period the Cairo School Board of Trustees has agreed for Community Recreational Association to receive proceeds in appreciation of their furnishing the funds to build the building.

1935: Mar 20 Gymnasium built by citizens, no government, state or federal, money came in . Federal Recovery Acts - Civil Works and Works Progress Administrations helped with supplying the ordinary labor, carpenters and contractors. Community Recreation Association was formed. not enough outright donations, but notes of \$5, \$10, \$25 with a promise to pay interest and payment from the gate receipts of the Grady County Basketball Tournament. Farmers gave one, two, three or more trees, and Tyson Lumber Company hauled and sawed the logs. later, most of the light poles around the football field were furnished by Cuy Harrell (*gym burned in 1980*)

1936: P&H ROW adjoining the school property from Decatur St. To Grady St. given to the school

1937: CRA notes paid some interest for a few years. W. H. Duckworth cancelled his note, then collected all other notes, and turned them in cancelled

1940: State of Georgia Department of Education planning to gain efficiency for all schools through consolidation

1944: City of Cairo, Cairo Consolidated Schools, operates 4 school buildings. Two are heated by steam from a central plant, and the two other buildings are heated by 24 individual coal stove. Letter requesting additional coal for these buildings from the Solid Fuel Administration for War.

1945: Georgia General Assembly enacted Laws that placed all schools in a county into a County School System, except where a school system was an Independent School System bonds had been issued in all school districts and all of the bonds has not retired in 1945. The independent City of Cairo School System did not choose to continue as an independent system, and joined Grady County Schools to make up a Grady County System Education District 1: City of Cairo, Woodland, Chason, Fairview, Live Oak, Midway, Pleasant Grove, Sunnyside. Education Districts 2,3,4,5: Beachton, Pine Park, Calvary, Reno, Whigham, Spring Hill, Blowing Cave, Spence (voting precincts)

1946: equipping and starting off the Band. Major W. T. Verran organized the Cairo High School Band and continued as director until 1959, shed room was built on east side of gymnasium. subscription to pay.

1946/07/30: "authority to pay to the order of the Supt of the Grady county board of Schools the sum of \$40.00 beginning Sep 1, 1947 and to continue for a period of 12 ..mth. ending Aug 1, 1948. This subscription to be used only for the support of the Cairo School Band. In event the band is discontinued this subscription is void.

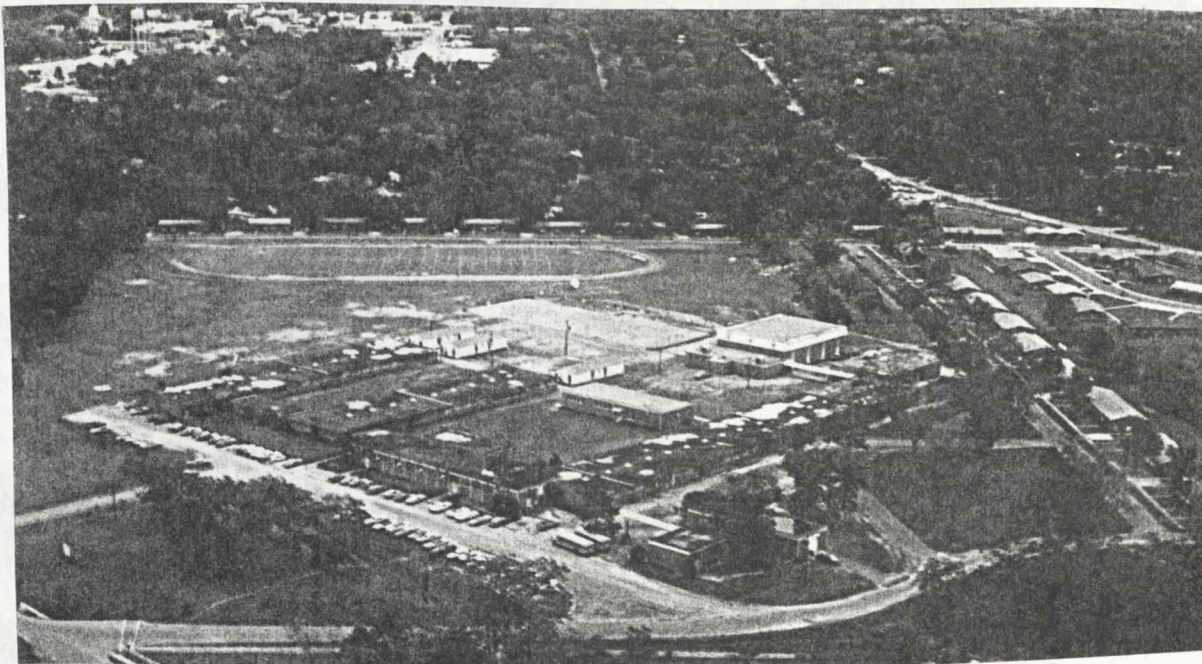
1950: County Board and School Superintendent approved a full county plan and called for a bond election to match \$1,497,659 in free money available from State funds. Grady County could legally issue bonds for \$575,000. The election was won, but six out of ten voting precincts voted NO in the election.

Bond money built Whigham, Washinton Consolidated, Shiver, Beck Branch and Cairo High School buildings, but ran out before the stadium could be built

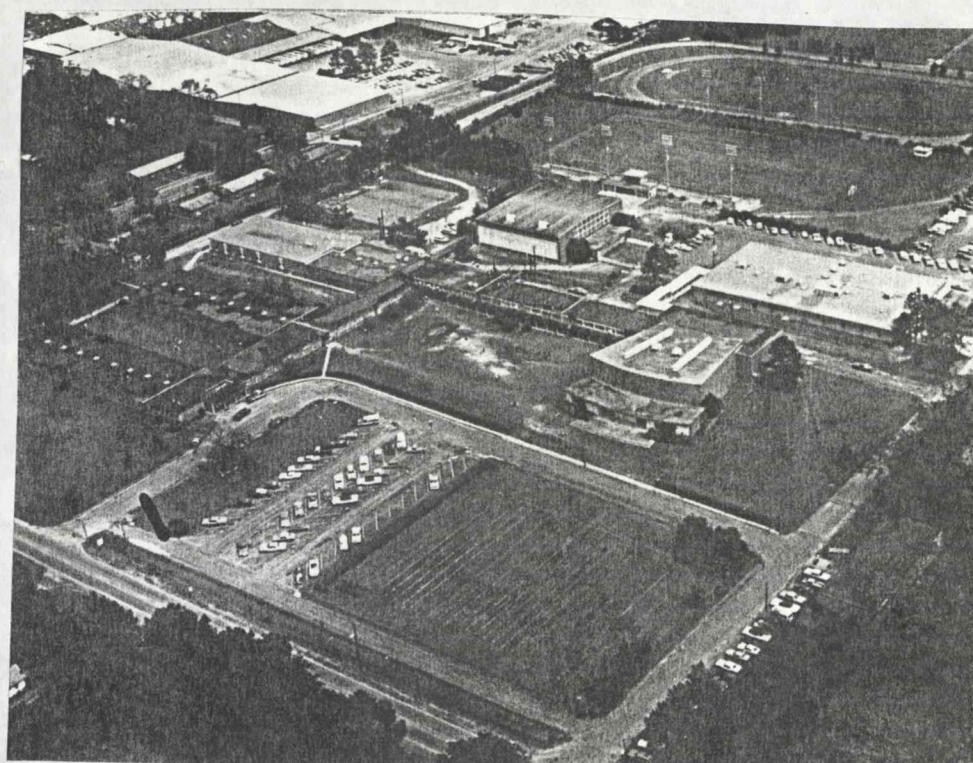
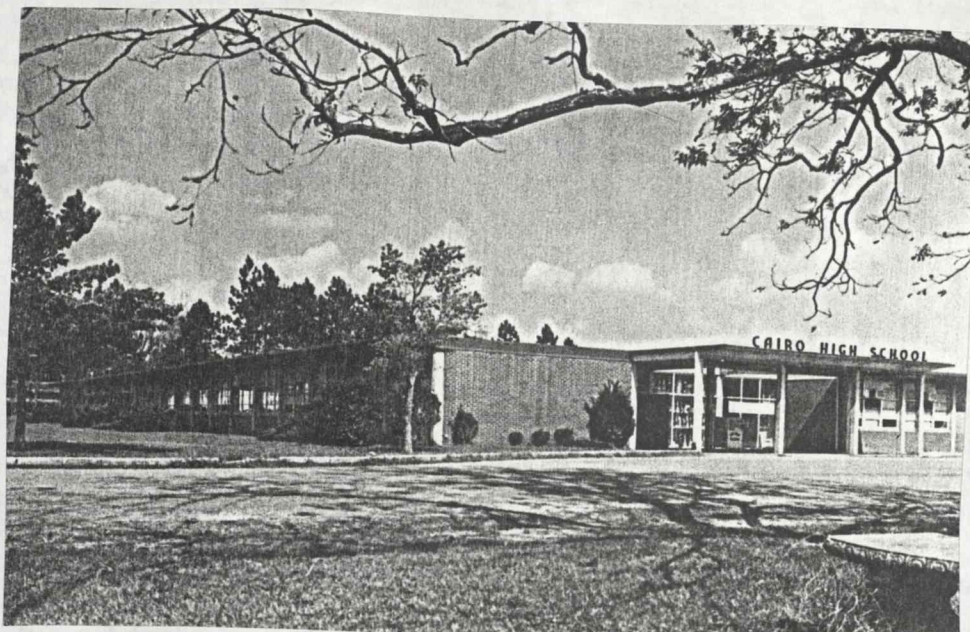
25 citizens formed a committe to get the stadium built. The City of Cairo paid \$25,000 cash, and the County Commissioners furnished convice labor, skilled labor, machinery and materials and other services

1951: Mar 30th Minutes show favor to purchase Boykin Harrison property for school expansion

1952: Mar 12th Minutes review preliminary drawing of Northside lunchroom



1955: Whigham and Washington Consolidated Schools were completed



1956: Cairo High School and the other schools were completed. Competition for the best teachers increased, and supplements to the state salary was not seen necessary by the County School Board. 'Cairo School Friends' contributed dollars to fill the gap, until the County Board and Superintendent supplied this money

1979: School bond proposal defeated

1980: Southside Gymnasium burned

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Store, Cairo Millinery Co., Roddenbery Howe Co., Poulk-Wight Co., C. P. Sanders, G. S. Johnson.

HISTORY OF THE CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL

(By Katherine Bell.)
Quite a number of years ago, the citizens of the town who were interested began to talk about building a school.

The Baptists and the Methodists could not be satisfied and so the Baptists decided to build a Baptist school and the Methodists a Methodist school. The Baptists built their school where the Baptist church is today, and the Methodists where their church is today. But soon the denominations became dissatisfied and having been unsuccessful in the divided efforts, soon went in together and built a three-room wooden school house south of where the present building now stands.

About fifteen years ago there were three teachers who taught in the three-room building and seven trustees elected the teachers then.

The following spring a music teacher was an addition to the school and after Christmas she assisted in the first grade work. Ten grades were in this school under the conditions mentioned. It was a very difficult for a teacher to give proper attention to a pupil.

The year following this one, the older part of the present building was built and then in six years the newer part was added. The same year, the Expression Department was added.

This record shows that in fifteen years, Cairo school has grown from a school of three teachers to one of ten teachers with a large music and expression department and instead of seven trustees we now have four. Also from a three-room building, it has developed a building of twelve class rooms, a library, an office, a large auditorium and two basements.

C. M. BOX IS ENJOYING GOOD GROCERY BUSINESS

The Pure Food Store, on South Broad Street, with Mr. C. M. Box as proprietor, is already enjoying a good trade, and when he gets completely straightened out, it is expected that he will come in for his goodly share of Cairo's grocery business. His store is clean and his stock is neatly arranged. He states that he will have a telephone installed within a very few days and will be glad to receive orders and deliveries.

CAIRO COUNCIL BEGINS A WAR ON MALARIA

At a special called meeting of the city council at ten o'clock last Saturday morning, it was decided that Cairo should fall in line with other towns of this section and, with Federal aid, begin a war on mosquitoes and malaria.

Government experts met with the council, and a majority of the physicians and health officers of the city were present. The secondary plan was adopted and Federal and State Engineers will co-operate with city officials in carrying out the plan. A survey of the town will be made and the districts most subject to mosquito raising will be improved and drained.

The seriousness of the situation was stressed at the meeting, and the importance of the work was shown. It is understood that work will begin just as soon as materials can be received and the engineers arrive, which will probably be at some early date.

DEATH ANGEL CLAIMS LITTLE ESTHER WALKER

Little Esther, the three-and-a-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Walker, died at her home about four miles west of Cairo, last Monday morning about five o'clock. Influenza was the cause of her death.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. E. Davenport, at the Cairo cemetery at ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

IRA HANCOCK BUYS BAGGETT DRAY BUSINESS

Mr. Ira Hancock has purchased the business and equipment owned by Mr. I. A. Baggett and has opened a general transfer business fully equipped to answer calls at all times.

Trucks and drays are ready to handle any business. Mr. Hancock states that he can be found at phone number 217. Read his advertisement in this issue of The Messenger.

MAN ARRESTED HERE WANTED IN BROOKS COUNTY

A man, saying his name as Smith, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Farwell Monday morning, and it was learned that he was wanted in Brooks county. He was taken to the county jail here and will be held until he can be returned to Brooks county.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD BY LITTLE DAUGHTER

Mrs. C. C. Rumph, living about seven miles above Cairo, was found dead in bed about day-light Wednesday, by her little daughter, Emmie Lee Holland.

Owing to the fact that the deceased was found dead, and there being no eye witnesses, a coroner's inquest was held Wednesday afternoon, the jury bringing a verdict as follows: "We, the jury, empanelled and sworn, find that the deceased, Mrs. C. C. Rumph, came to her death from natural causes, following an attack of influenza."

It was brought out at the inquest that she had been sick for ten days, but no doctor was ever summoned, her husband and the family being of the opinion that none was needed. It was stated that she, with the balance of the family, had visited her husband's son several days previous to her taking ill, he having been confined to his bed with influenza. Upon returning home, several of the family were taken sick, including Mrs. Rumph. Medicine was secured, but as above stated, no doctor ever attended either Mrs. Rumph or any of the family.

It was stated at the inquest, that Tuesday night before her death, that she was getting along about like she had for several days, neither Mrs. Rumph or members of the family thinking that she was in a serious condition.

Members of the family retired about nine o'clock, her 14-year old daughter, Emmie Lee Holland, sleeping with her. About midnight, the mother woke up the little girl to give her a dose of medicine, which she did. The little girl arose about day light Wednesday morning and went and built a fire in the stove, returning to the bedside a few minutes later to find that her mother was dead, her body being cold. It is thought that she had been dead for a half hour or longer.

It is thought that owing to the feeble condition of the deceased, that after she contracted influenza she developed pneumonia, which was the real cause of her demise. It was shown at the inquest that her daughter had been feeling ill for some time. The deceased, who was formerly Mrs. C. C. Rumph, was the wife of the late C. C. Rumph, and was the mother of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rumph, Jr. and Mrs. C. C. Rumph, Sr.

During this time there will be a campaign of persistent and active effort in cleaning up and making it up. In this worthy movement, urge each citizen to do his part to make our community healthy, thrifty, safe and full.

(Signed) J. A. W. Miller

Arrangements have been made for trash wagons to visit all roads each day during the campaign to collect all rubbish that is burned. Plans have been made for all city officials to co-operate with the women and business so that the campaign will be thoroughly carried out. It is thought that all women show their pride in cleaning all their property. If there are vacant lots near residence find their owner and report to him that the lot needs attention, and call it to the attention of city officials. Remember that extra work overtime, if necessary, see that the campaign is successful.

GRADY WILL HAVE THREE MORE PERMANENT BRIDGES

Advertisement begins in form for bids to be received and opened by the Board of Commissioners at 11 a. m., next at the Court House here, on April 23rd, for the furnishing of labor, material, equipment and things necessary for the erection of four bridges and one culvert on Cairo-Thomasville road, a part of Cairo.

All of the bridges will be permanent material and will be wide. One bridge will be long and the other three will be short. The culvert will be 22 feet.

According to the specifications in the advertisement, work will begin on or about May 1st and will be completed in 150 days.

Bond will be required of successful bidder, and right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities in advertisement in full is also.

Funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased on Monday morning.

them. They will either go into the collection or be sold in the library's used book

Science Fiction Book Club - Every 1st Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Grady Room

standing citizens, and they spend their nights as ruthless criminals. The baby girl

Antique Car Memorabilia WMS Art Club

The CHS Class of 1954 held 60th reunion Saturday



CLASS MEMBERS of the Cairo High School Class of 1954 include: front row, l-r: Beth Shiver Hancock, Gwen Kelly Robinson, Rochelle Hudson Warren, Donnis Golden Thomas, Pat Perkins, Wh. Muggridge, Jackie Dinkins Hatcher, Betty Jean Rehberg Frierson, Edith Baggett Sellers, Evy Thomaston Finch, Monteen Stewart and Louise White; second row: Bruce Harrell, Luvoice Collins Bowen, Wayne Fincher, Dan Stringer, Anne Verran Swain, Marie Hopkins Andrews, Hilda Childs Faulkner, Carol Shiver Andrews, Bonnie Walker Wilson, Josephine Weathers Britt, Yonda Pharis VanBrunt, Marilyn Barrett Golden and Carolyn Collins Joyner; back row: Hershel Ansley, Bobby Palmer, Earl Womble, Bobby Whigham, Henry Andrews, David Bowen, Jimmy Moore, Ralph Donaldson, Billy Hester, Ronald Barrett, Ray Butler, Lou Miller, Bobby Singletary, Larry Collins, Bobby Muggridge, Benny Byrd and Ann Lee Shupe; not pictured: Jimmy Weston, Lois Bussey Strickland and Carolyn Harrison Hicks.

The Cairo High School Class of 1954 celebrated its 60th class reunion Saturday, May 17, 2014.

Classmates visited The Grady County Museum &

History Center before having lunch together at Mr. Chick. Following lunch, the class members enjoyed a tour of the Cairo Antique Auto Museum guided by

owner Wayne Hadden and were very impressed.

The class gathered Saturday night at the Cairo Country Club for a social hour, program and a ban-

quet. A special guest was former educator Wh. Muggridge, who will turn 106 on May 28, 2014.

MAY 21, 2014

CHS Class of 1949 held 65th class reunion



MEMBERS of the CHS Class Of 1949 present for the recent reunion include: front row, l-r: Emmett Harrison, Betty Jo Barrett Carter, Jimmy Brunson, Helen Coats Thorsby and Imogene Strickland Miller; second row: Brun-nell Kinchens Tyus, Hansel William (Skeet) Miller, Lois Ann Cawthorn Long, Hulayne Davis Bryant and Annie Lou Maxwell Quigg; third row, Lucille Pharis Day, Juanita Lawhorn Zipperer, Geraldine Womble Cochran, William (Billy) Long, Jimmy Brookins, Martha Pearce Hawthorn and Carolyn Johnson Hopkins; fourth row: Elizabeth Dixon Gainey, Bernice Sellars Cook, Raymond Sholar, Kenneth James, Irwin Gandy, Annie Laurie Lewis Willis, Morris Dol-lar, JoAnn McNair Butler and Beth Stanfill Clay; not pictured: Claranell Williams Larkin.

Some members of the Cairo High School Class of 1949 met May 3, 2014, to celebrate their 65th class reunion. There were 92 students who received diplomas on May 31, 1949. For various reasons, 10 other students did not graduate with the class but have been counted as class members, making a total of 102

The reunion began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning with 45 classmates, spouses and friends meeting at the Fellowship Hall of Eastside

Baptist Church to reminisce and get reacquainted. After delicious refreshments were served, the group was welcomed by Carolyn Johnson Hopkins. The day was dedicated to the forty-two class members who are deceased. Beth Stanfill Clay called their names. The class roll was called by Raymond Sholar. A movie that was made in 1945 titled "My Home Town, Cairo, Ga." was shown and enjoyed by the classmates. After more visiting, the Rev. William

(Billy) Long blessed the food that was prepared by Carole Oates and Ruth Sims.

Following lunch, there were more memories shared and Lucile Pharis Day was in charge of a time of games. Those in attendance enjoyed an afternoon of playing games followed by a short business meeting. The class decided to hold its 66th reunion on May 2, 2015, at Eastside Baptist Church.

A special thanks goes to Jimmy Brunson for the gen-

erous contribution he gave, Laura Hopkins Bentley for helping to get the plans together, and Jack Clay for taking pictures.

The Reverend Jimmy Brookins led the sending forth and prayed the dismissal prayer.

Carolyn Johnson Hopkins reported this week that Ruby Lee Harrison Sellars, a member of the Class of 1949, had died since the reunion was held and encouraged classmates to remember her family at this time.

MAY 21, 2014

FESTYLES

Cairo High School Class of 1956 held 55th class reunion



CHS CLASS OF 1956 - front row, l-r: Fred Bearden, Linda Shiver Bearden, Dorothy Jean Harrell Robertson, June Willis Cummings, Patsy Shaw, Evelyn Palmer Noles, Mary Jo Miller Harrell, Jimmy Singletary, Joyce Ouzts Rodgers, Wayne Asbell, Max Dixon and Bill Wilson; second row: Barbara Miller VanLandingham, Evelyn Crawford Bailey, Cary Rehberg, Roy Jones, Edwin Sanders, Mildred Adams Steward, Perry Davis Meyers, Annette Daughtry Shinn, Marilyn Williams Joyner, Bobby Andrews, Ike Powell and Hoyett Collins; and back row: James Wilson, George Newman, Jimmy Voyles, Larry Sellers, Virgil Lee, Kenneth Leddick, Hall McRory, Jan Taylor, Bob Cummings, Tom Pritchett and Edwin Prince.

The Cairo High School graduating class of 1956 held its 55th class reunion the weekend of Oct. 7 - 8, 2011.

On Friday night, Oct. 7, the class gathered at Ken Young's camp house to begin their celebration. An old fashioned barbecue with all the trimmings prepared by Gary Jones was enjoyed. A western theme was carried out in decorations and attire. A total of 39 classmates and spouses/friends attended. Conversations began like it was yesterday that we had seen each other rather than five years ago. Smiley faces were attached to certain chairs and those lucky people took home cowboy hats with potted mums in them.

Saturday morning, Oct. 8, found the class at Eastside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast, consisting of breakfast

casserole, grits, fruit, biscuit, hosted by Mary Jo Miller Harrell and catered by her daughter-in-law, Gloria Harrell. In attendance were 45 classmates and spouses/friends. Remembering the past with stories continued throughout the morning.

On Saturday night at 6 p.m., the class gathered at the Cairo Country Club for pictures by Elisha Butler and to continue catching up on the past five years. Class President Thomas Pritchett was master of ceremonies and called the class to order and gave the welcome. The Rev. Jimmy Voyles gave the invocation. Class members continued to visit and James Wilson entertained with short stories and jokes until dinner was served. Sixty classmates and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of

prime rib and stuffed chicken, with rice, green beans, rolls and dessert catered by Carol Booth, Katherine and Larry Cook and Diane Davis.

After dinner, Joyce Ouzts Rodgers gave a response to the welcome. Larry Sellers then called the roll and classmates were given the opportunity to respond.

In 1956, a total of 121 seniors marched down those aisles ready, we thought, to conquer the world. Today we celebrate the life of 42 of those classmates now deceased. Cary Rehberg called the names of those classmates and memories of each were shared as Jimmy Singletary lit a candle on the candle tree for each one.

This was the first reunion held without the presence of a former teacher. To our knowledge, we only have

one teacher living and that is Mr. W.H. Muggridge. Mr. Muggridge resides in Macon, Ga., and had written the class expressing his regrets and advising that "at his age (103) and distance he would be unable to attend." Mr. Muggridge wished the class well and sent his regards and best wishes, as well as those of his daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jack Hutcheson of Macon.

A short business session was conducted with Kenneth Leddick expressing a desire to have another class reunion "before we reach 80," and a suggestion was made that "we do this again in two or three years." Expressions of thanks were given to the committee for planning the enjoyable weekend. The benediction was given by the Rev. Virgil Lee.

Classes of 1950 & 1951 gather for reunion

Thirty classmates from the classes of CHS 1950 and 1951 met June 11 and 12 to celebrate with a class reunion. Several spouses and/or friends joined the group to make a total of 47 to attend this memorable occasion.

On Friday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., Elwyn and Yvonne Childs opened their home, Hog Heaven, to the group for an informal meal and visitation. Local class members joined them in serving as host/hostess for this event. Also assisting were friends, Lanola Simpson Dunlap and Donnis H. Bell Ward.

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall was the setting of the reunion banquet on Saturday, June 12, at 5 p.m. Classmates arrived early bringing old pictures, scrapbooks and other school memorabilia for all to share and enjoy before the evening meal and program. Dot Barrineau Griffis and Nelda Harrison Aycock were hostesses for this hour of fellowship.

The fellowship hall was

beautifully decorated using a red and black theme and decorations furnished by Yvonne and Elwyn Childs. Assisting Yvonne with the decorating were Gwen Bonner Stanaland and Donnis H. Bell Ward.

Next, the group went into the dining room where Gwen Bonner Stanaland opened the program with a welcome address and told the group they were the program for the evening. She encouraged all to tell about their lives since high school graduation. Annie Tyus Parks blessed the food, after which all enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Carol Oates and Ruth Sims.

Walter Lundy and Frank Veale honored the 59 deceased classmates, using a portion of the class poem written in 1950 by Martha Kinchen Lovett in their presentation.

Former teachers were recognized, including Mrs. Trummie F. Godwin, now deceased, who helped us get command of the English language.

Mary Hall Skinner acknowledged thanks to all the group who worked so hard to make this reunion a happy and enjoyable one. Becky Tyson Teasley then led the group with "A Time for Sharing." It was so good to hear all the stories from the classmates. As time was getting late and everyone still wanting to talk, the group had to be interrupted in order to get a group picture before some needed to head for home. The program was ended with the group singing the Alma Mater led by Becky Tyson Teasley. It was agreed by all that this was a reunion all will long remember.

Classmates came from Florida, Alabama, Virginia, Colorado, and many areas of Georgia, including Grady County.

Mary Hall Skinner and Gwen Bonner Stanaland were co-chairs for the reunion activities. They were ably assisted by Charlie Skinner, Elwyn and Yvonne Childs, Joe and Hazle Bonner, John and Martha Kinchen Lovett, David and

Katherine Elkins, Becky Tyson Teasley, Nelda Harrison Aycock, Delores Hopkins Henderson and Ann Tyus Parks.

Dorothy (Dot) Barrineau Griffis and husband, Al, presented each family with a gift jar of honey from their area. Syrupmaker shirts were presented to the classmate who traveled the greatest distance to the reunion, Carolyn Worthy Thomas, and to the one with the most children, Vivian Burgess Brown. Fun gifts were also presented to the evening's "Mr. CHS," J. W. Hopkins; to the youngest graduate, Carolyn Worthy Thomas; to Thomas Barley who looks the most like he looked at graduation; and to Becky Tyson Teasley, "Ms. Congeniality."

Attending the reunion were Charlie and Mary Hall Skinner, Gwen Bonner Stanaland, Elwyn and Yvonne Childs, Joe and Hazle Bonner, John and Martha Kinchen Lovett, David and Katherine Elkins, Becky Tyson Teasley, Nelda Harrison Aycock, Delores Hopkins Henderson, Ann Tyus Parks, J.W. Hopkins, Al and Dorothy (Dot) Barrineau Griffis, Dorothy (Dot) Gillespie Turner, Jean Mitchell Sheffield, Bob and Marjorie Mayfield Taylor, Carolyn Worthy Thomas, Dewey Johnson, Fred and Geraldine Lee Harrison, Eugene (Gene) Hurst and Pauline Harrell, Adrian and Elaine Clark, Martha Bell Blackburn, Agnes Hillis Cassels, Billy and Vivian Burgess Brown, Frank and Lorraine Veale, Walter Lundy, Jonah and Judy Johnson, Terry and Ona Fay Palmer, Jack Norman, Thomas and Annelle Barley, Granville (Buddy) and Judy Rainey; also Lanola Simpson Dunlap and Donnis H. Bell Ward, who assisted with the reunion.

Charlie Skinner was busy getting many pictures Friday and Saturday evenings, including a group picture at the close of the reunion. He



CHS CLASSES 1950 AND 1951 - front row, l-r: J.W. Hopkins, Vivian Burgess Brown, Delores Henderson Hopkins, Dorothy (Dot) Gillespie Turner, Jean Mitchell Sheffield, Annie Tyus Parks, Marjorie Mayfield Taylor and Carolyn Worthy Thomas; second row, Dorothy (Dot) Barrineau Griffis, Martha Bell Blackburn, Becky Tyson Teasley, Agnes Cassels Hillis, Mary Hall Skinner, Gwendolyn (Gwen) Bonner Stanaland, Nelda Harrison Aycock, Martha Kinchen Lovett and David Elkins; and back row, Elwyn Childs, Granville (Buddy) Rainey, Thomas Barley, Jonah Johnson, Frank Veale, Jack Norman, Walter Lundy, Joe Bon-

Cairo High Class of 1955 held 55th reunion



CHS CLASS OF 1955, front row, l-r: Juanita Kinchen Jordan, Charlene Williams Elkins, Rebecca Golden Tomelson, Clara Nell Cooper Howell, Robert Reynolds, Peggy Whitfield Walden, Sue Collins Thompson, Nancy A. Maxwell, Barbara Harrison Lewis, Jimmy "Bo" Green, Sadie Newberry Bush and Preston Mitchell; middle row, Joyann Jones Thompson, Joyce Hopkins Hudson, Julia Ann Mitchell Harrison, Jean Miller Merritt, Maxine Thompson Daughtry, Melba Finch Ulmer, Janice Booth Ward, Margaret Stewart Chason, Frank Barlow and James Sculley; and back row, Philip Shelfer, Raymond Hurst, Jimmy Oates, Gene Wade, Julian Rawls, Ruth Fiskus, Frank Jones, Mary Ponder Phillips, Dorothy Hancock Barrineau, Neil Strickland, Kenneth McLendon and Arthur Colton.

Submitted article

The "USS Cairo" pirate ship docked Saturday night, April 17, 2010, at the Cairo Country Club. The ship was carrying on board the Cairo High School Class of 1955 celebrating their 55th reunion.

The ship's entry was by red carpet through two large white life preservers with the name "USS Cairo" - "Welcome," made by Scott Murphy, son of classmate Nancy A. Maxwell. Adjacent to the preservers were a fish net and boat oar, adding to the ship and nautical theme. The pirate ship was derived from our 1955 Raconteur yearbook. Although in 1955 we referred to it as our "annual" instead of yearbook.

The reception table was beautifully decorated with a large elegant centerpiece, nautically inspired, and a gold decorated jeweled pirate treasure chest draped with strands of pearls and gold beads from the pirate treasure. Classmates were greeted by Maxine Thompson Daughtry, senior class treasurer, and Barbara Harrison Lewis presenting each guest with their personalized jeweled name tag. Nancy A. Maxwell, reunion coordinator, draped every female with a handmade miniature pearl necklace, knotted over the breast recreating the classmates 1955 Raconteur senior class pictures.

Mary Ponder Phillips, flower design chairperson, elevated plain white tablecloths with the addition of blue napkins; creating beautiful flower arrangements with nautical accents. Each was adorned with either a lighthouse, boat, alabaster seahorse, seagull, anchor, ship lantern or large seashell. The large centerpiece and smaller designs placed on the food tables,

consisted of a palmetto palm cut in a fan shape, adding white daisies, and our class flower, red carnations, among green foliage. Pulling together the table decor were scattered gold pirate treasure coins and make believe critters along with colored seashells. Each place setting contained an oyster shell, each containing a pearl and after-dinner mint. Beautiful hand crocheted snowflakes by Juanita Knichen Jordan and Joyann Jones Thompson, of various shapes and sizes, were placed at each table setting as a favor.

The large reception table centerpiece was later taken to classmate Glenda Ingram Morton's hospital room. She and husband, Carter, had planned to attend the reunion, but Glenda had a serious accident a few days earlier and faced surgery on the following Monday.

A collage of our 50th reunion was displayed on three ocean blue posterboards and beautifully arranged by Ruth Fiskus and Nancy Maxwell by encircling knotted faux ship rope around the photos to continue the nautical theme. The out of town classmates had not seen these photos before. Newspaper clippings from The Cairo Messenger from previous weeks were also arranged on posters.

Before our evening began, Eric Jordan's Photography took our class picture outside while still daylight. The beautiful green grounds of the club made a stunning backdrop. After some socializing, Joyce Hopkins Hudson, senior class vice president, welcomed everyone with funny and entertaining jokes pertaining to our ages, and how fortunate to still be able to celebrate together. Charlene Williams Elkins, reunion treasurer,

then led us in our class song, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

Before our delicious buffet meal, Dorothy Hancock Barrineau, senior class treasurer, gave a personal and beautiful invocation about life and friendships. Preston Mitchell, our coordinator with the country club, made sure everything was perfect, and it was.

Elvis is not dead! Elvis arrived on board the "USS Cairo," handsome as ever with long sideburns and attired in a black jeweled suit. He passed out scarves and kisses galore to the ladies as he entered the room. He sang a special song to Nancy Maxwell, "Love Me Tender." She said she fell in love with him all over again, while almost fainting from excitement. As if that wasn't enough, Elvis sang a duet, "Hound Dog," with classmate Frank Barlow. At that moment Frank became an entertainer. (Probably in another life).

The roll call by Julia Anne Mitchell Harrison found 34 classmates present. Total guests for the evening were 55. After the roll call a candlelight memorial was presented by Nancy remembering the deceased classmates by calling each name.

Delicious cakes were baked by several female classmates and wives for door prizes. Local merchants also gave donations for prizes. Kristy Cox, assistant branch manager of Park Avenue Bank, donated zippered bags, letter openers, memo pads, etc. Pennie Wilson, public relations, Citizens Bank, donated caps, calendars, pencils and pens. "Designs by Craig" florist, donated three dozen red carnations for our flower arrangements, and a jewelry gift. Because of these gener-

ous donations, every guest went home with a prize. Thank you so much to each one that made a donation. Thank you also to Randy Wind, editor of The Cairo Messenger, and his staff, for contributing to the promotion of our 55th reunion with pictures and articles from 1955.

Julian Rawls opened the business meeting with the opportunity for anyone desiring to coordinate the next reunion. Nancy was asked to continue coordinating the reunions and quarterly luncheons, and she graciously accepted. The decision was made for the next reunion to be in five years, and the next quarterly luncheons to be July 22, 2010, and October 28, 2010.

In closing out the evening, Jimmy Oates gave a beautiful benediction with heartwarming words to us before leaving. They were just the guiding word needed to end a memorable evening, and send us on our way safely.

Bon Voyage - see you in five years



SYRUPMAKERS IN CAMP at Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton until this Thursday night. The photos above and below show the Syrupmakers going through conditioning drills last week. Coach Ralph Jones greeted approximately 55 prospects and the spirits were high when the team left Sunday for camp. This Sunday at 1:00 p.m. the team will hold their annual Family and Photo Day with events starting with a meal for players, family members as well as the coaching staff. Cairo will open with Mitchell-Baker in the Syrup Bowl on September 1st.



SPORTS

Season Reserved Football Tickets Now On Sale

Season Football Tickets for the 1989 season went on sale at the main office of Cairo High School at 10 a.m. August 14th. If you had tickets for the past season, you may purchase your same reserved season tickets this week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. except during the lunch hour of 12 to 1 p.m.

If you have had season reserved tickets in the past and would like to purchase them this year, you may call the office at Cairo High and have your name put on a list for reserved tickets.

The first football game is September 1 and is a home game.

1989 Reserved Season Tickets are \$25 each. **REMEMBER**, if you had tickets last year, you may come by the office and purchase them this week.

mer before a knee injury sustained vs. the Bucs. Up front, 26-year old three-time Pro Bowler Bill Fralic (contract hold out) and 24-year old all-NFL rookie Houston Hoover lead the youth parade that now includes 23-year old No. 2 draft pick Ralph Norwood (6-7, 285, LSU) to the competition. The speedy receiving corps gets a big boost from number 1 pick Shawn Collins (6-2, 207) and last year's injured number 6 pick George Thomas (&5-9, 170, 4.3 speed). That pair joins competition with 25-year old Floyd Dixon (106 career catches) and Olympic Trial speedster 23-year old Michael Haynes (4 TD's as a rookie, 2 game-winning catches). At tight end, 25-year old Ron Heller brings his Super Bowl ring with him to Atlanta to shore up the tight end spot. Injured 23-year old Alex Higdon will eventually return to challenge for that spot while 23-year old rookie number 6 pick Troy Sadowski (6-5, 243) comes down from Georgia to try to make the most of his opportunity.

Edwards Announces Tournament

Teresa Edwards, former Georgia All-American and two-time U.S. Olympic team

member, has announced the dates and times for her third annual "Hoop Shooter" two-on-two basketball tournament, to be played August 19th at the Cairo High School Gymnasium.

Competition in the tournament begins Saturday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. Teams can register at the Cairo High Gym on the preceding Thursday and Friday (Aug. 17-18) from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The tournament is limited to male entries only, but there is no age limit. The entry fee for each team is \$20.00.

"This is a chance for some of the best basketball players in South Georgia to get together and play against each other," Edwards said. "The competition there is always fierce. Even for people who want to come as spectators, the tournament has become a great thing for Cairo and the young people in town."

Edwards was a prep All-American at Cairo High School in the 1981-82 season, when she led her team to the state Class AAA title. At Georgia she earned Kodak All-America honors in both 1985 and 1986. She finished her collegiate career as Georgia's third-leading all-time scorer (1,989 points) and its all-time leader in assists and steals. During her four-year career, the Lady

Bulldogs compiled a 116-17 record, won three Southeastern Conference championships and reached the NCAA Final Four twice.

Edwards served as co-captain of the 1988 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team which won a second straight gold medal. She was the team's second-leading scorer and its leader in steals

and assists. She was also the youngest member of the 1984 gold medalist Olympic team.

For more information on the tournament, Edwards can be reached by calling 377-1289. Winners in the competition will receive a cash prize of \$200, and trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third place finishers.



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Busy Week With Buccaneers To Provide More Testing

FIRST HERE, THEN THERE — This week's activities call for Coach Ray Perkins' Buccaneers to visit Suwanee for three days of practice, then call for Coach Marion Campbell's Falcons to visit Tampa for the Saturday night game. The schedule calls for the Bucs to arrive on Monday and the two teams to share two-a-day practices on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then, it's Saturday Night Live under the lights at Tam-

pa Stadium in the second preseason evaluation. **FIRST REPORT CARD GRADES** — As usual, the first preseason game produced some "A" grade performances, some "F" efforts, and a bunch of "Incomplete" gradings. For the record, the score was 23-17 Philadelphia. The offense churned inside the Eagles 40 six times, but batted only 50% with two TD's and one FG (two FG misses, one interception). The

defense yielded three TD passes without producing a turnover, but had a pair of sacks on QB Cunningham and only a 3.8 rush yield. The special teams had two long returns (74 and 56 yards) but cost themselves a TD with a penalty. But preseason is mainly about individual efforts, so here were some of the Falcon eye catchers. Rookie number one pick Shawn Collins started and played a half (3-36, long 19); number three pick Keith Jones took the opening kickoff back 56 yards as he netted 124 total yards rushing, receiving and returning; number seven pick Undra Johnson had two KOR's for 43 and an eight-yard rush; and number 11 pick Greg Paterra had two TD dives. Second-year man Kitrick Taylor (a Plan B signee) had the game's long play on a 75-yard catch and run to finish with two catches for 87, four PR for 19 yards. Second-year receiver Michael Haynes grabbed 3 passes for 62 (a pair of 27-yarders). And, veteran Evan Cooper took a punt back 74 yards for a TD with the score tied at 10, but an illegal block cut it back to only 35 yards. Jessie Tuggle had a game high seven tackles before his ejection for fighting and Robert Moore produced six tackles and a pass deflection.

A PEACH FUZZ GANG — One of the NFL's younger teams is excited about their young talent. Atlanta's future on offense is built around 24-year old (Aug. 9 birthday) Chris Miller (only 3.4 interception rate in his first year as the starter) and 24-year old Pro Bowl running back John Settle (first free agent since '70 merger to rush for 1,000 yards). A trio of draft picks is led by No. 3 pick Keith Jones (6-1, 210) while injured 25-year old Kenny Flowers tries to regain the starting role he had last sum-

Atlanta's young defense was second in the entire NFL in points yielded (95 over the final 8 games, 11.9 per game) over the second half of the '88 season. Youth is plentiful on a defense that ranked 4th last year in interceptions (24). **Headliners** include linebackers Aundray Bruce (23), Marcus Cotton (23), Tim Green (23), and Jessie Tuggle (24). Up front linemen Tony Casillas (25), Mike Gann (25), and Rick Bryan (27) are being counted on, while the secondary includes Scott Case (27), Robert Moore (25), Tim Gordon (24), Charles Dimry (23) and the number one pick Deion Sanders (22). Leadership for these youngsters comes from "old vets" like five-time Pro Bowl T Mike Kenn, nine-year veteran corner Bobby Butler (24 career interceptions), defensive signal-caller LB Joel Williams, team tackle leader John Rade (three straight 100-tackle seasons), and Stacey Bailey (25.7 average in '88 led all NFC receivers).

FLORIDA FALCONS — Twelve players at the opening of full squad practices for the Falcons attended either universities or high schools in the Sunshine State. The list includes Florida State alums, CB Bobby Butler (Atlantic High), OL Jamie Dukes

(Continued on page 8)

Recreation News

The Recreation Department is now having Recreation for the Fall Sports. To register go to Barber Park from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, starting August 7 thru August 31. The deadline for registration is August 31.

Football

Cost is \$8.00

Ages is 9-12

Age Groups is 9-10, 11-12

Soccer

Cost is \$5.00

Ages is 6-12

Age Groups (Depends on

Number of Sign Ups)

If you would like to coach a football or soccer team, please call Chuck Harper at the Recreation Department at 377-8221.



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CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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TO: GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, CAIRO, GA.,
THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT CECIL McDONALD.
FROM: JULIEN B. RODDENBERY, SR., CAIRO, GA.

This given July 21, 1988
Capt Cecil Mike Donald - 20 yrs.

~~June 28 of 1988 meeting at an installation
Never ASKED anything I was approached~~

Your School Superintendent has told me you would like I write and outline details of my offer made to you at your June 28, 1988 meeting, to donate a sum of money for use towards building and to start building this fall a new Music Building on the vacant lot adjoining on southside the Auditorium on the Cairo High School Campus and I am pleased to do so in this letter. This brings to mind I wrote a similar letter in the 1950's, 30 years ago, to the School Board of those days and then from our company, to donate money for building the now "outgrown" Music Building on the same campus in honor of our living mother, Mrs. Maude Bostwick Roddenbery.

My offer, subject your acceptance, is to pay to your School Board the total sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), the payments to be as detailed below: I agree if my offer is accepted, to pay to your School Board on notice from you, money as needed for the start of Music Building's construction, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as my beginning payment and, on notice from you more money is needed for construction to promptly send you a second check for \$50,000.00, and to continue such payments as you advise money is needed in the construction until my total offer of \$250,000.00 is paid to you. My offer of above sum of money is to participate in the building of a new Music Building, its total cost as planned and expected to be approximately Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) or more. The Architect has and will furnish the plans, specifications and usual inspections as in your Architect-Board prior building's agreements.

The building's construction is to follow the Architect's plans of the elevation and floor plan arrangement as he displayed at the June 28th meeting except as the Architect's estimated cost of \$576,000 on June 28th exceeded by a comparatively small amount the planned for cost, the Architect was to revise the June 28th plan. He has advised via phone today your Superintendent that the main part of his change was to reduce storage square feet at the back of the building (at the east end) which he advised could be added in the future if needed, this change made his estimated building cost of \$529,800. He will have at your office the new and revised plan that he advises will not adversely affect the efficiency of operating the total facilities. I am agreeable to the change detailed above.

Other details are simple to cite as follows: The name or title of the new building to continue as is on the present building and as on the Architect's present plans, namely: "Roddenbery Music Building" and at a proper location on an inside wall to be placed a metal plaque as the present building except its wording shall include "In Memory of" instead of as it was in the 1950's "In Honor of" our mother, Mrs. Maude Bostwick Roddenbery, also with the proper wording that the donor is Julien B. Roddenbery. I expect to pay for this new metal plaque, and will advise with the Architect for the wording thereon, if my offer is accepted.

We all know that likely the Building Contractor's lowest bid may be different, more or less, than an Architect's estimate, and in the event it is more, the Board has more than one option to follow, and I hope the construction start need not be delayed beyond an estimated starting time of between November 1st and January 1st, 1989. This possibility is mentioned here because I understand if practical, it would be helpful to the Board to have available the old Music Building for any changes and/or renovation work so as to be ready by September 1989 for other school purposes, and my total donation will be available in keeping with such a target or goal date.

The new Music Building will need some new furniture and/or equipment, and your choral music department, Mr. Ed Timmerman, advised me \$10,000 to \$15,000 be needed for this purpose and I agree to be responsible for up to \$15,000 for this purpose as I don't want High School patrons, or others, to be solicited for any donations connected this new Music Building, particularly because only recently they responded so well for air conditioning of the Auditorium for a sizeable amount of money.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 21st day of July 1988
Wylene P. Fain
Notary Public, State of Georgia

Respectfully yours,
Julien B. Roddenbery Sr
JULIEN B. RODDENBERY, SR.

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September 8, 1988

Mr. Julian B. Roddenbery, Sr.
Bainbridge Road
Cairo, GA 31728

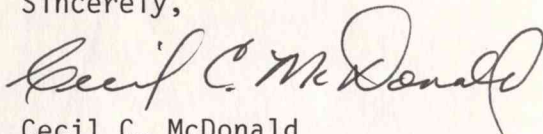
Dear Mr. Julian:

I have attached cost information on the Williams Field House, Hancock Library, and CHS Music Building.

If you need any additional information on this, please call me.

Again, I can't thank you enough for what you are doing for our schools and what you have done for me. I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,



Cecil C. McDonald
Superintendent
Grady County Schools

CCM/jh

Attachment

Williams Field House

Disposal
86,800
A.L. Williams

Original building started in 1982. Completed in 1984.

A. L. Williams contributed \$86,800.00.

Cairo High Boosters contributed \$30,000.00.

Cairo High School contributed \$30,000.00.

Total Cost - \$155,954.30

Additions to Williams Field House in 1985-86.

\$200,000 funded by A. L. Williams - no other contributors.

Hancock Library

A. L. Williams contributed \$165,000.00.

Local effort was \$185,000.00 plus \$47,000.00 for furniture and equipment.

Total cost - \$397,000.00

Music Building

Cost estimate complete - \$589,572.00

Julian Roddenbery's contribution - \$250,000.00 plus \$15,000.00 (\$265,000.00)

Local effort - \$324,572

Respectfully yours

MAY

May 4 Larry Higdon
May 11 Belton Dykes
May 18 Wayne Tootle
May 25 Fred Pearce

JUNE

June 1 Dexter Harrison
June 8 Joe Knight
June 15 Leland Harrison
June 22 Howell McKinnon
June 29 Clarence Murphy

JULY

July 6 Pat Perkins Farm Week
July 13 Howard Trotter
July 20 Mike Voyles
July 27 Lee Smith

AUGUST

Aug. 3 George West
Aug. 10 Lee Stoddard
Aug. 17 Ronald Lee
Aug. 24 Randy Smith
Aug. 31 Randy Wind

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7 Tommy Powell
Sept. 14 Tim Tidwell
Sept. 21 Earl Pilcher
Sept. 28 Gussie Carter

Respectfully yours,

February 17, 1989

Mr. Jimmy Douglas, Chairman
Grady County Board of Education
Cairo, GA 31728

Dear Jimmy:

Not being sure whether you have a copy of my July 21, 1988 letter to the Grady County Board of Education, the letter signed and it witnessed, about what I offered to do reference a new Music Building, although there were copies at the headquarter office you may not have been given one, so I am enclosing a copy for you.

You may know that JBR JR. has told me I would need to borrow from banks or others to cover the last part of the \$265 M I am donating, and that the way he recommended was to take a mortgage on my residence for then I could deduct on tax return the interest I would pay, and cannot now do on some other interest payments. I most likely will be advising with you and Wyman about all this, as will Julien Jr. when this is up for handling so please make available a copy to Wyman, for JBR Jr. has a copy.

One might say my interest in thinking about participating in the building of this new Music Building boils down to a simple feeling on my part that since my family donated the present Music Building in the 1950's in honor of Mother who was then living, and that building is now much outgrown (in fact, the students involved in taking Music are probably more than double the number we planned for in the 1950's), then too, our family has donated a building for the County Library in memory of our Father, and it seemed to me it certainly was appropriate that I or the family help build the new Music Building. I made my decision to do it myself without the family then even knowing about it. I believe the above fits, in response to comments or request as to why I became interested, and I was.

Early in our exchanges with Superintendent McDonald he said he thought I would want to furnish a painted portrait of my Mother as we had done for my Father for the Library, and I answered I would take it up with my children, which I have done. I will confer with the architect about the size of the portrait frame to fit into the front part of the new building, and of course I will furnish the portrait.

I wish to thank you, and the Board Members through you, for the good and considerable attention School Officials have given this project and the building sketches seem will provide a building that will last our community for a long number of years. For as long as I can remember, I have believed a prime duty of parents of children and with community leaders is to have if possible available for their offspring activities to keep them busy, for the old saying about "idle minds lead to trouble" seems true. And to have the regular and extra-curricular activities, particularly in High Schools, to keep young people interested and busy in what they are doing. And in the instance of Music, they can carry that expertise throughout life for the betterment of home life, churches, and the community.

Respectfully yours,

Julien B. Robertson

1 enclosure



Joe A. David, III

Cairo High School

455 5th Street, S.E.
Cairo, Georgia 31728

Just to work in long hand
what he on the way
Please - I have 1 or 2 already
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This is first of a conversation I will have with Mr. Greg Smith of the architect's office at Albany, who is James Buckley & Associates, Phone 883-4698, who is the School Board's architect, and the man I talked with, Mr. Greg Smith, is the one in charge of the plans and follow up work on this Music Building for the Board, but not for me, so indirectly it will be in keeping with any decision not already made, I would be contacted about.

I phoned Mr. Greg Smith today, April 18th, and he is not in office today, and I will continue until I get him, and the following are points I will bring out, some of it in the form of the phone conversation, and all of this about a picture of my mother, Mrs. Walter B. Roddenbery, nee Miss Maude Bostwick, that we will put in the new building, somewhat as we have of my father in the present Library building.

Here are points to cover in my phone conversation:

OK Greg, I have been I think in two meetings with you about the Roddenbery Music Building at Cairo High School campus, and I got your address to telephone from Steve Wooten of the Grady County Board of Education staff.

OK First, I would like to advise that Steve has told me the present plans as published in newspaper a couple of months ago, are still what will be followed, namely, bids already called for will be opened at a Board Meeting in late May 1989, and the time that the contract will be let subject, of course, to the bid being approved, say in June I believe he said. But anyway, at the time planned for.

OK *Remind portrait from the report* Greg, you may not have kept up or in touch with plans the prior superintendent, Mr. McDonald advised me of, namely, that it would be appropriate if we should furnish a painted portrait. This time the building will be in memory of my mother (the present building is in honor of my mother) and she was Mrs. Walter B. Roddenbery, and of course I would be the one to try to find a photograph that a portrait painter, the artist, with assurance he could have a good painted portrait for this building.

I believe I have written a memo or by phone with Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Jimmy Douglas, and ~~this I have done~~ understand, I am conferring with Steve and with you about this.

OK I feel it very important that we not make this portrait (and really it is the frame) too large for the space available in the lobby. Cannot be as large as the picture in the Library and you might have occasion to look at that and we have a similar size portrait in our office of Walter B. Roddenbery, the husband of his wife whose portrait now we will place in music building for certainly that is appropriate thing to do for she was a well educated woman and had much to do with the development of Cairo.

OK What I would like for you to do, Greg, is make a rough freehand drawing of the different spaces in the lobby, and the dimensions, feet and inches that would hold this portrait. I want to make the size of the size of the frame, and within it of course the portrait, in good taste but not too conspicuous.

OK I would appreciate it if you would make such a drawing of the one, two or three or however many spaces there are, and you recommend we select one for this portrait in the lobby of this new building.

OK In my conversation with Steve Wooten, we talked a little about the bronze plaque that is in the present building saying that Mrs. Roddenbery was the honoree for the building, but of course it will be in memory of her now since she passed away over 20 years ago.

*4-19-89
I phoned Greg Smith
to give the sense of being
also a well known architect
draft of the plaque to
give information on the
portrait outdoors by the
Mrs. Walter B. Roddenbery
(nee Miss Maude Bostwick)*

#2 Mr. Greg Smith

OK So in studying the walls in this building, you might have a suggestion of where we would put this bronze plaque, for I would like to have no large amount of writing on a bronze tablet on the portrait itself. Maybe on the portrait all to be would be "Mrs. Walter B. Roddenbery - nee Miss Maude Bostwick." Then you see with the plaque giving the information that I will mention below, would mean it wouldn't have to be by the side of the portrait, but to keep the portrait at a prominent place in the lobby, but not too prominent as to size.

OK I expect you already have the wording on the present plaque and it simply was to tell in as few words as possible, that:

"Mrs. Walter B. Roddenbery, for whom this building is in honor of, gave piano lessons in the 1890's and 1900's in her homes in the town of Cairo, and also in her home on a nearby to Cairo plantation."

I have been told that we should have some connection between the building being in her honor, and about ~~the~~ school music, for that's what this building will be used for. My mother lived to be 96 years old, and she was born in 1866, but because of her long life I remember extremely well and we have one photograph that to be put in a painted portrait in a proper size frame will let the public know about her, for only a very few, and it would be a dozen or dozens, would remember her. She passed away 27 years ago.

^{done} I have given you a running account of the plans and information that you should have, as the architect for this building.

JBR

April 19, 1989

MEMO TO JBR JR.

I found in Tallahassee Democrat paper, April 16th, article I am glad to have - namely, listing tax free money funds available.

And this kind of institution will be my holding company, for it will be considerably more than interest I could get for a floating bank account. There will be quite a lot of this money invested in May and June before the contracting is let, and there will be something like \$45 M in CD's and intrest and at that time I might decide if the interest on a CD will pay better than the tax exempt fund, I would get a three-months certificate, otherwise I would use the tax-free money fund and I am sending to you this list for a purpose; namely:

Please glance at them, and let me know which is the one you think we should use should we not use the Smith Barney tax exempt fund. When I talked with Mr. MacMillan about this fund, and I would likely use it for a holding fund for holding money and I asked why he was not listed in the Tallahassee list of such funds. He said that it wasn't a feature of theirs, or a specialty, and they didn't have a hundred million dollars for they would have to have a hundred million in the fund to fit in with the periodic report of the existing or current rate as the one I am enclosing.

I think now that I should, by all means, keep it in Smith Barney as it is a good fund, not to have too many places or scatter it around the places I have CD's, bank accounts, etc.

But you might have an idea is the reason I send this to you. And of course, I would compare Smith Barney's rate with the current list in the paper of these funds of which there seems to already be 80 to 100 of them.

JBR

96 28% bracket \$100 - 10% = 90% = 72.2% = 12.8% vs 6.95
 9% !! .. = 6.4%

4-16-89 Tax-Free Money Funds

TAX-FREE MONEY FUNDS

FUND	Assets (\$Mil)	Avg. Maturity	Avg. Yield (%)	Cmpd Yield (%)					
Alliance T-E Res./CA Port.	141.1	30	6.2	6.4	372.4	47	5.5	5.6	
Alliance Tax-Exempt Reserves	707.0	34	6.2	6.4	151.3	28	6.9	7.1	
Benham CA Tax-Free Trust	438.6	25	6.3	6.5	103.5	30	6.4	6.6	
Boston Co. Mass. T-F M.F.	138.3	50	6.3	6.5	138.1	32	6.4	6.6	
CMA California T-E Fund	753.9	28	6.4	6.6	107.1	48	6.8	7.0	
CMA New York T-E Fund	334.2	59	5.5	5.7	140.5	88	5.7	5.9	
CMA Tax-Exempt	7,508.8	46	6.5	6.7	144.8	23	6.6	6.8	
Calvert T-F Reserves M.M.	812.4	59	6.7	7.0	106.1	69	5.7	5.8	
Carnegie Tax-Free Income Trust	254.4	51	6.2	6.4	320.6	20	6.6	6.8	
Cash Equivalent Fund/T-E Port.	2,016.6	15	6.7	6.9	177.3	46	6.6	6.8	
Centennial Tax-Exempt Trust	475.4	30	6.3	6.5	310.3	35	6.4	6.6	
Compass Capital T-E Fund	133.1	23	6.8	7.0	396.0	47	6.2	6.3	
Cortland Trust Tax-Free M.M.F.	152.5	36	6.3	6.5	157.2	27	6.2	6.4	
DBL T-F Cash Fund Inc.	400.1	31	6.5	6.7	996.1	45	6.2	6.4	
Dean Witter/Active Assets T-F	1,139.1	28	6.5	6.7	114.4	45	6.1	6.3	
Dean Witter/Sears CA T-F Daily	297.0	27	6.3	6.5	108.0	22	6.7	6.9	
Dean Witter/Sears T-F Daily	967.5	25	6.5	6.7	183.2	66	5.8	6.0	
Dreyfus CA Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	365.2	44	6.1	6.3	764.1	41	6.2	6.4	
Dreyfus NJ Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	396.4	48	6.7	7.0	626.3	50	6.1	6.3	
Dreyfus New York T-E M.M.F.	455.7	43	5.7	5.9	252.5	63	5.6	5.7	
Dreyfus Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	2,336.1	40	6.3	6.5	776.9	14	6.1	6.3	
FFB Tax-Free M.M.F.	125.2	34	6.4	6.6	185.0	52	5.5	5.7	
FN Network T-F M.M.	101.6e	0	n/a	n/a	256.0	52	5.9	6.1	
Federated/T-F Instruments Tr.	1,374.9	35	6.3	6.5	344.3	51	6.1	6.3	
Fidelity California T-F/MMP	736.8	29	6.3	6.5	357.3	25	6.1	6.3	
Fidelity Mass. T-F/M.M.P.	651.0	36	6.3	6.5	3,283.4	37	6.3	6.5	
Fidelity NJ T-F/M.M.P.	253.1	32	6.9	7.1	493.8	23	6.4	6.6	
Fidelity NY T-F/M.M.P.	711.8	49	5.7	5.9	423.2	58	6.0	6.2	
Fidelity PA T-F/M.M.P.	143.8	36	6.8	7.0	1,349.4	35	6.6	6.8	
Fidelity Tax-Exempt M.M. Trust	2,978.6	32	6.4	6.6	1,022.4	29	6.4	6.6	
First Prairie T-E M.M.F.	139.9	26	6.3	6.5	352.0	33	6.1	6.3	
Flag Investors T-F/Cash Reserve	240.6	25	6.5	6.7	277.1	35	6.2	6.4	
Franklin CA Tax-Exempt M.F.	826.4	35	6.2	6.4	SteinRoe Tax-Exempt M.F.	191.8	14	6.2	6.4
Franklin Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	204.6	61	6.9	7.1	T. Rowe Price T-E M.F.	1,157.9	11	6.6	6.8
General Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	370.5	39	6.3	6.5	Tax-Exempt CA M.M.F.	115.9	51	6.2	6.4
HT Insight Tax-Free Fund	114.1	51	6.2	6.4	Tecumseh Tax-Free M.M. Fund	118.1	42	6.1	6.3
Hanover Tax-Free M.M.F.	103.4	23	6.4	6.7	The Galaxy Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	321.0	15	6.5	6.7
HighMark CA T-F Fund	171.0	38	5.9	6.1	The Rodney Square Tax-Ex. Fund	1,024.3	36	6.5	6.7
IDS Tax-Free M.F. Inc.	134.7	46	5.8	5.9	The Tax Free Money Fund Inc.	268.0	51	6.4	6.6
Kemper M.M.F. T-E Port.	361.2	14	6.9	7.2	Thorson McKinnon Nat'l T-E	222.8	35	6.2	6.3
Kidder Peabody CA T-E M.F.	214.7	41	6.0	6.2	Tucker Anthony Tax-Exempt M.F.	792.7	64	6.4	6.6
Kidder Peabody T-E M.F.	752.4	46	6.2	6.4	USAA Tax-Exempt M.M.F.	541.3	44	6.6	6.8
Landmark Funds T-F Res.	132.2	28	6.3	6.5	UST Master Short-Term Tax-Ex.	389.0	46	6.4	6.7
					Vanguard CA T-F M.M.F.	2,093.6	53	6.6	6.8
					Vanguard Muni. Bond/M.M.	182.1	52	6.8	7.0
					Vanguard NJ T-F M.M.F.	239.3	23	5.6	5.7
					Vista NY T-F M.M.F.	113.8	29	6.2	6.3
					Vista T-F M.M.F.	197.4	36	6.5	6.7
					Woodward T-E M.M.F.				
					Averages, all 183 funds	38	6.26	6.45	

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April 18, 1989

MEMO TO JBR JR.

I enclose a chart on my accumulation of Certificates of Deposit for my school project and it is the exact same as sent you short time ago, excepting, I have entered thereon date of certificate April 9, '89 and for \$15,000 and there is a little history about this.

I was planning to get about 9.50 to 9.75 from Smith Barney, as had done this on a \$30 M certificate on February 28th, and lo and behold, they said the minimum was \$25 M and I didn't want to draw from my W Acct for I know April 30th is the month you like to have credits and not debits or I presume that is what you want. Then I called the two or three places in Cairo and they were all around 9%. When I called Mr. MacMillan with Smith Barney, he said, "Yes, we have something that is much better than what is going the rounds in Georgia, and why the Georgia S & L's and banks don't pay more I don't know, and told me that he could issue a certificate then, and this was last week or week before last, at 9.70. It was after then I called around Cairo and none of them came up to it.

I somehow wanted to give First National another part in this, though I know they don't notice it, but they were for three months 9.10% and that's what I bought, and that's what's on this chart brought up to date and that's what's on this chart brought up to date making the total \$185 M available at ~~those~~ maturity dates.

Of course, all of these maturity dates were guess work for I thought the building would have been nearly half built by now when it first started, and made the first certificates to have the money ready for them then. But they changed it, and now I have word from Steve Wooten, the man who handles this of the Grady County Board, that they will get in bids in late May and let the contract about middle of June and his estimate was the first money he would want from us would be July or August.

Didn't like to lose that 60-90 points, but it only amounted to \$40 or \$50 and I think it's worth that to pass it thru First National, Cairo, because I do worry them getting the rates quite often. And this can be the last Certificate I will have though I may have another one or two at three months if the interest pays better than the tax exempt with Smith Barney, from which money is available on a couple of days notice. And that is fast enough, Steve Wooten told me. And all these maturing dates have been guesswork and I still don't know if I hit it right, and I tabulate below the way I figure it now which is a reflection of what's on the chart I enclose:

The overall plan is to use the Smith Barney Tax-Exempt Fund, for he says I can get that money in two or three days. That's better considering my income tax 28% and from what I read it may be 33%, but even at 28% their going tax exempt money market fund will save quite a bit in interest and that's where, unless you can tell me there is a better plan, I will put any money not needed on payments to the School Board when these CD's mature, in that Fund. But none of that will come about until the first \$20 M CD matures on May 22nd, and the other \$20 M maturing on June 2nd plus the interest on them, and I will finish it out with W. Co. accumulation.

The above tells the first and the second one will have money waiting for the \$50 M in First National matures July 6, 1989, and will have interest, and there will be money for another CD or to go in the Tax Exempt Money Market.

Then the third \$50 M likely can easily be met with the \$50 M when the CD in Smith Barney for 9 months matures on Nov. 22nd.

For fourth \$50 M, likely will be called for in the new year, and I know I will have very few CD's listed, \$30 M and \$15 M plus accumulation. Thereafter it will not be as easy but there will be some floating money in the Tax Exempt, or in the First National earning now 6.75 bank account.

The above tells it all, but when the time comes I will be conferring with you about borrowing. Rod thinks he has a lot sold, but I never count those until they materialize, nor do I count dividends, for I never count that until it's found it's wise to issue a

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a dividend, by you.

You might ask why do I go into this detail. But I remember clearly in the three or four estates I have been executor, there is quite a little work to it, and I don't want handling my estate to be any big burden to you other than the usual attached thereto, and not to have money for this \$265 M promise of mine for the School Building. And this chart assumes maybe another CD if this lot is sold will carry us over the \$200 M mark.

I suggest take this sheet I'm enclosing and tear up the other one and put the enclosed one which is up to date, for it is the same one with just another column added, and the far righthand two columns show there was \$185 M ready on April 7th and all of it bearing interest.

And please remember, if there is something better than what I'm doing, let me know. I know some of the interest rates received on the interest line start with 7.25 and the highest at 9.50 but this goes back nearly a year, and I have followed it and think excepting the last one, have got the top interest available that was safe and no risk. These certificates are in my upright drawer with the front envelope having all of these in it.

JBR

April 19, 1989

MEMO TO JBR JR.

Since I wrote my memo to you a few days ago sending revised chart of the Certificates of Deposit, I have finally made phone call to Mr. Greg Smith, the architect handling this Music Building for the Grady County School Board, and one of the associates of the James Buckley & Associates, Albany, architect firm. He is just one of maybe 15 or 20 architects at their two or three locations.

I asked him if there was any change from what was in the paper a short time ago, of accepting bids and letting contract in June, and he said yes, it was changed a month, and that in June they will open the bids but no contract let until in July 1989.

Then he commented that they are handling in this way to get the actual handling in the 1989-90 School fiscal year. I knew they had pushed it forward one year, but I am glad they really are pushing it forward the second, for it will make it much easier for them to raise their part of the money, and a month difference for me makes no difference, though it does put off the building being finished this short time.

Incidentally, when I talked with Martha and 'Becca, and as you know Maggie carried me to Tallahassee to see an artist who is a portrait painter, we will have a smaller size picture of my mother in the lobby of this building, and I am getting the wall space from the architect so we will not have a size of the picture that would make it too conspicuous in the lobby, as well as let the architect decide where to put the information on the plaque that is in the old Music Building as being donated in honor of my mother who was living and now it would be in memory of her and the donor will only be myself. He said he had some ideas of where to put that and we will make it short and in small letters so as to make it anything but conspicuous. And it suits me to put it on the interior somewhere, for the picture in the lobby carries the message we want carried. So the ones I have talked with felt we should have another plaque, smaller than the present one, however, to give the information that she gave piano lessons in her home in 1890's and 1900's and this is not hearsay or imagination for I myself clearly remember ~~Mary~~ and all of the girls coming in for their lessons. And one came on the train and back on the train, and between the trains she got the lesson and she lived in Climax, and might have been some from other points, but I remember and I think that name was Bell, but all of that won't be mentioned unless we had all the facts about it, which I could get but don't want the job of inquiring to get it.

JBR

*No money need be sent
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September 14, 1988

Mr. Julian B. Roddenbery, Sr.
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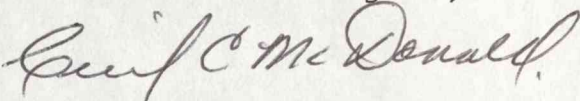
Dear Mr. Julian:

I am pleased to inform you that the Grady County Board of Education at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, voted unanimously to accept your generous offer of financial assistance for construction of a new music building at Cairo High School.

It was agreed that final plans and preparations would be made at the next board meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 27. A schedule for completion of plans and specifications by the architect and for the bidding process will be set at the meeting. I will keep you informed of any progress.

Again, let me say I am pleased that this project is getting underway and I am indeed grateful to you for your generosity and kindness in helping the Grady County Schools in this area.

With Kind Personal Regards,



Cecil C. McDonald
Superintendent
Grady County Schools

CCM/jh



"Committed to Excellence"

A Test for a Proze Plague
on walls of the Rodkenby Music Building

This Portrait is of Mrs Walter B. Rodkenby ~~illuminated~~
nee Marie Boasturell ^(born in June 1866) whose memory
this building is ~~dedicated to her son Julian~~
~~B. Rodkenby~~. The Portrait is of her in
the period of time in the 1890's and 1900's when
she gave lessons in Piano in her ~~own~~ parlor
in Cars ^{nearby} on her Cross Roads farm home.
She died in Cars on June 11-1962 ~~aged~~
at an age of near 96 years. (Her son Julian B
Rodkenby made donation towards the
constructing of this Building)

1962
1866

about
52 words
see words in present
plague

7/27

~~For your photo album~~
This is a picture of
Mrs. Walter B. Rossberry, nee Marie Palmer
& John J. R. grandmother

This is a picture of
Mrs. Walter B. Rossberry - nee Marie Posturek
Ralph's grand mother
& Ralph's grandmother

This is a picture of
Mrs. Walter B. Rossberry - nee Marie Posturek
& Rebecca's grand mother

This is a picture of
Mrs. Walter B. Rossberry - nee Marie Posturek
& Martha's grand mother

John to write to
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Roddenbery Music Building

In Memory of

MAUDE BOSTWICK RODDENBERY
July 10, 1866 - June 11, 1962
Wife of Walter Blair Roddenbery

For her contribution to the civic, religious and cultural life of her community, which included the promotion of music. Mrs. Roddenbery was one of the earliest piano teachers in the area, having given lessons in her homes in Cairo and the nearby Cross Roads Farm.

Donation toward the construction of this building was made by her son Julien B. Roddenbery, Sr.
Erected 1990

Final Draft



Low-Boy at Roddenberry
Memorial Library

Purchased from Biggs - Atlanta, GA



**A FAMILIAR
LANDMARK**

on Fifth Street S.E. in Cairo was removed last week as Grady County School System officials prepare for construction of a new



Cairo High School College and Career Academy building and the Syrupmaker Band returns to its old practice field in front of the school auditorium. The CHS sign was preserved for possible use at another entrance to the school, but Superintendent Dr. Kermit Gilliard said those plans have not been finalized. A new CHS sign featuring an electronic display is slated to be erected in the grassy area between the faculty parking lot and the main entrance to the school.

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CHAVON JONES is all smiles despite the difficulty of maintaining his lane while wearing DUI goggles during the recent Drive Safe seminar.



RIGO RUIZ is attempting to take the field sobriety test.



TRACY ASBELL readies himself to catch a ball while wearing DUI goggles.

“Intoxicated” students get behind the wheel at Cairo High School

Michael Best
Staff Writer

Just prior to this year's Junior-Senior Prom, the Cairo High School Driver's Education Department once again hosted "Operation Drive Smart." The program, held April 15, is funded by a grant to the Duluth, Ga., Police Department by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The Drive Smart Expo consists of stations which demonstrate the importance of teen safe driving. Stations this year included the Duluth Police Department Seatbelt Rollover Simulator and DUI Golf Cart, the Grady County Sheriff's Department, Cairo Police Department, Cairo Fire Department, Georgia State Patrol SCRT and Safety Education Unit, and the Georgia Motor Trucking Association.

The Georgia State Patrol station featured very graphic pictures of accident scenes as a result of drinking and driving. GSP officers talked to the students about the harsh reality of accidents and the dangers of texting and driving, which has proven to be more dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Rollover Simulator showed students what happens to drivers and pas-

sengers who are not wearing seatbelts during a rollover accident. The DUI golf cart allowed students to attempt to drive a vehicle on a designed course while wearing special goggles which gave them impaired vision.

Local public safety officers talked to students about

their duties and responsibilities and the importance of making wise and safe choices while driving.

"We think this program is very beneficial to our students, especially around Prom time, and we want to thank the many volunteers who came out," said CHS

Driver's Education teacher Tommy York.

Several hundred students went through the recent program on the front lawn of Cairo High School.

Good Luck To
You Seniors
All

RED 'N' BLACK

We Know That
We'll Miss
You Next Fall

"What Cairo High Makes—Makes Cairo High"

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VIEWS OF THE NEWS

On Friday, April 29 Agnes Cassels was given a surprise birthday party by her mother. The following people attended: Joe Bonner, Raymond Sholar, Hazel Barnett, Non Arrington, Morris Dollar, Mary Ellen Morrison, Pierce Ragan, Gwen Bonner, Willard Cassels, Virginia Gandy, Jack Norman, Mary Hall and Irwin Gandy. (Don't forget Hubert Massey he was also there.) She has reached the ripe old age of "16".

The Teen Canteen given to us by the Woman's Club had its first official opening Friday night, May 6. A large group attended and all seemed to be having a nice time.

Glimpses of couples seen at the Jr. Sr. Banquet Friday the 13th: Bobby O'Neil and June Sumner; Hubert Massey and Jo Ann McNair; Vivian Burgess and Billy Norton; Bobby Harvey and Mary Ann McCall.

The band played for the annual Rose Show in Thomasville April 29. They made a fine showing.

For the last two weeks the girls in study periods have been very busy. You guessed it—making leis. Some talented boys helped too.

We are all glad to see Luther back at school again. We certainly missed him during his sickness. His absence gave us something to remember—sweeping the halls or may be washing windows for the district meet.

Several students of C. H. S. this year are planning to move during the summer, and so won't return next year. Hazel Barnett, thinks she will be in school at Albany this time next year. Nan Arrington will probably be with her sister in Andrew, N. C. C. H. S. is going to miss you and we certainly hope that you miss good ole C. H. S.

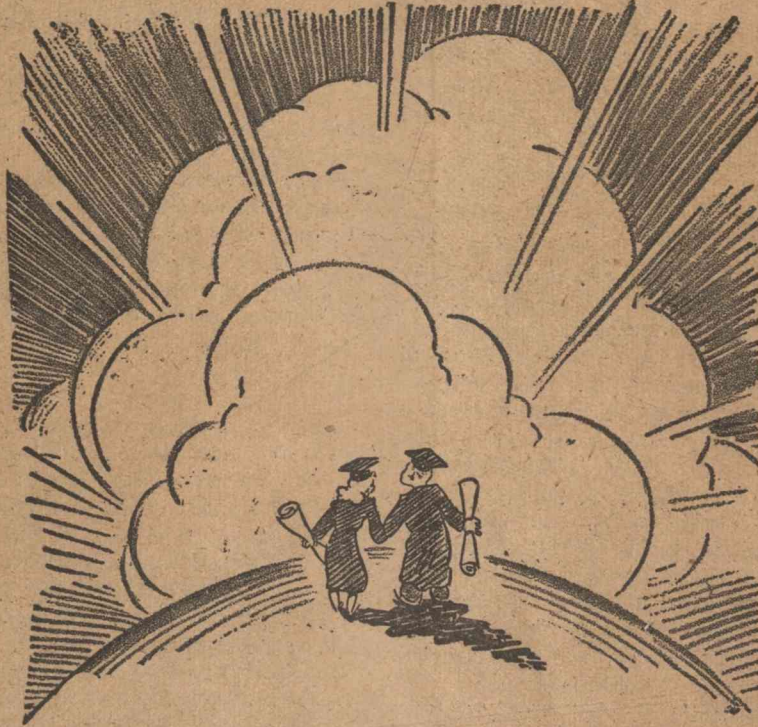
Mr. Aggerton—Gandy, have you talked today without permission?
Grady—Only wunst.

Mr. Aggerton—Hub should Grady have said wunst?

Hub—No, he should have said twict!!

Jimmy Brunson—You're three quarters of an hour late. What do you mean making me stand here like a fool?

Betty Robertson—I can't help the way you stand.



Seniors Present Popular Comedy

The Senior Class of Cairo High School have selected as their play for the year the three-act comedy, "The Mad March Heirs" by Tom Taggart to be presented Friday evening May 20. This new play, in the short time it has been available for presentation, has proven itself a prime favorite with its audiences.

Mrs. Holloway, who is the senior teacher in charge of the play, describes "The Mad March Heirs" as a hilarious comedy and she is confident that it will prove a success.

The cast for the play has been completed and practices are underway. The central character of Grandpa March, the head of a crazy family, which is waiting to inherit his fortune, will be played by Stringer.

The heirs Letty, his daughter-in-law, Lucile Pharis; Henrietta March Gordon, his daughter, Jo Ann McNair; Cordelia, Hamlet, and Rosalind, his grandchildren, Lois Cawthon, Jimmy Brunson, and Carolyn Johnson.

Others in the cast are Bruce Laurence, a young lawyer, Wesley Cassels; Jane Kenning, his stenographer, Emogene Strickland; Madeline Laval, a night club singer, Love Rehberg; Baron Kurt Dubois, Lee Wilson; Ferber, the butler, Gerald McNair; Freida, the maid, Maxine Andrews; Fred, the chauffeur, Bobby Barlow; Diddy Hunnicut, Jean VanLandingham, Bob Norman, Billy Long, Jukes Kallikak; Skeet Miller, Cordelia's gang.

Shirley L.—(Poetical mood)
What are the wild waves saying?
John L.—Sounds like splash!!

Senior Class Day To Be May 30

On May 30 the Senior Class will present its Class Day. The theme, different from any used previously, is to be kept a secret until Class Day. The following will be included in the exercises:

The Class Song written by Jean VanLandingham and Marie Hudson; Gifts given out by Maxine Andrews and Bobbie Anne Oates; Class Poem written by Barbara Barrineau, Bobby Barlow, and Lois Cawthorne; Class History written by June Sumner and Mittie Pitts; The Last Will and Testament written by Beth Stanfill and Ellen Coats; Prophecy written by Helen Coats, Elmira Beckett, Skeet Miller, and John LeGette; and Who's Who, voted on by the seniors and given by Shirley Lyons.

Junior Senior Big Success

The Junior-Senior Banquet was held on Friday evening, May thirteenth at eight o'clock in the gymnasium.

The welcome was given by Hood Powell, Junior class president and response by Billy Stringer, Senior class president. The invocation was given by Mr. House.

The gymnasium was very attractively decorated in Hawaiian style and everyone wore bright colored Hawaiian leis. Horton Wright's orchestra furnished the music.

Several seventh grade boys and girls entertained with a Hawaiian dance and the girls were dressed in pink and green grass skirts, Hazel

92 SENIOR TO GRADUATE

ELEVEN HONOR GRADUATES NAMED

This year ninety-two seniors will graduate from Cairo High School. This is a smaller class than many before it but they have proven themselves just as successful. The graduation exercises will take place on Tuesday night, May 31, and will be based on the theme "Our Future in Georgia".

The graduation exercises will be under the charge of the senior class in the new type graduation. Shirley Lyons will serve as student chairman and the speakers and subjects will be as follows: "People of Georgia" by Billy Barton, "Education in Georgia" by Jo Ann McNair, "Agriculture in Georgia" by Billy Stringer, and "Industry in Georgia" by Beth Stanfill. The faculty committee for the graduation exercises are: Mrs. Wight, Miss Pope, and Arline.

According to the rotation plan, Rev. Granville Rainey will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday night May 29 at 8:30 o'clock.

Jo Ann McNair received top honors as first honor graduate with an average of 96.3. She has been active in Beta Club and Tri-Hi-Y, serving as Treasurer and President respectively, and is vice-president of the Senior Class this year. Jo Ann deserves special credit for maintaining such a high average in addition to her many extra current duties.

The remaining ten honor graduates and their averages are as follows: Shirley Lyons 96.1; Lucile Pharis 95.3; Beth Stanfill 93.5; Brunell Kinchen 93.3; Love Rehberg 93.0; Carolyn Johnson 91.5; Bobby Barlow 91.1; Billy Stringer 90.9; Jane Whigham 90.7; Mittie Jean Pitts 90.0.

Lawrence and Iky Powell gave a nice performance Glenda Tiner dressed in a grass skirt also danced and sang.

The banquet and the dance that followed, given by the Junior Class for the Senior Class, was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Lashley—Hall, to what class of the Animal kingdom do I belong?

Ronnie Hall—"I don't know, Pro, Pa says you're an old bat and Ma says you're a dog."

Miss Weis—In what battle did General Wolfe, when hearing of victory cry, "I die happy?"

Ben—I think it was his last battle.

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THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Dear Juniors:
Our school life is near an end, but, before we go, the senior class would like to give you a little advice to help you in the days yet to come.
Next year, your senior year, will probably be your most important high school year. A great many events will happen during that year. Plans and work for the senior class trip must be completed. Do your part in each and you will rate higher among your fellow students.

We feel we also ought to discuss a favorite question of the students that always comes up, "Study Harder!" Instead of saying we're a dumb bunch trying to tell you about your lessons, try it and see for yourself what a good feeling it is to be at the head of your class. A better chance is awaiting you in college if you prepare now.
We really envy your getting to be here next year. Do a good job of all your plans and study a little bit along with all those good times we know you're going to have! We wish you a very successful year next year.

Yours,
The Seniors

Senior Class To Travel By Rail

Monday, June 6, the Senior Class will begin their senior trip to Washington. They will travel to Valdosta by school bus and will leave from there on the Southern Railway's special car.

The seniors will arrive in Washington June 7 at 9:00 a. m. During their stay in Washington they will visit the Public Buildings in Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, Arlington, Mt. Vernon, Glenn Echo Amusement Park, U. S. Naval Academy and Annapolis. They will also have some free time for shows, other sight-seeing, etc.

This is the first time the Cairo Seniors have traveled by train and have had their sight-seeing trips planned but they believe it will be most interesting and more comfortable.

EDITORIALS

GUEST EDITOR

Communism's Challenge To Our American Way Of Life

Naomi Griner, a ninth grade pupil, placed third in Americanism theme sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The first and second place winners will be announced later.

The United States is a democracy based on democratic principles. Above anything the American people believe in the inalienable rights of man—among those life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In the pursuit of our great American aims, we find ourselves directly opposed by a regime with entirely different aims and concept of life. This regime follows a false philosophy. This philosophy pretends to officer freedom, security and great opportunity to man-kind. Many people are misled by this false philosophy and therefore sacrifice their liberties to learn that their reward is only deceit, mockery, poverty, and tyranny. This false philosophy is communism.

The basis of the belief of communism is that man is so weak and inadequate that he is unable to govern himself and requires the rule of a strong master.

Democracy is just the opposite, because we believe that everyone has the intellectual capacity to govern himself with reason and justice, and that he also has the right to do so.

The individual under communism is subjected to arrest without cause, punishment without trial and forced labor. It states what art he may produce, what information he may receive, what leaders he may follow, and what thoughts he may think.

Democracy maintains that government is established to protect the individual and his rights, to give him his freedom in the exercise of his abilities.

Democracy states that differences between free nations may be settled through just and peaceful channels.

Communism states that the world is divided into so many opposing classes that war is inevitable.

Democracy has proved that social justice can be achieved through peaceful change.

Communism maintains that social wrongs can be corrected only by violence.

Communism is not new. Over one hundred years ago the strategy of its operations was outlined by Marx and Engels, and ever since then men and women have slaved for it. Communism seeks to make Americans afraid and to weaken them with the poison of fear and hate.

The voice of America is and must remain the voice of democracy. Look at other nations of the world; see where communism, socialism, and fascism have led them and be thankful that you are an American and can still speak up for the

American way of life. An article in the "Grit Magazine" expresses our American way of life.

HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR CAREER?

In a short time the Senior Class of the Cairo High School will be graduated and starting along a road bordering the scope of medicority, or tour to overwhelming success. Now is the time to begin planning your career.

Every Student who possibly can, is urged to continue his education. However, if it is impossible to do so, it would be advantageous to investigate the opportunities offered to both young men and women in the United States Army or United States Air Force.

You will find that pay, when compared with civilian salaries, will be above the average. There are no lay-off periods. Your job is good the year round. Paid vacations of thirty days a year are a right of each individual in the Service, and after twenty years with the Army or Air Force, you can retire with a guaranteed income for life.

Consider too, that the Army and Air Force have Technical Training Schools rated among the finest in the world. There is a possibility of attaining up to two years of college credits during an enlistment. Here is life with SECURITY, a CAREER, and a FUTURE, filled with ADVENTURE and WORLD TRAVEL. Ask about the benefits of a Service Career for you.

Sergeant Oakman recently had the pleasure of talking to the Senior Class, and is available for further questioning at all times. If you have a query pertaining to any phase of the service, just drop a card to Sgt. Bob Oakman, 316 South Broad Street in Thomasville, and he'll be glad to call on you at your convenience.

Looking Back

As we seniors near our graduation we don't find it hard to look back through the four years (we hope it was only four) of our high school career and remember our first timid entrance into its halls of learning. Our registration and the first few weeks of strangeness soon turned into a new so-called sophistication and we began to look back upon those grammar school boys and girls as just "little kids". We suddenly grew up and thought we were just as big as the seniors.

In our sophomore year we pitied the freshmen because they were so "green" and we didn't study much nor were we very serious about anything. Some of us began dating and all we could think of was, "I wonder if Johnny is going to ask me for a date tonight. He's so cute!" or "I think I'll ask Mary for a date tonight. She's loads of fun!"

In our junior year we became upperclassmen and felt very important ordering our class rings and trying to raise money for the Junior-



As we find ourselves at the close of the year, we begin to think about losing our Seniors. This year we lose only five players.

Emogene Strickland, 1st Solo Clarinet player, who for three years now has tuned our band, we regret losing. Emogene is not only a good clarinet player but is willing to do any thing else she is called on to do.

Also we regret losing those two beloved friends, those girls that hit an after beat once in a while, in other words, the French Horn players, Maxine White, 1st horn and Earline Stokes, 2nd horn.

Then in the middle of a nice sweet piece you hear two instruments, sounding like baratonas, trying to outblow each other, and of course it's June Summer and David Elkings. Poor David will be lost next year. Seriously, we hate to see June leave, for she has been a big help to the band throughout the past three years.

Last, but not least, we shall lose our 1st Solo Trombone player, Jimmy Brunson. Jimmy has been with the band for three years also, and we regret very much losing him. We can truly say, that Jimmy took Billy Oliver's place in being the life of the band trips.

Two of our seniors, Billy Long and Jimmy Brookins, will be back with us next year.

We regret losing these wonderful band members, but knowing they regret leaving, makes us feel better.

Senior Banquet. We gained lots of school spirit because we were important to our school now more than ever.

Now our Senior year we're so busy we scarcely have time to think, but when we do, we realize that its our last year and our last chance at all the fun and gaiety of high life. Now, toward graduation time we say we're glad to be free, etc., but deep down underneath we regret leaving.

Next fall we may wish, at the opening of school that we were back again but the feeling will soon be forgotten when we enter college or begin our first important job.

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LITERARY SECTIONS

These selections are taken from "A Book of Treasured Poems" and "One Thousand Beautiful Things."

IF
If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!
—Rudyard Kipling.

Can and Will are Cousins
Who never trust to luck.
Can is the son of always try
And Will is the son of pluck.

Can't and Won't are Cousins, too,
Always out of work;
Can't is the son of never try
And Won't is the son of shirk.

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Strange and Interesting Facts

There is a group of people in the mountains of Eastern Tennessee who are direct descendants of the ancient Phoenicians—man—



EISENHOWER RECUPERATES:
Washington, D. C.—Tanned and rested, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower arrived at Washington from Augusta, Ga., where he has been recuperating for the past month from a stomach ailment. Eisenhower will wind up details connected with his temporary job as head of Joint Chiefs of Staffs, then return to presidency of Columbia University.

THE FOOT-PATH TO PEACE

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars—to be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them—to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice—to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners—

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—

These are little guide-posts on the foot-path to peace.
—Henry Van Dyke.

BUSINESS MEN'S ADVICE TO STUDENTS

Business men and women have a keen interest in the work that students and teachers are doing in the classrooms of our schools, for they realize that out of the schools will come the men and women who will be the next leaders in business. Leadership is not now the exclusive privilege of men. There is quite a large number of women who lead the parade, so to speak, of those who achieve the unusual and worthwhile business. There is just as much chance for success now as there has ever been, but the world of business requires more of its workers now than it did before.

As I talk with business men and women, I often ask them to tell me just what I shall say to young men and women who are now enrolled in the business education curriculum. For the most part, I get the same suggestion—in different words, of course, but the same in thought. They say business requires workers who can work without constant supervision, who can prove their own work and know that it is right or wrong. They say, too, that employers expect students, while yet in school, to learn to work up to capacity, to form the habit of holding themselves to their best work at all times. There is no place in business for the lazy man or woman.

Cairo Band Elects Officers; Decide Place For Picnic

During the business meeting of the Cairo High School Band last Monday officers for the new school year, starting in the fall, were elected. Due to efficiency on the job during the present year several of this year's officers were re-elected.

All officers of the band have specific duties. These offices are not merely honorary posts that carry no responsibilities, but rather, the smoothness of the organization is due primarily to the manner in which all officers perform their several duties. Officers of the Cairo High School Band are elected, naturally, on popularity, but also on their ability to fill the office, their loyalty, and faithfulness to the organization, and their willingness to work.

The following have been elected to serve the band as the guiding force next year:

Captain: Billy Long (re-elected)
1st Lt.—Drum Major: Norwood Clark; 2nd Lt.—Librarian: Ginger House (re-elected); 2nd Lt.—

Quartermaster: Buddy Jones; Corporals to assist Librarian: Becky Tyson (re-elected), and Pat Arline; Corporals to assist Quartermaster: Buddy Rainey and Gerald aFirecloth; Sergeant in charge of Quarters: Virginia Gandy; Corporals to assist Sergeant in charge of Quarters: Azalee Wight (re-elected); Dot Barrineau; Dot Brown and June Mixon; Sergeant in charge of publicity: Frankie Harrison.

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GRADY PHARMACY

ALUMNI

Jud Mayfield was home the week-end of April 29 and had one of his Phi Delt brothers from Macon with him.

Laleah Wight finally got home for the District meet and Easter.

There were so many home for Easter that we couldn't keep account of them but those from Americus, ABC, G. S. C. W. at Valdosta, and the boys from Emory at Valdosta were home.

Beth Van Landingham was home from Georgia for Mother's Day.

Opal Faulkner has been elected treasurer of the Sophomore class for the coming year at Shorter.

Carroll Powell seems to be coming home every week-end, we can't decide whether he stays at school or at home the most.

Lynette Singetary was home the other week-end. She surely did look cute in her nurse uniform.

Wendell Bowen is stationed across the bay from Settle, Washington where he is going to Dental School while in the Navy.

Aleta Massey has transferred from Mercer to Georgia Southwestern at Americus.

Dot West and Barbara Sauls are on the staff of the school paper at Georgia Southwestern.

Pete Walker was seen riding around in his new car the other week-end!!

OUR SENIOR PERSONALITY

This month it was about the hardest thing going to pick out the lucky Senior to interview, but when we say Burnell Kinchen we knew we'd picked the right one.

To begin with she was born out in the country near Cairo, went to Union Grammar School. In about the 5th grade moved to Whigham and stayed there for about 3 years. Then she came back to C. H. S.

Now Burnell is 5th honor graduate with an average of 93.3, with her best grades in commercial courses. She plans to go to business school in Tallahassee.

Burnell's most exciting moment is—Lewis Tyus. Like everybody else she likes to eat strange things such as: French fries with (Mayfield's of course) ice cream floating in chocolate syrup. Her desire is to own her own car, a blue "Ford". Her pet peeve is when people tease her about Lewis!! But she said and I quote, "I live to tease others," unquote.

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FASHION NEWS OF THE BANQUET

Among the first to arrive at the big shindig was Walter Lundy (one of those prompt boys) and Marjorie Mayfield looking sophisticated in a blue organdie—one of those one strap deals. Sharkey and Jennie Gandy (dressed as a Dresden doll in pink taffeta) came in with Walter and Marjorie.

Nearly on their heels came Margaret K. and Tommy Odum. "Firehead" really did look cute in that blue organdy.

Jean Van and Gene Joyner wandered in next. Jean just looked good enough to eat in an orchid organdy! They were doubledating with Wesley and Carolyn—who naturally looked devastating. (Oh' Boy.)

Carolyn Worthy and Ben Methvin seem to be in a daze. Could it be Horton's orchestra. Regardless, Carolyn did look awfully sweet in cool white pique.

Standing over there near the food we find Betty R. and Jimmy B. As usual Betty looks like a dream—don't we envy those blond locks?

David Elkins is stepping out with Frankie Maxwell to the gala affair. She certainly looks cute in that organdy. They are talking to Barbara C. and Kenneth J., and as usual Barbara looks adorable.

Ann and June in their strapless dotted swiss dresses with beautiful orchids. Their dates were Hood and J. W.

Lois C. and Billy L. have just wandered in my line of view. Lois looks very nice in white organdy.

John LeGette and Shirley L. soon arrived and Shirley looked sweet in a white taffeta with lace and lace mitties.

Azalee W. and C. G. are now in view. Girlie has on a darling white and cerise dress and C. G. looks cute too.

Dot Barrineau arrived with Charles Ward and Barbara with Calvin Jacobs. Dot's dress was pink and Barbara's was pale blue taffeta.

Skeet Miller and Becky Tyson looked adorable. Becky had on a white dotted swiss with a green sash and an orchid.

Emogene S. and Buddy J. seem to be having fun. Emogene looks nice in her blue low cut taffeta.

Beth S. and Billy S. finally arrived. Beth in an orchid organdy looked most stunning.

Some of the stags, Grady, Hub, and Ted, looked ravishing also with trim hair and beardless faces.

Cairo High Students Place In State Meet

On April 29, five of our Cairo High students went to Macon to enter the State Meet. Our quartet, composed of Dot Brown, Becky Tyson, Norwood Clark and Granville Rainey, Jr., placed fourth in the state. Lucille Pharis, our short-hand student, placed fourth also and it was reported that there was very little difference between first and fourth place. We're proud of these students and wish them better luck next time.

MY ADVICE TO THE SENIORS

I have been asked to write some advise to all of you young people graduating from high school this year. I shall write this in the form of a letter.

Dear Seniors,

In advising you concerning your future plans in life, I should like to say first that I think you have a wonderful start. You have proven to yourself and to the world that you have ambition by the fact that you are graduating from high school. This fact also proves that you have determination to accomplish the job that you start out to do. I think that if you will take these two characteristics and follow through with them in your life's work, you will be successful in whatever work you go into.

Along with ambition and determination I want you to always remember to be honest and sincere. I do not feel that a person can be completely successful in life unless he is honest with God, with his fellow-man, and with himself. Perhaps you can deceive your fellowman for a while, but you can never deceive God nor yourself. I feel that you will be much happier in life, if you will always be sincere with your friends and your associates. Be friendly and seek friends. Do not expect other people to always come to you but meet them halfway.

In choosing your life's work you should try to do the thing that you are best fitted to do, and the work you will be happy doing. Give your best to your work. Never leave a job half done, and never do a job without your best efforts. Things that are not worth working for in life are not worth having. Give of your best to life, and the best will come back to you.

I hope many of you will seek a higher education and better prepare yourselves to meet life. I do not think that a college education is absolutely necessary to be successful, but it is a great help, if you will use it to your advantage. It is a waste of time and money, if you do not apply yourself for the purpose of improving your life. I feel that regardless of the education you have, if you will do a good job of whatever your work might be, trust in God, be honest, and live a Christian life, you will be considered a successful man or woman. This will apply to your work in making a living, making a success of your married life, and bringing up your children.

You have reached a period in your life now when you must learn to stand on your own. You will not have your parents to always make decisions for you. You must be willing to take responsibility and work for what you get out of life. Do not expect the world to owe you a living without working for it.

I shall end with a statement concerning my personal feeling for you. This has been a very pleasant and happy year for me. I have enjoyed your association, and I shall miss you greatly when I return to my work for the next school term. I hope this will not be the end of

my association with you.

I shall be watching you for the next few years to see how well you make a success of your life. Do not let me down for I have faith in you.

Let me hear from you in the future.

Your sincere friend,
R. C. Hogan

TRACK MEET

The line-up for the track meet which was held in Tifton, April 22, was as follows:

Dickie Gaya, 100 yd. Dash.
Less Wilson, 200 yd. dash.
Raymond Sholar, 400 yd. dash.
Wesley Cassels, 880 yd. dash.
Gene Sanders, Mile.
Wesley Cassels, Shot Pott.
Pritchett, Pole Valut.
Dickie Gaya, Relay.
Skeet Miller, Relay.
Jack Norman, Relay.

The relay team placed third in the morning which wasn't counted. In the afternoon we got under way to a good start when Hopkins was leading 3rd but when he crossed over to hand the stick to Gaya, another runner accidentally tripped him, that threw us behind and we did not place at all.

Hopkins had a pretty bad fall, due to the fact that he was wearing track shoes and the ground on which he they were running was which they were running was it was on his shoulder and side both were skinned badly.

I think all of our boys did their best, although none of them placed. Let's all wish them better luck next year.

Platter Chatter

These songs we dedicate to the following:

"So in Love"—Fred Carter and Bobbie Ann Oates.

"Too Soon to Know"—Dedicated to Gene Sanders and Raymond Sholar (whether or not they'll graduate)!

"After You've Gone"—To Skeet Miller and Ben Methvin from Becky Tyson and Carolyn Worthy.

"I'll See You in My Dreams"—Love Rehberg to Ralph Hammett.

"So Tired"—Grady Rogers.

"Two Loves Have I"—Dedicated to Irwin Gandy.

"It had to be You"—From Carolyn Johnson to Tom Hopkins.

"Life Gets Tedious Don't It?"—Dedicated to Mr. Agerton.

"Love-sick Blues"—From Bobby Barlow to Carolyn Johnson.

"Oh Johnny"—Dedicated to Marlene Bess.

"Good By My Lady Love (S)"—From Hubert Massey to all the C. H. S. girls.

"For Ever and Ever"—Dedicated to Jimmy Brookins from Mittie Jean Pitts.

"Wreck on the Highway"—Dedicated to Billy Stringer.

"You Beautiful Doll"—Dedicated to Betty Ann R. from all of us.

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FEATURES

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MRS. HOLLOWAY

We have had the pleasure of interviewing one of the Senior teachers, Miss Holloway. Since we have learned something about her we would like you to know some of the interesting things we found out about her.

She was born in Princeton, Kentucky, up there in the great "Blue Grass" region.

She attended Bowling Green Business University and College of Commerce and received her degree in Business Education.

As her favorite actor, she picks Bing Crosby and her favorite actress she names Ingrid Bergman.

Mrs. Holloway says her favorite movie is, "The Babe Ruth Story," with William Bendix.

We don't imagine you would ever guess that her hobbies are knitting and raising flowers.

The book that Mrs. Holloway enjoyed most is "Peace of Mine."

For sports, Mrs. Holloway says that tennis, shuffleboard, and football are the most interesting to watch.

We didn't have any more time to interview Mrs. Holloway, for she is so busy directing the Senior play, "The Mad March Heirs," which will be presented May 20.

MR. AGERTON

In addition to our previous interview with Mr. Agerton we discovered the following information.

Mr. Agerton, our 10th and 11th grade Literature teacher, is from Preston, Georgia. He went to College two years at Americus and graduated from Mercer.

He has taught at Cuthbert High School, two summer sessions at Georgia Tech and one year at Jr. College in Augusta. He has taught chemistry, biology, geometry and general science. He had never taught Literature before he came to Cairo High. He enjoys teaching Literature but prefers teaching Chemistry.

I asked Mr. Agerton what he thought of the Senior Class, this was his answer "This class has surprised everybody. The last year's class was supposed to have out done them, but they have done a splendid job."

MRS. WIGHT

Mrs. Wight, a well known and also a very well liked Senior teacher is the last but by all means not least to be interviewed by the "Press" of Cairo High. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, she went to college at West Hampton, University of Richmond, University of South California. Her favorite subject is Georgia history. She move to Cairo four years ago but has taught school for 13 years. In this high school her favorite period is that one after school where she has only her favorite students. She



Memories! Memories!
Dreams of love come true.

NORTHSIDE

O'er the year of memory we're drifting back to our "childhood" days. We open the sence on a visit to the Northside school the year of the seventh grade B. H. before high school). We find the biggest event of the year about to take place that night, the annual "School Boy Patrol Party"! John LeGette has finally mustered up courage to ask Shirley Lyons to go with him. Over in a corner we see Marie Hudson chatting with her three-year steady, Jimmy Brunson! Oh, no!! She isn't giving him back that heart bracelet he gave her for Valentine again, is she? Neal Walker is taking that cute little Mittie Jean Pitts while Maxine Andrews is going with Dick Davis. Ted Dallar has been taking Bet Stanfill places lately (to the show the other afternoon anyway.) The glamor girls of the school, the Coats twins, prefer the older boys (the freshmen in high school) but they have accepted dates later, Ellen with Ben Bethvin (the bashful boy with the big blue eyes) and Helen with Jerry Summers. Kenneth James, a regular casanova, was making eyes at all the girls as usual. The party was a big success and all the girls received beautiful gardenias (from the next door neighbor's yard.)

SOUTHSIDE

The setting for the next scene is in the Southside Grammar School, where we find June Summer leading Irwin Gandy a merry chase. Emogene Strickland is gazing adoringly into the eyes of that gorgeous hunk of man, Hubert Massey. Lee Wilson is day dreaming about a cute little blond from Northside, Maxine Andrews. Gene Joyner was a woman hater then and stuck to baseball and other sports. Betty Eobertson's dream boy was Jerry Summers.

UNION

Next we visit Union where we see Maxine White, just as cute and blackheaded as she is now, talking to her current heart throb. On the playground we see Billy Stringer throwing mud at some little girls.

Erline Stoke's boy friend seems to be a secret. Martha Pearce's dream boy was Ronald Perkins and Bernice Sellers liked Franklin Sinclair. Burnell Kinchen was just as smart then as now.

MIDWAY

We travel on to Midway now where we stop for breath, if it is possible to get breath, when you find the casanovas of casanovas, Skeet Miller and Wesley Cassels, sitting on the school steps drolling over their dream girls, Betty Brable and Hedy Lamar (Even though Skeet says he's had his eye on his steady now every since the second grade.

CALVARY

Over in Calvary the love bug stings hard too. Jo Ann McNair has captured Charles Butler's heart or vice versa, we could not find out which.

We hear that Clara Nell Williams and Emmett Harrison are having a romance on the school bus. Ahhh! Love!

Sara Bell Rich and would-be senior Lex Bryant made a cute couple. Annie Lou Maxwell and Fred Harrison were quite fond of each other. Nothing serious!

Inez Harrison had a secret hankering for Charles Butler. My, wasn't he popular?

RENO

Carolyn Johnson, down at Reno, had Carroll Whitfield's eyes cast adoringly at her but she only had eyes for Tom. Love Rehberg had a secret love down at Calvary. Could that be Sleepy Mitchell? Ralph Hammett just loved them all, but Virginia Gaaney kinda thought Tom Hopkins was about right.

Most of the other seniors just couldn't tell who their flames were in grammar school days, but maybe you know anyway.

Grammar School News

SOUTHSIDE

The Southside Grammar School put on stunt night, April 21, to raise money for the library books. They made around \$50.

The girls and boys have each organized a softball team. Their first game was played with Northside, Northside won.

There are five girls, Caroline House, Elizabeth Wight, Lois Bussey, Judy King, and Anne Verran, they are going to put on a stunt with five girls from Northside. Helen Lawrence is going to do a dance with Ike Powell, at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Would you ever guess there were over 100 in the seventh grade.

The grammar school recital is going to be May 17, when Miss Halley presents her pupils.

Cairo Second In District Meet

The District Meet was held in Cairo Friday, April 15th, with 14 schools of this section participating. Cairo was well represented in all the events. Thomasville won the meet with a total of 94 points. Cairo was second with 52. The following is a list of the students and their schools who won first places.

Boy's solo—Bobby Griffin—Bainbridge; Girls sols—Dorothy Brown—Cairo; Quartet—Buddy Rainey, Norwood Clark, Becky, and Dorothy Brown—Cairo; Trio—Thomasville; Piano—Kathleen Harper—Thomasville; Declamation—Bobby Girffin—Bainbridge; Boy's essay—Quitman; Girl's essay—Pelham; Debate—Thomasville and Whigham (tie); Spelling—Thomasville; One-act play—Thomasville; Shorthand—Lucille Pharis—Cairo; Typing—Thomasville; Home Ec.—Bainbridge.

The people who represented Cairo and the places they won are: Boy's solo—David Elkins—fourth; Girl's solo—Dorothy Brown—First; Quartette—Norwood Clark, Buddy Rainey, Becky Tyson, and Dorothy Brown.—First; Trio—Becky Tyson, Ann and June Tiner; Piano—Love Rehberg; Declamation—Walter Lundy; Boy's essay—Walter Lundy

—Second; Girl's essay—Azalee Wight; Debate—Negative—Lois Cawthorn and Gwendolyn Bonner—alternate; David Elkins Affirmative—Beth Stanfill and Mary Hall—alternate; Billy Barton and Jean Van Landingham; Spelling—Senior Class—Second; One-Act-Play—Shirley Lyons, Jimmy Brunson, Edna Ruth Scott, Hood Powell, Virginia Gandy and Bobby Harvey—Second; Short Hand—Lucille Pharis—First; Reading—Ginger House; Home Ec.—Jo Ann McNair—second.

All the students who participated did a wonderful job and deserve all the praise they have been receiving. We are proud of everyone of you.

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I'll Always Remember

Sept. 3—Registration and our first glimpse of our new teachers and principal!

Sept. 6—First day at school. Text-books issued and freshmen running wild.

Sept. 7—Classes actually started and we all began trying to keep our minds on books.

Sept. 8—Election of new Student Council members and first meeting with Wesley Cassels as the new president. Plans were made for freshman initiation.

Sept. 9—Everyone is still changing schedules so they can be in class with their best girl and boy friends.

Sept. 10—Freshman initiation. Pep meeting under the charge of our new cheerleaders Helen Coats, Ellen Coats, Edna Ruth Scott, Lois Cawthon and Martha Bell. Our first parade and our first football game with Pelham and we won 20-6. Seems like our football team is off to a grand start.

Sept. 13—Our second week of school and its just old stuff now.

Sept. 19—Our band was honored by being asked to play for the Air Show in Albany.

Sept. 20—The Student Council Supper and the plans for coming activities.

Sept. 24—We played Valdosta and lost 31-0. Tough break, Cairo.

October 1—We played T'ville and lost.

October 2—Carolyn Worthy was hostess at a party for several couples.

October 7—A Thomasville "B" team game.

October 8—Quincy, wins from us 19-0. Hmm. Looks like a losing streak.

October 14—Albany "B" games and those old bugaboos—six weeks tests.

October 15—Tifton wins another football game from us 25-0 looks like conference winners.

October 21—Valdosta "B" game and Report Cards.

October 22—Waycross finally won 39-0 but it didn't look that way at the first.

October 23—Walter Lundy turned rustie and had a hayride. I can't remember if Ambrosia went along, can you?

October 26—Hurrah, a G. E. A. holiday.

October 28—T'ville "B" game.

October 29—Moultrie eked out a 19-18 win, but we almost made it.

October 30—Our grand Halloween Carnival and it was really worth the work wasn't it?

November 4—Moultrie "B" game.

November 5—Baby Band initiation. Call "Air Raid" and see what happens!

November 8—The Band's Second Anniversary and its party at Azalee's

November 11—Valdosta "B" game and the band is again honored by being asked to play at Thomasville American Legion Post 222 for Armistice Day.

November 12—Colquitt football game. Lost again.

November 18—Americus game. We're beginning to be able to take the loses.

November 24—Moultrie "B" game.

November 25-26—Thanksgiving holidays and wasn't that turkey good!

Dec. 2—Clops! Those horrible report cards again.

Dec. 7—Pavo basketball game. Girls victors by 43-35. Boys defeated only by a narrow margin.

Dec. 8—The Deland High School Band entertained us during annual tour. This was their second consecutive year we were honored in this form, and we are looking forwards for it again next year. After the concert the members of both bands, Cairo and Deland, and a few other friends were entertained at Martha Roddenbery's gym. Before the concert the Cairo Band gave a supper for them. (More fun).

Dec. 10—Almost defeated Bainbridge in football.

Dec. 14—Cairo Girls whipped Ochlocknee.

After a "knockdown drag out" game we managed to pull through with only two broken arms, three broken legs and four front teeth knocked out. (Of course this might be a slight exaggeration.)

Dec. 16—Miss Halley's piano students gave a recital that afternoon immediately after school.

Dec. 17—We played Whigham that night; girls won and boys lost. J.

W. (Hoppy) Hopkins got confused in the last half and began playing a football game.

Dec. 20-31—Ah!! Christmas Holidays and two whole weeks of freedom. The Junior Class sponsored a Christmas dance.

Dec. 21—The Woman's Club Dance. I imagine a couple of Junior girls and boys remember that night AFTER THE DANCE, after the rain, on a muddy road.

January 3—School takes in! It's really good to be doing something again, at least for a while.

Jan. 7—Played Whigham again. We won both games. Remember the tight score in boys game 31-31?

Feb. 3—Football Banquet—Now the girls won't be sweet anymore for a while at least. Poor boys.

Feb. 25—Girls lost their first game to Pelham in tournament. Remember the Bainbridge stop, girls?

Feb. 31—Gwynn Griner entered the Journal Speaking contest and got first in the county.

March 1—Spring Band Concert. The Cairo High School Band put on their Third Annual Spring Concert. The band did an excellent job considering the fact that Major Verran had to be out for a week because of the death of Mrs. Verran's father.

March 10-11—Spring Holidays—Hurrah! Two more days with nothing to do.

March 15—Pictures—that day we all looked forward to and also one we can have to remember.

March 18—High School Music Festival, which was held in Moultrie. The Band receiving 1 plus in concert a 1 in marching. Congratulation.

March 24—A Recruiting Officer came to talk to some of the senior boys about joining the "Navy".

March 25—Preliminary Debates in which they got three points and were lucky to come out with their lives.

April 1—Woman's Club Minstrel was held in the High School Auditorium with some of the business men playing splendid parts and also were aided by some of the High School girls as "white" chorus girls.

April 2—Senior spelling and all the seniors were up in the air. They

came out well though. They got a second place in the District.

April 3—The state Music Festival was held in Milledgeville.

April 13—The One Act Play was held in Pelham in which we got second place. We also had six weeks tests.

April 14—The Debate Trials were held in Cairo.

April 15—District Meet held in Cairo. The High School had a holiday Whoopee!! We won second place in the District, too.

April 21—The Southside put on a stunt night which was very cute. The D. C. T. also held their banquet. Quite a busy night!

April 22—Track meet held in Tifton—Cairo did not place.

April 26—Mrs. Seigling of Charleston, S. C. presented a concert at the High School Auditorium which was very well done.

April 28—All of our teachers held their annual banquet at the Woman's Club.

April 29—State Literary Meet held in Macon. The quartet placed fourth, so did Lucile Pharis. Good work. On the same date the band played for the rose show.

May 13—The Junior-Senior banquet was held. My, but the girls and boys looked swell. The gym was a Hawaiian scene.

May 17—Miss Halley presented her pupils in a recital. They certainly did well.

May 18, 19, 20—Senior Exams Oh! Good Luck Seniors!

May 20—Senior Play presented and it was certain well done!! We enjoyed both the comedy and the romance scenes.

May 21—The band enjoyed a picnic at Wakulla Springs.

May 24, 25, 16—Our Exams—poor us still a year to go. Some of us have four or more to go.

May 27—Hooray! School is finally out.

May 29—The Bacculareate Serman was very good even though it was hot.

May 30—Class day was held and we received our report cards.

May 31—Graduation! Even though we're happy to be graduating it was a little sad.



What do you want to do after school is out? . . .

Fred Barton—"Be a civil engineer or an aviator."

James Bryant—"Go to college."

Inez Harrison—"Be a beautician."

Howard Johnson—"Be a professional hobo."

Herbert Bryant—"Take a vacation."

Gene Sanders—"A safe cracker."

Billy Long—"Be a big-time band-leader."

Pat Lacey—"Visit old friends."

Jimmy Brunson—"Develop an ambition."

Verla Wynn—"Sleep 'till 10 and

then swim ever yafternoon."

Mary Frank Hudson—"Get a job that I won't have to get up so early for."

Dollie Mae Carter—"Sleep late every morning."

Vivian Glausier—"Go to Randolph Field, Texas."

Hubert Hassey—"Be a butcher."

Lee Wilson—"Nothing—if I can help it."

Maxine White—"Marry Junior Clark."

Erlene Stokes—"Be a housewife."

Beth Stanfill—"Loaf 'till next fall when it's time for college."

Gerald McNair—"Be an accountant."

Emogene Strickland—"Go to Memphis, maybe—"

Barbara Barineau—"Go to Atlanta, and then visit Pensacola."

Ellen Coats—"Live at the beach."

Jo Ann McNair and Carolyn John-

son—"Go to Milledgeville (to college that is!)"

Shirley Lyons—"Take off for the wild west. (For Kansas State College.)"

Lewis Cawthorn—"Go to Tampa."

Wesley Cassels—"Work at the swimming pool."

Helen Coats—"Loaf and swim."

Jean Van—"Eat ice cream and read some books."

Jimmy Brookins—"Run two different shifts in one nite."

Mittie J. Pitts—"Sleep."

Maxine Andrews—"Be a regular nurse."

Dick Davis—"Go to Orlando and fish."

Calvin Jacobs—"Loaf."

Doris Clark—"Do office work."

Inwin Gandy—"Join the Navy to ride the waves."

Bobby Barlow—"Write a book."

Billy Barton—"Join the navy and

see the world."

Carolyn J.—"Go to Miami."

Burnell Kinchen—"Get an office job."

Fred Carter—"Farm."

Doris Willis—"Go with John."

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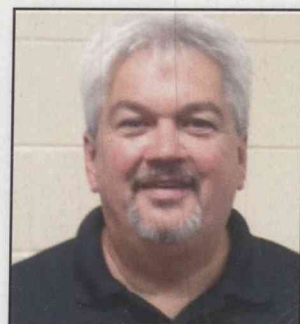
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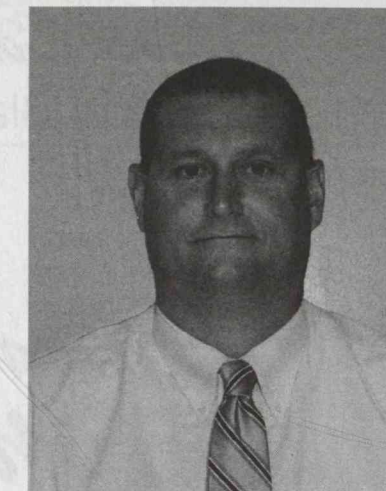
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From the Athletic Director



2013



Syrupmaker Football

Welcome to WEST THOMAS STADIUM, the Home of the Syrupmakers! Even though the Roddenberry Pickle Plant smell is not in the air anymore, the tradition and pride of being a Syrupmaker lives on. The 2013 Syrupmaker football team, band, cheerleaders, and JROTC have been preparing for months as we begin this special time of year. Many of you have helped to build this rich tradition that this current group strives to emulate. By coming on a football Friday night, you will see the excellence that this community desires.

Cairo High School and its Syrupmakers have earned admiration and respect across the state for being a special place that produces special results. I truly believe what makes our program different is the cohesiveness (the key ingredient to our Syrupmaker success) within our community, faculty, student body, and our team. This commitment to excellence is definitely evident on Friday nights under the lights.

Every time our "Boys of Fall" run out on the field, our cheerleaders raise the run-through sign, and our Pride of Dixie plays "Cairo Boys," we know it's time for the Red and Black Attack! For me, it doesn't get any better than that.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in Cairo High School and its many activities. Just remember...there is only one place you can be a Syrupmaker, and there is nothing like being a Syrupmaker on a Friday night!

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Welcome...



Dear Students, Parents, and Guests,

Welcome to West Thomas Stadium and Friday night football! We are happy to have you here tonight. Through the years Cairo High School (CHS) has built an extensive athletic program, this program has produced legendary football players that began their professional careers right here on this field.

Pride resonates throughout our student body. Just listen to our band, the "Pride of Dixie" Marching Band, another tradition at CHS. From playing the "Battle Hymn" to a current jazz number, (the best band in the land), the mighty Syrupmaker Band will entertain our community, alumni, parents, and fans!

Our CHS cheerleaders are another energetic part of the Friday night experience. These athletes keep the excitement going and our fans yelling. From the youngest fan to the seasoned football fanatic, our cheerleaders will add to your excitement at every game.

In addition to an appreciation for the players and coaches, I want to send a special thanks to all of the many supporters who make our Friday nights possible. So many individuals are responsible for making this traditional experience happen such as our JROTC cadets, our athletes' parents, our band parents, our cheerleader sponsors, and our stadium/radio announcers.

We also have videographers, teachers, administrators, law enforcement, EMS, coaching assistants, medical staff, and many business/community supporters that help to make this experience even sweeter. Essentially, our student body, alumni, and, of course, our Syrupmaker fans give meaning to our school's motto, "With Pride We Give Our Best".

I appreciate your investment and interest in our young people of Grady County. I now invite you to sit back, enjoy the game, relish the music of the mighty Syrupmaker Band, and yell -"GO SYRUPMAKERS!" It is Friday night! You are in the Syrup Bowl! Kick the ball! I am ready for the game to start!

I am proud to be a Syrupmaker!

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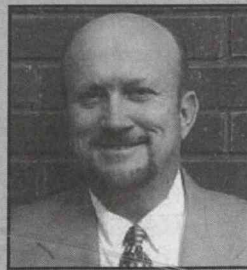
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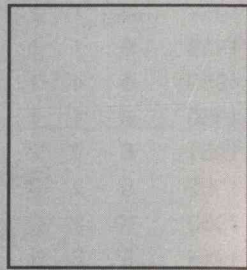
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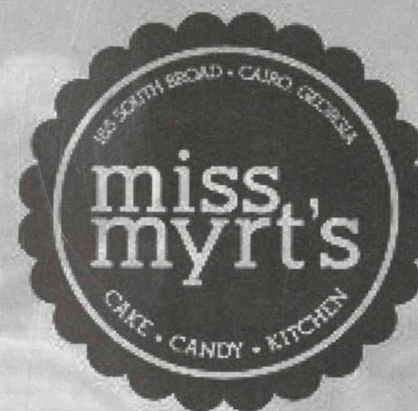
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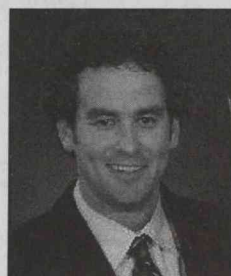
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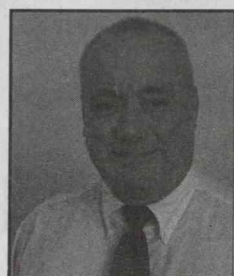
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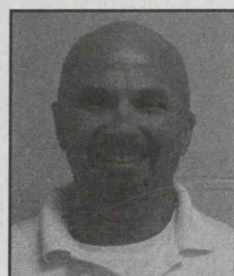
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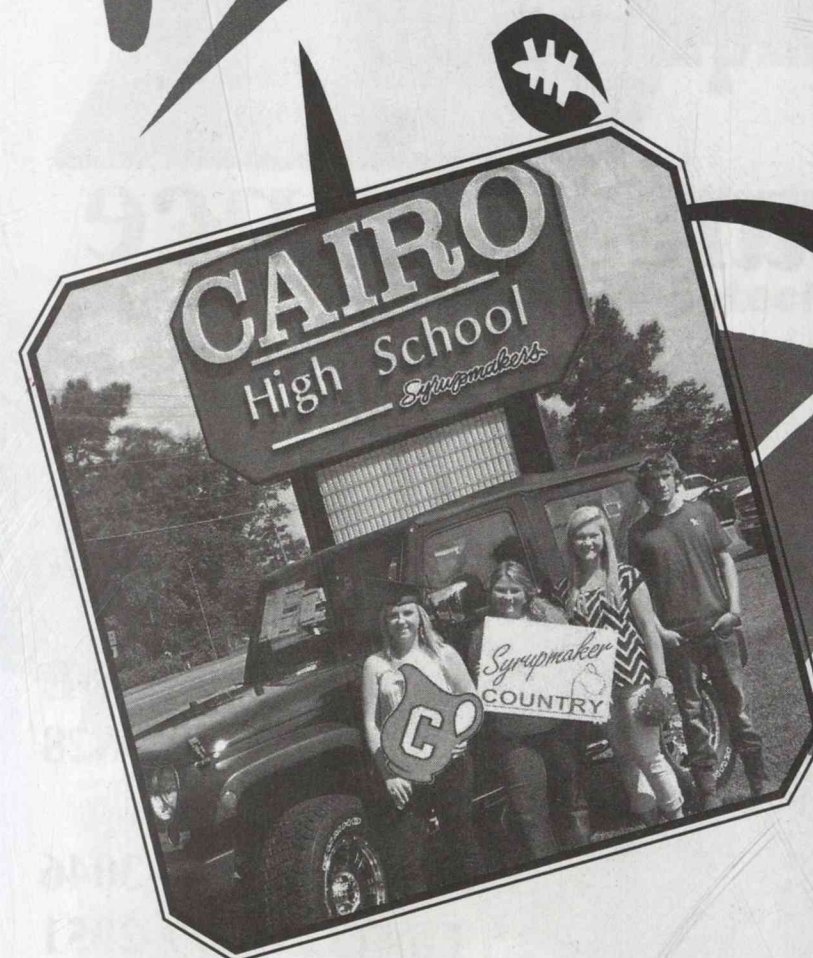
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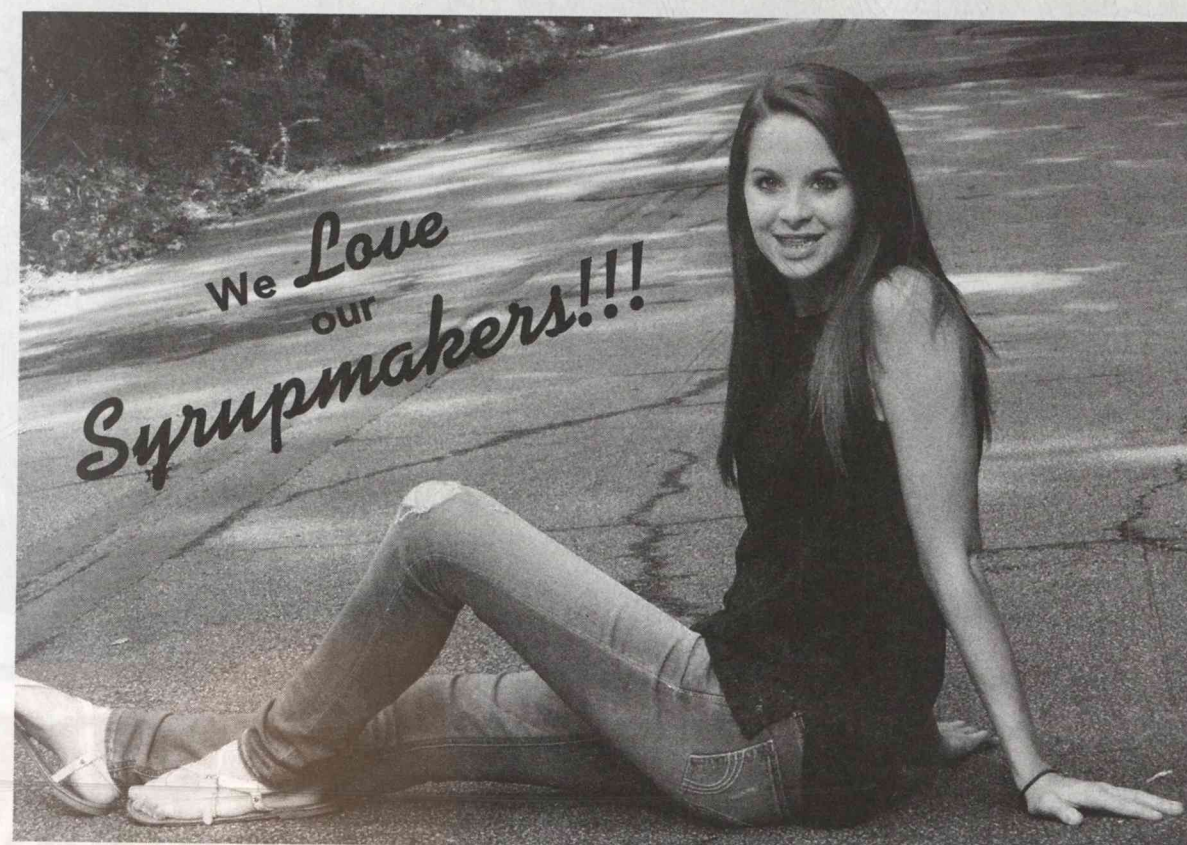
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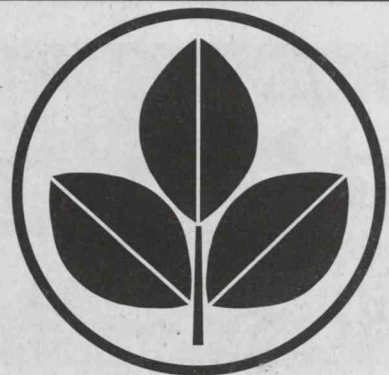


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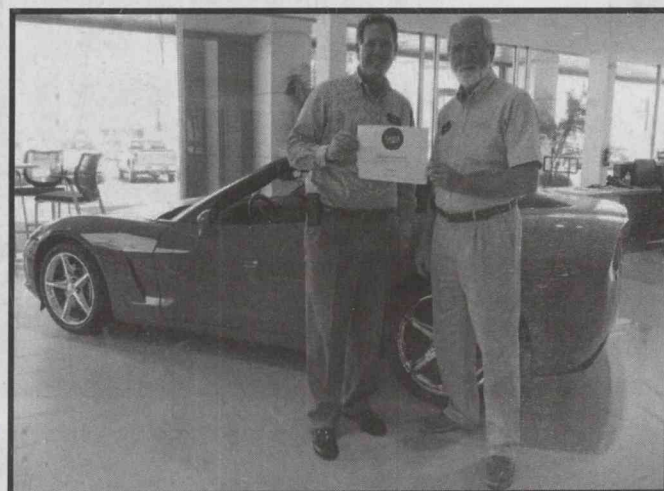
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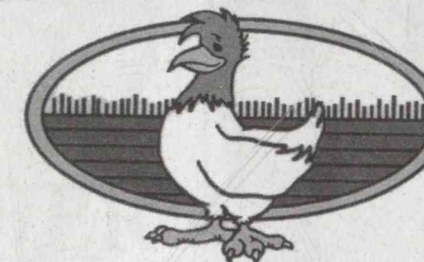
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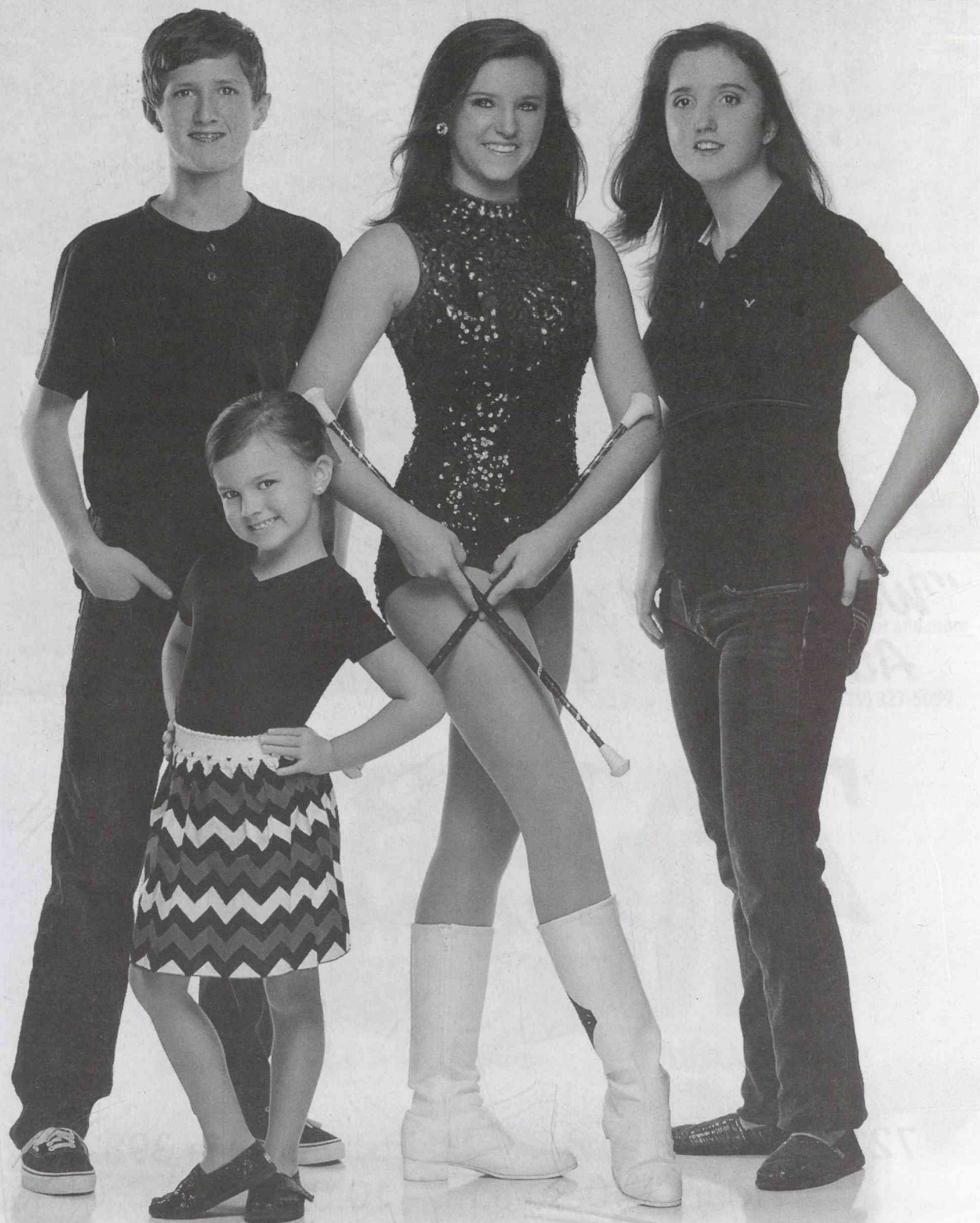
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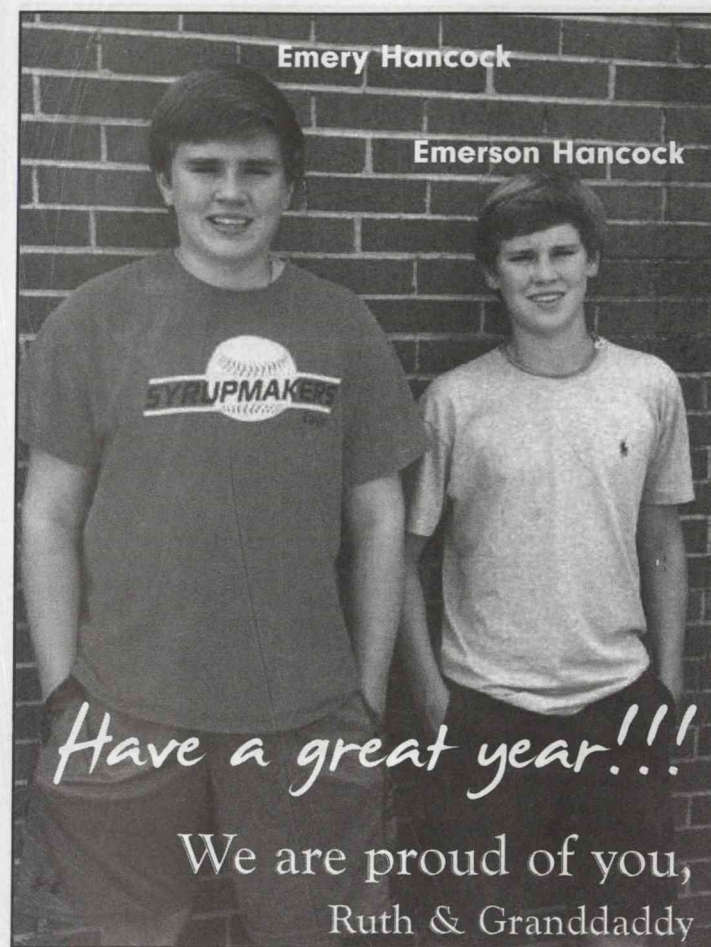
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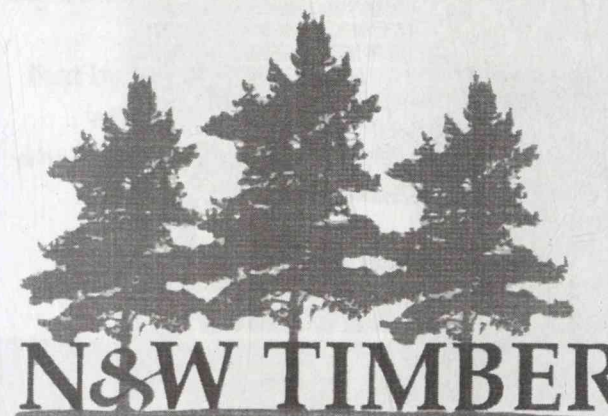
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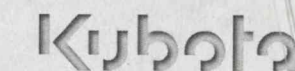
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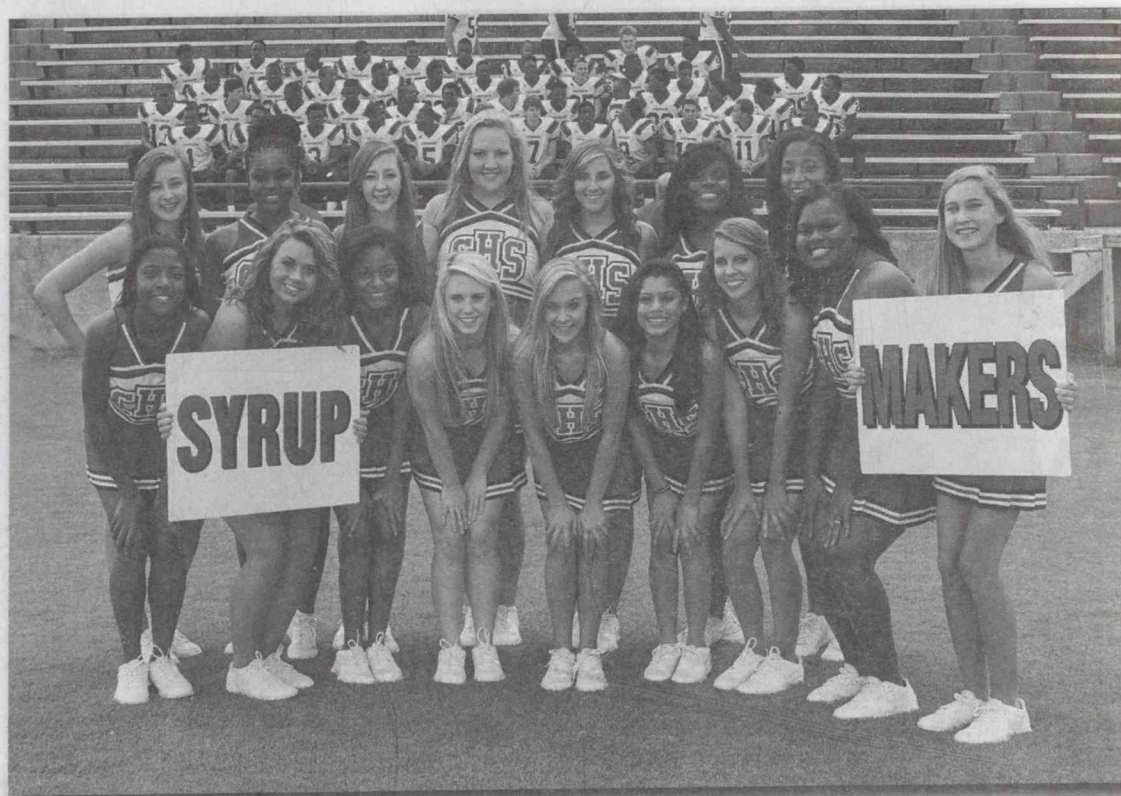
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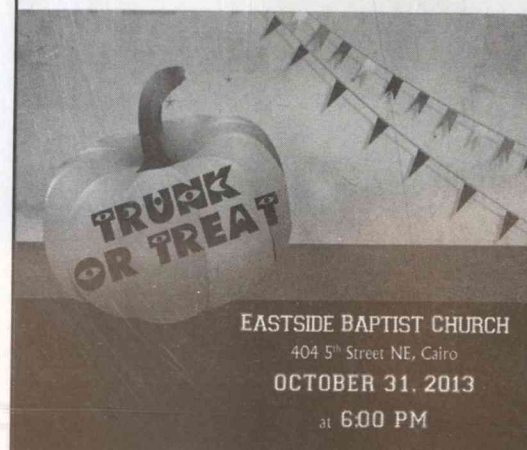
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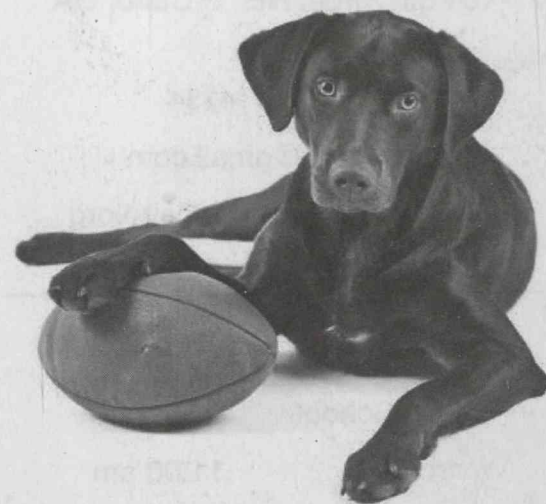
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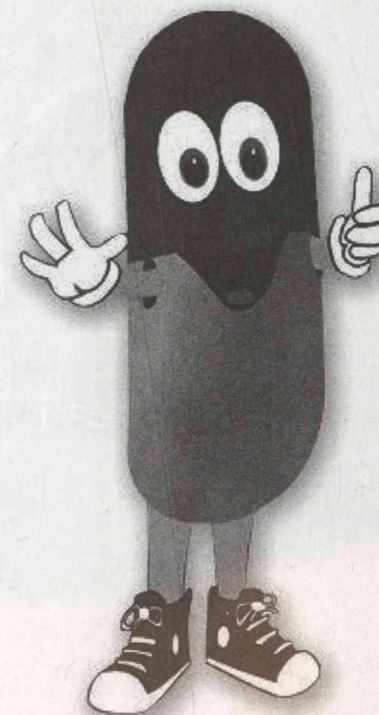
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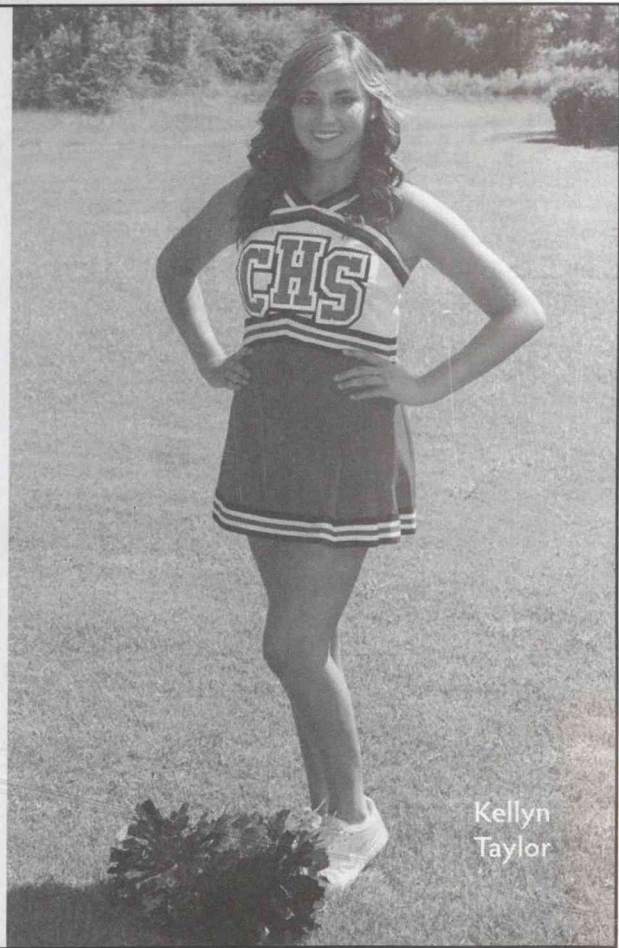
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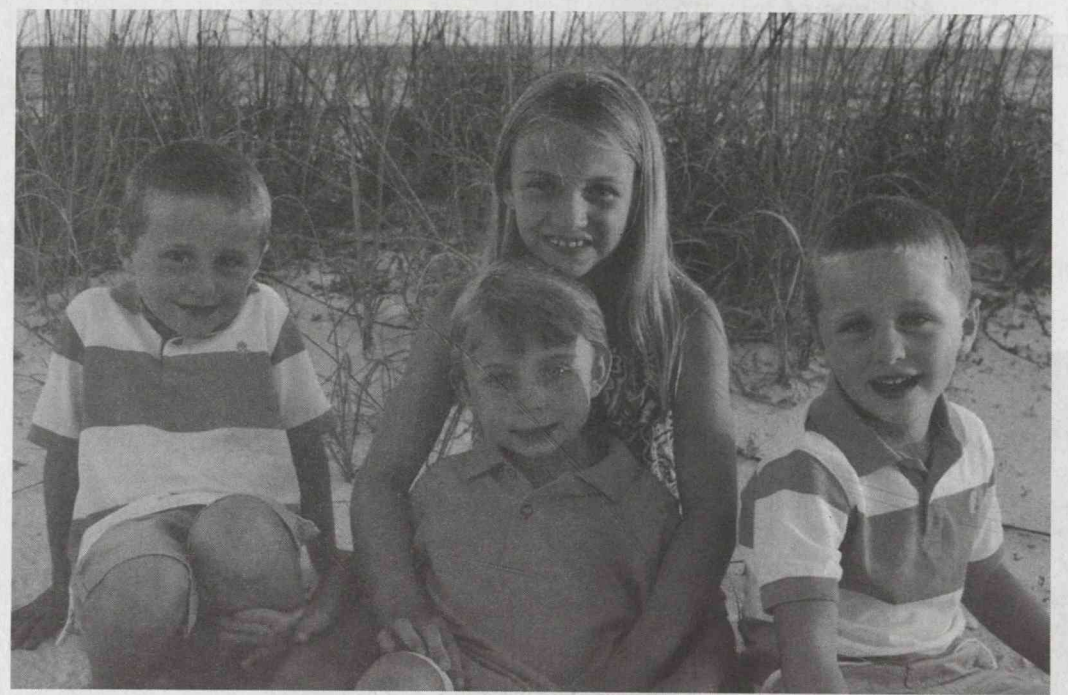
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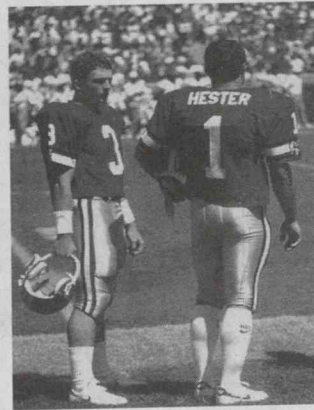
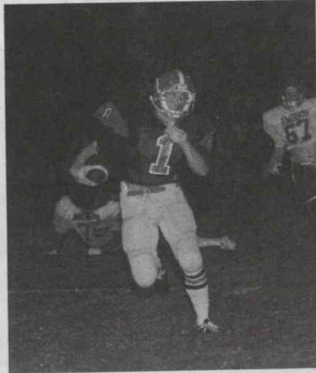



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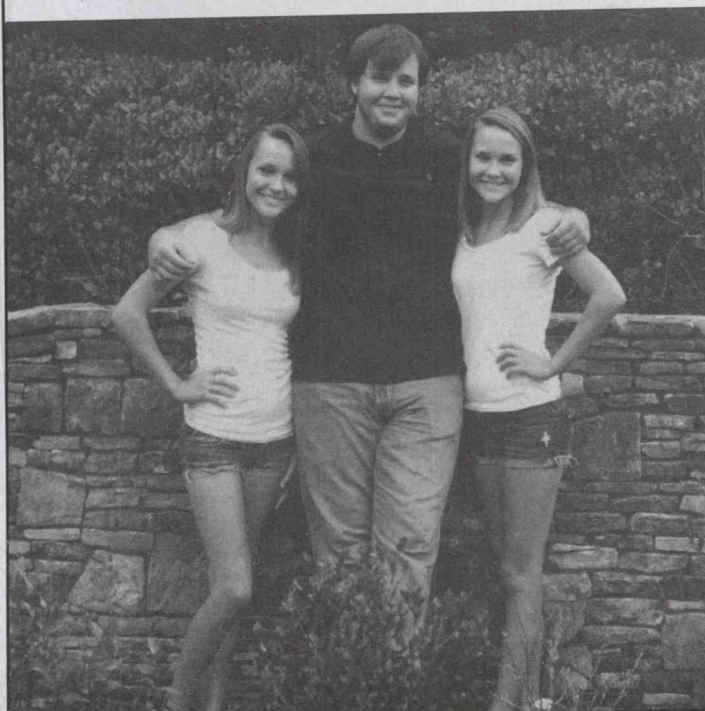


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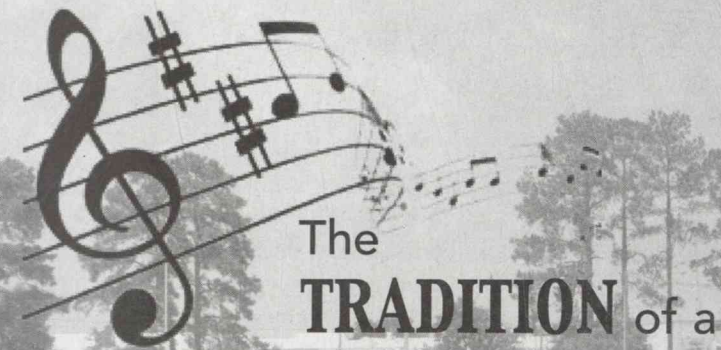
  

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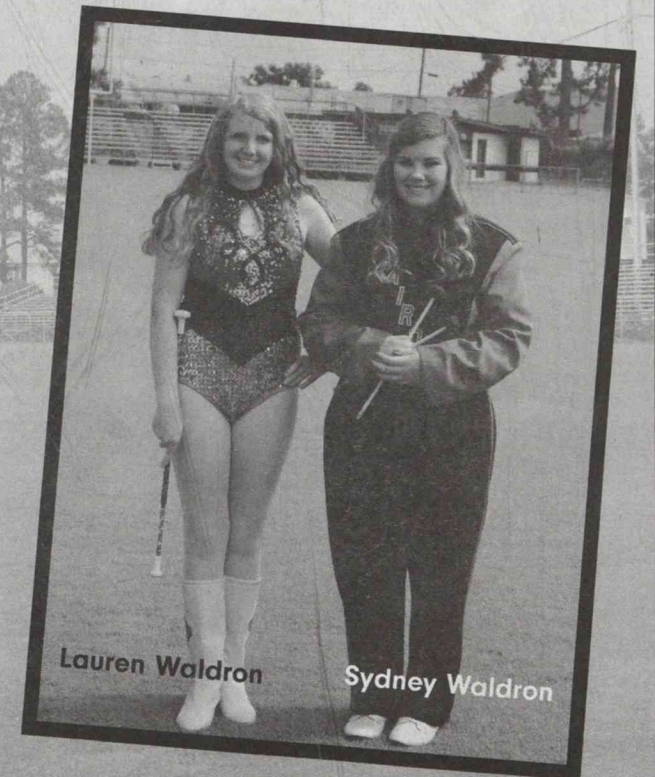
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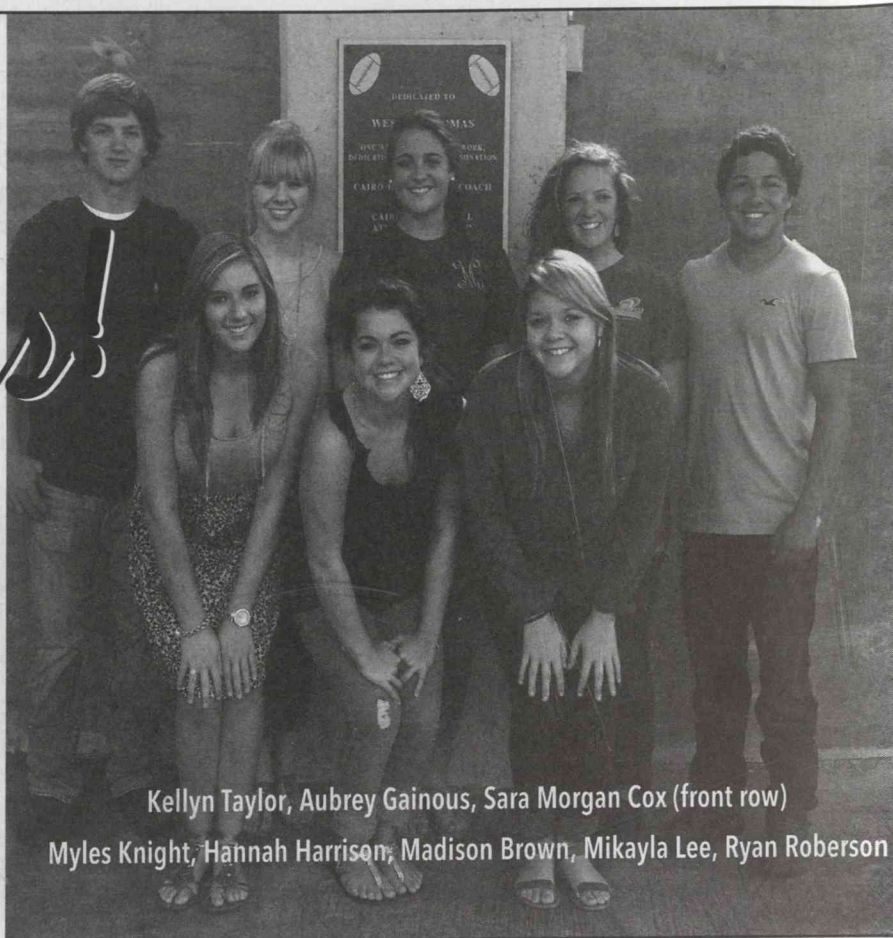


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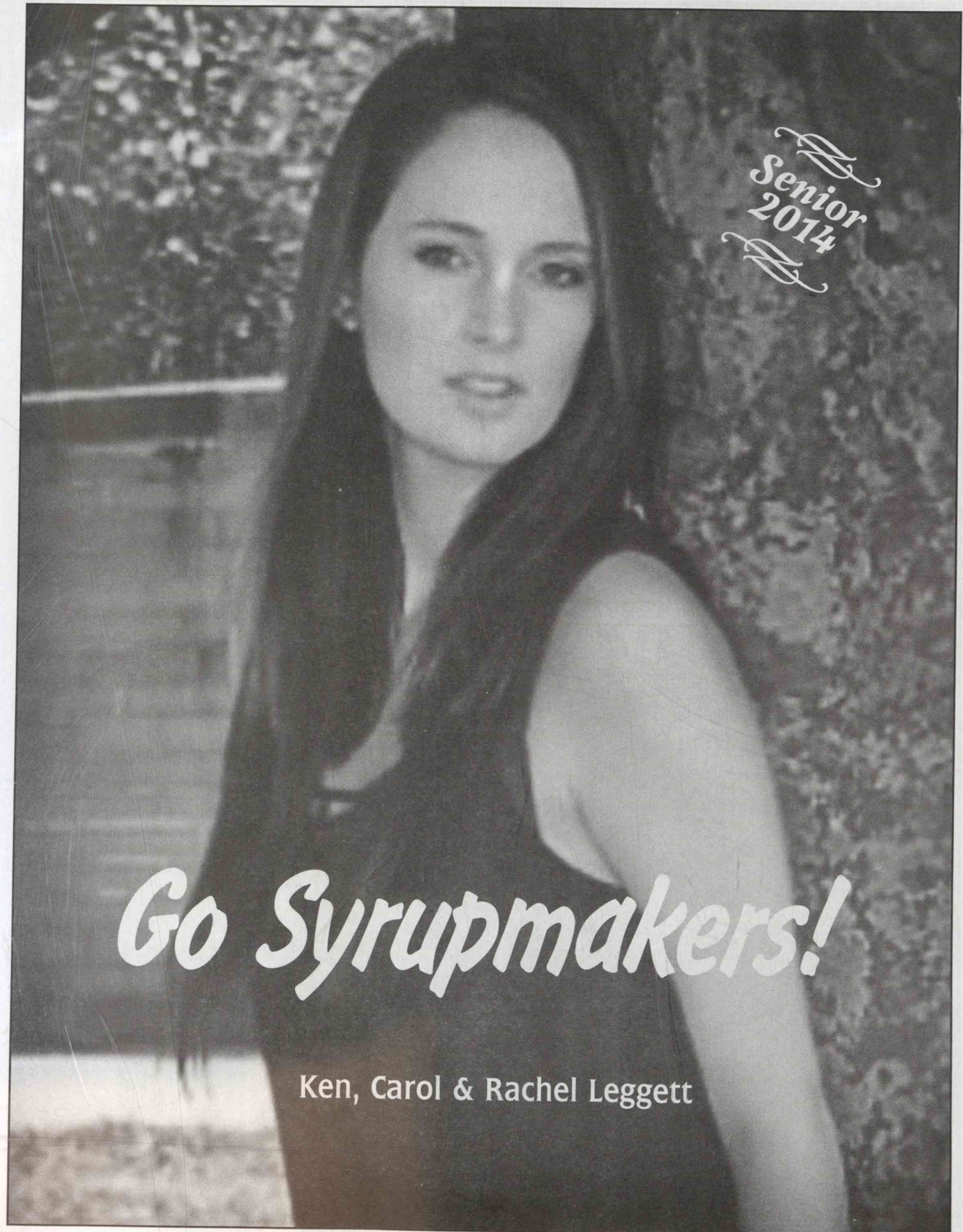
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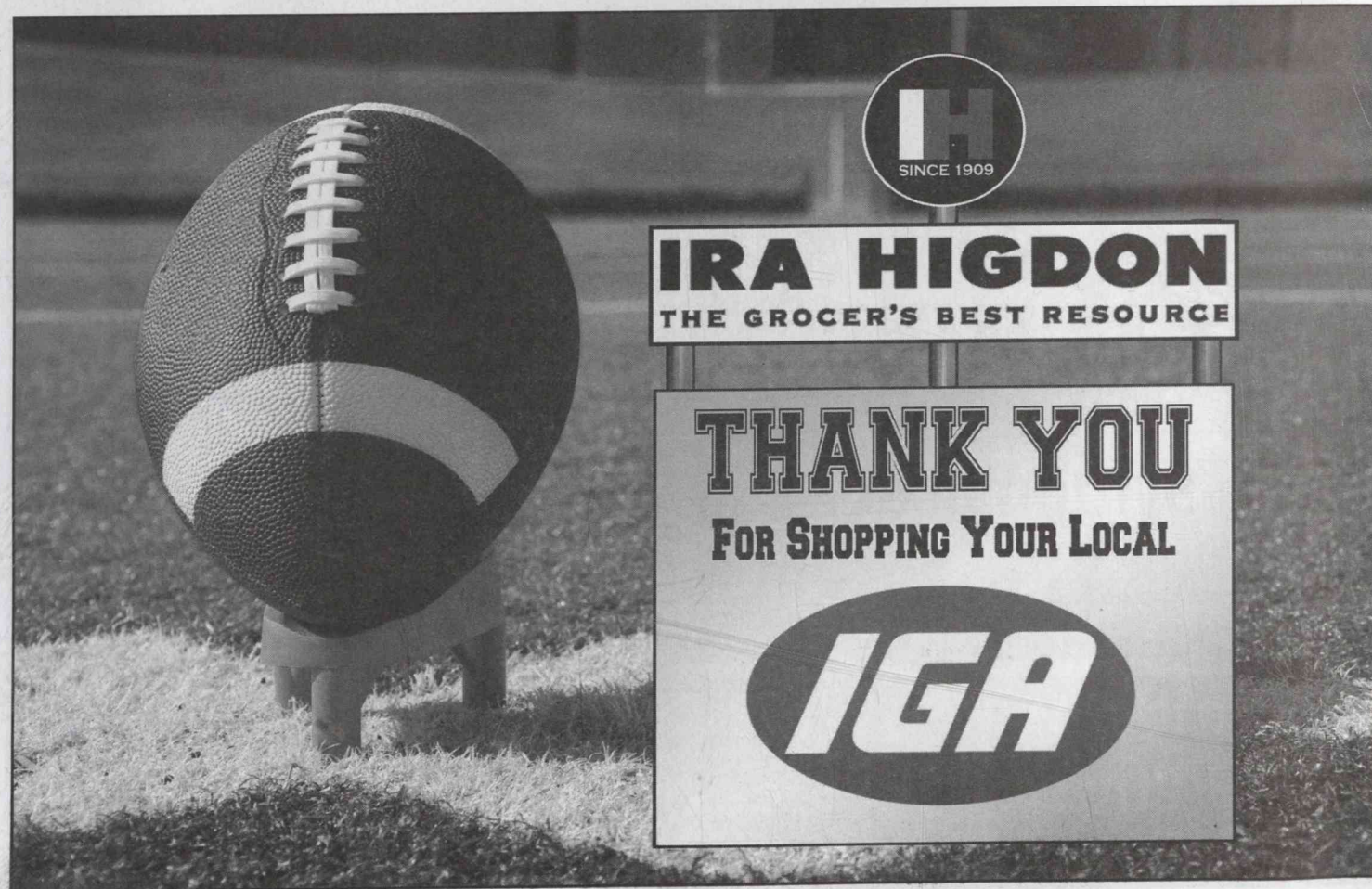
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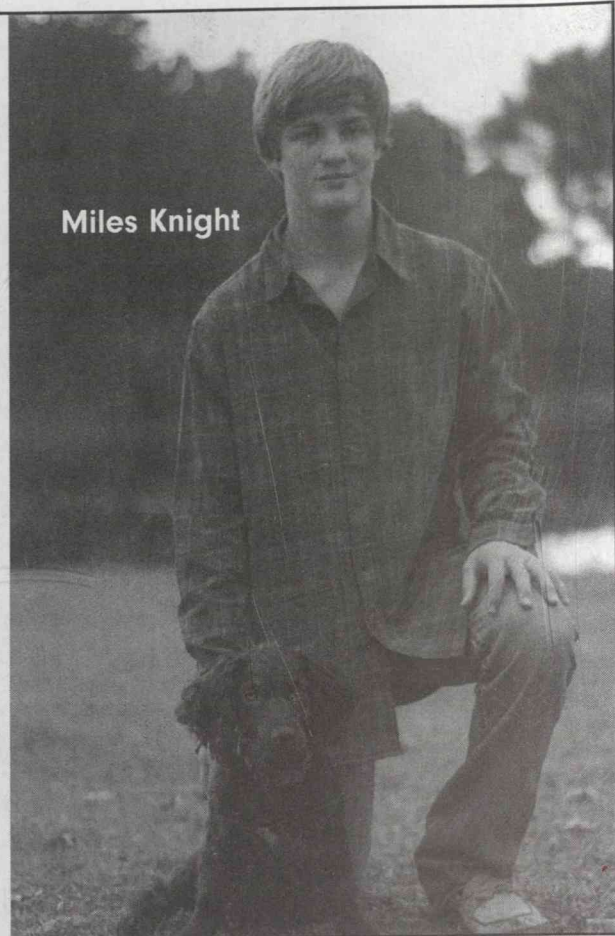


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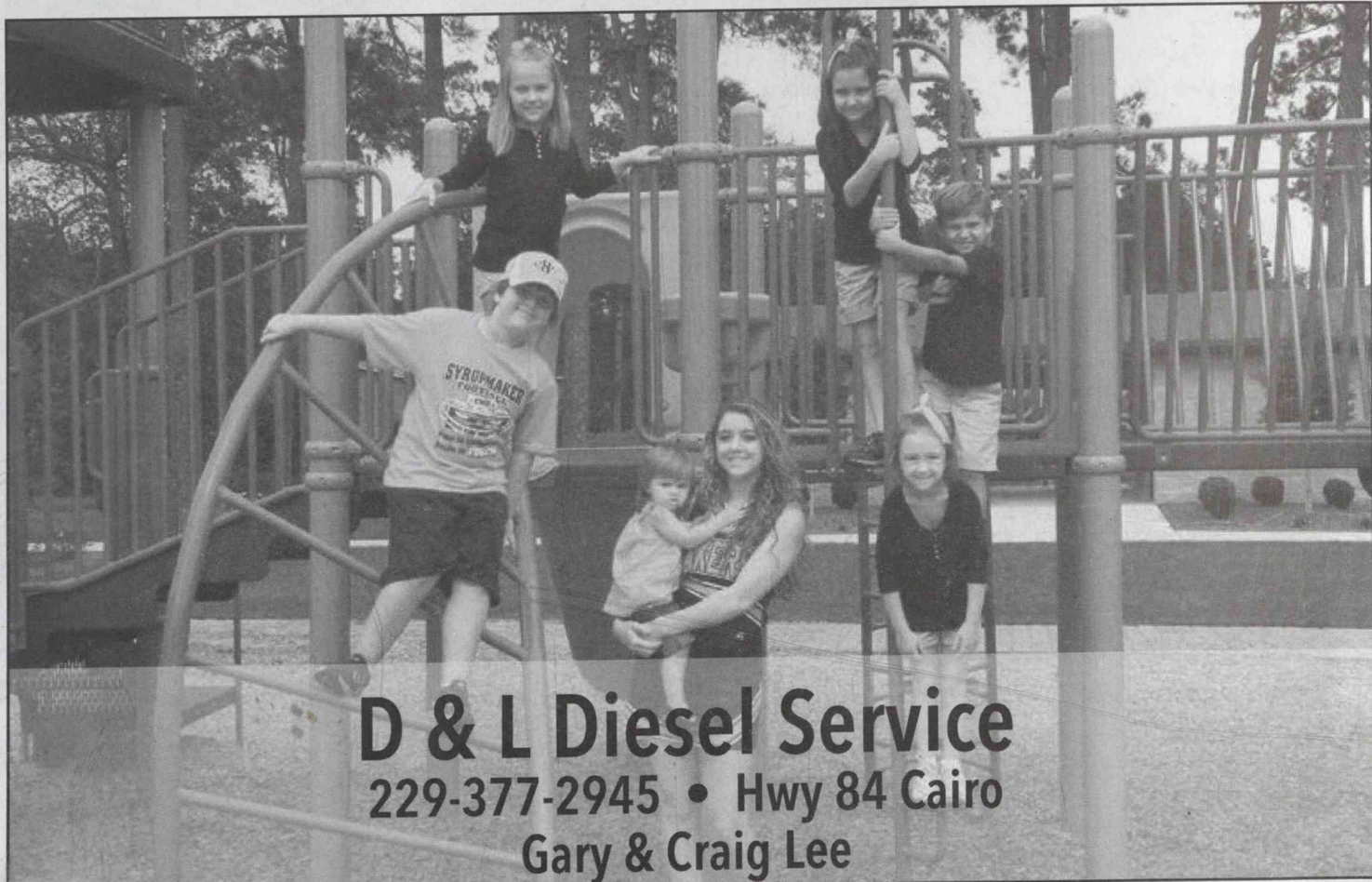


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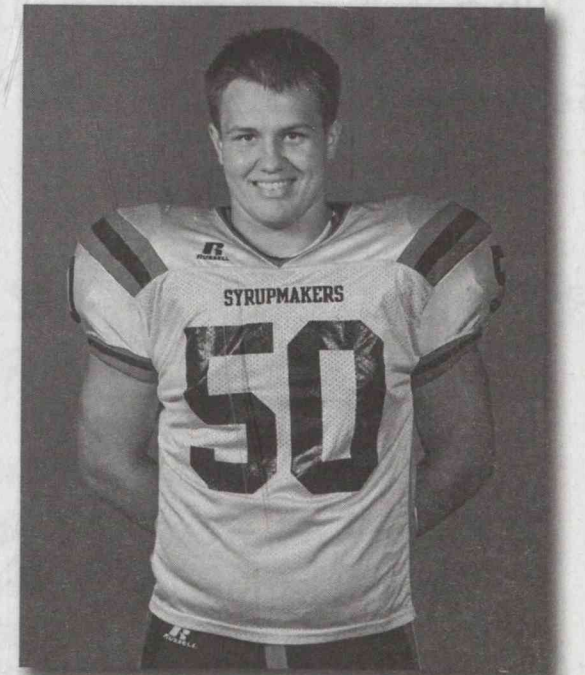
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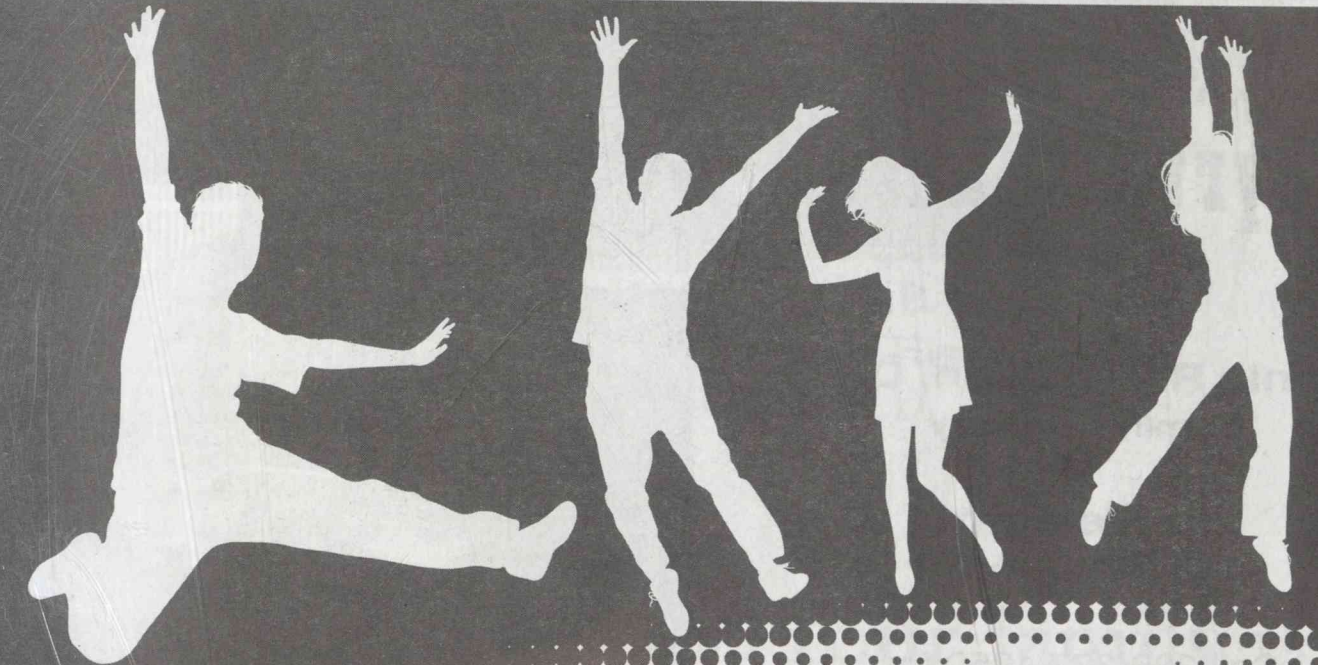
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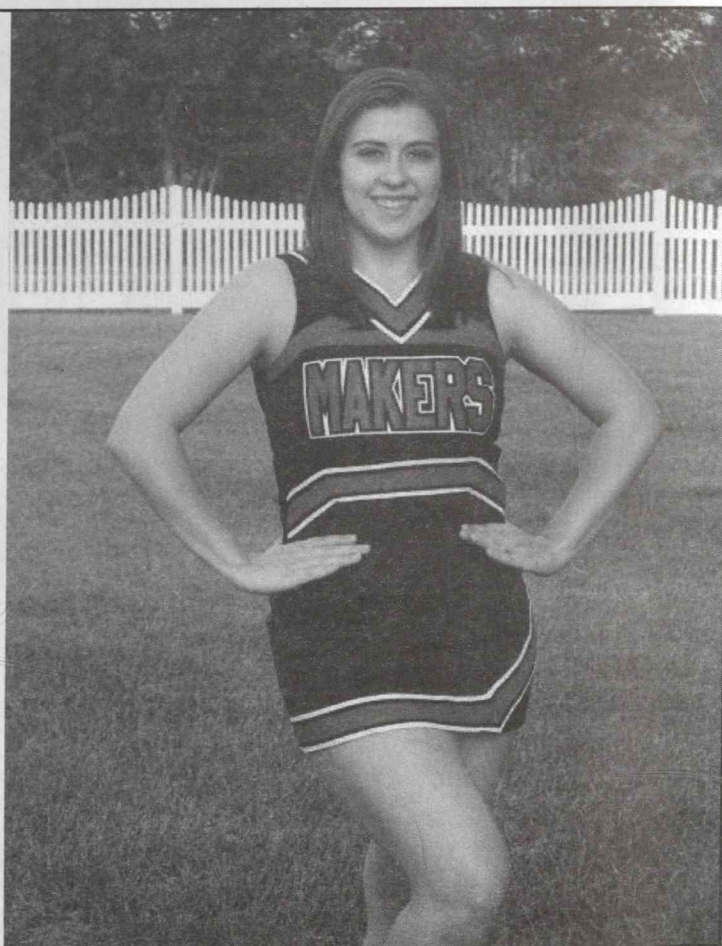
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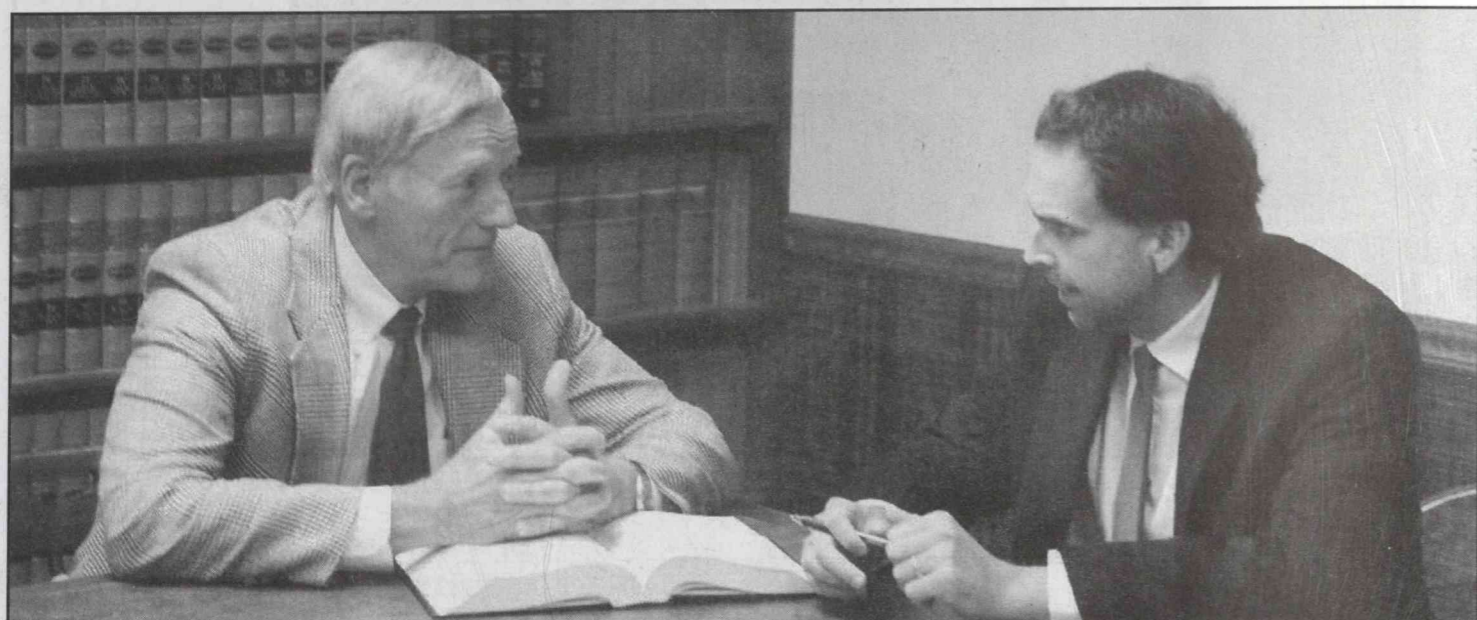
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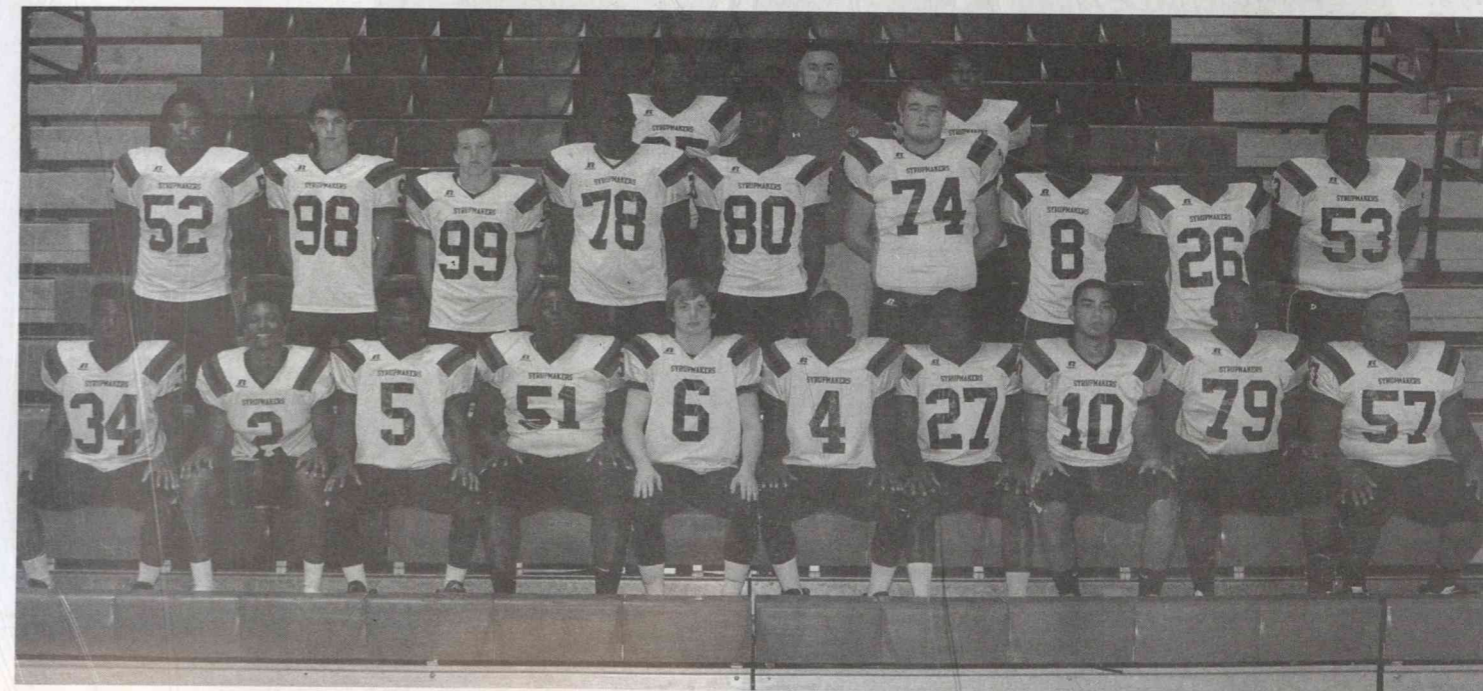
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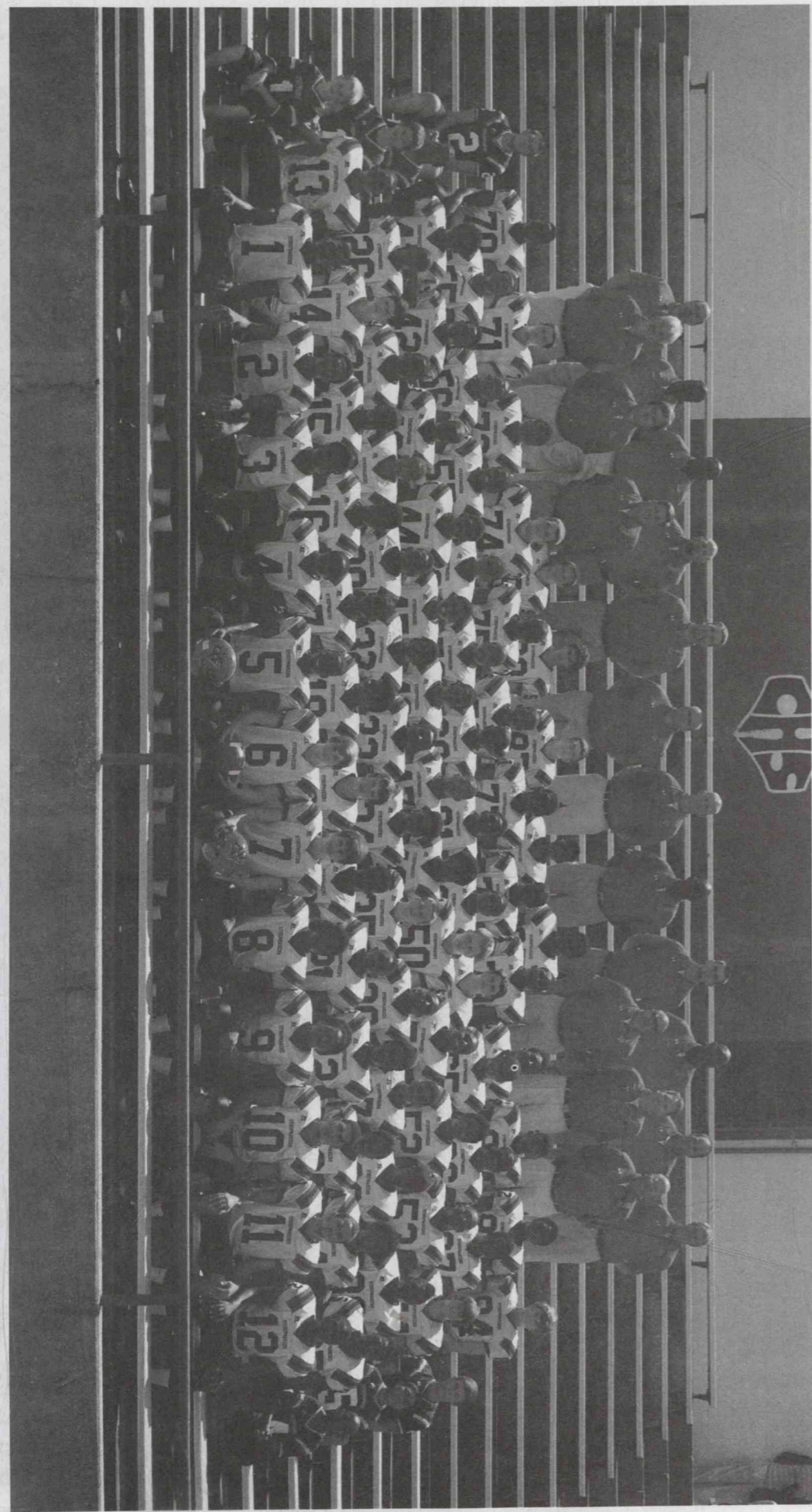


SYRUPMAKER COACHING STAFF - front row, l-r: David Johnson, Brad Almon, Greg Boyce, Tom Fallaw, Doug Huff, Isiah Chance, Tommy York and David Bell; back row, l-r: Pete Corker, Zack Wilson, Jonathon Ross, Kevin Elliott, Stacey Masten, Matt Martin, Thomas Balkcom and David Coleman.

Seniors

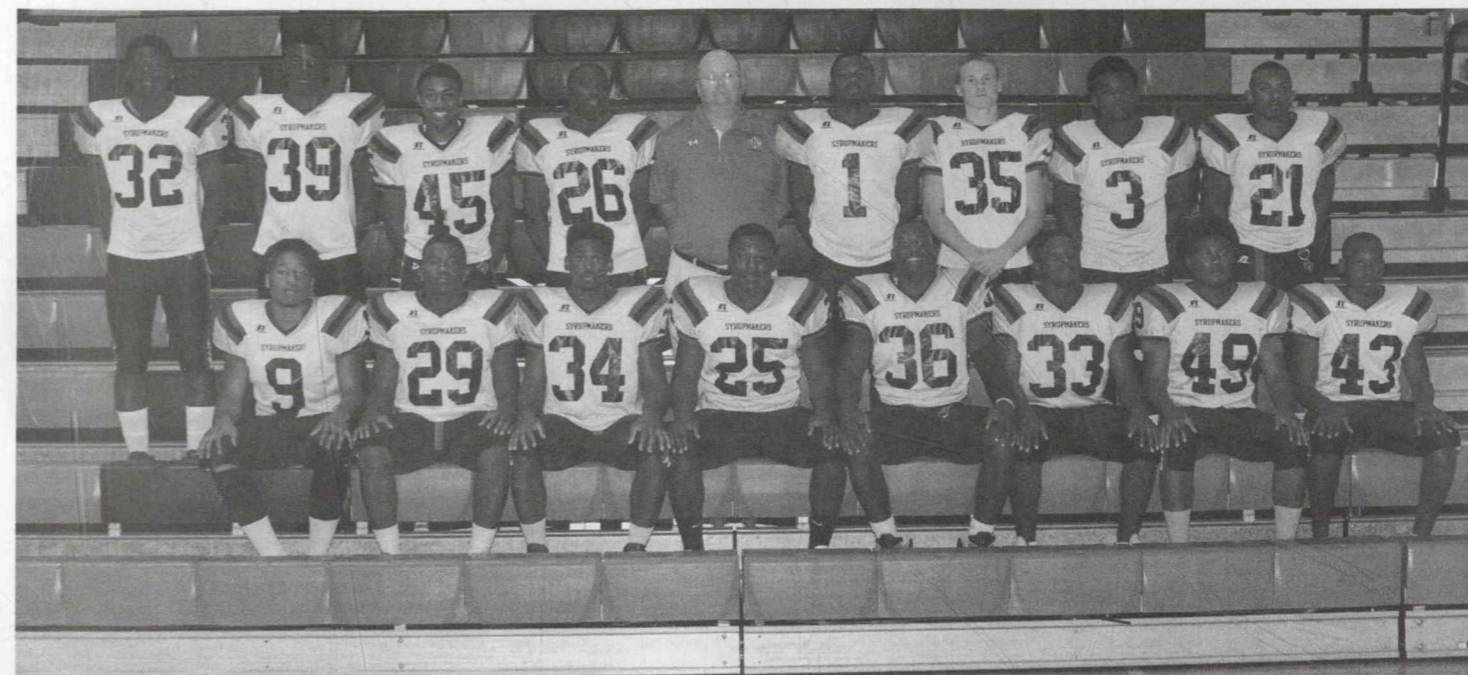


SENIOR SYRUPMAKERS - front row, l-r: Derex Hill, Reese Wooten, Justin Hill, Richard Walker, Luke Elkins, Michael Calloway, Rodderick Addison, Tyler Meades, Andrew McClendon and Brantavis Vicks; middle row, l-r: Taikail Anderson, Taylor Donalson, Wilder Elliott, Justin Garland, Eric Burney, Tyler Sheppard, Dontavious Gurley, Devan Daniels and Kenneth Williams; back row, l-r: Bryan Soles, Coach Tom Fallaw and Sedarion Thornton.



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Running Backs



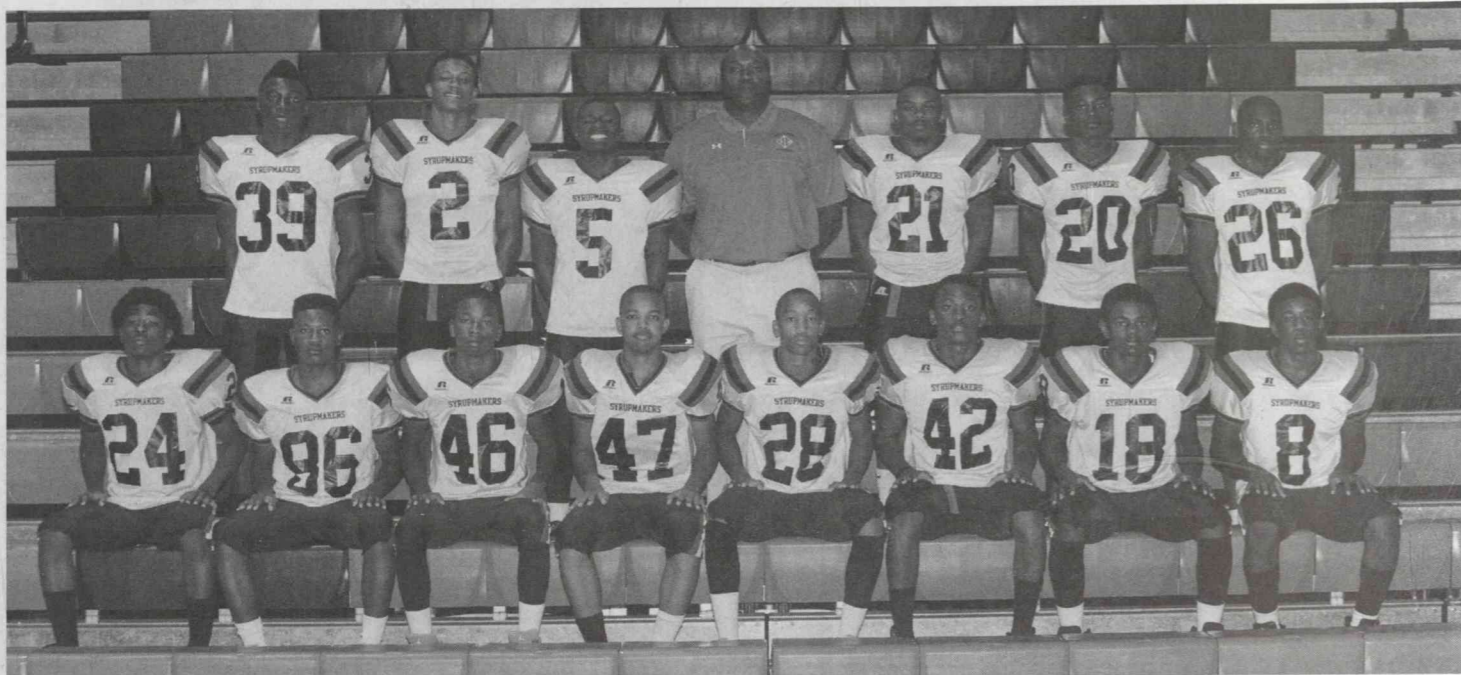
RUNNING BACKS - front row, l-r: Malik Taylor, Marcus Gaines, Derex Hill, Bryan Soles, Jeremiah Hill, Antonio Wynn, DeJohnta Jones and Zacharius Anderson; back row, l-r: Jahsari Patterson, Decorrious McCullough, Randolph Scott, Devan Daniels, Coach Tommy York, Johntavis Johnson, Hunter Faircloth, Bunar Sloan and Jalandin Jones.

Special Teams



SPECIAL TEAMS - front row, l-r: Luke Elkins, Taylor Donalson, Wilder Elliott, P.J. Palmer and Clay Bell; back row, l-r: Reese Wooten, Coach David Johnson, Coach Tommy York and Koby Pyrz.

Defensive Backs



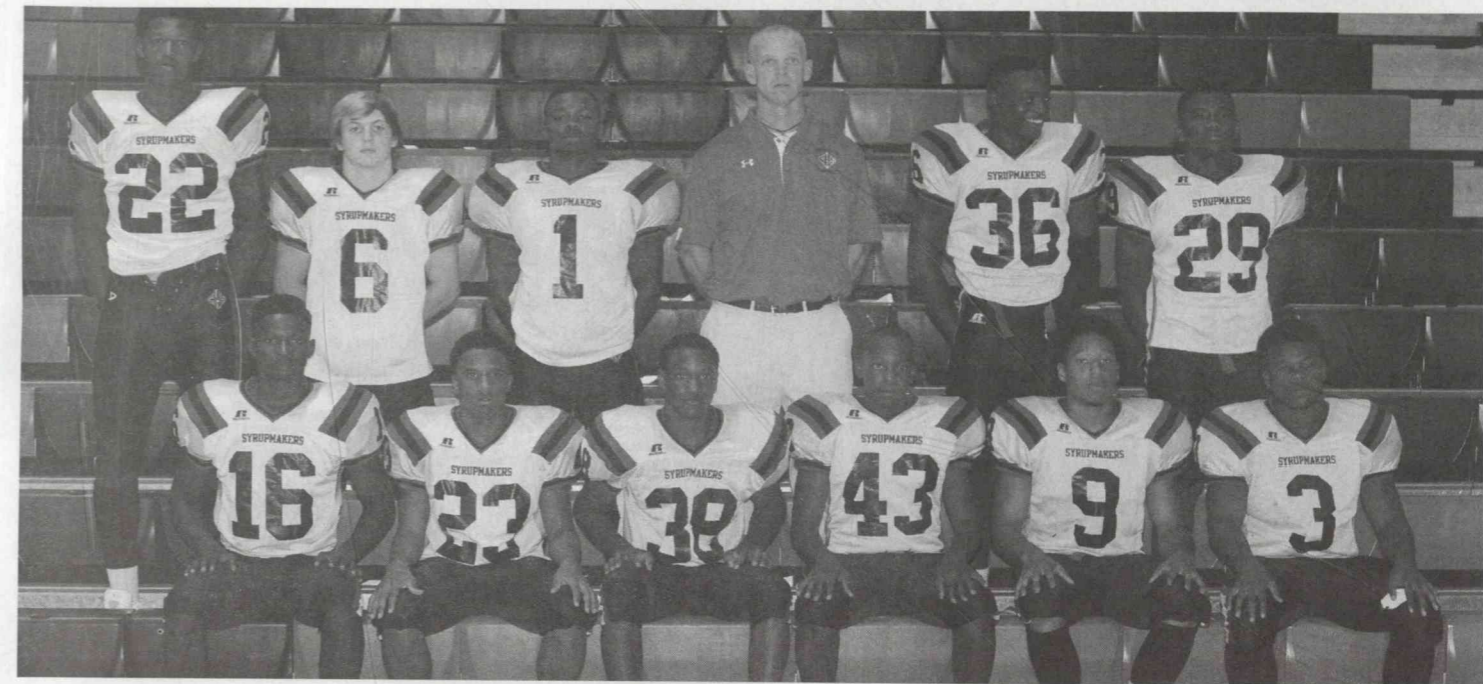
DEFENSIVE BACKS - front row, l-r: Jamal Thomas, Shawn Peterson, D.J. Donaldson, Jaylon Jones, Tavares James, Jamez Peters, Trivorick Hardy and Dontavious Gurley; **back row, l-r:** Decorrius McCullough, Reese Wooten, Justin Hill, Coach Thomas Balkcom, Jalandin Jones, Quantarius Wimbley and #26 no longer on team.

Receivers



RECEIVING CORPS - front row, l-r: Dontavious Perkins, Jamal Thomas, Shawn Peterson, Malik Sigler, Tavares James, Jamez Peters, Michael Calloway, Aric Holmes and William Atkins; **back row, l-r:** Jaylon Jones, Edward Morris, Walter Grant, Derex Hill, Reese Wooten, Coach Kevin Elliott, Justin Hill, Quentarius McNeil-Greene, Trivorick Hardy, Donatvious Gurley and Quantarius Wimbley.

Linebackers



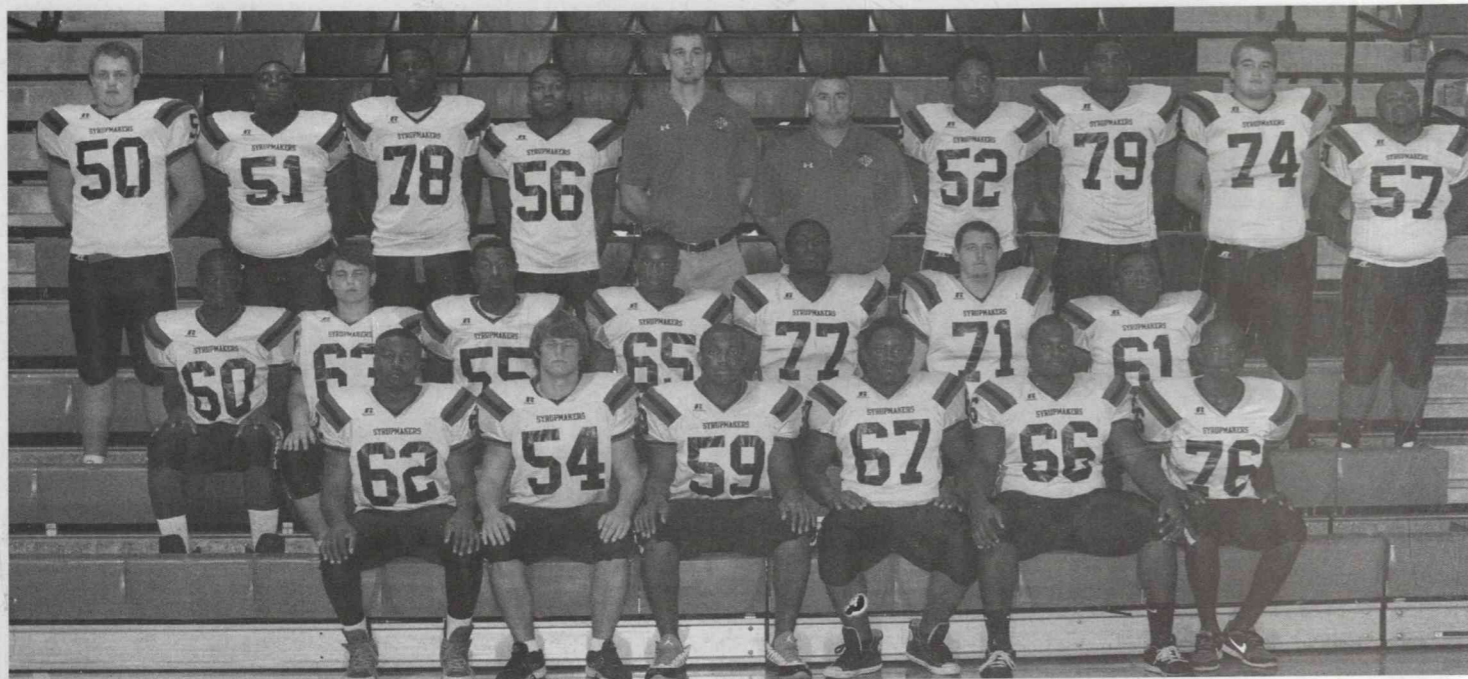
LINEBACKERS - front row, l-r: Jacquiez Ash, Malik Sigler, Aric Holmes, Zacharius Anderson, Malik Taylor and Bunar Sloan; **back row, l-r:** Walter Grant, Luke Elkins, Johntavis Johnson, Coach Doug Huff, Jeremiah Hill and Marcus Gaines.

Defensive Ends



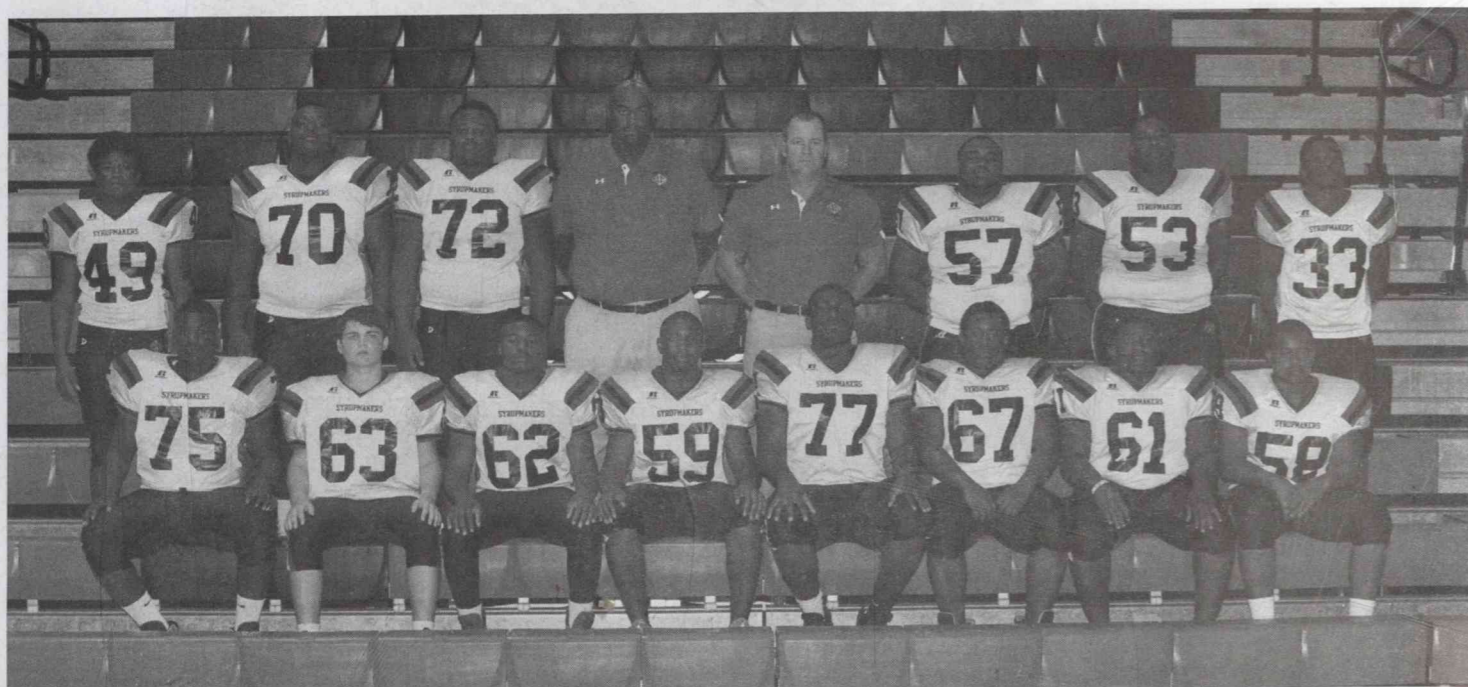
DEFENSIVE ENDS - front row, l-r: Jahsearii Patterson, Quintarious Stinson, Jarvis Calloway, Tavan Smith, Tyrese Brown, Rodderick Addison and Khahil Frazier; **back row, l-r:** Bryan Soles, Eric Burney, Coach Isiah Chance, Coach Matt Martin, Taikail Anderson and Matt Cromer.

Offensive Line



OFFENSIVE LINE - front row, l-r: Quan Sherman, Storm Clark, Jerome Mollins, Artavious Willis, Nicholas Pope and Khahil Frazier; middle row, l-r: Jahsearii Patterson, Hayden Wynn, Jarvis Calloway, Tavan Smith, Patrick Preston, Kyle Harris and Maurice Gaines; back row, l-r: Koby Pyrz, Richard Walker, Justin Garland, Sedarion Thornton, Coach David Coleman, Coach Tom Fallaw, Taikail Anderson, Andrew McClendon, Tyler Sheppard, and Brantavis Vicks.

Defensive Line



DEFENSIVE LINE - front row, l-r: Jeremiah Gordon, Hayden Wynn, Quan Sherman, Jerome Mollins, Patrick Preston, Artavious Willis, Maurice Gaines and Chris Gurley; back row, l-r: DeJohnta Jones, Tony Smith, Andre Hadley, Coach Pete Corker, Coach David Johnson, Brantavis Vicks, Kenneth Williams and Antonio Wynn.

Quarterbacks



QUARTERBACKS - front row, l-r: Jacquez Ash, D.J. Donaldson, Clay Bell and Todd Brown; back row, l-r: Dillan Gilliard, Stacy Masten, Coach Greg Boyce, Chad Marshall and Conrad Meades.

Tight Ends



TIGHT ENDS - front row, l-r: Quintiarious Stinson, Matt Cromer, Tyrese Brown, and Rodderick Addison; back row, l-r: Duane Cromartie, Coach David Coleman, Coach David Bell and Tyler Meades.



CAIRO HIGH SYRUPMAKERS

#	Name	Class	Pos.	#	Name	Class	Pos.
1	JOHNTAVIS JOHNSON	11	RB/LB	44	DANNY BARKER	10	OLB
2	REESE WOOTEN	12	WR	45	RANDOLPH SCOTT	9	RB/LB
3	BUNAR SLOAN	11	RB/LB	46	D.J. DONALDSON	9	QB/DB
4	MICHAEL CALLOWAY	12	QB/DB	47	JAYLON JONES	9	WR/DB
5	JUSTIN HILL	12	RB/DB	48	DESHAWN WALKER	9	RB/LB
6	LUKE ELKINS	12	RB/LB	49	DEJOHNTA JONES	9	RB/LB
7	CLAY BELL	11	QB	50	KOBY PYRZ	10	OL/DL
8	DONTAVIOUS GURLEY	12	WR/DB	51	RICHARD WALKER	12	OL
9	MALIK TAYLOR	10	RB/LB	52	TAIKAIL ANDERSON	12	TE/DE
10	TYLER MEADES	12	TE/DE	53	KENNETH WILLIAMS	12	DL
11	WILLIAM ATKINS	11	WR	54	STORM CLARK	11	OL
12	CHAD MARSHALL	11	QB/DB	55	JARVIS CALLOWAY	11	OL/DE
13	TODD BROWN	9	QB/OLB	56	SEDARION THORNTON	12	OL/DL
14	CONRAD MEARS	10	QB/OLB	57	BRANTAVIS VICKS	12	OL/DL
15	STACY MASTEN	11	QB/DB	58	CHRIS GURLEY	11	OL/DL
16	JACQUEZ ASH	9	QB/LB	59	JEROME MOLLINS	10	OL/DL
17	QUENTARIUS MCNEIL-GREENE	11	WR/DB	60	JAHSEARII PATTERSON	9	OL/DE
18	TRIVORICK HARDY	11	WR/DB	61	MAURICE GAINES	11	OL/DL
19	DILLAN GILLIARD	10	QB/OLB	62	QUAN SHERMAN	9	OL/DL
20	QUANTARIUS WIMBLEY	11	WR/DB	63	HAYDEN WYNN	9	OL/DL
21	JALANDIN JONES	11	RB/DB	65	TAVAN SMITH	11	OL/DE
22	WALTER GRANT	9	WR/LB	66	NICHOLAS POPE	11	OL/DL
23	MALIK SIGLER	11	WR/LB	67	ARTAVIOUS WILLIS	11	OL/DL
24	JAMAL THOMAS	9	WR/DB	70	TONY SMITH	9	OL/DL
25	BRYAN SOLES	12	RB/DE	71	KYLE HARRIS	10	OLDL
27	RODDERICK ADDISON	12	RB/DE	72	ANDRE HADLEY	11	OL/DL
28	TAVARES JAMES	11	WR/DB	74	TYLER SHEPPARD	12	OL/DL
29	MARCUS GAINES	11	RB/LB	75	JEREMIAH GORDON	9	OL/DL
30	JZBRALON HATCH	10	RB/LB	76	KHAHIL FRAZIER	9	OL/DE
31	RANDY MAYO	9	RB/OLB	77	PATRICK PRESTON	10	OL/DL
32	JAHSARI PATTERSON	9	RB/OLB	78	JUSTIN GARLAND	12	OL
33	ANTONIO WYNN	10	RB	79	ANDREW MCCLENDON	12	OL/DL
34	DEREX HILL	12	WR/OLB	80	ERIC BURNEY	12	DE
35	HUNTER FAIRCLOTH	10	RB/OLB	81	DONTAVIOUS PERKINS	10	WR/OLB
36	JEREMIAH HILL	11	RB/LB	82	DUANE CROMARTIE	11	TE/DE
37	EDWARD MORRIS	10	WR/OLB	84	MATT CROMER	9	TE/DE
38	ARIC HOLMES	9	WR/LB	85	TYRESE BROWN	9	TE/DE
39	DECORRIOUS MCCULLOUGH	10	RB/DB	86	SHAWN PETERSON	9	WR/DB
41	QUINTIARIOUS STINSON	10	RB/DB	87	P.J. PALMER	9	OLB/K
42	JAMEZ PETERS	11	WR/DB	98	TAYLOR DONALSON	12	K/P
43	ZACHARIUS ANDERSON	9	RB/LB	99	WILDER ELLIOTT	12	HOLDER

•SUPERINTENDENT - Lee Bailey; **•PRINCIPAL** - David McCurry; **•ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** - Todd Jones; **•ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS** - Horace Williams, Laura Elliot, Todd Gainous; **•HEAD COACH** - Tom Fallaw; **•ASSISTANT COACHES** - Greg Boyce - *Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks* • Tommy York - *Runningbacks/Special Teams* • Kevin Elliot - *Receivers* • David Coleman - *Tight Ends* • Tom Fallaw/David Coleman - *Offensive Line* • Doug Huff - *Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers* • Matt Martin/Isiah Chance - *Defensive Ends* • David Johnson/Pete Corker - *Defensive Line* • Thomas Balkcom - *Defensive Backs* • Brad Almon/Jonathan Ross - *Bandits and Rovers*; **•TEAM CHAPLAIN** - Michael Best; **•TEAM DOCTORS** - Dr. Johnathan Lynch, Dr. Jason Nesmith, Dr. Ed Jackson **•PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT** - Kerry Dinkins, Brian Darsey; **•PHYSICAL THERAPIST** - Tyler Lee; **•STATISTICIAN** - Joe Ward; **•DIRECTOR OF BANDS** - Michael Thomas; **•CHEERLEADER COACHES** - Cheryl Simmons and Lynlee Barrett; **•MANAGERS** - James Monk, Read Elliot, Mo Wilson • **VIDEOGRAPHERS** - Brent Burdick, Jose Gomez

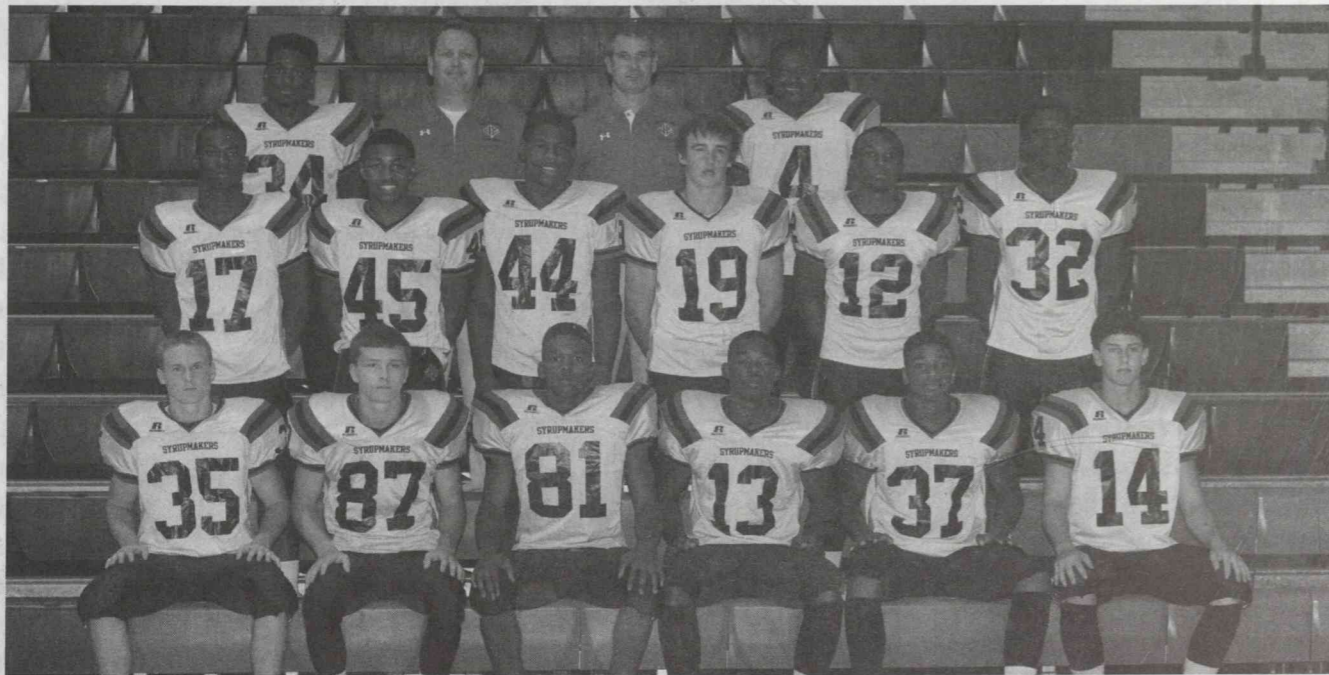


Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets

1	ELI TAYLOR	10	QB/DB	51	RYAN WALTERS	10	OL
2	ADAM CHOICE	12	QB/DB	52	CALEB AUTREY	12	OL/DT
3	WILLIE ROBINSON	11	RB	53	RYAN SHERROD	11	OL/DT
4	JAMES DAVIS	11	RB	54	MOSES JONES	12	OL/DT
6	DEVAN DREW	11	DB	56	STEVAN THORNTON	11	DL
7	AUSTIN BRYANT	11	TE/DE	57	NEIL WILLIAMS	12	DL
9	FREDDIE D. HOLTON	10	DB	59	QUINDARIOUS WILLIAMS	10	DT
12	TYRONE THOMPSON	10	WR	61	MASON LAWING	10	OL/DE
14	LOGAN POTTER	11	QB	63	DAVIS BELL	12	OL
16	MALCOLM MCCLENTON	12	WR/OLB	67	JUSTIN MYRICK	12	OL
17	CAMERON DREW	11	WR/DB	69	NIGEL WILLIAMS	10	OL/DT
20	NICK PATTERSON	10	RB/LB	70	DEAN VANLANDINGHAM	10	OL
21	JARELL JONES	12	LB	72	REGGIE MOBLEY	12	OL/DT
22	DEONDRE COOKSEY	12	RB/DB	73	CONNER GIBBS	12	OL/DT
23	AUSTIN MCLEOD	11	WR	76	HUNTER HARRISON	11	OL
26	ERNEST HARRIS	11	DB	77	MAJOR FISHER	12	OL
27	SANTANA BRYANT	12	DB	80	GAGE ENTERKIN	12	WR
28	TIM BROWN	11	RB/LB	81	BLAKE WEST	10	WR
30	ALFONZO WALLACE	10	DB	82	WESTLEY PHILLIPS	10	WR
32	ALEX BERGOZZA	12	OLB	83	STANLEY SAMUEL	11	WR/DB
34	ZACH HESTER	10	P	84	ZACK JOHNSON	10	WR/DB
36	SHAQUILLE COLEMAN	12	RB/DB	85	EARL BOOKER	10	WR
37	ISRAEL CASON	10	WR	86	NOAH HARNEVIOUS	10	TE/DE
38	FREDDIE G. HOLTON	10	DB	87	MATTHEW PRATHER	11	DE
39	JAMES HUTCHINSON	12	OLB	88	JOHNNY JONES	10	WR
40	JONATHAN BROOKS	11	WR	90	BRANDON WYNN	11	WR
41	DERRIN BAKER	12	LB	91	RAHEEM GLOSTER	10	DE
43	MALIK HARPER	11	OLB	92	DONNE PONDER	11	DT
44	PEYTON SINGLETARY	12	TE/DE	93	GARRETT WHITFIELD	11	DE
45	VIRAJ PATEL	12	LB	94	ALEX GURSKY	10	WR
46	JARED EATON	11	LB	95	NADAR WILLIAMS	11	DE
47	BILL OWEN	10	OLB	96	KYLE ANDERSON	10	DE
48	CONLEY WILHELM	10	WR/K	97	GAVIN WILSON	12	P/K
50	SAM LONG	12	OL	99	AUSTIN PARMER	12	OL/DL

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Bandits & Rovers



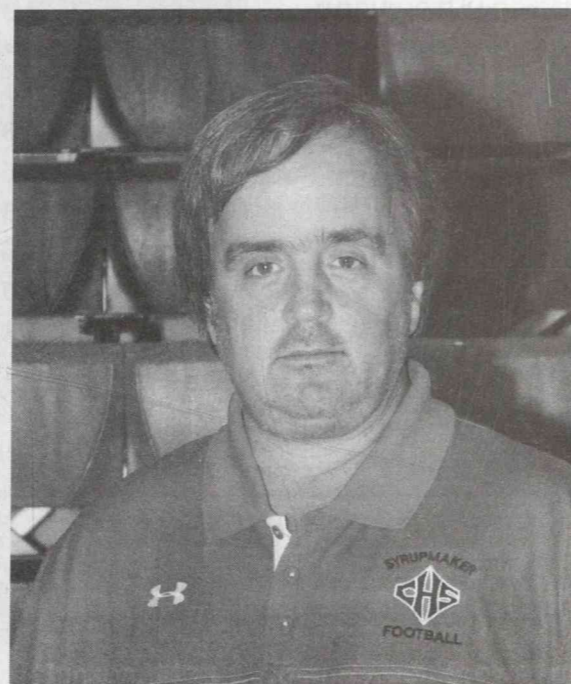
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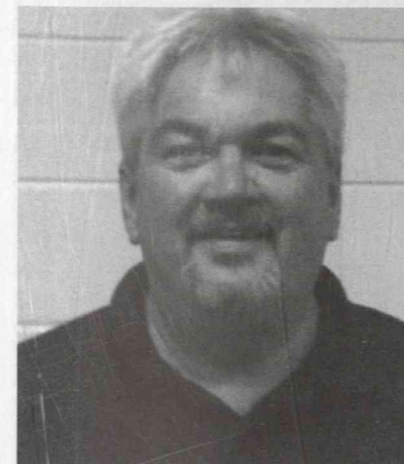
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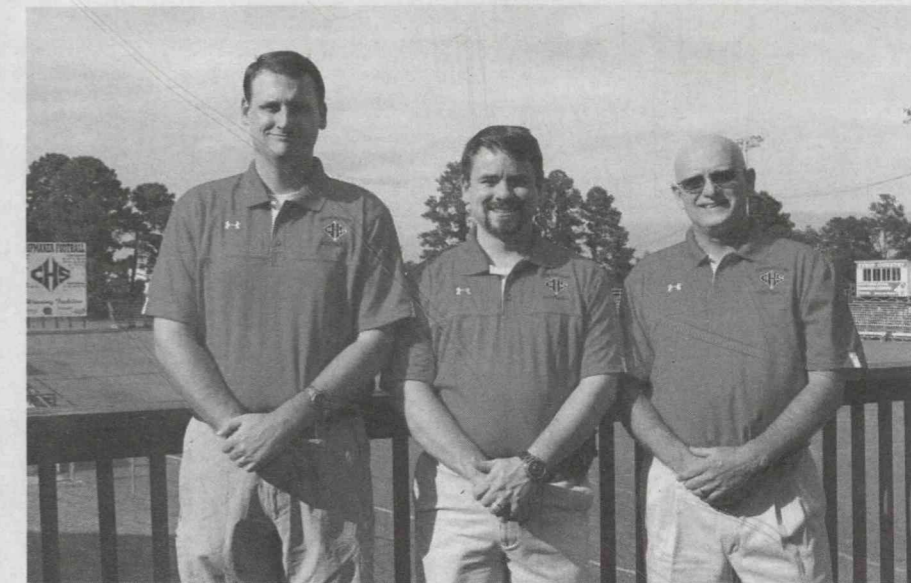
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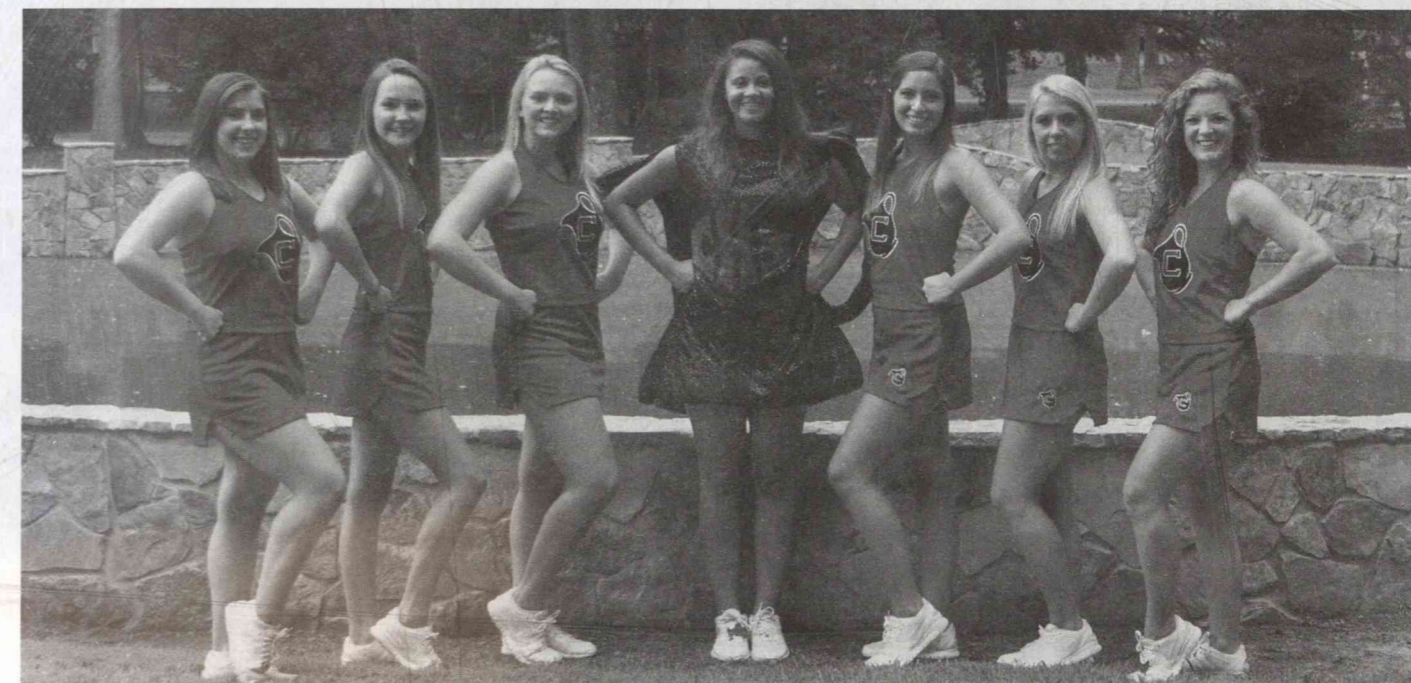
Michael Best

Medical Staff



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Senior Cheerleaders



SENIOR CHEERLEADERS - l-r: Taylor Harrison, Sydney Whigham, Lynsey Johnson, Airica King, Ally Hollingsworth, Nicole Watson, and Mikayla Lee.

Varsity Cheerleaders

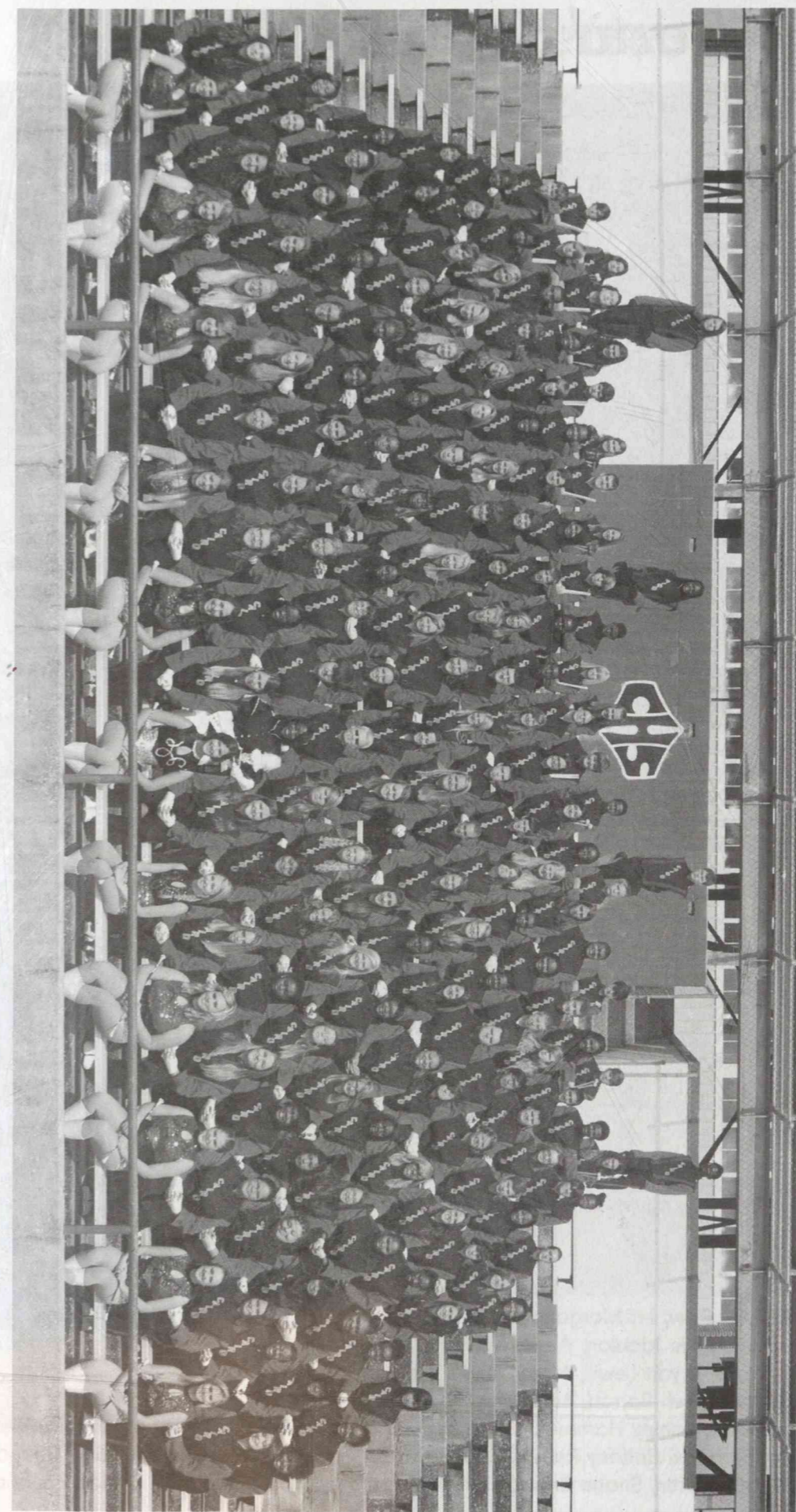


VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - front row: Lynsey Johnson; middle row, l-r: Aubrey Gainous, Hunter Tuggle, Taylor Harrison, Keyana Brinson, Kerstin Stroble, Mikayla Lee, and Nicole Watson; back row, l-r: Airica King, Sydney Whigham, Ja'jah Frazier, Sara Morgan Cox, Kaylin Brinson, Hannah Harrison, Ally Hollingsworth, and Denisha Williams.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



JV CHEERLEADERS - front row, l-r: Brittany Crawford, Josey Harvey, Keyanna Thomas, Carlee Nelson, Meredith Mitchell, Jazmyn Wilson, Sydney Hutchins, Iesha Wilcox, and Madison Brown; back row, l-r: Mary Grace Beall, Keren Wilson, Madison Moore, Tanner Starr, Kellyn Taylor, Asia Garland, and N'Asia Gurley.



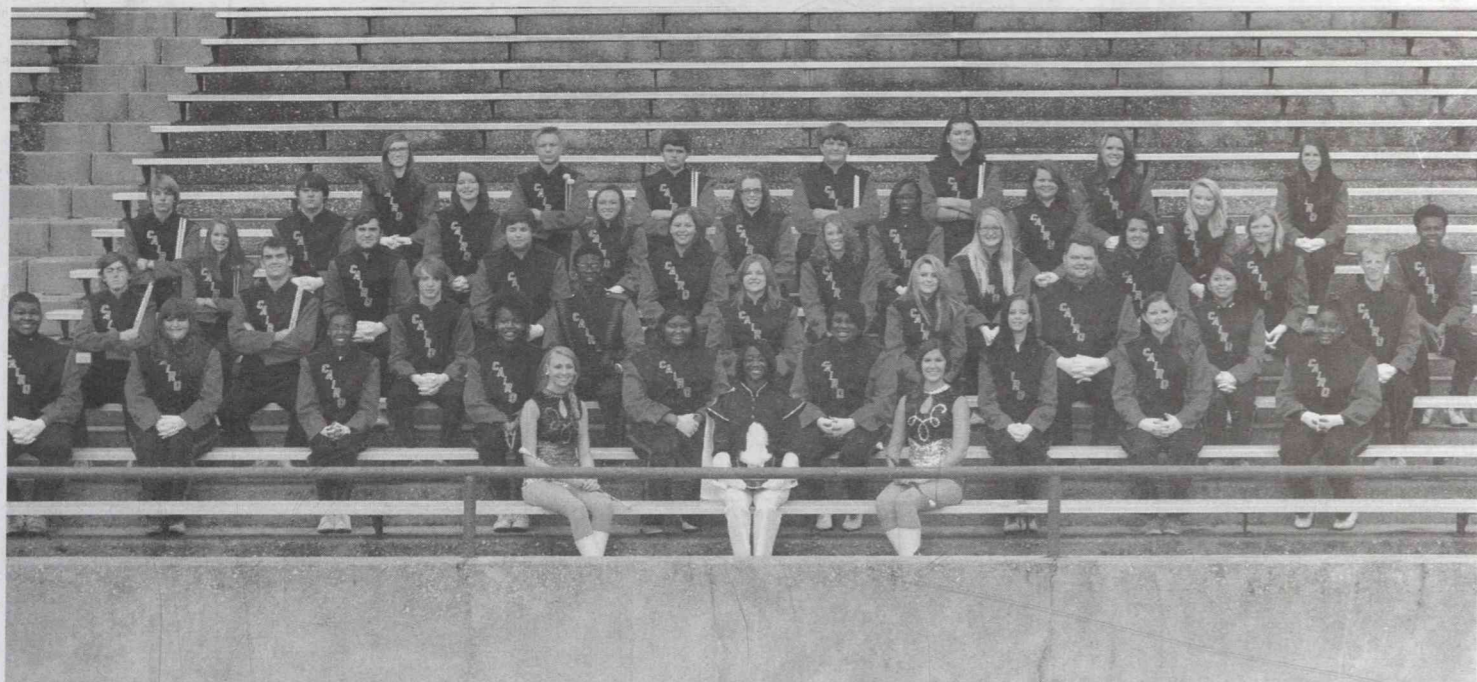
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Band Seniors



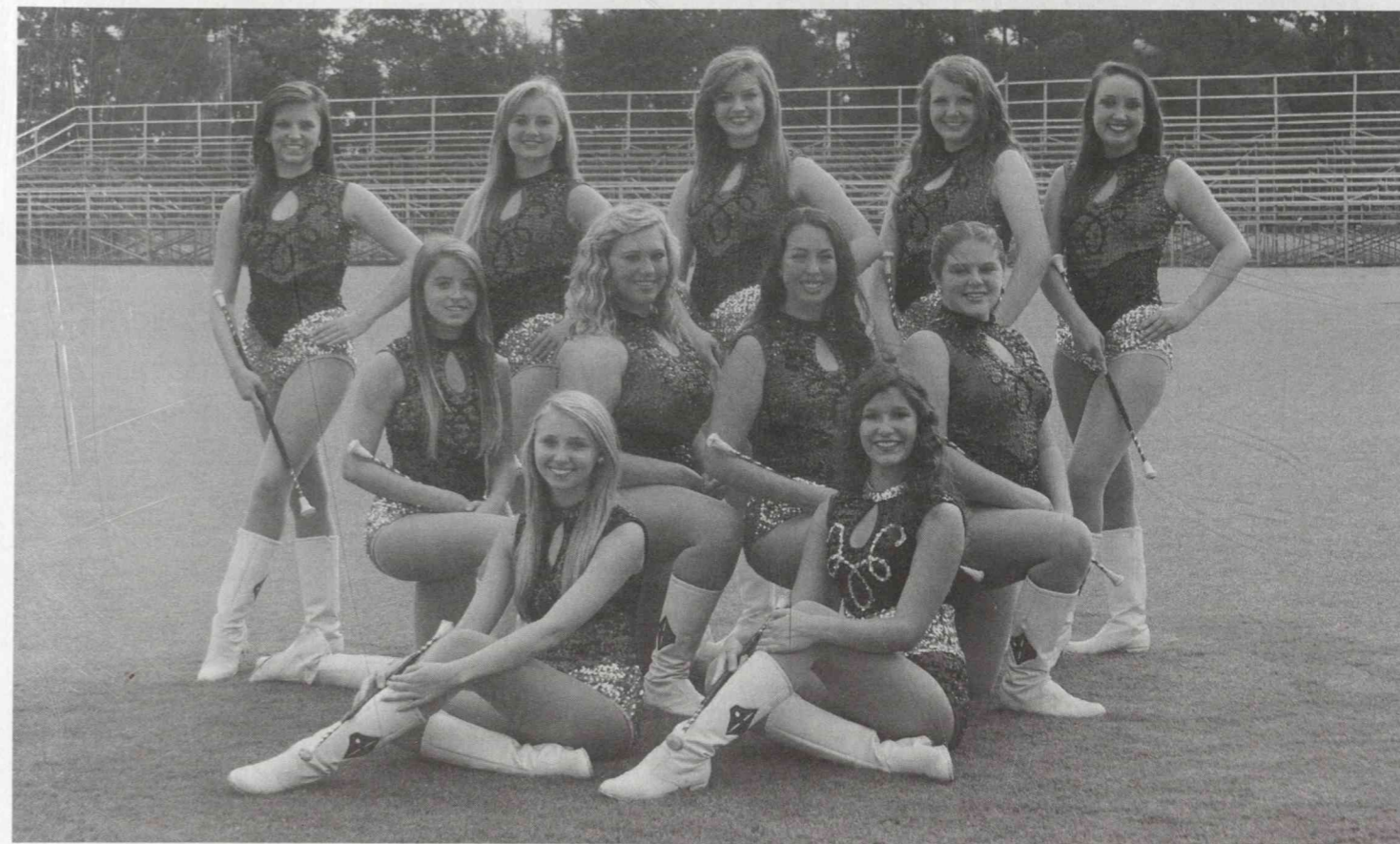
Band Seniors 1st Row, l-r: Cassie Ulmer and Holly Butler; **2nd Row:** Nicole Johnson, Tamara Barrett, Maria Velasquez, Nikeria Cason, Konda Merritt, Brooke Whitley, Sequoya Hill, Aaliyah Lurry, Caylee Sapp, Noah White, Alexis Mitchell, Kayla George, Allicia Mitchell, Jenesis McDuffie, Dajion'e Jackson, Gabrielle Tise, Mya'ja Gurley and Josee Kent; **3rd row:** Bryan Lewis, Tyson Gurrero, Shane Brady, Brianna Hayes, Nic Ward, Julia Tilden, Zach Barrett, Dakota Costner, Grea Cook, Jordan Edwards, Henry Cruz, Lauren Mobley, Jadamuin Johnson, Alexis Jackson, MiTyrra Montgomery and Fayleigh Ezell.

Band Officers

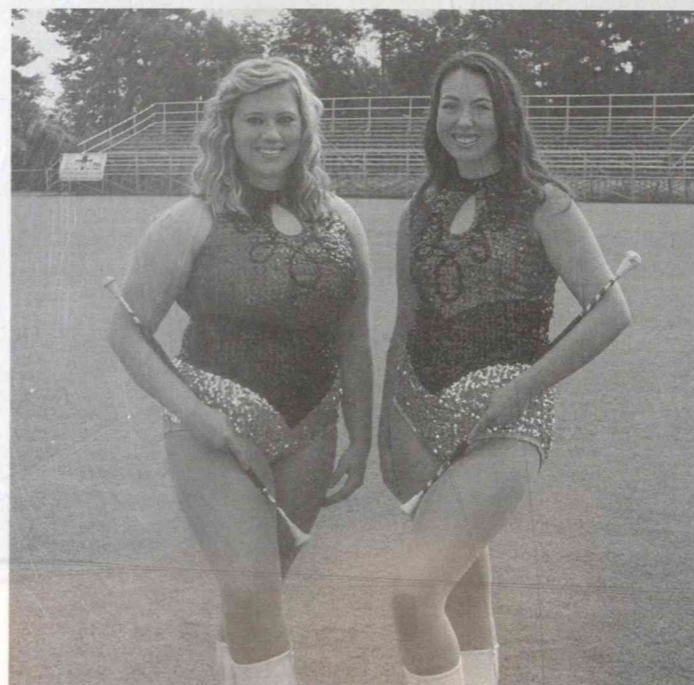


Syrupmaker Band OFFICER STAFF 1st Row, l-r: Morgan Asbell, Aaliyah Lurry and Selea Devalle; **2nd Row:** Jordan Edwards, Caylee Sapp, Sequoya Hill, Alexis Jackson, Alexis Mitchell, Jenesis McDuffie, Julia Tilden, Lauren Mobley and Kayla George; **3rd Row:** Nic Ward, Bryan Lewis, Noah White, Jadamiun Johnson, Tamara Barrett, Nicole Johnson, Grea Cook, Maria Velasquez, Zach Barrett; **4th row:** Dana Blough, Mark Gonzalez, Caleb Denton, Emily Pollock, Hannah Nelson, Sabrina Teems, Ashley Hammer, Megan Whitley and Ladarius Robinson; **5th Row:** Dylan Kennedy, Jeremy Thomas, Rebecca Roberts, Brittany Ruby, Laura Cook, Destiny Lurry, Macey Kesler and Chancey Palmer; **6th row:** Xena Dobson, Austin Martin, Shane Brady, Garrison Courtney, Tyson Guerrero, Darian Powe and Erica Gancerez.

Majorettes



Majorette CORPS 1st Row, l-r: Co-Captains Morgan Asbell and Selea Devalle; **2nd Row:** Lindsey Ferguson, Cassie Ulmer, Holly Butler and Kaylee Ezell; **3rd Row:** Elizabeth Watkins, Regan Howell, Katie Rathel, Lauren Waldron and Anna Moore.



Senior Majorettes

Cassie Ulmer and
Holly Butler.

Band Leadership



BAND LEADERSHIP (l-r): Drum Major Aaliyah Lurry, Director of Bands Michael Thomas, Majorette Co-captains Selea Devalle and Morgan Asbell.

Director's Staff



Directors Staff (l-r): Amy Amaro, Emily Bearden, Michael Thomas, Brad Moore, Pat Ballew

Manager



Randy Bearden



Front Row: T'Keyah Adams, Imani Prince, Betty Collins; **Back Row:** Shelby Cook, Gabrielle Tise, Taylor Duncan, Kirsten Fowler, Megan Pearson, Kelsie Norton, MacKenzie Puckett, Chelsea Dunlap, Kindall York, Landry Joyner, Sydney Harrison, Lyndsey Leverette. **Not pictured:** Lorrie Stuckey, Dara Moore, Anna Gilliard, Logan Leverette, Amanda Touchton.

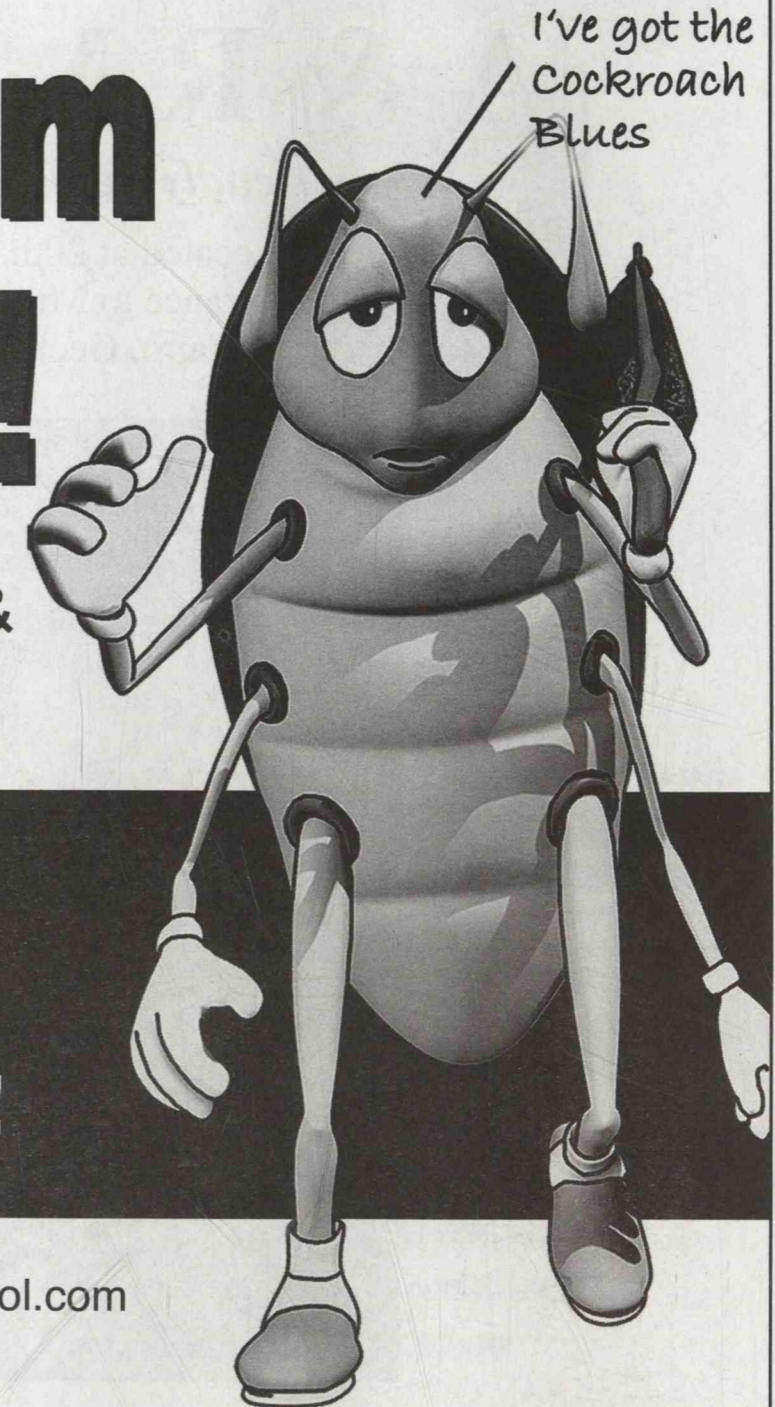


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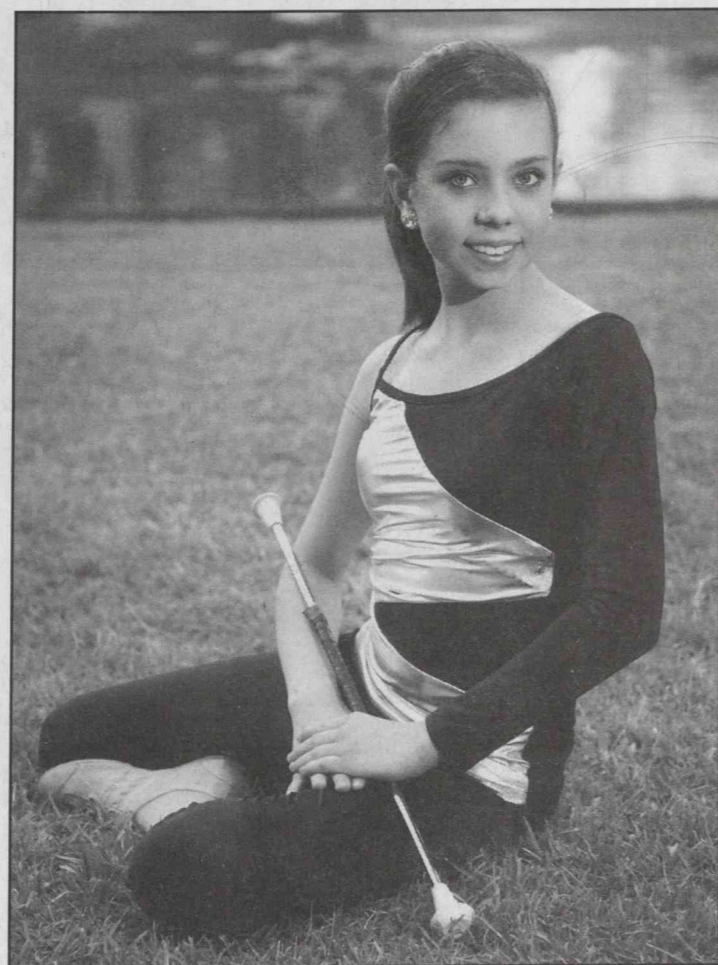
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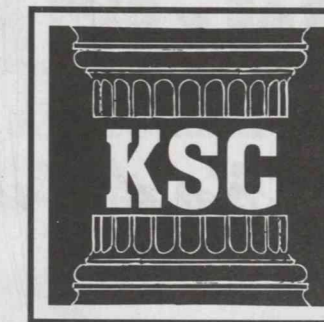
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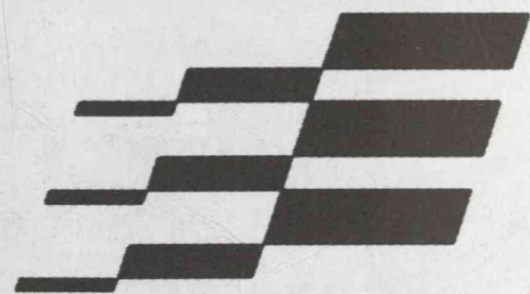
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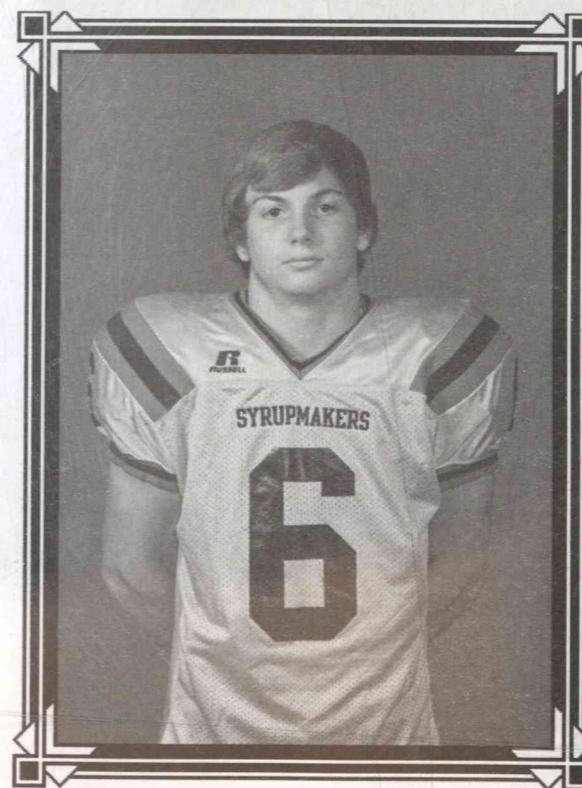
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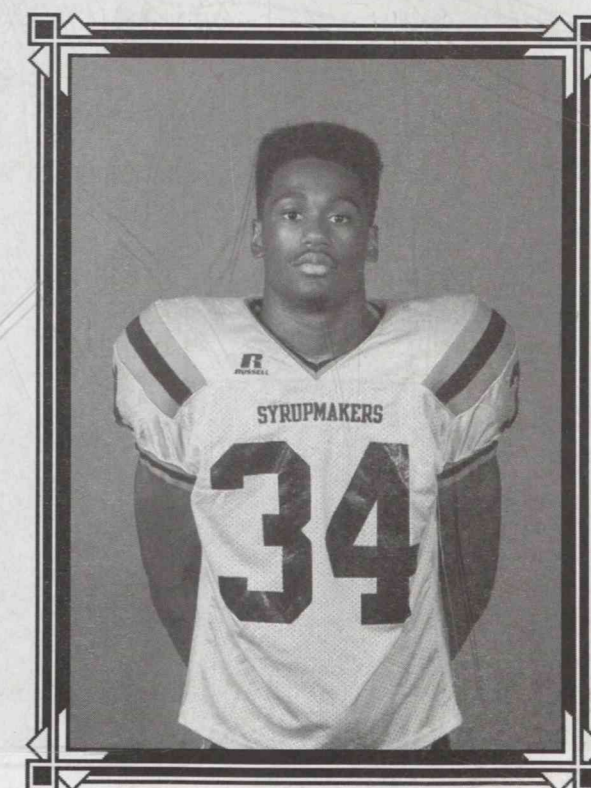
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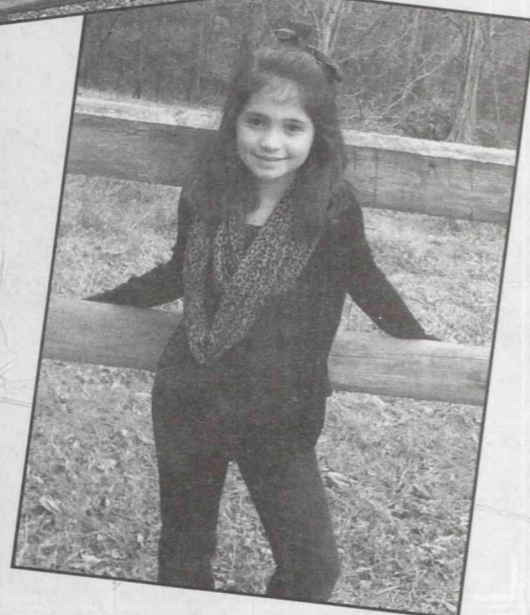
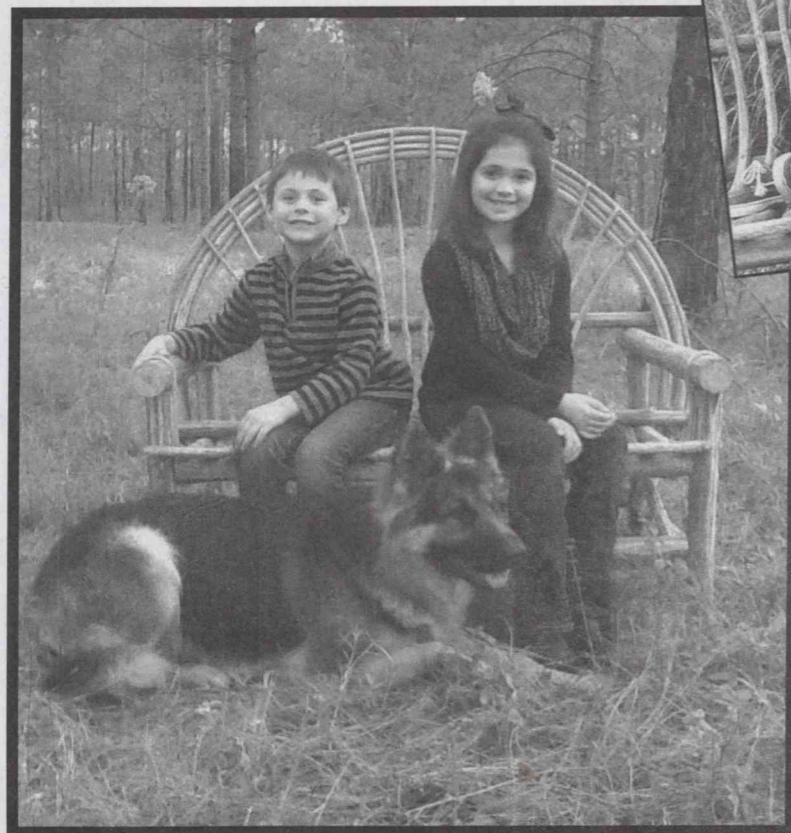
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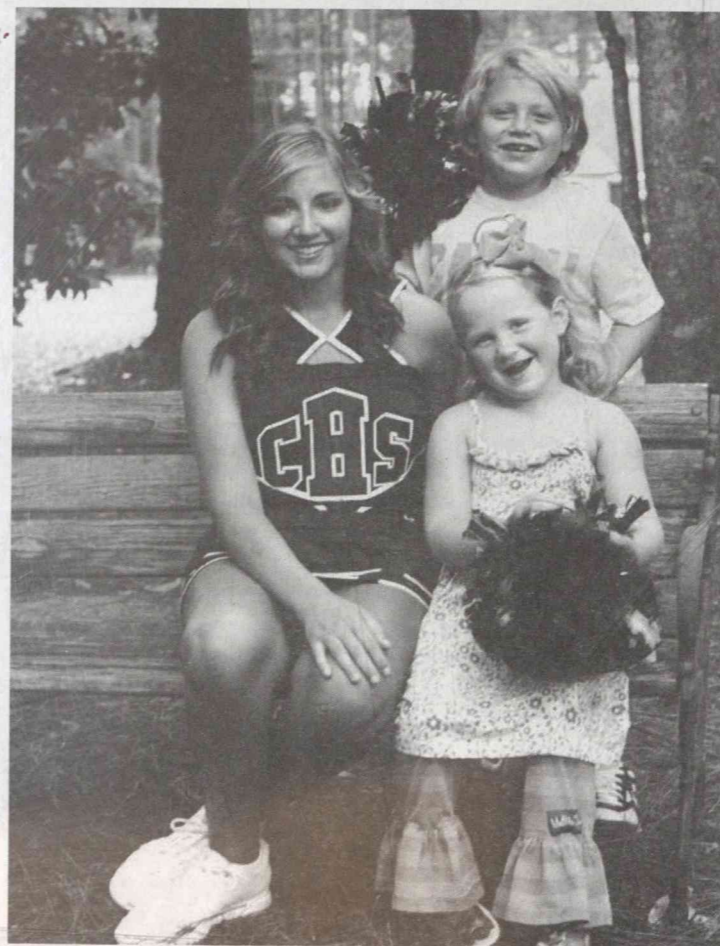
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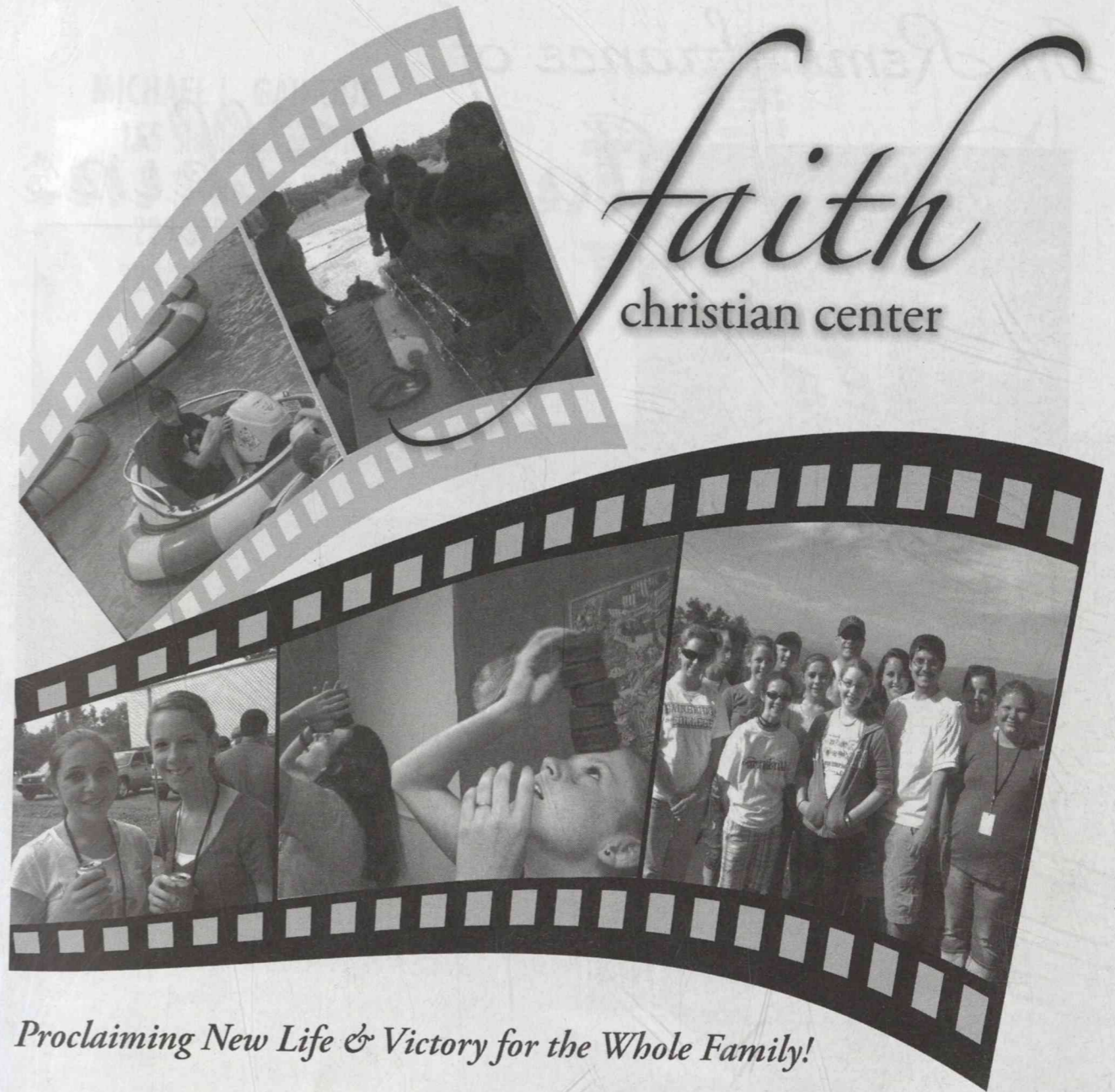
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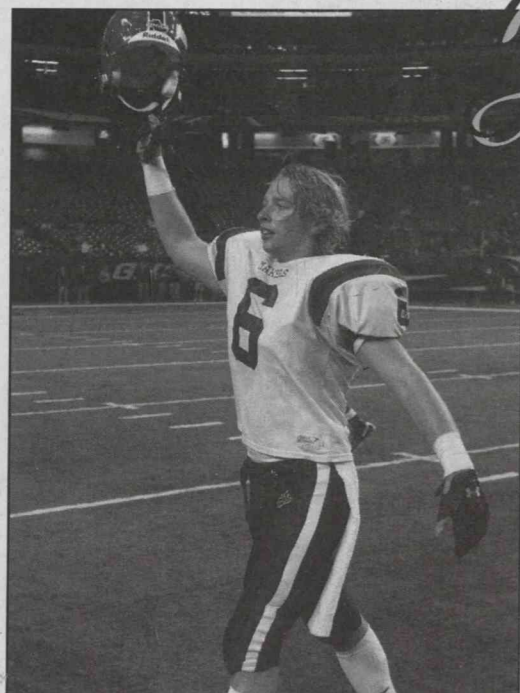
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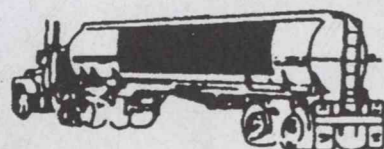
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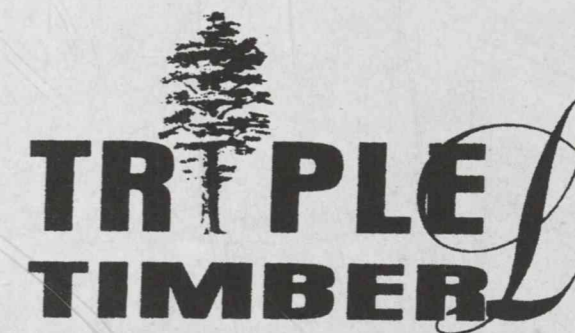
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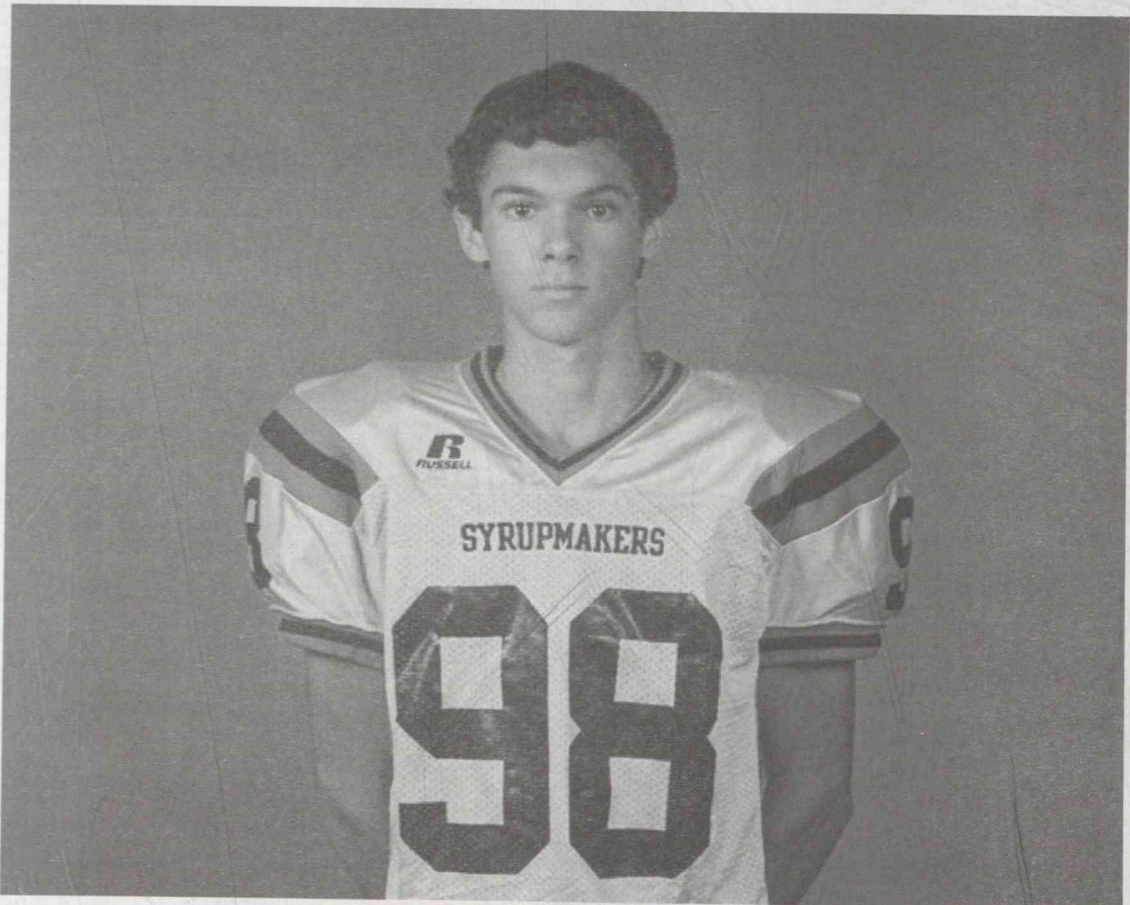
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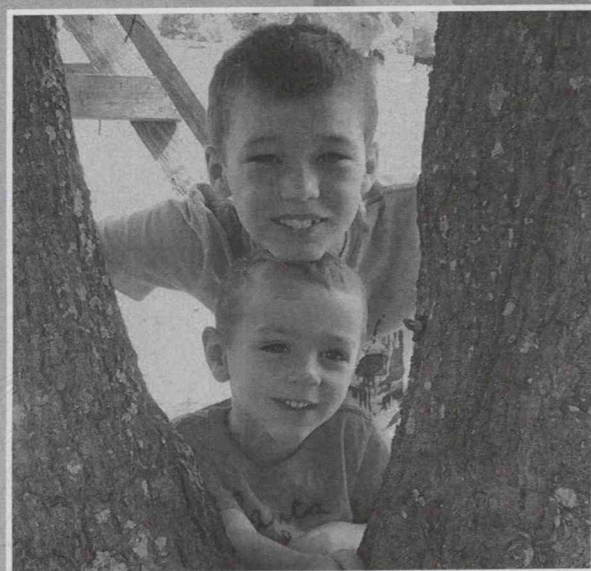
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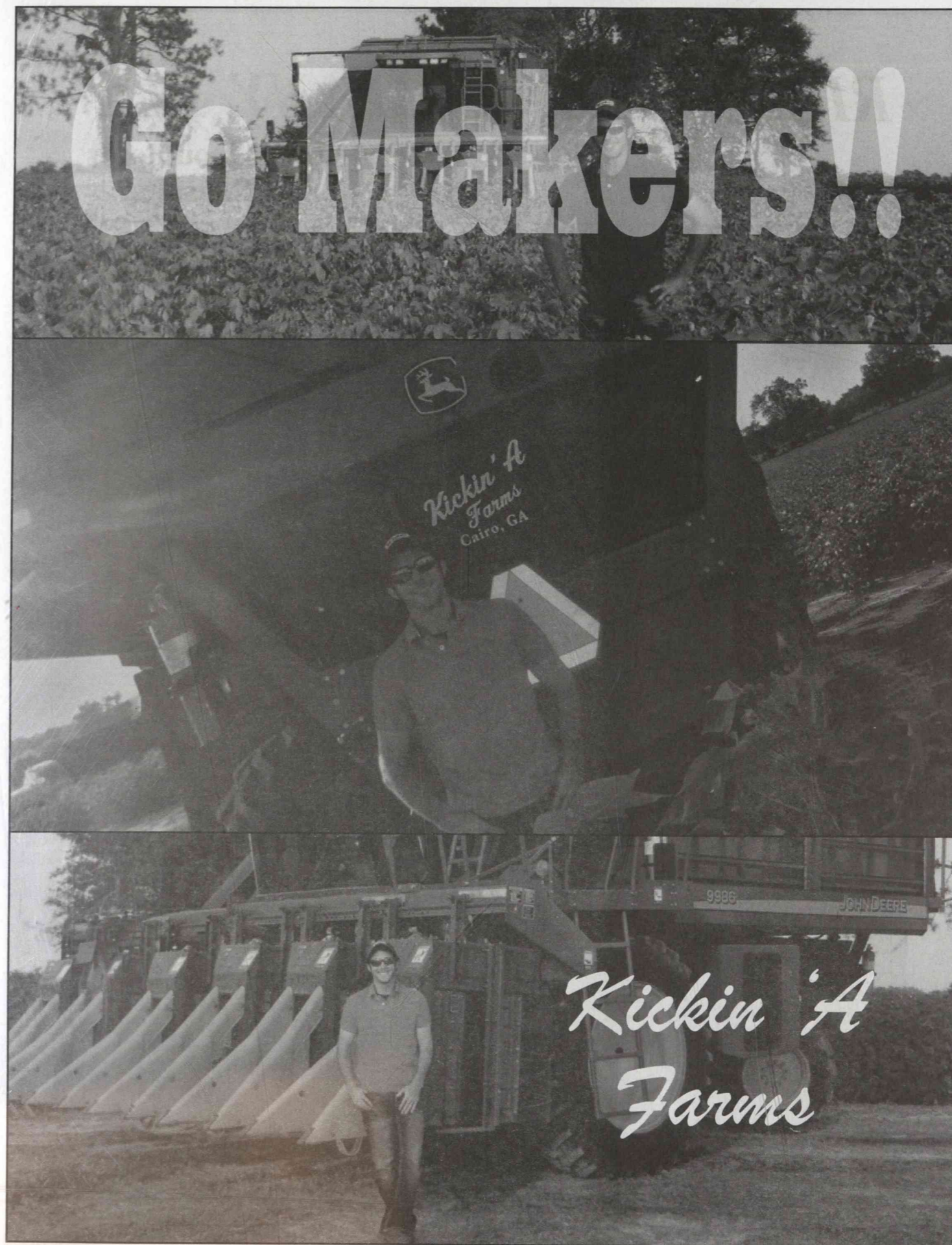
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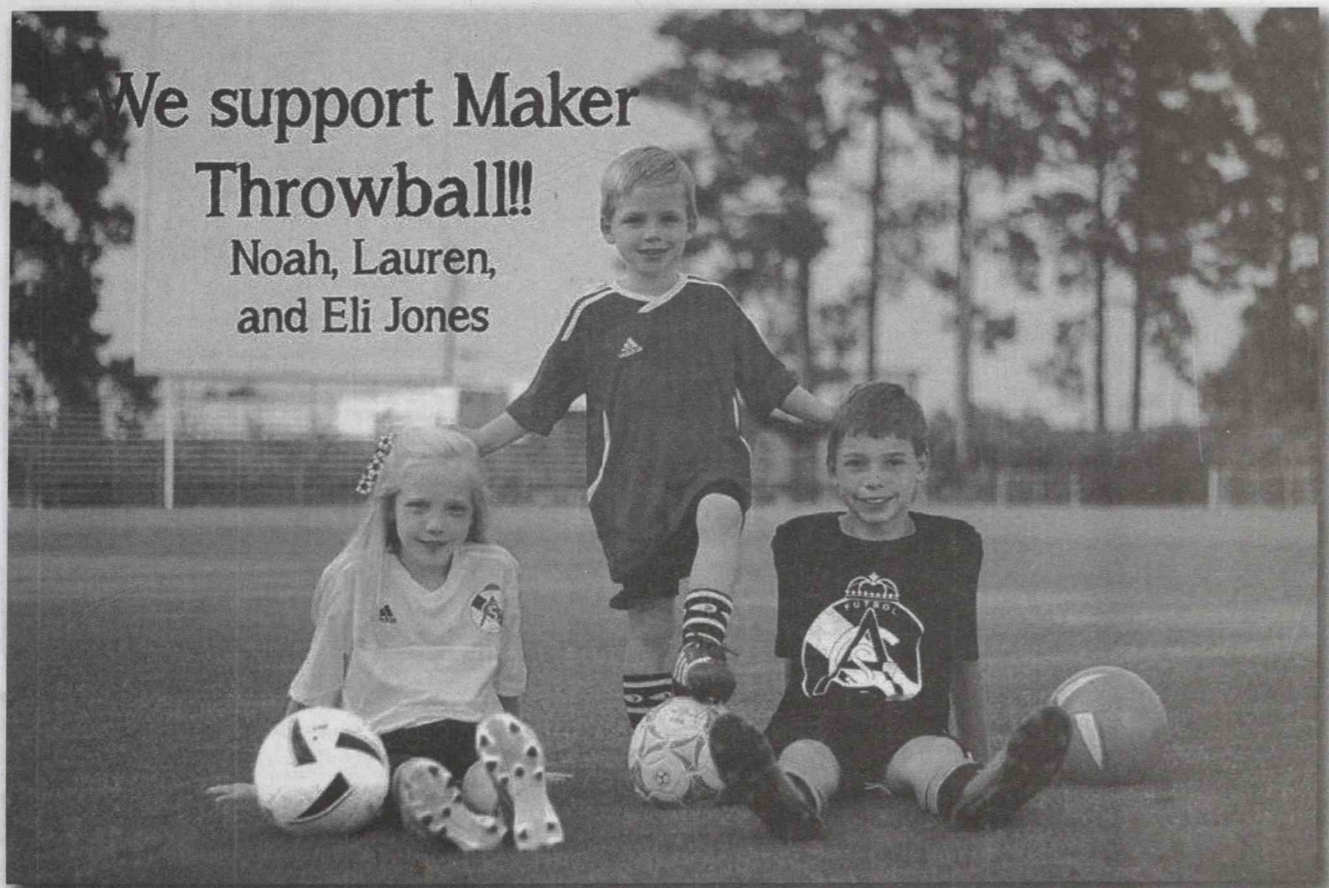
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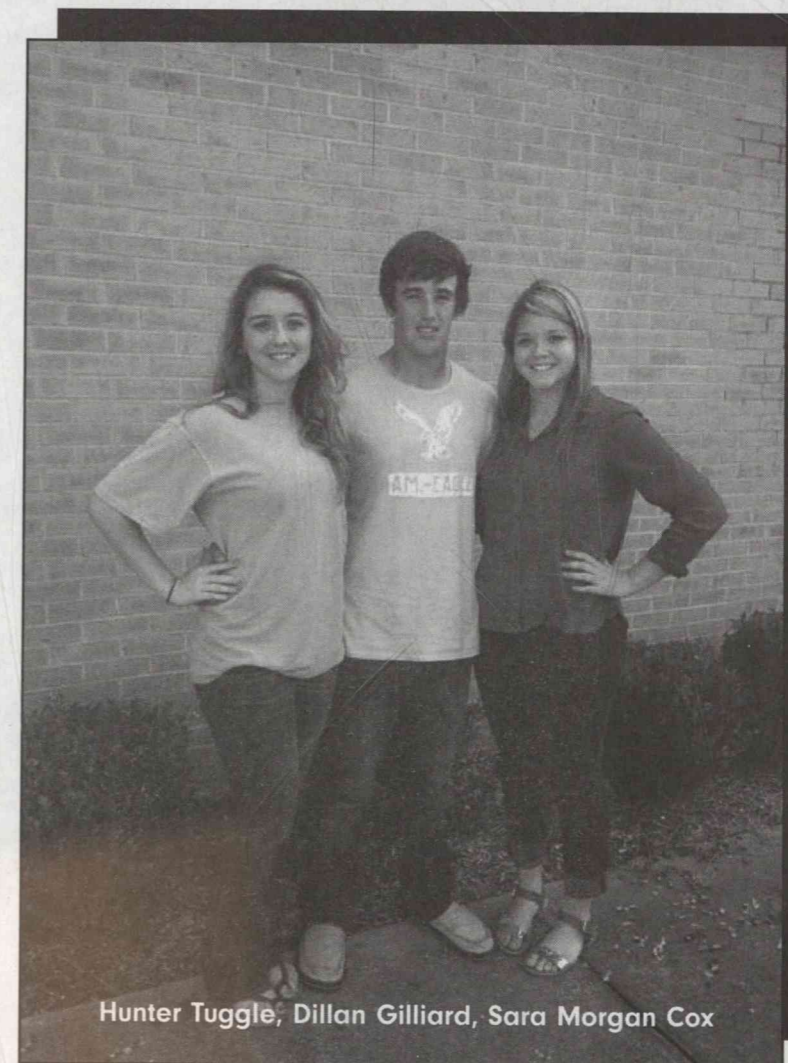


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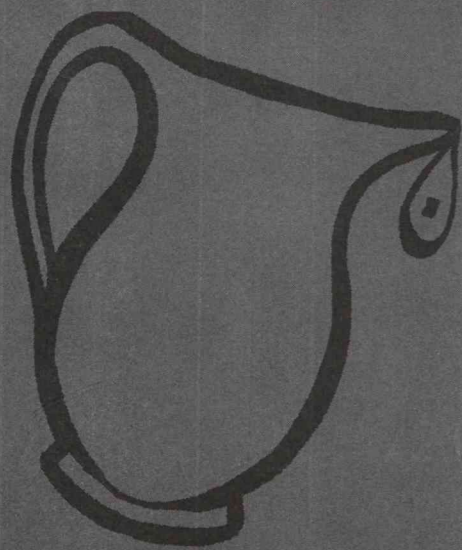
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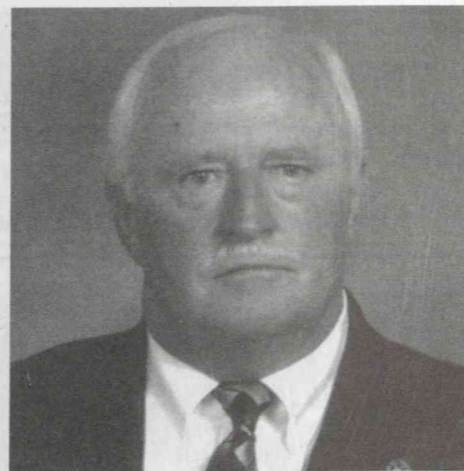
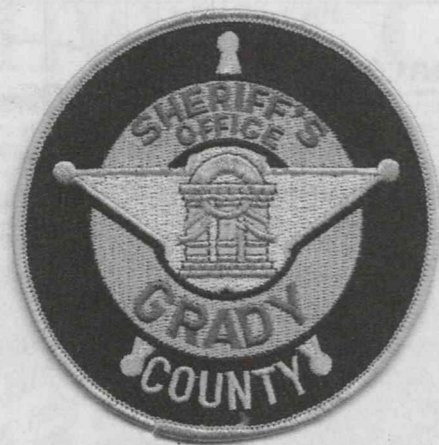
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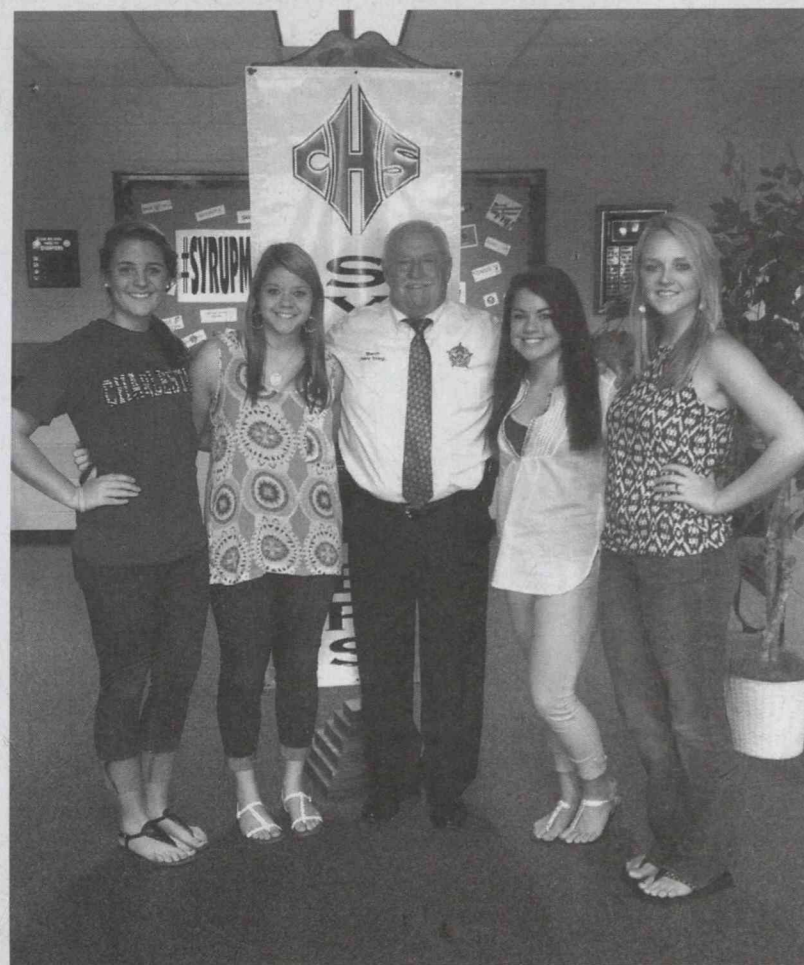
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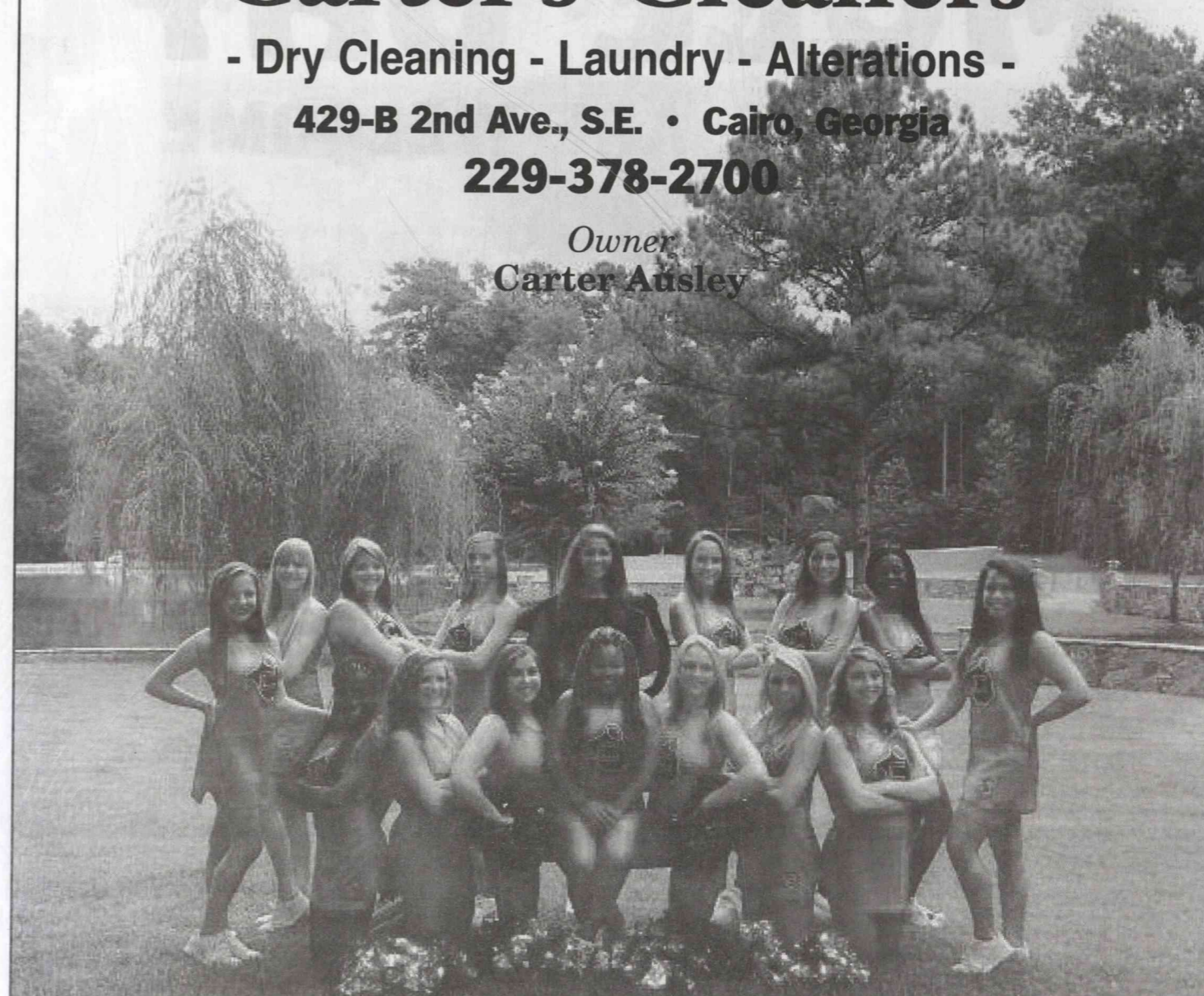
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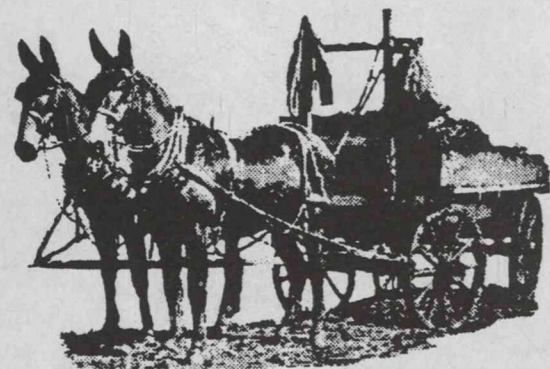
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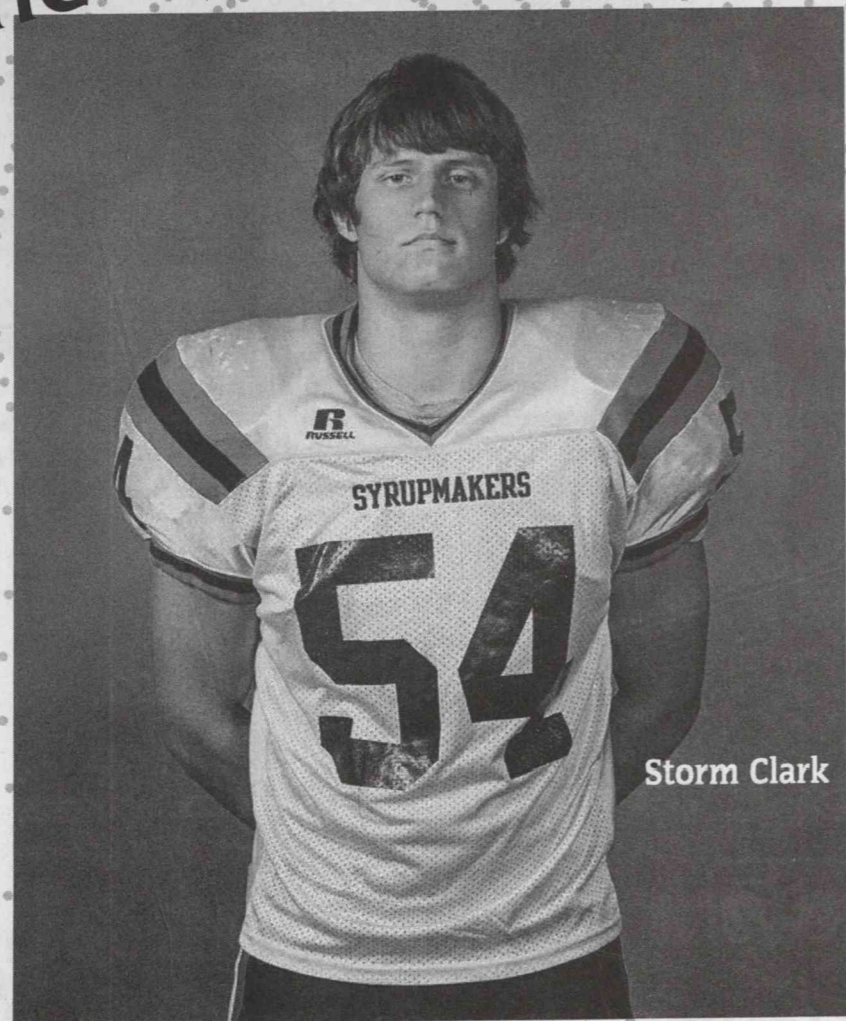
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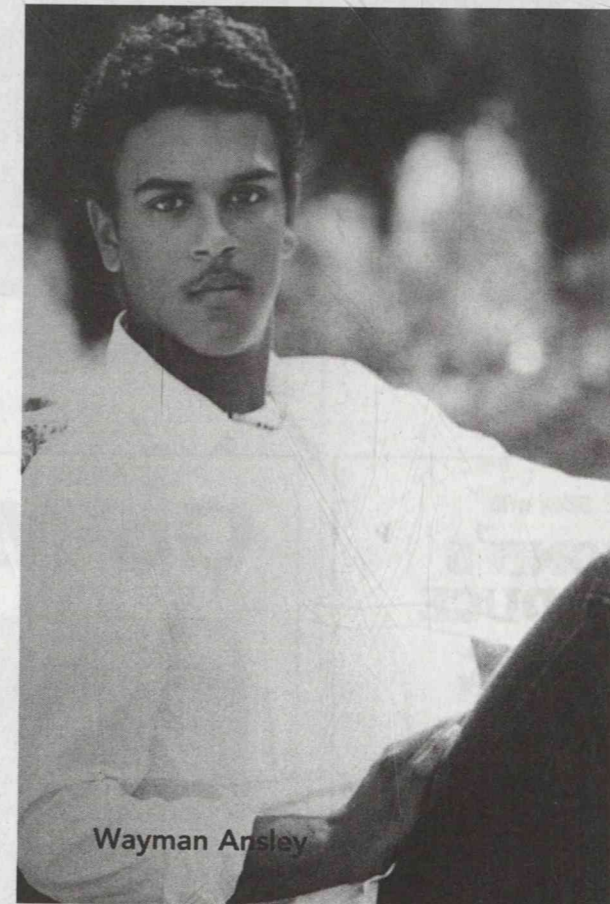
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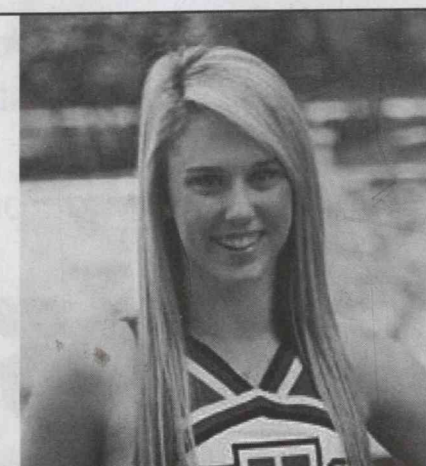
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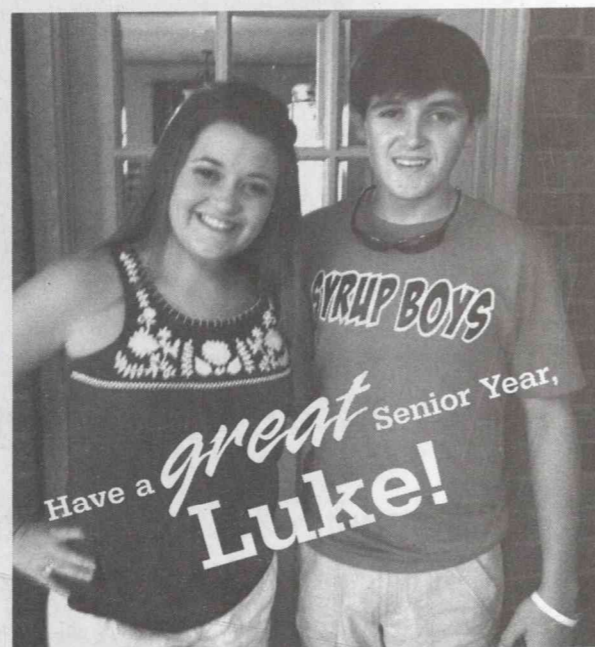
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2013 Cairo Varsity

Aug. 30	Thomasville	Thomasville	Away	8:00
Sept. 6	Bainbridge	Cairo	Home	7:30
Sept. 13	Thomas Co. Central	Cairo	Home	7:30
Sept. 20	Crisp County	Cairo	Home	7:30
Sept. 27	Westover	Albany	Away	7:30
Oct. 4	OPEN			
Oct. 11	Worth County	Sylvester	Away	7:30
Oct. 18	Albany	Albany	Away	7:30
Oct. 25	Americus-Sumpter	Cairo	Home	7:30
Nov. 1	Monroe	Cairo	Home	7:30
Nov. 8	Dougherty	Albany	Away	7:30

2013 Cairo Varsity Softball

8/6	Scrimmage Seminole County	H	JV-4:00/V-6:00
8/9-10	Thomasville Tournament (3)	A	8/9-4;8/10-11&1
8/20	Thomasville	H	5:30
8/26	Bainbridge	H	JV-4:30/V-6:00
8/27	Thomas County	H	JV-4:00/V-6:00
8/29	@Crisp County	A	JV-4:00/V-6:00
9/3	Early County	H	M-4:30/V-5:30
9/4	@Thomasville	A	5:30
9/5	@Monroe	A	5:30
9/10	@Bainbridge	A	JV-4:30/V-6:00
9/12	Americus-Sumter	H	5:30
9/13-14	@Vikette Invitational	A	TBA
9/16	@Baconton	A	4:30
9/17	@Worth County	A	5:45
9/19	Albany	H	5:45
9/23	Baconton	H	M-4:00/V-5:30
9/24	@Thomas County	A	JV-4:00/V-6:00
9/25	@Early Co	A	M-4:30/V-5:30
9/26	Dougherty	H	5:30
10/1	@Westover	A	5:45

2013 Cairo Junior Varsity Softball

8/6	Seminole County Scrimmage	H	JV-4:00/V-6:00
8/20	Seminole	H	4:00
8/26	Bainbridge	H	JV-4:30/V-6:00
8/27	Thomas County	H	JV-4:00/V-6:00
8/29	@Crisp County	A	JV-4:00/V-6:00
9/10	@Bainbridge	A	JV-4:00/V-6:00
9/24	@Thomas County	A	JV-4:00/V-6:00

2013 Middle School Softball

8/15	Thomasville City	H	4:30
8/27	@Baconton DH	A	4:30
8/28	Bainbridge	H	4:00
9/3	Early County	H	M-4:30/V-5:30
9/5	Whigham	H	4:00
9/9	Thomas County DH	H	4:00
9/11	@Bainbridge	A	4:00
9/12	@Whigham	A	4:00
9/17	@Thomas County DH	A	4:00
9/23	Baconton	H	M-4:00/V-5:30
9/25	@Early County	A	M-4:30/V-5:30

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Date	Day	Opponent	Site
11/26	Tues	Monroe	Home
12/3	Tues	Worth	Home
12/6	Fri.	Dougherty	Away
12/7	Sat	TCCHS	Home
12/10	Tues	Americus	Home
12/11	Wed	?9th Bainbridge	Away
12/13	Fri	Albany	Away
12/14	Sat	Thomasville	Away
12/20	Fri	Pelham	Away
12/26-28	Thurs-Sat	(Girls) Thomasville Hoopfest	Thomasville
12/26-28	TBA	(Boys) Christmas Tourn.	TBA
1/3	Fri.	Crisp	Home
1/7	Tues	TCCHS	Away
1/8	Wed	?? 9thBainbridge	Home
1/10	Fri	Albany	Home
1/11	Sat	Thomasville	Home
1/14	Tues	Monroe	Away
1/17	Fri	Westover	Away
1/18	Sat	Pelham	Home
1/21	Tues	Worth	Away
1/22	Wed	?? 9th Brooks Co	Home
1/25	Sat	Bainbridge	Away
1/28	Tues	Americus	Away
1/29	Wed	?? 9th Brooks Co	Away
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2/1	Sat	Westover	Home
2/4	Tues	Dougherty	Home
2/7	Fri	Bainbridge	Home

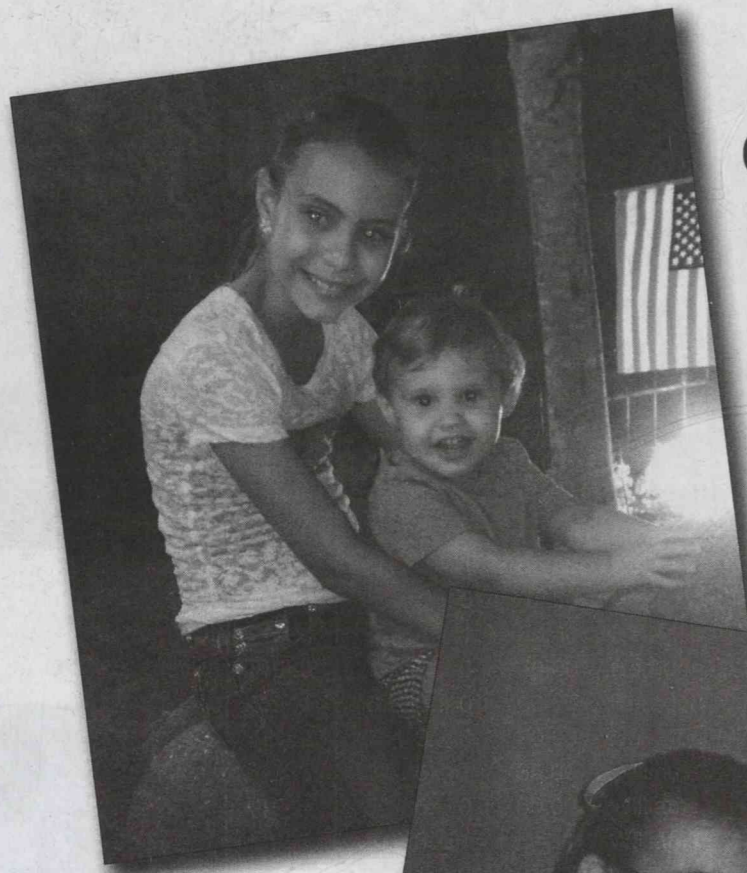
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Date	Host School	Site	Time	JV Race
Sept. 7th	TCC	Greenwood Plantation	9am	Middle Sch.
Sept. 14th	Bainbridge	Bainbridge High School	9am	Middle Sch.
Sept. 21st	Lee Co.	Leesburg	9am	Middle Sch.
Sept. 28th	Thomasville	Pebblehill Plantation	9:30 am	JV & Middle Sch
Oct 7 & 8 Fall Break				
Oct. 10th	Albany	Robert Cross, Albany	9:30am	
Oct. 19th	Central TCC	Greenwood Plantation	9:30am	
Oct 31st	Region 1AAAA	Robert Cross School, Albany	5pm	
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Thomasville High School

Aug. 30 - Away
Region 1-AA
Nickname: Bulldogs
Last season's result: Cairo 21 - Thomasville 7
Last season's record: 3-7
Coach: Leroy Ryles
Colors: Red and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 15
2012 Average points given up: 19
Season Opener: Aug. 23 - TCCHS (Away)

Bainbridge High School

Sept. 6 - Home
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Bearcats
Last season's result: Bainbridge 17 - Cairo 14
Last season's record: 8-3
Coach: Jeff Littleton
Colors: Purple and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 26
2012 Average points given up: 19
Season Opener: Aug. 23 - East Gadsden (Away)

Thomas County Central High School

Sept. 13 - Home
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Last season's result: TCCHS 39 - Cairo 13
Last season's record: 9-3
Coach: Bill Shaver
Colors: Blue and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 33
2012 Average points given up: 18
Season Opener: Aug. 23 - Thomasville (Home)

Crisp County High School

Sept. 20 - Home
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Cougars
Last season's result: Cairo 31 - Crisp County 0
Last season's record: 3-7
Coach: Lee Campbell
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 7
2012 Average points given up: 21
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Turner County (Away)

Westover High School

Sept. 27 - Away
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Patriots
Last season's result: Cairo 31 - Westover 7
Last season's record: 8-4
Coach: Octavia Jones
Colors: Red, White and Blue
2012 Average points scored: 24
2012 Average points given up: 24
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Tift County (Away)

Worth County High School

Oct. 11 - Away
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Rams
Last season's result: Cairo 42 - Worth County 0
Last season's record: 4-7
Coach: Jason Tone
Colors: Black and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 15
2012 Average points given up: 26
Season Opener: Aug. 23 - Swainsboro (Away)

Albany High School

Oct. 18 - Away
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Indians
Last Season's result: Cairo 42 - Albany 7
Last Season's record: 2-8
Coach: Felton Williams
Colors: Orange and Green
2012 Average points scored: 14
2012 Average points given up: 28
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Greenville (Home)

Americus-Sumter High School

Oct. 25 - Home (Homecoming)
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Panthers
Last season's result: Cairo 29 - Americus-Sumter 20
Last season's record: 4-6
Coach: Reggie Mitchell
Colors: Royal Blue and White
2012 Average points scored: 22
2012 Average points given up: 16
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Kendrick (Away)

Monroe High School

Nov. 1 - Home
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Tornados
Last season's result: Cairo 28 - Monroe 20
Last season's record: 8-4
Coach: Charles Truitt
Colors: Green and Gold
2012 Average points scored: 26
2012 Average points given up: 18
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Brooks County (Home)

Dougherty High School

Nov. 8 - Away
Region 1-A-AAAA
Nickname: Trojans
Last season's result: Cairo 56 - Dougherty 22
Last season's record: 1-9
Coach: Corey Joyner
Colors: Maroon and White
2012 Average points scored: 17
2012 Average points given up: 39
Season Opener: Aug. 30 - Lee County (Away)

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