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## Mayor Watford Takes Over Fire Duties

Malone's new mayor, Robert J. Watford, is in charge of the town's fire truck and should be called in the event of fire, according to an announcement made at the town council meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 17.

Mayor Watford can be reached at the Farmers Bank of Malone, 569-2325, during the day and at his residence, 569-2226 in the evening.

If Watford cannot be reached, Council President Johnny Williams should be called at Williams Seed and Feed Company, 569-2715, during the day, or at 569-2422 in the evening.

In other business, the council:

Asked Mayor Watford to make arrangements with the County Sheriff's Department to procure a regular police pistol for W. S. Mathews, the town nightwatchman.

Voted to increase the amount of liability insurance carried on town equipment;

Heard a letter from the State Comptroller's office notifying the council that \$91 paid to the state for six beer licenses in Malone will be sent to the town treasury;

Agreed to supply the Florida League of Cities with a statement of the town's expenditures for the past year;

Delegated Mayor Watford to have a fallen tree removed and some street repairs made by town workmen.

## Friendship Adds Fellowship Hall

A fellowship hall for Friendship Baptist Church is in the final stages of completion.

The new addition, which cost approximately \$5,000, is 27 feet wide by 47 feet long. It includes a completely equipped kitchen.



QUARTET CUTS RECORD--The Bryan Brothers Quartet whose record, "I'll Have A New Life," came out this week, is composed of, front row, left to right, Donnie Southwell and Tallice Hinson; back row, Gary and Billy Bryan.

## Local Quartet Issues Gospel Recording

The Bryan Brothers Quartet has produced a long-playing stereo record of gospel songs entitled "I'll Have A New Life."

The quartet is composed of Billy and Gary Bryan of Bascom, Tallice Hinson of Sneads and Donnie Southwell of Blountstown.

The young men have been singing as a group for about 18 months. This is the first record they have cut.

The recording includes the title song, "Right Road Now,"

"Jesus on the Main Line," "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus," "I Believe in a Hill Called Calvary," "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," "I Was There When It Happened," "Put Your Hand in the Hand," "Mama's Teaching Angels How To Sing," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "I'll be in the Rapture" and "We'll Soon be Done with Troubles and Trials."

The record costs \$4 and can be purchased from the quartet.

## Created On Aug. 12, 1822 County Celebrates Its 150th Anniversary

Jackson County, established on Aug. 12, 1822, celebrates its 150th birthday this year.

In honor of the sesquicentennial of Florida's third oldest county, the Jackson County Historical Commission will sponsor tours of the county's oldest homes and the erection of several historical markers.

Included in the tours of historic homes on April 8-9 will be several ante-bellum mansions that were built in the early 1840's.

During the tour of homes, the commission will distribute pamphlets that trace some aspects of the county's history.

The commission will climax the placement of several historical markers on Aug. 12 with the erection of a marker on the courthouse lawn commemorating the establishment of the county.

Also in honor of the anniversary year, the historical commission has compiled a list of speakers who are available to speak at civic functions on topics pertaining to the county's history: "The Battle of Marianna," "Andrew Jackson in Jackson County," "Our Indians" and "Reconstruction Days in Jackson County."

Florida's two earliest counties, Escambia, representing West Florida, and St. Johns representing East Florida, were created by the Florida territory's

first provisional governor, Andrew Jackson, in 1821.

Jackson and Duval counties were carved out of the original two counties at the territory's first legislative council on Aug. 12, 1822, at a meeting near Pensacola.

Subsequently, the other North Florida counties were delineated from Jackson and Escambia, including one county, Fayette, which is distinguished by its brief existence in Florida history--two years.

Fayette county included Bascom, Greenwood and Malone.

Dissatisfied with the establishment of the county seat in Marianna in 1829, Jackson Countians living in the north and east parts of the county pressured the territorial council into creating Fayette County on Feb. 9, 1832.

It included all the former part of Jackson County east of the Chipola River and west of the Chattahoochee and Appalachian rivers, and from the Alabama line to the confluence of the Chipola and Appalachian rivers.

Ocheesee, now in Calhoun County, was proposed as the Fayette County seat.

However, in 1833, the northern part of Fayette County was restored to Jackson County, and on Jan. 20, 1834, the remainder was returned to Jackson.

## Suit Filed Against County Officials

A second federal suit claiming discrimination against Blacks by Jackson County officials has been filed in federal court.

The suit claims that Blacks and women are systematically excluded from Jackson County jury lists.

The suit is a "class action" suit filed on behalf of the plaintiffs and all others who are similarly situated, that is to say, on behalf of all Blacks and women. The plaintiffs claim that they are representative of the two groups.

Named as defendants in the suit are the five members of the

## Rep. Mixon Speaks To Malone PTA

State Representative Wayne Mixon will be the featured speaker at the Malone Parent-Teacher Association meeting on Thursday evening, Jan. 20.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

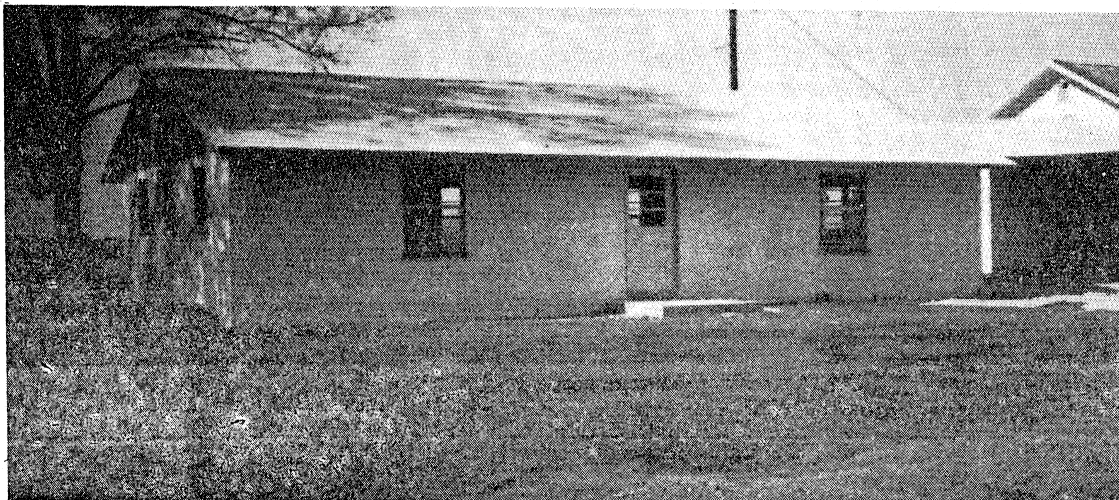
PTA President L. E. McMullian, Jr., urges all parents of school children to attend.

Board of County Commissioners, Circuit Court Judges R. L. McCrary, Jr., W. L. Fitzpatrick and Mercer P. Spear, County Judge R. Robert Brown, County Prosecutor John E. Roberts, State Attorney J. Frank Adams, County Clerk Raymond Bruner and County Small Claims Judge B. Rush Cowherd, III.

The suit is being brought by Guy Long, president of the Jackson County NAACP, and his wife, Pearl G. Long, and by others who are presumed to be members of the NAACP: Ruth W. Bess, Flint Bess, Minnie Lee McNealy, Joe Brown, F. L. Brown and George Dixon.

Pearl G. Long, a plaintiff in the class action suit, is also the plaintiff in another civil suit against the members of the County Commission.

In a suit filed two weeks ago, Mrs. Long claimed that her job of certification clerk with the Jackson County Commodity Distribution Program was abolished by the commissioners after three years as a means of terminating her employment because she is a Black woman.



New Friendship Baptist Fellowship Hall

## PERSONALS

### Bryan Funeral

#### Held Friday In Greenwood

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bryan, beloved resident of Greenwood, were held at the graveside in Greenwood Methodist Cemetery on Friday afternoon, Jan. 14.

The Rev. Earl Temple and the Rev. C. E. Avinger officiated.

Mrs. Bryan was 97 and a lifelong resident of the area. She was a member of the Greenwood Methodist Church.

She died on Thursday morning, Jan. 14, in the Marianna Convalescent Home.

The survivors include a daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Folsom of Marianna; a son, R. A. Willis of Greenwood; 14 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Harry Olive and Carolyn of Bascom visited Mrs. Olive's sister, Mrs. J. L. (Hazel) Pate in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital last Sunday. Mrs. Pate, formerly of Malone, underwent surgery on Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wiley of Hatch, N. M., visited Mrs. Anna Claire Dickson in Greenwood last Thursday through Monday. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Dickson and family of Greenwood and by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith of Pensacola for Sunday dinner.

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Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mathis in Malone were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Elmore and children of Bonifay, Harry Cobb of Donalsonville and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Barefield of Altha. Mr. Mathis is spending several days this week in Pensacola with Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Mathis.

Miss Paulette Davis of Tallahassee, a senior at Florida State University, is practice teaching at Malone High School in the home economics department under the direction of Mrs. Mary Patrick. Miss Davis is staying in Marianna with Mrs. E. E. Shelley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Matthew and Mary of Wappingers Falls, N. Y., recently visited his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Johnson of Bascom, route one. During their stay in Florida, the family also visited Disney World and the Kennedy Space Center.

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Mrs. Vera Welch of Malone has returned home after spending six weeks in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach with her son, William Welch and his family, and friends. Her guest for several days this week is Edward Supkoski of Detroit, Mich.

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W. O. and Mrs. Roy Coulliette, Lisa Kay and John of Cecil Field, Jacksonville, visited his mother, Mrs. J. W. Coulliette, in Malone last weekend. The family also visited Mr. and Mrs. Myron Elmore in Marianna.

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Dinner guests of Mrs. Vera McDaniel and Miss Myra Sue McDaniel of Malone last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mauldin, Jr., Alicia and Gregory of Gainesville, Mrs. Evelyn Mauldin of Fountain, James Millwood and Miss Ann Floyd of Marianna, Route two.

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By Joel Parish

"I no longer wished for a better world, because I was thinking of the whole creation, and in the light of this clearer disconcertment I had come to see that, though the higher things are better than the lower, the sum of all creation is better than the higher things alone."

---St. Augustine

Theodore Roosevelt once wrote something that parallels St. Augustine's thinking. He wrote "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errors and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Thank heaven for dreams to dream and for people who are willing to try to make dreams come true.

That's the reel truth.

### Mrs. Everett Was Buried At Friendship

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Lucille Everett of Malone were held Friday afternoon, Jan. 14, at the Friendship Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. D. Millwood, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Everett, 81, died in Jackson Hospital on Wednesday morning.

She was a native of Clay County, Ga., but had lived in Jackson County since 1903. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, P. T. Everett, Jr., of Malone; a daughter, Mrs. Irene McCrane of Marianna; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

### Bascom Church Holds Revival

The Rev. G. R. Waterman and his evangelistic team are conducting a revival crusade at the Bascom Assembly of God Church.

Services will be held each evening at 7 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Rev. Shelton Kindig, pastor, invites everyone to attend the revival.

When I first read this thought of St. Augustine's, I thought that I did not agree with him. But then I tried to imagine a world of only "higher things." Suppose that we lived in a world with no problems to solve, no challenges to meet and overcome, no dreams to dream and no bad times to sweeten the good times.

How could a person keep his sanity in a world so monotonous?

How could a person who had never experienced bad, enjoy good? What would there be to look forward to if this was the best and there was no better?

And, if we had no troubles, we would lose the satisfaction of blaming them on someone else.


Fishing is a prime example of St. Augustine's theory. The thrill of fishing would be lost if you automatically caught a bass on every cast or a shellcracker with every cricket or a catfish on every set-hook. Like wooing a pretty woman, the mystery and anticipation of the endeavor contributes a large portion of the pleasure.

If you always caught fish, fishing would be easy; and if it was easy, anyone could do it; but--somehow--I don't think many people would (except maybe for little boys and Dalton Taylor).

### Spaghetti Supper Is Saturday Night

Mrs. A. Q. Mixon and Mrs. A. V. Olive are in charge of the cooking for a spaghetti supper that will be sponsored by the Bascom Methodist Church W.S.C.S. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at the old Bascom school.

Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Plates will cost \$1.25 for adults and 65 cents for children under 12.



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## Baptists Plan Homecoming

The First Baptist Church of Malone will observe its 60th anniversary with a homecoming service on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Rev. Roscoe Hall, pastor of the church from 1955 until 1964, will deliver the morning message. A basket lunch will follow.

## Fire Truck Answers Call

The Malone Fire Truck answered a call to the Ralph Nordan home about 6:15 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Dust which had collected on a filter in the heating system had caught fire and caused a lot of smoke. Firemen reported that no damage was done to the house.

## Funeral For Mrs. Robinson Held At Rocky Grove Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertie Robinson of Malone were held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16, at the Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

brother, Stoman McDaniel of Live Oak; two sisters, Mrs. Berlie Whitehead of Niceville and Mrs. Nodie Dean of Grand Ridge; 35 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

## Tigers Lost To Graceville

The Malone High School Tigers lost to Graceville, 81-51, in a game played at Graceville on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18.

High point man for the Tigers was Morris Hayes with 13 points.

The "B" team also lost to Graceville, 49-41. High scorers were Joe Bob Baxter and Larry Smith with 13 points each.

The Tigers lost to New Brockton, 73-65, last Friday evening. Morris Hayes scored 16 points and Robert McCarter, 15, to lead the Malone team.

The Tigers won over Cottonwood, 53-42 last Tuesday evening. Robert McCarter was high point man with 19 points.

Malone plays New Brockton at home on Friday evening, Jan. 21, and Munroe in Quincy on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

## Greenwood Team Lost To Altha

The Greenwood High School Dragons lost to Altha, 74-53, in a home game on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18.

Greenwood's high point men were Ervin Long, 17, and Alexander Tripp, 15.

Greenwood also had bad luck in games against Poplar Springs and Freeport last week. The Dragons lost to Poplar Springs, 81-63, on Friday evening, and to Freeport by one point, 61-60, on Saturday evening.

In the game against Poplar Springs, Harvey Standland scored 17 points and Alexander Tripp scored 16. Against Freeport, Ervin Long and Greg Dickens scored 19 points each.

The Dragons play at Sneads on Friday evening, Jan. 21, and play Munroe in Greenwood on Saturday evening, Jan. 22.

## Chamber Dinner Will Be Open To Everyone

Jackson County residents can hear a presidential candidate speak for the cost of a steak dinner.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Henry Jackson will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marianna High School Cafeteria.

The meeting is open to the general public. Tickets cost \$5 each.

Congressman Bob Sikes will also speak at the dinner. State Rep. Wayne Mixon will be master of ceremonies.

## Club President Is Pittman

Stanley Pittman was elected president of the Lovedale-Two Egg Community Club at the organization's meeting on Friday, Jan. 14, in the Club House.

Other new officers for the coming year will be L. E. McMullian, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Eleanor Pittman, secretary; and Mrs. Mattie Lou Brogdon, treasurer.


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Mrs. Robinson died at 12:35 a.m. on Friday at Seminole Memorial Hospital, Donalsonville, after a long illness. She was 85.

She was a native of Houston County, Ala., but had lived for many years in Jackson County. She was a member of Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Marvin, Guber and Seab Robinson of Malone, Wesley Robinson of Ashford and Billy Robinson of Eagle Lake; five daughters, Mrs. Lollie Robinson, Mrs. Carrie Mae Fears and Mrs. Frances Tipton of Malone, Mrs. Bertha Lee Brazwell of Monticello and Mrs. Agnes Harrison of Eagle Lake; one

## Junior Teams Are Winning

Malone's junior teams are having a winning basketball season.

The eighth graders have won seven games and lost two. The seventh graders have won six games and lost three.

The juniors play Poplar Springs on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. in the Malone gym.

The two teams are coached by Dewitt Scott.

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Loans and Contracts Made to Facilitate Sale of Real Estate ----- 40,708.85	Other Borrowed Money ----- NONE
Cash on Hand and in Banks ----- 304,329.89	Loans in Process ----- 129,822.88
Investments and Securities ----- 1,100,370.30	Other Liabilities ----- 35,154.79
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation ----- 64,927.17	Specific Reserves ----- 1,779.67
Deferred Charges and Other Assets ----- 95,386.55	General Reserves ----- \$742,642.11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS - \$13,393,379.72</b>	Surplus & Und. Profits ----- 382,001.14
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## A History Of School In Malone, 1912 On

The history of school in Malone dates back to 1912 when a four or five-room building offering nine grades opened on the site of the present Malone school.

Mrs. John Langston became principal around Christmas, 1919.

About two weeks after school closed in the summer of 1920, lightning struck the wooden building about 6 in the morning and it burned completely.

In 1920-21, classes were held in five wooden houses on Smokey Row while a new two-story brick building was constructed at the old site.

The two-story brick building, Malone High School, opened with 12 grades in 1921. It was used through graduation exercises for the class of 1959. The class of 1960 held graduation at the First Baptist Church, and the class of 1961 was the first to graduate in the auditorium of the present high school classroom building.

Teaching with Mrs. Langston on Smokey Row during 1920-21 were Miss Myrtle Bevis, Mrs. Bosie Tuttle, Miss Clem Nichols and Miss Ruby Conrad.

The makeshift school on Smokey Row is where Malone's basketball history began.

According to Roy Beall, who ought to know since that is where his basketball career began:

"Mrs. Langston started the first basketball team in Malone. We didn't play anybody the first year but Greenwood. We played them four times and they beat us three times."

According to Dalton Hagler, who graduated in 1927 and who served as Malone's assistant principal from 1930 to 1932 and as principal from 1934 to 1939, the principals have been:

L. F. Rutledge, 1921-1924; T. J. Macbeth, 1924-25; "Father" Bryan, 1925-26; E. C. Merritt, 1926-27; L. L. "Nurmi" Nelson, 1927-28; D. R. Allen, 1928-33; H. C. Harrison, 1933-34; Dalton Hagler, 1934-39; M. E. Stanfill, 1939-41; R. E. Brunson, 1941-67; and Homer Deuel, 1967-present.

One of Hagler's favorite stories concerns a Mississippi boy, J. C. Halliburton, who was the first person to teach vocational agriculture at Malone High School in 1922.

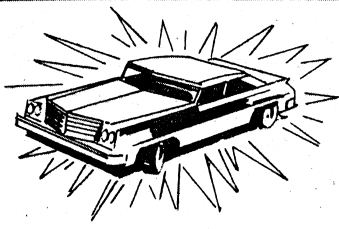
"He got to courting a girl out here in the country and fell in love with her. When he asked her to marry him, she said no, that she didn't want to marry a poor old country school teacher who'd never amount to anything. So Halliburton left here and went into business with his brother in Oklahoma. Neither one of them ever married. And when Halliburton's brother died in 1969, leaving his share of the company to the poor old country boy, the Halliburton Company's net profits after taxes were \$54 million."

The first graduating class of Malone High School, 1922, consisted of one person, Edith Pender (a sister of Mrs. Lula May Johnson).

The second graduating class, 1923, was five times as large as the first. The graduates were Victor Bevis, Vera Williams, Johnny Daniels, Evelyn Chambliss and Winnie Mickler.

In 1921, Hagler estimates, the school had 325 to 350 students in all 12 grades. By 1939, the enrollment was 530. Although a number of near-by schools, such as Central, Concord and Bascom, have been closed and the students sent to Malone, the

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# School History

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1972 enrollment is only 670.

Through the years, the biggest graduating classes have been those of 1939 and 1969 with 38 students each, and the class of 1967 with 45 graduates.

Hagler points out that Malone High School, which only had a football team for about four years after it began, produced an All-American, Jimmy Hitchcock.

In 1926 when Hitchcock played for Malone, the team won four games and lost three. Hitchcock became an All-American when he attended Auburn University. Later, he became a pro-baseball player.

Prior to 1930, children got to school "the best way they could," but during that year, Jim Ditty began operating his own schoolbus.

"Until 1941 when E. T. Denmark became county school superintendent, the buses were privately owned," Hagler said, "and the bus bodies were homemade."

"In the 20's," Hagler said, "there was more school spirit at Malone High School than you'll ever see again. It was a privilege to attend school in those days and families usually had to make a considerable sacrifice to pay the tuition. And the teachers-well, teaching was a calling. The teachers were as dedicated as ministers. They had to be, considering the low pay."

During the 20's and early 30's Malone High School had a student paper named "The Peanut." A copy of the May 8, 1925, issue (which belongs to Mrs. Meda Williams) lists the following staff:

Estelle Williams, editor in chief; Thelma McDonald, associate editor; Dalton Halger,

business manager; James Anderson, advertising manager, Floyd Fitch, joke editor, Mary Adams, literary editor; Kenneth Smith, athletic editor; Mable Rountree, extra editor; and Hettie Dell Hughes, circulation manager.

In 1948, the school began publishing a newspaper again, called "The Reflector." That year, Georgia Belle Avery was editor and LaVerne Edwards was assistant editor. The staff members were Lloyd E. McMullian, Sue Murdock, Bonnie Dunaway, Sonya Snipes, Mary Ruth Bell, Lois Mozley, June May, Lillian King, J. W. Jordan, Mary Nell Vaughn and Virginia Baxter.

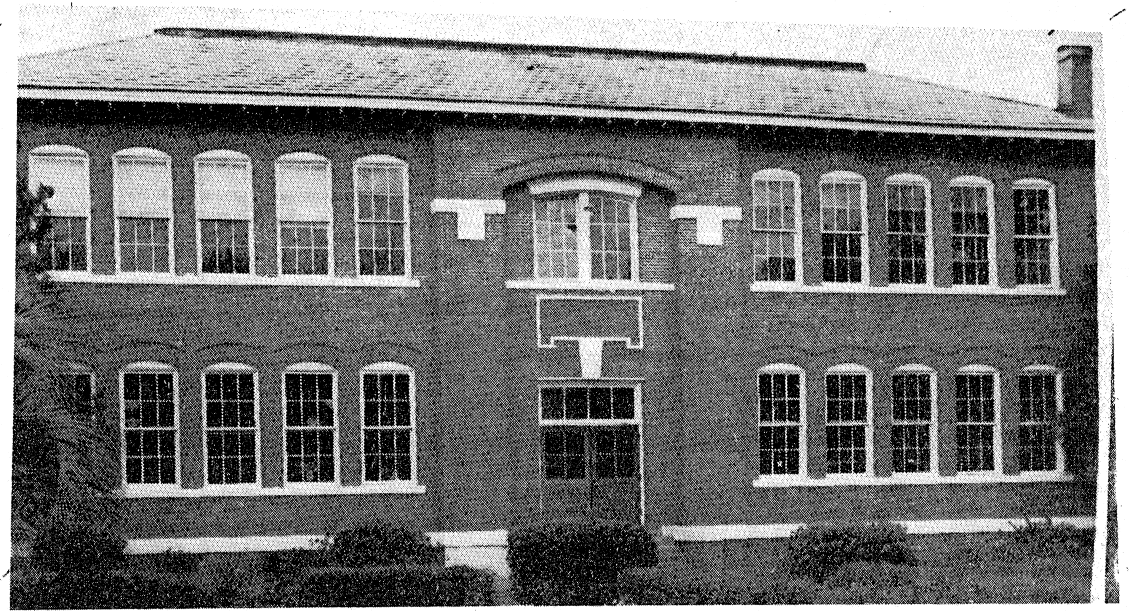
The first yearbook, "The Nightingale," was produced in 1930 with Clyde Lynn as editor and Margaret Herring as associate editor. Other members of the staff were Asa Calhoun, Frank Adams, Ben Burroughs, Lollie Tidwell, Doris Bevis, Eleanor Olive, Bonnie Arnold, Phoebe Eddins, Austine Conrad, Lucile Whitehurst and Elon Livingston.

"The Nightingale" seems to have been discontinued after the 1930 issue, but in 1947-48, the yearbook resumed publication and has appeared annually ever since.

The school had tried to organize a band in the mid-30's, but band did not become a regular part of the curriculum until the arrival of Albert Cina in about 1938.

Virgil Oswald, a 1933 graduate who is now in his 25th year of teaching at Malone, began the first glee club in 1947.

Anyone who ever saw Malone's original gymnasium is not likely to forget it. It was a white barn on which the county expended exactly nothing. The lumber was donated and the construction workers were local



FAMILIAR BUILDING--Thousands of Malone students attended classes in this familiar two-story brick building. Before it was built in 1921, the town's school had only nine grades. The last class to graduate in the auditorium on the second floor was in 1959.



CLASS OF 1923--The first class to graduate from Malone High School in 1922 consisted of only one person, Edith Pender. But the class of 1923, pictured above on graduation day, had five students. They were, left to right, Johnnie Daniels, Winnie Mickler, Evelyn Chambliss, Vera Williams and Victor Bevis. (Photos from the collection of Mrs. Vera Welch)

volunteers. The old gym was built in 1930 and replaced with the present brick gym in 1950.

Perhaps basketball has never meant as much to any other school as to Malone. Roy Beall recalls that in the 20's, the teams played as many as 50 games in a season.

"Lots of boys went out for basketball because it was the main thing they could look forward to," Beall said. "People

didn't get to go much in those days and the basketball trips were a luxury."

Between 1920 and 1945, Beall recalls, Malone played 1,033 games and only lost 67. And because there were no size classifications then, the team played such schools as Miami, Tampa, Pensacola and Jacksonville. "We beat Pensacola 20 out of 23 years," Beall said.

Some of Malone's most glorious basketball years occurred between 1952 and 1964 when the home team won more Northwest Florida Conference championships against all-size schools than any other team. Under Coach Homer

Deuel, the Tigers were victorious in 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1963.

Of six state tournaments in which the Tigers participated, the team won the Class B championship four times: in 1952, 1953 and 1954 under Coach Jim Pavy, and in 1961 under Coach Deuel.

From 1921 until 1945, Roy Beall was either the coach or the assistant coach, jobs for which he was never paid. The other coaches, through 1967, have been Bully Hitchcock, 1927-28; Rex Toole, 1928-29; G. C. Norman, 1929-41; Rosie Davis, 1946-47; Jim Pavy, 1948-54; and Homer Deuel, 1954-67.



1923 FACULTY--The faculty of Malone High School in 1923 was composed of, left to right, J. C. Halliburton, Miss Myrtle Bevis, Miss Corrin Jones and Principal L. F. Rutledge.

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