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Brooklet First Baptist Church names officers for 1957-58

By MRS. JOHN A. ROBERTSON
A nominating committee, composed of Mrs. W. W. Mann, James E. McCall, Sylvester Parrish, Jerry Minick and Floyd Atkins, nominated officers...

W.M.S.
New officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Brooklet First Baptist Church...

LADIES' AID SOCIETY
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Brooklet First Baptist Church...

LEGION MEETS
The Carol Minick Post 90 of the American Legion met Thursday night at the community house...

AT COLLEGE
Among Brooklet students who will attend college this fall are: Misses Sylvia Parrish, Ray McCormick, Madge Lanier, Dot Knight, Sara Grace Lanier and Ted Tucker...

GARDEN CLUB
The Garden Club met last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Hall, with Mrs. W. W. Mann and Miss Henrietta Hall co-hostesses...

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Presbyterians in Stilton section wish Dan Stearns a speedy recovery

By MRS. W. H. MORRIS
Friends here are sorry to hear that Mr. Dan Stearns is on the sick list again. It was understood that he may have undergone surgery...

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Denmark and their guests, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Keil and Johnny Keil of Baltimore, spent this week in Stilton.

Miss Barbara Jones of Savannah was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shuman of Savannah were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Orlis Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Lee and two children have moved to Imman, S. C., where he has a position with a refrigeration and heating company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beasley spent last week with Mr. George Grooms.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davies and little daughter, Denise of Guyton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Morris and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Beasley had at dinner guests, Sunday, September 15, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sowell and daughter, Kathy, of Port Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hudock and little daughter, Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Beasley...

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EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first installment of Chapter III of the "Story of Bulloch County" and is the fifth in the series which began on August 29. This week we write on the people who made up our county in the early days.

In the piney woods section of Bulloch County land was cheap. Many early settlers acquired holdings, valued at about twenty-five cents an acre, on which they built their cabins and put their cattle out to feed on the abundance of wiregrass.

These people had a strong feeling of independence which developed with the ownership of the land on which they lived.

The life of these yeoman settlers was simple, difficult and rugged. Getting to and from markets was hard. They raised, for home use, upland rice and corn, making as much as eight to ten bushels of corn to an acre.

These farmers began life on their new lands in their one-room cabins built by themselves. Their womenfolk did the family cooking in an open fireplace in which iron cranes held cooking kettles.

As a family increased a shed was added to the main room of the cabin. Sometimes the family spread out, building a kitchen and dining room in a separate cabin in the yard, usually at the rear of the main cabin.

This yeoman class of farmers had few, if any, slaves. They had little or no formal education and many could not read nor write as the number of "X" marks used as signatures by them found on the earliest records of deeds in the County Clerk's office testify.

These people were proud and independent. They married early and had large families. They had an abundance of plain food. They worked hard and lived hard and did not hesitate to take a dram when they felt they wanted it. If, on occasion, they got too much they would acknowledge the sin at the next monthly church meeting.

White, writing in 1849, said of Bulloch County: "The Bulloch farmer would get rich while others would starve because of his economy and industry. Much to the credit of the people it is said that indisposition to contract debts is a peculiar trait of their character and debts when contracted are honorably and punctually met. Whilst awarding praise to the inhabitants of this section of the state for many good

The Story of Bulloch County

qualities it is our duty to say that so far as temperance is concerned they are behind the times. Whiskey has its votaries. Those who have attempted to show the citizens the folly and ill consequence of intemperance have been insulted and threatened.

One source of income was timber from the forests. Logs were taken from the swamps, floated down the Ogeechee and marketed in Savannah.

Another major crop was cotton. The farmer who grew cotton averaged about 400 pounds to the acre. This together with hides, tallow, beeswax, fruits, etc., he carried to Savannah and sold for enough money to buy cattle, cotton and woolen cards and nails. These were about the extent of his purchases.

1798 inventory of property
Here is an inventory and appraisal of the property of a yeoman farmer of Bulloch made in 1798:
28 head of cattle \$112.00
1 tub, 1 pall, 1 selfe, 46 head of hogs 60.00
1 piggen, 1 tray 2.50
1 mare and colt 60.00
6 earthen plates .50
5 wheelbarrows 5.50
4 tins and 1 tea pot .50
2 pots, 1 kettle and .60
hooks .60
2 axes and 2 hoes 2.00
2 ploughs 2.00
3 cow hides 4.00
One woman's saddle and 6 chairs, 1 spinning 2.00
2 guns 6.00 \$308.87

Interesting also is the inventory of a Bulloch County woman who died in 1800:
8 head of cattle \$4.00
1 set curtains, 1 coverlet, 1 cloak, 2 coats 19.00
1 bed and pillow 2.
14 yds. coarse linen 11.00
15 yds. silk, 2 shawls, and bedstead 25.00
5 handkerchiefs 11.00
5 aprons, 2 wrappers, 3 caps, 2 pr. gloves 3.50
8 petticoats, 2 skirts 2
1 waistcoat pattern, 1 pair of shoes 2.00
2 counterpanes, 2 blankets 14.00
1 lot tin ware, glasses, 700 sundry articles 5.25
3 1/2 yds. Irish linen 2.62 1/2
2 trunks 7.00
12 yds. hem trim 3.25
1 case mill, tea kettle, 8 yds. spun cotton 4.25
1 smoothing iron, 1 jug, kerchiefs 3.50
1 woolen wheel, 1 keg, 1 large trunk, four shifts, 12 caps 8.00
6 wrappers, 3 aprons 2.00
1 lot of crockery ware 4.75
8 1/2 lbs. spun cotton 4.25
1 woollen wheel, 1 keg, 1 pair pinners and 100 nips 2.75
1 1/2 dozen table spoons 1.12 1/2
2 old staves and harness, 1 table-1 box with sundry trifles 2.25
1 counterpane 6.00 \$250.25

In Bulloch County there were families who had settled on the oak and hickory lands of the river, and had built up wealth and lived in decided comfort. About twenty slaves was considered a large number for one family to own in this section of the state. A man usually designated himself as "Planter" when he had as many as twenty slaves; otherwise he was called "Yeoman" or "Farmer."

Concerning the climate of Bulloch County, White says that it was healthy and pleasant and there were few diseases, that he knew of no section of Georgia in which there were more chances for health than among the pine forests of Bulloch County. The cases of long

social system not rigid
The social system was by no means rigid in the cotton belt. The average slave holder encouraged his Negroes in the fields by following his own plough or by setting the pace for the cotton choppers in the cotton fields. The hard working foreman was recognized by and held the respect of the planter.

On the plantations, which consisted of two or three thousand acres, were field hands and household and kitchen servants. The plantation house was usually a two story frame structure with a drawing room, a large dining room and a large bedroom downstairs and about four or more rooms upstairs for the children. The

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evity which he reported in 1849 in the county were Mrs. Driggers and Mrs. Cannon said to have been 104 at their deaths, Mrs. Everett 106, Mr. Rimes died at 92, William Kerby at 90, Mrs. Hagan at 80, Joseph Hodges at 80, Mrs. Shepherd at 106, Nathan Brewton at 90.

White also reports that in 1849 there were 8 saw mills and 12 grist mills in the county. He observed that the roads and bridges were kept in good order.

There were few newspapers circulating in the county in these days but people got together at their regular church meetings, camp meetings and other occasions and learned a great deal by personal contact and word of mouth. At camp meetings they heard from great men such as George F. Pierce, Methodist Bishop, and Jesse Mercer, the Baptist preacher. Also at political barbecues they listened to political orators.

Social life and customs were carried into the occupations of the field. When time came to shuck corn the owner of the field or plantation would give a "corn-shucking" to which the neighbors would be invited. This was followed by a feast. There would be a "log-rolling" when new ground was cleared. While the men were log rolling the women would have quilting parties after which they had a fine county dinner—chicken cooked in various ways, fried, stewed with dumplings, in a pilau, boiled or fried ham, roasted quail, wild turkey, venison, biscuits, thin hoe cakes, corn pone, fresh vegetables from the gardens, sweet potato pie, custard pies, cake, syllabub. Often a pig or deer would be barbecued in a pit.

The families living near the river usually had landings on the river where they would congregate for fish fries.

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