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The Cooper Store and former U.S. Post Office at Socastee, as it is today.

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PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR! The next regular meeting of the Society will be October 9, 1978. The Board of Directors will meet September 11 and December 11, 1978.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our meeting in July was an especially informative and pleasant occasion. We had a presentation by William A. Graham, Jr., Conway city administrator, on the new ordinance protecting trees on public property. The famous old ordinance which forbade the cutting of any tree more than two inches in diameter twelve inches above the ground no longer exists. Alex Quattlebaum was the featured speaker of the program. He recounted the history of Arundel, his home, and the families who have owned it. And we awarded Bill Long our Richardson Memorial Award for exceptional service. Finally, we had punch and homemade goodies and a fine hour of socializing.

In October we will elect new officers. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. This issue of IRQ contains the information on Socastee which was prepared for our spring tour. We want to express again our gratitude to the kind folks of that historic community who were our hosts and speakers.

Sincerely,

Catherine H. Lewis

Gene Anderson, chairman of the awards committee, presents the trophy to William H. Long on right. Mrs. Catherine Lewis, President of the Society is in the center.

MR. ALEX M. QUATTLEBAUM, Speaker at July HCHS meeting

THE ERNEST EDWARD RICHARDSON MEMORIAL AWARD
Presented to William H. Long
For Exceptional Service to the Horry County Historical Society
July 10, 1978

The work of the Horry County Historical Society depends upon the devotion of its members, and especially upon the dedication of a fairly small community within the membership which attends to the tasks necessary to our continuing. We established the Ernest Edward Richardson Award in March, 1975, to honor its namesake to whose guidance and determination we owe the very existence of this Society and to recognize publicly persons who are deemed to have rendered exceptional service to it.

The Awards Committee and the Board of Directors of the Horry County Historical Society present the Award tonight to a member who has been active since the beginning, who has served as president and vice president, who has worked diligently on the staff of The Independent Republic Quarterly, who has represented the Society at meetings of the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies, and who has for the last two years as program chairman brought us outstanding programs for our quarterly meetings. Quiet, devoted, supportive, effective are all ways in which we can describe William H. Long, who deserves our thanks. We present to him tonight the second Ernest Edward Richardson Award for exceptional service to the Horry County Historical Society.
IN MEMORY OF

JACKSON HIRAM VEREEN

Born at Little River, S. C. April 10, 1882
Died at Mandarin, Florida April 22, 1978

Son of

Hartford J. Vereen (April 10, 1849 - Oct. 26, 1902)
and his wife

Florence C. Frink (May 27, 1852 - May 10, 1920)

His Wife

Martha (Leslie) Poole (Feb. 12, 1891 - Jan. 18, 1976)

Through his efforts, the Vereen family history was researched and the old Vereen Cemetery restored and preserved at Little River, South Carolina in 1957.

He donated 115 acres of the old Vereen Home lands to the Horry County Historic Preservation Commission in 1971, to be developed into the VEREEN MEMORIAL GARDENS.
SOCASTEE

Ivey M. Turbeville

Socastee was originally a part of All Saints Parish, a remote section sparsely settled, hemmed in by the Atlantic Ocean and the Waccamaw River. Socastee is more than two hundred years in existence. In the few weeks we have been trying to get information on the early years we have found that we need months, not weeks, to dig into the past. We have very little on the early years.

In the year 1770 James Elkes was granted a tract of land on the N. E. side of Folly Swamp. James King was granted a tract in 1770. In 1773 the Stalveys obtained acreage by Negrofield Swamp from Mathew Creed. Socastee was already an established community before this time. These early settlers farmed the land, raised cattle and sheep and, we assume, traded with the Indians as there were settlements of Indians along the river and creeks. There are old mounds and areas where much pottery and arrow heads have been found. Supposedly these are Indian cemeteries. One of them is near Creek Landing.

There was no transportation other than walking, oxen or horse and mule drawn carts, and by boat and canoe along the river and creeks. It is said that these early people set up a system of signals whereby they could communicate with each other. The person with the important message would go to a certain location on his property and blow a horn and wait for the adjoining neighbor to come meet him and get the message. He would then return to his own place and pass the information on in the same manner. This would be done until the message reached its destination.

In the middle and late 1800s came the more prosperous years. There were general merchandise stores, turpentine distilleries, cooper shop, lumber mills, cotton gins and grits mills. One of the early stores, which was a general store, was located on the east side of Hwy 707 as we know it now, about 3/4 of a mile from old Socastee bridge. Isaac Stalvey ran this store. One night he was murdered by a black man. The black man was found the next day hiding under the old Socastee bridge. I have no dates for this incident, but it did actually happen. About the year 1873 Capt. Sam Sarvis and Mr. J. E. Dusenbury came to Socastee from the Bucksville area and opened a store. This was a general mercantile business called Dusenbury & Sarvis Co. It was located on Highway 544, east side, opposite the Peach Tree road. They sold everything from food and clothes to farm tools and fertilizer. Turpentine barrels were made in the cooper shops. One shop was located southeast of the Cooper house. There was a blacksmith shop in the same general area. The turpentine distillery was a little way behind the Cooper house. This was a long shed and accommodated three stills. The second cooper shop was located about 8/10 of a mile down the Pine Island road, then known as "the street"—so called because the cabins stood alongside where the plantation and turpentine workers lived. The shop was on the W. J. Turbeville farm. This man also made tools and furniture. There was a cotton gin on the site where the Prather house now stands. A grits mill was in the same general area. The first Socastee post office was in the back of a store building, east side of 544, E. Van Dusenbury, postmaster. The exact date is unknown. Later it was moved to a small building on the corner of what is now Hwy 544 and Peach Tree road. Mr. S. S. Sarvis was postmaster. Mr. Sarvis sold his interest in the store to Mr. J. J. Turbeville. It then became Turbeville & Dusenbury Co. This went on for a while, then Mr. Turbeville became the owner of the business and after a short time moved over to his own farm on the Ark road where he operated a saw mill and turpentine distillery. He also had a cane mill and vat for cooking syrup in season. The Ark road is now known as the Lakewood road and the location of the business was just beyond the present Horry Electric Coop substation.

About this time two miles away in an area called Stalvey's (it had its own post office) there was another general mercantile business called Joint Stock. This was on the east side of Negrofield Swamp, owned by the Clardys, Stalveys and Sarvis. This operated for a while and closed. They also had a cotton gin and saw mill and turpentine distillery. Mr. J. Minic Stalvey also operated a general store in the area. It was located on the west side of Hwy 707 about where the Marshes now live, second house on right after crossing Negrofield Swamp. This store was in operation for many years and was run by Mr. & Mrs. Rob
Stalvey. After Joint Stock closed Mr. T. B. Cooper, Sr., built the store building that stands near the corner of Peach Tree road and Hwy 544. This was about 1907. A general merchandise store. Mr. Cooper was appointed postmaster and moved the post office into the store and it remained there until the Socastee post office was closed. When Myrtle Beach post office was authorized, Socastee was serviced by a rural route from Myrtle Beach. The wire cage which enclosed the post office counter and desk is still in the building. This will be one of the things you will see today along with some of the old ledgers from the store, which was operated until about 1932. The turpentine still was abandoned in 1901 when Burroughs & Collins Co. built the first railroad line to Myrtle Beach and moved the turpentine business to Pine Island for railway shipping service.

In the 1920s there was a gas station built across the road from the Cooper store. There was also one on the east side of Socastee bridge where the road forked and one went to Myrtle Beach and the other to Murrells Inlet. This was operated by Mr. George Brown and later by Mr. Hart Stalvey. In the late 1920s there was a small store operated by G. W. Tindel. This was on the Murrells Inlet road, about one mile from the school.

In 1930 many changes were made. The Intracoastal Waterway section from Little River to Winyah Bay was authorized. The location of the road was changed, old Socastee bridge (which was oneway) was replaced by a temporary bridge, which was in turn replaced by the present one when the project was completed. This was accomplished in 1936 and on April 11, 1936 there was a celebration at Socastee bridge. There were many prominent officials from Washington, D. C., and South Carolina attending. There was music, there were speeches and flag waving, making it a memorable day for everyone, especially the Socastee natives. With the relocation of the road, stores closed and moved to other locations. There have been several stores and gas stations in the area since that time, one of them being the old depreciated building standing across from the school. This one was operated by Don Anderson, L. E. Singleton, Robbie Wall and Charles Bryant. The day of the country store as it was known is past for this area.

It should be mentioned that as the old store buildings of the late eighteen hundreds were vacated they were used by the local people for recreation. Parties of all kinds, skating and square dancing were the most popular. One man said they walked for miles to get there, danced for hours, had a lot of fun and walked back home, getting there in time to catch a couple of hours sleep before beginning the day's work.

Socastee was fortunate to have the professional service of a doctor. Some familiar names of doctors located in the area over the years were Dr. Kafer, Dr. P. K. Bethea and Dr. Edgar Stalvey. Dr. Stalvey was a native of Socastee, the son of J. Minnick Stalvey. The original house was located just north of Negrofield Swamp and west of Hwy 707. An addition was added to the original house to give space for Dr. Stalvey's office and living quarters for his family. He was married to Leedes Turbeville of Socastee.

After the days of turpentine and cotton some of the plantations were divided among families into small farms. Some were sold to outsiders. Names of some of the older land owners were Macklen, Mills, Singleton, Smith, McCormick, Turbeville, Stalvey, Elkes, Clardy, Dusenbury and Sarvis. Some of these go back to the seventeen hundreds. Most of these names are still in the community today, along with hundreds of others. Socastee is changing from a sparcely settled, quiet farming area to one of many housing developments.

Socastee does not have any old historic sites that have been preserved as they were. We do have three very old cemeteries: The Folly, located near Hague Marina, the Stalvey cemetery located east of Hwy 707 in woods back of Stalvey farm and Socastee United Methodist Church cemetery. Some markers have very old dates.

Most old houses have been torn down. The ones that are left have been changed so much you would not recognize them inside or outside. The oldest houses that can be seen (outside only) are the Phillip McCormick house located on Burcol road near the Inland Waterway (it is more than one hundred years old); the home of the Frank Mills family dating back to about 1875 in Millstown, near the site of the first water powered grits mill; the Sarvis house located on the corner of Peach Tree road and Hwy 544; the Cooper house on the west side of Hwy 544 north of Socastee bridge (75 years old); and the home of Mrs. Erma Turbeville Causey, located on the west side of the Murrells Inlet road, one-half mile from Socastee school. It is 83 years old and was the former home of Mrs. J. J. Turbe-
ville. The house at Enterprise has been gone for many years. So has the original house at Peach Tree. The landings remain a reminder of Waccamaw River's past importance to the Socastee area.

PHILLIP McCORMICK HOUSE

PHILLIP McCORMICK BARN
About 100 years old

THE B. F. MILLS HOME - Probably one of the oldest homes in the Socastee area is the B. F. Mills home. This was purchased from J. D. Turbeville on August 28, 1885. It had a water mill that ground corn and a rice beater. The water mill was also used to saw lumber. The lumber from which the house was built was sawed on the site at the water mill. The house is over one hundred years old. Mr. Mills was a farmer and a turpentine worker. He lived to be ninety years old.

Eating at the Historical Society Meeting, April 15, 1978

SAM SARVIS HOME

THE COOPER HOME AT SOCASTEE, The present home of Mrs. Julian Cooper
SPEAKERS AT THE APRIL MEETING - Left to Right - W. H. Long, C. B. Berry, Rhetta Smith, Olivia Smith, Annett Pollard, Mrs. Sarah Page Cooper (Seated), Mrs. Gertrude Zackery, Mrs. Ivey Turbeville, Mrs. Jewell G. Long, Miss Debby Singleton was not present when the picture was made.

This is not a sword, but a turpentine tester. It was thrust to the bottom of the turpentine barrel, so a sample from the bottom could be taken to see if the seller had put sand in the bottom. It seems human nature has not changed.
The Winyah Indigo Society, established in 1757, in Georgetown, S. C., was responsible for the first school in the Socastee area. These society members were wealthy land owners, planters, and doctors, who saw the need for children of the poorer families to have an education. The funds for the "free schools" were dues paid to the society from crops of indigo. Their own children were educated by private tutors.

These schools began to spread to the rural areas. The areas were divided into districts or parishes. In 1811 the state provided a contribution of $300.00 toward the support of the "free schools." Even with the support of the society and the state the schools could offer only a beginning education, consisting of the use of letters, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

By 1830 there were five schools in the district of what was then called All Saints Parish: Dogwood Neck, Bear Bluff, Honeyschook, Pigpen Bay and Socastee (Saucustere) Bridge. There was a total of 81 scholars. Socastee was located near Cox's Ferry road, across from the Cooper store, now Highway 544, on the property owned by Mrs. Julian B. Cooper.

The parents weren't exactly enthusiastic about sending their children to school, the schoolmasters being mostly from the north. All Saints Parish made a rule in 1851 that all schoolmasters must be examined by the board before being appointed and that if their conduct was not in proper order, they were not paid. Their salary was $100.00 per year. Some parents complained about the books being used; they were manufactured up north by the Yankees.

The more promising and studious boys were sometimes transferred to the Winway Indigo Society School in Georgetown, where they might attend on a charity scholarship.

In 1870 the first state superintendent of free public education, Justus K. Jillian, made it compulsory for children ages six through sixteen to attend school.

Years later a need for larger schools became necessary and about 1890 Socastee Academy was established and located on the site of the present Socastee High School. This was a square two-story building with an auditorium upstairs. The rest rooms were outside and the water system was an artesian well. The academy was supported by private tuition and in the beginning years the enrollment was limited to men only.

Under the supervision of Mr. L. L. Watson Socastee Academy became a graded school in 1909. Mr. C. P. Rice had the first graduation in 1916, his class consisting of four students, Thomas B. Cooper, Jr., Elinita Sarvis, Sadie Prince, and Lula Stalvey. In 1927 it became an accredited high school and two students, Verona Clardy and Cecil Jordan, completed their grades but did not receive diplomas because they had not attended the required two years at an accredited school. The first state high school diplomas were issued in 1928 to a class of eight graduates. The valedictorian was Jean Wesley Dusenbury, the salutatorian was John Ewell Grant. Mr. J. D. West was among the group to receive one of the first diplomas and later returned to the academy to teach. Also in 1927 additions were made to the school, the basement was converted into rest rooms, and four rooms were added, two to each side of the existing structure.

As transportation and roads improved, some of the smaller schools in the area were consolidated with Socastee. Burcol, Piney Bay, Enterprise, Collins Creek and Wildwood were among those to merge.

A brick building was built and occupied for the first time in 1937. Additions were added to take care of the growing student body. The elementary children were transferred to Lakewood, a new school off Dick Pond Road, in 1959. St. James Middle School was re-opened in 1973, taking grades seven and eight, thus leaving Socastee with only high school students.

On Nov. 15, 1977, the forty year old original brick building was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. The administrative offices, six classrooms, and the school gymnasium were completely in ruins. Preserved intact were two newer classroom wings, the cafeteria, library and bandroom. Portable structures were assembled and classes resumed as usual.
Today Socastee has an enrollment of 1,339 students, 54 faculty members, and 211 seniors who will be receiving their diplomas in May 1978. According to the Horry County Board of Education, the future plans for Socastee High School are to convert it to a middle school for grades six through eight. Plans have been made for an addition to eight new classrooms, administrative offices, a gym, and cafeteria. A new high school is to be constructed at another location.
This rambling narrative about Socastee Methodism is not to be taken as being of great historical value. I married into the community and since it has been my home, I have loved the community and church. Sad to say, people neglect to record many worthwhile happenings. Records have been referred to when possible; some facts and incidents were given by older people who liked to speak of the past; some events reflect the times I actually know and took part in. This writing is done with the hope that others may be aware of our proud heritage of Methodism and therefore feel a deeper sense of appreciation for those who long ago worked unselfishly that later generations might inherit a strong spiritual background.

I am grateful for the help given by those who talked so freely of the past and have now long since gone to their reward, and records available are appreciated. I also give credit to my daughter, Frances Cooper Prather, for her valuable help in sorting my "hodgepodge" collection of notes kept over the years into some order.

Many of our Methodist churches began as preaching appointments, meeting in the homes or even preaching in a barn; then classes or societies were organized with few, if any, records. It is hard to determine the exact years of their origin.

Socastee Methodist Church is one of the oldest churches in this county. We do not have the exact date of its beginning, but from the careful study of notes and manuscript compiled by Mr. Van Norton, lawyer, and his brother, Dr. Jamie Norton, of Conway, who were working toward publishing a history of Horry County, we find this statement: "The original Socastee comprised a considerable part of All Saints Parish, a remote and sparsely settled section, hemmed in by the Waccamaw River and the Atlantic Ocean, a territory reaching from Georgetown to what is now Conway." Dr. Norton says that from his study, "Bishop Asbury probably preached here before 1800, possibly 1795, the only shelter being a brush arbor." However, this section was traveled very much earlier by the Revs. Whitfield, John Wesley and Pilmoor who left their records as quoted. They traveled the King's Highway along the same route as George Washington on across the ferry to Georgetown.

In the early days of Methodism in South Carolina, the circuits and districts were formed parallel to the rivers due to the difficulty of crossing the many streams. This area including Conway was in the Wilmington District. Again, from the work of Dr. Norton, I quote:

The following facts are authentic, for I just a day or so ago discovered them in an old ledger-size common black book, aged and discolored. This book contains the original minutes of the meetings of the Quarterly Conference for Waccamaw Circuit and Conwayboro Circuit from October 1, 1836 to November 26, 1855--129 years ago. In 1836, Conference was being held in first one Church and then another in the usual manner, but what intrigued me most was that the names of the Churches were the same as they are today. The Churches up to 1842 were Little River, Socastee Bridge, Conwayborough, Zion, Zoan, Pisgah, Bethel, Durants--these churches being in Wilmington District.

Recorded in the Clerk's Office in Horry County is a deed dated September 2, 1875, conveying land to Socastee Methodist Church from Milton Macklin, one and one-quarter acres for the sum of $6.25, paid by J. Minick Stalvey, Treasurer, the Board of Trustees as follows: Isaiah Stalvey, Jeremiah Stalvey, J. D. Newton, J. Minick Stalvey, Bentley S. Stalvey, David Rabon and Milton Macklin.

In describing this tract given by Macklin, this statement is included: "Situated in Horry County on the east side of public road, south side of Socastee Swamp, near Socastee Bridge, bounded west by Public road and one-half acre land deeded to the aforesaid Church by Philip Elkes April 30th, 1818, and having such form and marks as the annexed plat represents (with the half-acre deeded by Elkes included in the Southwest corner of plat). This deed is recorded in Book S, page 349, Horry County."
By this statement, included in the deed of 1875, we know that the Church existed as an organization as early as 1818. Following is a copy of the deed for one and one quarter acres of land to Socastee Methodist Church, September 2, 1875. This deed included a copy of a plat which shows the location of the first Church (log building) and the second Church, which is still in use today.

MILTON MACKLIN and
M. E. MACKLIN

TO

TRUSTEES OF M. E. CHURCH
SOUTH CAROLINA
HORRY COUNTY
SOCASTEE TOWNSHIP

Know all men by these presents that, We, Milton Macklin and Margaret E. Macklin, Wife of Milton Macklin, of the State and County aforesaid, in consideration of the Sum of Six ($6.25/100) Dollars and twenty five cents to us in hand paid by J. Minick Stalvey, Treas. of the Board of Trustees, for the property of Socastee M. E. Church South, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the Trustees of Socastee M. E. Church South - Viz: Isaiah Stalvey, Jeremiah Stalvey, J. D. Newton, J. Minick Stalvey, Bentley S. Stalvey, David Rabon, and Milton Macklin, all that tract or parcel of land, containing one and one-quarter acre, being part of a tract granted to Joseph Durant for 200 acres August 3, 1795, and deeded by Durant to Elisha Tillman June 1808, and deeded by Tillman to Philip Elkes Febry, 1814, and deeded by Elkes to his daughter M. M. Elkes Oct. 1814 and deeded by M. M. Elkes to Sam'l Stalvey Jan. 1832 and deeded by Stalvey to Jos. P. Newton March 1843 and deeded by Newton to Milton Macklin Apr. 1847. Situated in said County on the east side of public road, south side of Socastee Swamp, near Socastee Bridge—Bounded West by public road and one-half acre land deeded to the aforesaid Church by Philip Elkes, 30th April, 1818 and having such form and marks as the annexed plat represents (with the half-acre deeded by Elkes included in the Southwest corner of plat) Together with all and Singular the rights, members, Hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appurtenant. To have and to hold All and Singular the said Tract or parcel of land unto the aforesaid Trustees and their legal Successors for the Socastee M. E. Church South against ourselves and against our heirs and assigns and against every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the Same or any part thereof through us.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the second day of September A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy five and in the 99th year of the independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in presence of:

M. L. Macklin /s/ M. Macklen
B. D. Duncan /s/ M. E. Macklen (her X mark)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
HORRY COUNTY

Personally appeared before me Jeremiah Smith, one of the Trial Justices in and for the aforesaid County, Bethel D. Duncan, who being duly sworn said that he was present and did see Milton Macklin and M. E. Macklin, his wife, sign, seal and deliver the within Deed and that he and M. L. Macklin did subscribe their
names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn to before me this the 29th day of January A. D. 1876.

/s/ Jeremiah Smith

T. J.

/s/ B. D. Duncan

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR
HORRY COUNTY

I certify that the within conveyance has been duly transferred in this Office Record Book A., Page 55, May 12th, 1876.

Persuant to request of John W. Stalvey and James D. Newton, I have surveyed out and laid off for the M. E. Church South at Socastee Bridge one and three fourths acres of land as the above plat represents.

Surveyed the 29th day of Dec. A. D. 1874.

/s/ Jos. M. King D. S.

The tract showing the first Church is shown in Southwest corner.
The first church remembered by one of Socastee's oldest residents, Miss Rolie Outlaw, a granddaughter of Milton Macklin, was a small log building located in the southwest corner of what is now the cemetery. Little is known about the first meeting house except that it was a plain log building; however, a member of Socastee Church has in her posses-
sion one of the original wall candle holders made of metal which was used in the first church, lighted only by candles made by the women of the church. This candle holder was left and tagged by Miss Hannah Sarvis whose father helped to clear away the log building after the new church was built.

The present church building was probably erected soon after the deed by Milton Macklin dated 1874, according to the information given by our oldest members several years ago who are now deceased.

The people responsible for this building took their task seriously; nothing but the best timber was donated, cut and hauled to Peachtree Ferry, floated across the Waccamaw River to Bucksville, where the sawing was done. The frame work, sills, etc., were hand-hewn, using the broad axe. We are told that Mr. W. T. Goldfinch, father of Mr. W. M. Goldfinch of Conway, and husband of Mrs. Emma Stalvey Goldfinch of Socastee, had general supervision of the work and contributed much labor. The window frames, still in use, were made by him.

The pulpit, chancel and pews, held together by wooden pegs and showing expert craftsmanship were made by the men of the community. These along with the walnut pulpit chairs are in use today and are prized possessions of our Church. The strapped ceiling is also the original ceiling.

The interior of the Church was simple, with the altar and chancel in the extreme front against the wall. Two pews on either side at front made the "amen corners" where the older consecrated members met to encourage the preacher with their occasional fervent "Amen" to prayers and statements made during the sermon.

In this building light was provided by kerosene lamps. Metal brackets, each holding a small lamp, were fastened along the side walls at regular intervals. In the center, hanging over the pulpit, was a larger lamp with thin white china shade. On either side of the pulpit stood a large round pedestal on which sat a lamp, giving more light for the preacher, at the same time in hot weather helping to roast him. The pedestals or lamp stands are now in use as flower stands, placed outside the pulpit area. These fine pieces were made by a local person working on the church building. We are uncertain of the name. The Church yard was fences in to keep out the cattle and sheep on free range.

A more modern mode of lighting was introduced when electrical wiring was installed with current furnished by a Delco battery operated light plant installed at Socastee School about 1925. Light fixtures consisted of a single bulb with drop cord hanging from the ceiling at spaced intervals. This was used until late 1933 when Dr. Vivian F. Platt of Conway gave the fixtures which are still in use at this date, 1967. In 1935, South Carolina Public Service began to serve the community and the Delco plant was discontinued.

Heat during the winter came from one wood burning cast iron heater placed in the exact center of the space in front of the chancel. Firewood was cut by the men of the Church when they gathered for wood-sawing. The children helped by stacking the wood for drying. At times the wives were there with the dinner and thus wood-sawing was a time of work, recreation and fellowship.

No evaluation of the history of Socastee Church would be complete without taking note of the annual Revival Meetings. A revival was always looked forward to with keen anticipation. Usually held in the fall, everyone made special plans and preparation for a great time of preaching, singing, soul searching, dedication and fellowship. Home and farm duties were cut to most necessary ones so that all could attend. The preacher stayed in the community, visiting in homes and any family was honored by having the preacher as a guest. Someone probably had to give up his bed and sleep on the floor, but he was glad to give his bed for the preacher.

Services were held twice a day, in the morning and evening. Everyone who lived close enough walked to services; others came in buggies, wagons or carts, but they came--entire families including the small children who were sometimes put to bed on a quilt in the back of the Church. School children were brought over in a body for the morning service.

We are told that the courting couples of the Church especially enjoyed the long walk to the meeting house in groups.

Methodists used to be known as "Shouting Methodists". Religion was a deep and personal thing with most members and when deep emotion was felt, the evidence was clear to
all by the jubilant singing, shouting and praying. This was truly a time of Christian revival and none tried to hide emotion.

A special event of the Church year was known as "Children's Day". This day was set aside (usually in June) for the children's program. Several ladies were appointed to plan, supervise and teach the children special songs and speeches for this great day, including every child who could talk and say even two lines. The church was decorated with flowers, usually the Dorothy Perkins rose or any flowers blooming in the yard. The little girls in their starched white dresses, ribbon sashes and hair bows, white cotton stockings along with the boys' slick hair, white blouses and pants made an elegant picture, all assembled in one section at the front of the Church. Weeks before, practice was started to teach songs and speeches and on Saturday before the Day, excitement was at fever pitch with a final rehearsal.

Always included in the program was the "Welcome" by seven children. Each child carried a large cardboard letter held up to spell W E L C O M E, as the child said an appropriate verse beginning with the letter. There was marching and singing along with the smoothing of ruffles and bows. A sample speech:

The little spring flowers come out to say,
We welcome you to our Children's Day.

Among the favorite songs were: "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam", "Jesus Bids us Shine" and "I washed my Hands this morning so very clean and white, and lent them both to Jesus to work for Him till night."

Quarterly Meeting was also a great time for early Methodists. Usually the Presiding Elder (now District Superintendent) preached in the morning, then dinner on the grounds from well filled baskets. It was not unusual for a small trunk to be used for carrying pies and cakes to the picnic. They cakes were placed in the bottom and pies in the top tray of the trunk, the trunk being tied on the back of a buggy. After dinner the business session of the Conference was held, probably followed by more preaching (perhaps by a local preacher) until the sun began to sink and tired but happy people turned towards home.

We have been told by ones now One on to their reward of walking each Sunday, wearing old shoes or in the summertime barefoot, until they came to the nearest small stream where they washed their feet and put on the Sunday shoes, then on to Church. This was done to save wear on the Sunday shoes as they had to last a long time.

Singing has always been an important part of every worship service in the Methodist Church. For many years the singing master led the congregation in hymns by giving the right note or pitch, using a tuning fork. There was no musical accompaniment for the hymns. About 1890 a group decided the Church should have an organ. This idea caused dissent among the members; some thought an organ would be a desecration, an instrument of the devil, but after much discussion a fund was started by free will offerings. The young people did their share, some by picking cotton for anyone who paid and gave their earnings to the organ fund. The organ (a foot-pedal model) was purchased and Miss Bessie Dusenbury was chosen as the first organist. Then followed Miss Lillie Stalvey, Miss Minnie Stalvey, Miss Madie Cooper, and Miss Fannie Sarvis. As time passed, a new organ was bought. The last of the type was given by Mr. Thomas B. Cooper, Sr. Serving as song leaders were Mr. George Stalvey and Mr. Walter West and others whose names we do not have.

The work of the young people in the Church should be mentioned. From the earliest organization of the Epworth League, Socastee had a lively group of active young people interested in their Church. In more recent years, Epworth League became the Methodist Youth Fellowship. For a number of years, this band flourished, giving inspiration and opportunity to work in the Church, fun and recreation under adult leadership. In December 1962 the Methodist Youth Fellowship again proved its missionary spirit by raising money to be sent to a Church in the Philippines for purchasing of an organ. A young man of Socastee Church, Walter West, stationed with the U. S. Army in the Philippines told of the need there and received immediate response from our young people.

In 1932 the young people of the Church led by Mrs. Julian Cooper began a project to purchase a piano, the organ being sadly in need of repair. Securing funds at this time was quite difficult since our whole country was in economic depression. There was little extra money for contributions as farm income was at an all-time low and no jobs were avail-
able. However, each farm had its ample flock of chickens and members were glad to donate a hen in lieu of cash. Once a month these chickens were collected and hauled to Conway by Arthur Clardy and Julian Cooper, Sr., the hauling being by a dilapidated Model A Ford, which became known as the "hen wagon". The average hen brought fifty cents. Finally, enough cash was available for the down payment on a two hundred dollar used piano, bought from Siegling Music House in Charleston, S. C. This piano is now (1967) still in use in the children's department of the Church School.

In 1933 the Pastor, Rev. S. M. Atkinson, promoted interest in providing for classrooms for the smaller children. Until then each class was held in a section of pews designated for its use. Imagine the buzz of voices from four or five classes being held in one large room.

The men of the Church agreed to do the work and enough lumber was bought to carry out this plan. Space was made by moving the chancel and pulpit section out from the wall to give space at the center back for the choir. Curtains were drawn across the front of this for use by a class and drawn back when in use by the choir. A small room was made on each side at the front by erecting a curved wall to meet the center section, thus giving space for two extra classes.

At this time the one central heater was removed and two new heaters installed at the back of the Church, one on either side.

In the Library of our Church you will see a sketch of the exterior of the Church as the original builders left it. This sketch was made by Mr. Gratton McFarlan of Murrells Inlet in 1951. He is the son of a former pastor of the Church.

Over the years Socastee Church has kept on through times of happiness and sadness. In 1939 when the three branches of Methodism voted to unite in one great Methodist organization, there were those who disagreed on unification. Thus, Socastee endured a period of dissension and sadness, when a group composed of eight or nine families (30 or 35 members) decided to withdraw from the Church and form a new Southern Methodist Church in the community. This they did, building a Church about one-half mile from the present Church on the Myrtle Beach highway. Our Pastor at that time, the Rev. J. J. Stevenson, gave wise counsel, but did not enter into discussion over the matter. He stated that anyone should be allowed to worship God where they would be happiest and that if the group felt that two churches could better serve the community, there should be no condemnation or criticism. The first service was held in the new Southern Methodist Church on April 12, 1942. The following is copied from the newspaper:

The Congregation at Socastee will hold their opening service in their new M. E. Church, South, Sunday afternoon, April 12th, at 3:30 o'clock. The Laymen's Organization for the Preservation of the M. E. Church, South, will have charge of the program.

Presiding -- L. A. Manning, Jr., Chm. Executive Com.
Song No. 235 -- Audience
Prayer -- W. T. Proctor, Marion
Why We Strive to Continue
the M. E. Church, South -- Rev. C. P. Chewning, Pastor, Florence, S. C.
A Happy Congregation -- Vendel Rogers, Zion, S. C.
Song No. 143 -- Audience
Sermon -- Rev. Leo M. Willard, Pastor, Latta, S. C.
Song No. 198 -- Audience
Benediction -- Rev. C. R. Anderson, Pastor, Marion Circuit, Marion, S. C.

After several years the new Church closed and some of its members returned to the old Church where they were warmly received. Others joined with other denominations, and so ended the Southern Methodist Church of Socastee.

Children have always been brought to Church and as anyone knows, children will be children. On one occasion Communion elements had been brought and placed on a front seat, since there was no ante-room, until Sunday School was over and the table prepared. Unfortunately a thirsty little boy found the grape juice and communion service had to be postponed!
In 1950 our first Children's Choir was organized. This group added much to the regular services of the Church and special programs were given from time to time. They made an impressive picture in their white robes and large black bow ties. The choir numbered sixteen, some of whom are now in the Adult Choir. Members were: Margie Smith (Mrs. Cecil Singleton), Cecil Singleton, Gene Ammons, Danny Smith, Rebecca Mills, Pauline Mills (Mrs. Carlisle Mishoe), Yvonne Smith, Hal Smith, Shirley Macklen, Aaron Murdock, Chesteen Murdock, Rachel Murdock, Annette McCormick (Mrs. Al Pollard), Pauline Perry (Mrs. Ronald Bason), Billy Graham, Janet Flowden. As these matured other groups took their places.

The building as it stands today shows a change in architecture. For a number of years we have seen the need for classrooms to properly teach the children. After long planning work finally began in 1951 to add classrooms.

Since the highway had been changed, it was decided to tear away the porch on the front of the building and add rooms there, making a new entrance facing the Murrells Inlet highway. This arrangement provided several classrooms and two bathrooms. Rev. M. B. Stokes was Pastor when this work began. This work was done largely by church members working in spare time.

In 1956 the Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored a project for improving and beautifying the Church Sanctuary. Rev. J. H. Armbrust, the Pastor, gave able and active support to the plans of the Society. After much study it was decided to expand the scope of the original plan and to include the entire Church Membership in the promotion of the work. The building committee was as follows: Mr. Hallie McCormick, Mr. Francis McCormick, Mr. W. G. Turbeville, Mr. A. M. Clardy, Mr. G. W. McCormick, Mrs. Lloyd Causey, Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Garland Outlaw, Mrs. D. K. Stalvey, Mr. M. C. Smith, Mrs. Julian Cooper, Mrs. Eugene Chastain, Mrs. Lefty Turbeville, Mrs. Cole Prather, Mrs. B. D. Mitchell, and Mrs. A. M. Clardy.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was active in the financing of the building program. Suppers, bake sales, bazaars, talent projects and entertainment programs were sponsored by the women of the Church.

After receiving bids from contractors in 1956 a contract was awarded to Mr. Bob Stalvey of Conway and with splendid cooperation of members and friends, the project was completed in September 1957.

Among the improvements was gas heat replacing the wood burning heaters. Also in 1957 a new piano was purchased for the Sanctuary. This piano, an Everett, was ordered through Siegling Music House in Charleston, S. C., the cabinet a special order finished in walnut to match the pulpit furniture.

A committee on decoration was selected to choose colors for painting, upholstery, carpet, etc. The committee (Mrs. Cole Prather, Mrs. Delano Stalvey, and Mrs. Julian Cooper) also was responsible for having the pulpit and chairs restored to their original beauty. On September 29, 1957, the newly remodeled and decorated Sanctuary was used for the first time—the first service being a marriage ceremony.

With the hope of future expansion, the members of the Church moved toward the purchase of land adjoining the present church property. In September, 1961, the Socastee Methodist Church received a small plot of land as a gift. The donor, Mr. Eddie Williams of Myrtle Beach, also sold to the Church an additional plot of 1.5 acres for the amount of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00). The acquisition of this property gave the church property frontage on the now existing highway to Murrells Inlet.

The preliminary action to the securing of this land was carried out by a committee of three members: Mr. Lloyd Causey, Mrs. Julian Cooper, and Mr. William Smith. After approval and permission granted by the Quarterly Conference, the transaction was completed and deed received by the Church Trustees: Lefty Turbeville, L. L. Perry, Cole B. Prather, Edward Smith, and Francis McCormick.

It is interesting to study the records of early Methodism which are available. A sample of such records is included here:

Since the small number of preachers could not reach the Churches for service often, every Society or Church was divided into bands, who met to confess to one another—one of whom was the leader. A Class met weekly in which the leader told his experiences and others were expected to follow. When the religious part of
the meeting was closed with prayer and hymns, the leader collected the contributions, usually one penny a week and one shilling per quarter. The helpers or local ministers met the Societies weekly. Preaching was to be the constant business.

It is interesting to note that at these meetings a card was given to each member and then taken up after the meeting was over. At the next meeting, if anyone had behaved in an un-Christian way during the week, his card was not given to him for that meeting. Therefore he knew he was expelled until he had repented and had been forgiven. Only then was he reinstated. In those days the path was really straight and narrow. Often disputes between neighbors were settled by Church trials. We are told by his granddaughter that Milton Macklen became displeased over the disputes and trials and withdrew from the Church. Superstition was much in evidence in the community, as was belief in witchcraft.

Socastee Church today owes much to the local ministers, their constant effort and devotion to Christianity and Methodism. The following were local preachers serving Socastee: Isaiah Stalvey, James Hucks, W. T. Goldfinch, Newton Sweet, David Hucks (who later joined the Conference), Jeremiah Hucks, John Carson, and Ben Elkes. Perhaps there were other local ministers whose names are not on record.


It is noted that Rev. Scoggin served two four-year Pastorates. An amusing incident during a service of Rev. Sam Jones was: "A member asked the preacher to announce that his cow had strayed away from home, and if any member should see her, he would please inform him. As the preacher was reading the Scripture, he glanced up and through the window saw the member's cow walking down the road. This is what he said, 'And God said unto Moses, Brother, there goes your cow!'" To these ministers and the others not mentioned we pay tribute.

We wish that it were possible to name all workers who were tireless in their efforts, even denying themselves that they might give to us this Church, of which we are so proud—the trustees, stewards, Sunday School Superintendents, teachers, laymen and members.

Since the Sunday School plays such an important part in our Church life, this sketch would not be complete without a word about the Sunday School of years ago.

A study of facts compiled by Dr. J. A. Norton in his History of Horry County reveals the following: "First Methodist Sunday Schools established in Horry County according to the Conference minutes quoted in 1840, 'Two schools, one at Brewers' and one at Socastee'. In 1842 there were five—Bethel, Socastee, Hebron, Ebenezer and Floyds. In 1855, the final report of the year—'Our Sabbath Schools have been in operation for some time and are generally in a prosperous condition. Four of the schools have during the year supplied themselves with $10.00 libraries—Conwayboro, Salem, Socastee and Bellamy's'"

The following items are copied from the Church records available. The names of Sunday School Superintendents are: B. H. Stalvey, George Stalvey, A. D. Stalvey, L. D. Clardy, W. B. Clardy, G. W. Tindal, G. W. McCormick, Joe Watts, Lloyd Causey, Delano Stalvey, William Smith, Francis McCormick, Mackie McCormick, Frank Smith, Garrett Brown, and Cecil Singleton.

We have some of the record books, among them the record for 1885. The Sunday School Superintendent was Mr. George Stalvey. The teachers were J. W. McCormick, A. D. Stalvey, J. M. Stalvey, W. T. Goldfinch, L. M. Avant, Jeremiah Hucks. The following information is included because of our interest in the people of the Church. Some of us will remember with a feeling of warmth and perhaps misty eyes those who sat together as a Sunday School class. Listed in that record are those who were enrolled as the "Infant Class—1885": Jeremiah Hucks, teacher, Fred Stalvey, Franklin Hucks, Hampton Stalvey, Isaiah Hucks, Stephen Hucks, Wade Avant, Bryant Clardy, Stacy Clardy, Charley Fullwood, Dick Dusenbury, Samuel Dusenbury, Florence Prince, J. T. King, Parker Rabon, Joseph Rabon, Walker Howard,

We find in the same year, 1885, the following listed as Class No. 5: L. M. Avant, teacher, E. J. Stalvey, P. J. Elkes, Minnie Stalvey, Lilian Stalvey, Martha Hucks, Fannie Hucks, Eulelia Avant, Addie McCormick, Hattles West, Alice Turbeville, Mary Plummer.

Here is an example of the minutes recorded during that time:

**Date:** May 17, 1885

**Scholars present:** 52

**Total enrolled:** 81

**Absent:** 29

**Collection:** 41¢

**School addressed by:** Rev. J. L. B. Hucks

**Weather:** Good


Skipping through these records and picking another class at random, we find Class No. 4, 1905: Mr. E. H. Stalvey, teacher, John Outlaw, Paul Sarvis, Junior Sarvis, Mason Stalvey, B. F. Singleton, Claud Smith, Herbert King, Willie King, Boyd King, Isaiah Hucks, Simeon Hucks, Stephen Hucks, Jerry Hucks, Daniel Hucks, Grant Cooper, Oscar Clardy, Lauren Clardy, Lex Cox, Thomas Murdock, Matthew Murdock, Henry Murdock, Jimmy Elkes, Doro Duncan, Willie Turbeville, Bennie Owens, Sam Haseldon, Baker Haseldon, Pierce Hucks, Ira Marlow, Sam Singleton, Penn Hucks, and Walter Prince.

In the minutes for July 18, 1886, we find this entry: "The reason school is so small today is from the present flood of water upon the earth." Scholars present: 42. Absent: 47. Socastee observed its first Homecoming as far as we know on September 29, 1957. We also note that history was repeated: on September 29, 1957, school was 'small due to a great flood of water upon the earth!! However, the Church was filled for the eleven o'clock Homecoming Service with Rev. Samuel Marvin Atkinson preaching. Guests from Georgetown, S. C., High Point, N. C., Conway, Myrtle Beach, Moncks Corner, S. C. and other places were here. A great time was had. A most bountiful picnic lunch was served in the Socastee School lunchroom.

One outstanding feature of the first Homecoming of which we were so proud was the performance of the Children's Choir during the afternoon session. This choir had been so active and had been singing so well that they were invited to sing at a neighboring Church which they did on several occasions. The group was under the direction of Mrs. Julian B. Cooper with Mrs. Frances C. Prather as pianist. Members of the choir were Tallula Causey, Sandra McCormick, Terry McCormick, LeNell Outlaw, Ann Squires, Carl Sellers, Mickey Singleton, Chesteen Murdock, Carole Jeanne Bryant, Larry Mishoe, Jerome Turbeville, Karen Turbeville, Adria Green, Max Smith, Gene Ammons, Larry McCormick, Rachel Murdock.

Following the picnic on September 29, 1957, a Dedication Service, conducted by Dr. J. H. Armbrust, was held in the Church. During this service the following gifts were dedicated, the donors as listed:

1. ILLUMINATED HANGING CROSS
   Mr. and Mrs. William G. Turbeville
2. BRASS CANDLESTICKS
   Mrs. Walter Hucks
3. BRASS OFFERING PLATES
   Mrs. Maude Cooper White
4. WALNUT VESTIBULE TABLE Mr. and Mrs. Gibb W. McCormick

5. LEATHER BOUND PULPIT HYMNAL Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Armbrust

6. COMMUNION LINENS* The Arthur Clardy family

*Made by Mrs. Joseph H. Armbrust

MEMORIALS DEDICATED DURING THIS SERVICE

1. PULPIT BIBLE - in memory of Ed H. and Helen Smith
   Mrs. Ivey Smith Perry, Mrs. Ethel Parker Smith, Mrs. Carrie Cheyning Smith, Mrs. Annie Prince Smith

2. BRASS TABLE CROSS - in memory of Bishop H. Stalvey
   Mrs. Maud D. Stalvey

3. BRASS BAPTISMAL BOWL - in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Prince, Sr.
   Mrs. Sadie Prince Bost

4. BRASS ALTAR VASES - in memory of Thomas B. and Rebecca O. Cooper
   Mrs. Maude Cooper White, Mrs. Thelma Cooper Martin, Mrs. Mary Cooper Sarvis, Mrs. Roberta Cooper Cox, Mr. Julian Beaty Cooper, Sr., Mr. Thomas Bethea Cooper, Sr.

5. WALNUT COMMUNION TABLE - in memory of Eleanor Earle Mitchell
   The B. D. Mitchell family

6. SANCTUARY CARPET - in memory of Bishop H. Stalvey and Dixon I. Stalvey
   Mr. Emmett Ray Stalvey

7. MAROON VELVET COMMUNION TABLE SCARF - in memory of Olin T. and Rosa S. Clardy
   Mr. and Mrs. Julian B. Cooper (maroon velvet, fringed with emblems) *Made by Mrs. Julian B. Cooper

Following the Dedication Service an informal period was held during which guests were introduced and invited to speak. Several guests, members, and former members of the Church made remarks concerning the history of the Church and their earlier association with it. Many expressed appreciation for the influence of Socastee Methodist Church as a direct guiding influence in their lives through the years. Among these were Mr. Herbert Hucks of Pinopolis, S. C., Mr. W. M. Goldfinch, Conway, S. C., and members of the P. J. Elkes family of High Point, N. C.

The following gifts and memorials were later given to the Church:

1. SPEAKER'S STAND* Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. McCormick
   *Made by Fr. Francis L. McCormick

2. PIANO (given September 1963) Mrs. Joe Sarvis Dozier (for use in Children's Department)

3. MAROON VELVET COMMUNION TABLE SCARF* (fringed with emblems) Mrs. Julian B. Cooper
   *Made by Mrs. Julian B. Cooper

4. BOOKMARK FOR LECTURN BIBLE* Mrs. Julian B. Cooper
   (maroon velvet, fringed with emblems) *Made by Mrs. Julian B. Cooper

5. MAROON VELVET CHOIR VALANCE - in memory of J. Benjamin and Etta Hucks
   Mr. Herbert Hucks, Sr.

6. MAROON VELVET PULPIT SCARF AND BOOKMARK* (fringed with emblems) *Made by Mrs. Julian B. Cooper

7. WALNUT LECTERN - in memory of Mr. William G. Turbeville ("Mr. Willie") Senior Adult Church School Class (given 1963)

8. ELECTRIC LECTERN LIGHT - in memory of Mr. William G. Turbeville Miss Tallula Ann Causey and Mr. James Lloyd Causey (given 1963)

9. LECTERN BIBLE - in memory of Mr. William G. Turbeville (leather bound, RSV) Senior Adult Church School Class (given 1965)
From the minutes of August 22, 1886, we read: "There was no school today owing to the meeting in progress and the Sunday School exercises were dispensed with to give place to the Church to have Love Feast before preaching."

One who worked unceasingly and is often remembered today was Mrs. Sarah Dusenbury. Before her marriage she was Miss Sarah Delano of Maine. She came to Socastee as a governess and later became the wife of Mr. James E. Dusenbury, a widower. Her constant devotion to the Church and all phases of its work—a class teacher, worker with children of all ages, musician and counselor—she did much good in molding the life of the young in the community.

In order for us to get an idea as to the size of the Sunday School of years ago, we find in the official records the following figures:

- Date: September 2, 1883
- Scholars enrolled: 101
- Scholars present: 52
- Number of classes: 6

In our records we often see the name of George Stalvey and we find the following recorded:

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT
Socastee Church
April 13, 1924.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to take from our midst our friend and brother George Stalvey, in our bereavement, we humbly bow to the will of our great Creator, who doeth all things well and feel assured our loss is His gain.

WE RESOLVE that a copy of this writing be inscribed upon the pages of our minute book and a blank page left for suitable inscriptions to his memory. Brother Stalvey from his youth was a faithful worker in our Church and Sunday School. Several years ago when he decided to leave our community and take a home elsewhere our Sunday School passed a resolution to retain his name on our roll as an Honorary life member. During the latter days of his life, he was occasionally with us in our devotions. We found Brother Stalvey to be the same zealous worker for the Master as ever. He died in Lake City March 23, 1924. His body was brought to our cemetery for interment. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Lake City Bible Class.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE: that a copy of this writing be sent to the Lake City Bible Class and a copy to the Southern Christian Advocate and the Horry Herald.

Signed: Capt. S. S. Sarvis
Mr. T. B. Cooper
Mrs. Frances S. Cooper
Allan D. Stalvey, Sunday School Secretary.

In paying tribute to the women of the Church I quote these words written by Dr. Norton:

I have not mentioned the good women of the Church for the simple reason that there was nothing to say that would befit the occasion. As in every other Church in the land, as in every Congregation that I have ever heard of, the bottom rock, the foundation stone, the basic factor in the building and moulding, in their progress and endurance, has been, is, and always will be, the good women of the surrounding community—For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven!

We find that the very first Women's organization was known as the Ladies' Aid Society. We have not been able to find any permanent records of that first organization, but information has been obtained that the Society was organized in 1910 by Rev. W. R. Barnes, who at that time was serving as Pastor of this charge. The President and Secretary—
Treasurer were the only officers for that first Society. The first President was Mrs. Thomas B. Cooper, Sr., and the first Secretary-Treasurer was Miss Lucy Sarvis. Dues were 10¢ per month and records show that even then some months no dues were paid, as money was not at all plentiful during these years. Most of these women paid their dues from their sale of surplus eggs and chickens. We know, of course, that during that time, there were few automobiles; therefore the women walked to the meetings. It is interesting to note, however that the attendance was usually 100% which tends to show even more the Christian drive and determination of these women in making their first organization a successful one. The duties of that first organization were purely on a local basis, such as the upkeep of the parsonage and Church, aid to the sick and needy in the community, helping in Sunday School and Church, preparing Communion Service, and entertaining the Pastor and his family and all visiting preachers.

As we move on across the years we find that in the summer of 1932 this Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized into the Woman's Missionary Society with eleven charter members. This organization is now the Woman's Society of Christian Service with twenty-six members, working in a much broader field of activity.

The Women's Society of Christian Service, realizing the need of a Church Library, equipped one of the small rooms at front of the Sanctuary with shelves and cabinets in September 1957. Books, teaching and program materials were obtained. Also found in the Library are all available permanent records of the Church, the Church School, and the Women's Society. Realizing more than ever the need of preserving Church records and history, each year's important events, information and records are summarized and added to this Library at the close of the Conference year. Though small, this Library has been of great benefit to the Church at large.

There are many, many people who should be mentioned in this sketch of Socastee Methodist Church. There were many activities carried on that perhaps would make us feel that we are doing very little in comparison with the work of years ago. Let us remember that whatever we have done or may do for our Church today that is worthwhile, our effort and accomplishment does not surpass that of the founders, builders, and teachers of the past. We of this generation were given a torch lighted many years ago, perhaps under a brush arbor, in a barn or under a large tree—wherever people gathered to hear the Word, given by men who traveled these swamps and sandy trails enduring hardships of cold, heat, hunger and heartache. It is our duty to keep that flame burning. Perhaps our names may not be read in future history, but our influence will be felt. We who live in the present era of plenty and comfort should not forget our Heritage, that of a great Church called Socastee Methodist!

(Oct. 4, 1967)

As you can see, we are now in the process of building a fellowship hall and extra classrooms. This is a dream finally come true. Also in June of 1979 we will be receiving our first full-time pastor. We are making preparations for this wonderful event, but there is much to be done before he arrives next year. PRAISE THE LORD!
SOCASTEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Catalog checked and updated
by Annette E. Reesor and Catherine H. Lewis

Brown, Elizabeth Clardy, (second wife of Richard M. Brown)
Brown, Flora Campbell, 1911- (wife of Otis Gary Brown)
Brown, Francis Adam, 1893-1960
Brown, Francis Ann King, 1858-1925
Brown, George (infant son of Richard M. and Mary C. Brown)
Brown, George D., 1896-1960 (SC Mech 1 Corps Arty Park WWI)
Brown, Georgiana C., 1893-1964 (wife of Henry H. Brown)
Brown, Henry H., 1891-1971
Brown, Herbert (age 5, son of Richard M. & Mary C. Brown)
Brown, Iola (daughter of A. H. and S. E. Brown)
Brown, Isadora Ellen (age 6, daughter of Richard M. & Mary C. Brown)
Brown, Jay Gould, 1888-1956
Brown, John Fletcher (infant son of Richard M. & Mary C. Brown)
Brown, Joseph M., 1883-1955 (married Mary J. Brown June 11, 1908)
Brown, Mary Armento Clardy, 1848-1903 (first wife of Richard M. Brown)
Brown, Mary J., 1893- (married Joseph M. Brown June 11, 1908)
Brown, Minnie Ruth Smith, 1897-1973
Brown, Otis Gary, 1898-1964
Brown, Richard Marion, 1851-1927
Brown, Ruth E. Vick, 1910-1936
Brown, T. A. (Co. D 7 S. C. Inf. C. S. A.)
Brown, William S., 1887-1967
Bryant, Charles B., 1918-1964
Causey, , 1957 (infant daughter of E. J. Causey)
Causey, Arvilla, -1923
Causey, Erma Turbeville, 1917- (wife of James Lloyd Causey)
Causey, Frank, 1900-1968
Causey, Henrietta Rebecca, 1918-1924
Causey, Henry David, 1897-1932
Causey, James Lloyd, 1918-1971
Causey, Julius
Causey, Julius Franklin, 1901-1968
Causey, Lula Mae Mew, 1906-1946 (wife of Frank Causey)
Clardy, A. R., 1880-1882 (daughter of A. J. and M. A. Clardy)
Clardy, Alex J., 1850-1934
Clardy, Arthur Melton, 1893-1959
Clardy, Ella Wilson, 1897- (wife of Arthur Melton Clardy)
Clardy, Evie Meares, 1879-1944 (wife of W. B. Clardy)
Clardy, Mary Annie S., 1852-1914
Clardy, Olin Thomas, 1867-1949
Clardy, Rosa Stalvey, 1871-1940 (wife of Olin Thomas Clardy)
Clardy, W. Bryan, 1875-1933
Collins, Albert C., 1879-1964
Collins, Carrie Fullwood, 1882-1973 (wife of Albert C. Collins?)
Collins, Dock, 1910-1914 (son of C. & A. Collins)
Cooper, John Grant, 1888-1912
Cooper, Mrs. Julia A., 1880-1948
Cooper, Rebecca O., 1866-1936 (wife of Thomas B. Cooper)
Cooper, Thomas B., 1863-1928
Cox, Alextress Foster, 1877-1965
Cox, Eva Jennie Newton, 1884-1965
Davis, Flarie Elks Causey, 1900-1976
Davis, James Bryan, 1929
Dewitt, Suzanne Hucks, 1866-1902
DuBose, Belle I., 1874-1935
Duncan, Beulah McCormick
Duncan, Lela Hucks, 1887-1941 (wife of Dora Duncan)
Duncan, Luke R., 1851-1929
Duncan, Mary B., 1860-1916 (wife of Luke R. Duncan)
Duncan, N. Jennie S., 1885-1968
Duncan, Paul P., 1918-1919 (son of L. R. and Emma Duncan)
Duncan, Thurston H., 1875-1968
Duncan, William T., 1887-1956
Dusenbury, Charles Edward, 1884-1949
Dusenbury, Christine D., 1907-1962
Dusenbury, Eddis T., 1892-1978 (wife of Hilliard O. Dusenbury)
Dusenbury, Hilliard O., 1888-1953
Dusenbury, J. H.
Dusenbury, Margarete Jane, 1865-1920
Eldridge, Anna R. King, 1881-1965 (wife of John Wilson Eldridge)
Eldridge, John Wilson, 1874-1936
Eldridge, William Capers, 1909-1938
Elkes, Ann Rebecca, 1860-1944
Elkes, Peter James, 1854-1931
Elliott, Arthur Buckie, 1883-1948
Fore, Archie M., -1942
Furlaugh, James J., -1941 (age 64 years 1 month 18 days)
Furlaugh, Mary Jane, 1890-1913
Goldfinch, Charles Derrick, 1884-1899 (son of Emma Stalvey and W. T. Goldfinch)
Griffin, Mary Ethel Hucks, 1907-1971 (wife of Samuel F. Griffin)
Griffin, S. F., 1883-1975
Hardee, Annie Eliza, 1867-1919
Hardee, Pearley F., 1892-1921
Harper, Frankie, 1895-1896 (infant daughter of Samuel & Lou Harper)
Haselden, Ivy Cornelius, 1896-1918 (died at Camp Jackson)
Haselden, John Lambert, 1848-1933
Haselden, Mary Jane, 1865-1903
Haselden, Nellie M. Dusenbury, 1891-1948
Haselden, Robert Arthur Prince, 1903
Haselden, Samuel Alfred, 1887-1969
Howard, Helen, 1850-1919
Howard, Samuel, 1837-1921
Hucks, Benjamin, 1898-1911 (son of Rev. and Mrs. David Hucks)
Hucks, Beulah Smith, 1895-1967
Hucks, Rev. David, 1861-1911 (member of S. C. Conference 1890-1911)
Hucks, Elizabeth V., 1850-1909 (wife of Rev. J. Hucks)
Hucks, Rev. Jeremiah, 1843-1903
Hucks, Joseph Benjamin, 1862-1945
Hucks, Julia Hulda, 1865-1919
Hucks, Mack L., 1893-1952 (Veteran WWI)
Hucks, Mary Etta Stalvey, 1868-1949 (wife of Joseph Benjamin Hucks)
Hucks, Mary W. Stalvey, 1870-1950 (wife of Rev. David Hucks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Isaiah Stalvey)
Hucks, Oneita Collins, 1927-1961 (wife of Vester Grant Hucks)
Hucks, Onzell Iola, 1923-1923
Hucks, Rosa Myrtle, 1901-1904 (daughter of Ben & Etta Hucks)
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Hucks, Samuel L., 1890-1911
Hucks, Sarah J., 1858-1902
Hucks, Thomas Eda, 1891-1950
Hucks, Thomas Morris, 1855-1927
Hucks, Vester Grant, 1916-1973
Hudson, Clem Earl, 1937-1958 (son of Griffin & Dora Hudson, S C SP3 US Army)
Hudson, Dora Rauls, 1913-1950 (wife of Griffin Hudson)
Johnston, Wofford J., 1908-1952
King, W. B., 1849-1911
Lee, Mary M., 1946-1948
Lee, Nina Iona, 1940-1978
Leonard, Ida Hucks, 1880-1906 (wife of Sim Leonard)
McCormick, Clara Jane
McCormick, Cora Miller, 1881-1968 (wife of Gilbert W. McCormick?)
McCormick, Cornelia Martin
McCormick, Donald Herbert, 1935-1936 (son of H. H. & Leona McCormick)
McCormick, Edward Alan, 1874-1936
McCormick, Gilbert W., 1877-1966
McCormick, John Delton, 1916-1968 (Sgt US Army WWII)
McCormick, Lela Hepler, 1912-1973 (wife of Oscar F. McCormick?)
McCormick, Mary Elizabeth, 1880-1935 (wife of Edward Alan McCormick?)
McCormick, Oscar F., 1908-1963 (SC PVT BTRY A 51 FA TNG REGT WWII)
McCormick, Sarah Jane Robertson
McCormick, Thomas, 1821-1880
McCormick, William C.
McCormick, William Harmon, 1906-1977
Macklen, ______, 1933 (infant son of Joseph Clarence and Elizabeth Doggett Macklen)
Macklen, Amanda Ellen, 1874-1938 (wife of Joseph Pinckney Macklen)
Macklen, Doris W. Smith, 1909- (wife of Everett Melton Macklen, Jr., dau. of George Napoleon Smith and Temperance Hughes Smith)
Macklen, E. F., 1860-1880
Macklen, Everett Melton, Jr., 1904-1975 ("Buba" son of Everett M. Macklin, Sr., and Alafair Clementine Smith Macklen)
Macklen, Joseph Clarence, 1894-1948 (married Elizabeth Doggett March 31, 1924)
Macklen, Joseph Pinckney, 1856-1917
Macklen, Kathleen Shelley, 1912-1935 (wife of R. W. Macklen)
Macklen, Leland Monroe, -1946 (50 years of age, son of Amanda Cox and Joseph P. Macklen)
Macklen, Margaret C., 1819-1892 (wife of M. Macklen)
Macklen, Mary Edith, -1946 (58 years of age, daughter of Mellie Prince and Walter C. Ludlam)
Macklen, R. V., 1848-1951
McNeill, John Beatty, 1905-1906 (son of John B. and Carrie McNeill)
Marlowe, Glenda Elizabeth, 1950
Mew, Nollie Clifton, 1924-1949
Mew, Ollie Clytha, 1924-1949
Mishoe, Admiral Dewey, 1902-1962
Mishoe, Lutie Owens, 1908-1965 (wife of Admiral Dewey Michoe)
Mitchell, Benjamin D., 1887-1961
Mitchell, Eleanor Earle, 1920-1950
Murdock, James (Co. E 26 S C Inf CSA)
Murdock, Jane, 1854-1923 (wife of James Murdock)
Murdock, W. Henry, 1885-1959
Newton, Bessie Delia, 1915-1925
Newton, Charles G., 1891-1966
Outlaw, Alex Z., 1826-1922
Outlaw, Alexander McCleveland, 1885-1888 (son of Alexander and Elizabeth Outlaw)
Outlaw, Garland, 1892-1970
Outlaw, Getha Lewis, 1891-1931 (wife of John F. Outlaw)
Outlaw, Harriet V., 1908- (wife of Garland Outlaw)
Outlaw, Harrison Alex, 1918 (son of John F. and Getha L. Outlaw)
Outlaw, John F., 1887-1977
Outlaw, John Hoyt, 1920-1922 (infant son of John F. & Getha L. Outlaw)
Outlaw, Neil Lucas, 1905- (wife of Oren Lee Outlaw)
Outlaw, Oren Lee, 1895-1964 (veteran WWI)
Outlaw, (Miss) Rollie, 1874-1958
Outlaw, Sarah E., 1855-1928
Outlaw, Sarah E., 1855-1928 (wife of Robert Melvin Prince)
Outlaw, Thos. R., 1882-1939
Outlaw, William Scarborough, 1869-1926
Outlaw, (Miss) Rollie, 1874-1958

Owens, Benjamin Manning, 1887-1931
Owens, George Washington, 1873-1900
Owens, Harriet W., 1875-1906 (wife of C. T. Owens)
Owens, McKever, 1875-1944
Owens, Minnie May, 1897-1905 (daughter of George W. and Annie Singleton Owens)
Owens, Orrie Delila, 1908-1912 (daughter of B. M. and Rowena Owens)
Owens, Robert Delaware, 1869-1926
Owens, Robert M., 1905-1965 (SC PVT US Army WWII)

Prince, Ada Lee, 1860-1909 (wife of Robert Melvin Prince)
Prince, Hallie B., 1880-1909 (died in Belfast, Ga.)
Prince, Robert Melvin, 1853-1917
Prince, Robert Melvin, 1853-1917

Rabon, Eugene Parker, 1923-1955
Rabon, Joseph B., 1873-1953
Rabon, Mattie Stalvey, 1877-1949
Rabon, Mildred Smith, 1879-1970
Rabon, William Scarborough, 1869-1926
Royals, Ann Elizabeth Brown, 1886-1968
Royals, M. E., 1878-1906 (wife of A. C. Royals)
Sarvis, "Annie" Laurie Stalvey, 1885-1967
Sarvis, Samuel Scarborough, 1887-1938
Sellers, Annie R., 1892- (Wife of Frank T. Sellers)
Sellers, Frank T., 1892-1957 (SC Wagoner Sup Co 4 Field Arty WWI)
Sellers, Mary Gore, 1877-1964
Sellers, Willie C., 1908-1949
Sellers, Wilma Ann, 1943 (dau. of Athos & Lunetta Sellers)
Shackelford, Maggie E., 1886-1888 (daughter of S. W. and H. A. Shackelford)
Silvers, Addie McCombick
Singleton, Emma Smith, 1888-1959 (wife of Lewis Edward Singleton)
Singleton, Ester Hucks, 1879-1956
Singleton, Hannah (wife of T. R. Singleton?)
Singleton, Ida Hucks, 1883-1908
Singleton, Lewis Edward, 1883-1946
Singleton, T. R.
Singleton, Thos. R., 1882-1939
Smith, _____, 1948 (infant daughter of J. B. & Lois Smith)
Smith, Annie Laura, 1936 (infant of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith)
Smith, Archie, 1942 (son of Ernest & Edna Smith)
Smith, Danny O. (son of Henry & Eula Smith)
Smith, Edgar Austin, 1891-1971
Smith, Edward H., 1863-1935
Smith, Elizabeth P., 1818-1923 (wife of William H. Smith?)
Smith, Ethel D., 1886-1956
Smith, Evelyn Rebecca, 1932-1933
Smith, Florrie Alford, 1879-1964
Smith, George Edward, 1920-1967
Smith George N., 1869-1938
Smith, Hampton, Jr., 1929
Smith, Helen Lee, 1875-1943 (wife of Edward H. Smith?)
Smith, Hester Ellen Brown, 1837-1873 (wife of Jeremiah Smith)
Smith, Isadora, 1883
Smith, James Boyd, 1898-1901 (son of W. J. and S. E. Smith)
Smith, John D. (SC PVT QMC WWI)
Smith, Julius B., 1912-
Smith, Laura M., 1900-1936 (wife of Edgar Austin Smith?)
Smith, Leila M., 1896-1965 (wife of Edgar Austin Smith?)
Smith, Lewis Wilson, 1906-1964
Smith, Lois C., 1917-1974 (wife of Julius B. Smith?)
Smith, Mack C., 1876-1959
Smith, Martha T., 1882-1949
Smith, Rhoda M., 1896-1961 (wife of W. Harry Smith?)
Smith, Ruby Lee Mills, 1923- (wife of George Edward Smith)
Smith, Temperance I., 1869-1953
Smith, W. Ernest, 1923 (son of Ernest & Edna Smith)
Smith, W. Harry, 1884-1956
Smith, William H., 1844-1913
Stalvey, _____ (infant son of Maude Stalvey)
Stalvey, _____, 1923 (infant son of Kenneth and Beulah Stalvey)
Stalvey, _____, 1955 (infant son of K. S. and Hylia Stalvey)
Stalvey, Alda, 1889-1919 (wife of H. S. Stalvey)
Stalvey, Ann Eliza West, 1834-1914 (wife of George Stalvey)
Stalvey, Beulah Idell, 1898-1923 (wife of Kenneth S. Stalvey)
Stalvey, Bishop Hamer, 1861-1935
Stalvey, C. P., 1858-1940
Stalvey, Delano Kelly, 1903-1963
Stalvey, Dixon Isaiah, 1898-1942
Stalvey, Fannie Hucks, 1870-1962
Stalvey, George, 1845-1924
Stalvey, Hylia M., 1917- (wife of Kenneth S. Stalvey)
Stalvey, James Russell, 1891-1977
Stalvey, Kenneth S., 1894-1972
Stalvey, Lela Gladys, 1908-1909 (dau. of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stalvey)
Stalvey, Lula Mae, 1882-1936 (wife of Robbie Stalvey?)
Stalvey, Maude Dixon, 1875-1959 (wife of Bishop Hamer Stalvey?)
Stalvey, Maude E. Clardy, 1891-1923
Stalvey, Minnie, 1875-1916 (daughter of J. M. and I. Leads Stalvey)
Stalvey, Robbie, 1873-1926
Stalvey, Mrs. Sarah M., 1831-1896
Stalvey, Shed Mazon, 1871-1960
Stalvey, Sophronia Consort, 1860-1892 (wife of C. P. Stalvey)
Stalvey, Z. H., 1908-1909
Tindal, Florence P., 1877-1948 (wife of G. W. Tindal)
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Tindal, G. W., 1878-1951
Turbeville, _____, 1954 (infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Turbeville)
Turbeville, Alphonso B., 1878-1890 (son of W. J. & B. E. Turbeville)
Turbeville, Bob, 1898-1917 (son of J. J. and H. S. Turbeville)
Turbeville, Clarence E., 1890-1911
Turbeville, Fannie W., 1889-1946 (wife of Van B. Turbeville)
Turbeville, Harriet Susanna Hucks, 1854-1919 (wife of Joseph J. Turbeville)
Turbeville, Joseph J., 1850-1906
Turbeville, Lula Moore, 1896-1969 (wife of William Gordon Turbeville)
Turbeville, Mollie, 1923-1927
Turbeville, Van B., 1887-1946
Turbeville, Viola Hucks, 1890-1966
Turbeville, William Gordon, 1886-1963
Uihlein, Virginia Brown, 1918-1955
Vereen, John F., 1906-1964
Vick, Gertrude C., 1892-1971
Vick, Oscar N., Sr., 1888-1969 (S C Lt. U S Coast Guard WWI and II)
Watts, _____, 1902 (infant of G. W. and Alice T. Watts)
Watts, _____, 1960 (infant daughter of T. W. Watts)
Watts, _____, 1964 (Baby boy Watts)
Watts, _____, 1968 (infant daughter of T. W. Watts)
Watts, Alice T., 1873-1947
Watts, Benjamin Franklin, 1880-1965
Watts, Benjamin James, 1906-1968
Watts, Etta Smith, 1906- (wife of Benjamin James Watts?)
Watts, George W., 1875-1951
Watts, Joseph C., 1911-1942
Watts, Joseph Melton, 1885-1918
Watts, Ralph Norman, 1904-1924
Watts, Sarah Murdock, 1878-1950
Watts, Thomas R., 1912-1948
West, _____ (infant of W. K. & Agnes West)
West, _____ (infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. West)
West, Adeline, 1849-1915
West, Adeline Leeds, 1883-1929
West, Agnes, 1879-1916 (wife of W. K. West
West, Blanchie, 1903-1908 (daughter of W. K. & Agnes West)
West, J. D., 1882-1899
West, Joe, 1905-1906 (son of W. K. & Agnes West)
West, Joseph D., 1868-1918
West, W. K., 1872-1928
Whitford, Arthur, 1902-1908
Williams, Daisy Clardy, 1896-1936
Woodbury, Capt. S. E., 1837-1905

EDITORS NOTE—As you can see, we have a new layout for the quarterly this month. We have retyped the articles ourselves; before the printer did it. This will save us $7.00 per page and allow us to do a better job of proof reading. We hope you like it. Mrs. Cather- ine Lewis volunteered to type the first issue. She worked hard and long to get it ready for the printer. We are indebted to her for this service. We would welcome your comments.
SOCASTEE BAPTIST CHURCH

LAKEWOOD PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

CALVARY CHAPEL

SOCASTEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

SWEET HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SOCASTEE CHURCHES

Rhetta Smith

SAN SALVADORE BAPTIST CHURCH. The San Salvadore Baptist Church was organized about 1878. Little is known about it but it was located about one-half mile on the right on the Peachtree Road. It is said that it was an active church for several years, but no one really knows when the church disbanded.

BLACK AFRICAN METHODIST EVANGELICAL CHURCH. This church was located on Hwy 544 about one-half mile beyond the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge going west toward Conway. The pastor was the Rev. Mood Alston. There are few facts known about the organization or the ending of this church. It is believed that, after several years in existence, it became extinct in or around the 1920's.

SOCASTEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH. This church was organized in the winter of 1937 under a tent which had served as a place for revival services conducted by Rev. H. P. Robinson and Rev. R. E. Powers prior to organization. There were eight charter members; three of these are still members of the congregation: Mr. Harvey Mew, Sr., Mrs. Vernon (Isabella Mew) Bellamy, and Mrs. Kenneth (Hylia Mew) Stalvey. Rev. B. S. Stalvey was the first pastor and is now retired, living in the Savannah Bluff community. The first church property was purchased by Brother Stalvey for $50.00 from Mr. Kenneth Stalvey. In the 1940's the church experienced a tremendous growth with 36 new members uniting. In 1950 the church was first able to support a full-time pastor and erected its first parsonage. Soon after, in the early 1950's, the church started an extensive building program with educational facilities being added to the existing building. In 1959 the original parsonage was sold and a new one built. In 1964 the property adjacent to this parsonage was purchased. In August, 1966, a new church and educational building was started. June 18, 1967, marked the first service in what is now their present facility which is located on Hwy 707 and of which the church is justly proud and grateful to God. In October, 1977, they celebrated their fortieth anniversary as "Founders' Day" and honored with a gift and plaque all former pastors. A plaque was also given to all charter members whom God has privileged to remain with them. To God Be The Glory! Great Things He Hath Done!

SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH. The Sweet Home Baptist Church is about 12 to 15 years old. The first services were held in an old house owned by John C. Spivey. Mr. Brice Ward purchased this house and land from Mr. Spivey. Mr. Brice Ward then gave the land where the church is now located and built most of it himself. The church is located on the Peachtree Road. Mr. Brice Ward was the father of Rev. Carl Ward who is now the pastor of this church.

SOCASTEE BAPTIST CHURCH. On Sunday, May 21, 1967, the first service of the Socastee Baptist Mission was in a rented house on Highway 707 near the back gate of the Myrtle Beach Air Base. There were 49 in attendance with an offering of $62.08. The worship service was conducted by Dr. Carl Compton, pastor of the sponsoring mother church, the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach.

The first Sunday in July Rev. James Morse was called as the "Summer Pastor", and on the third Sunday in August was called as the regular Pastor.

On September 27, 1967, the Pentecostal Holiness Church agreed to sell their old church building at a cost of $3,500.00. It was saved in half, moved to the present location and then nailed back together. The first service was held in the building on October 29, 1967. The land on which the church is located was purchased from Mr. Joe Milligan at a cost of $4,050.00. The site of the present building is approximately the same site upon which the old First Baptist Church was originally located before moving to their location in the town of Myrtle Beach.

Rev. Emory Young supplied the pulpit during the time the mission was without a pastor from March until June 1970. In April 1970 an invitation was extended to Rev. Lewis P. Vehaun, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clifton, to preach a revival the second week...
in May. Rev. Vehaun preached the revival and there were 23 additions to the Mission. On Sunday, May 17, 1970, the Mission and the mother church extended an invitation to Rev. Vehaun to become the Pastor of the Mission. On that Sunday also it was voted to buy the brick house one lot removed from the church to be used as a Parsonage.

On Sunday, August 26, 1970, the Steering Committee recommended to the Mission a goal set for the mission. If these were reached, plans would be made to constitute into a Church. The goals were met. On Nov. 11, 1970, the mother church voted to proceed with the constituting of the Socastee Baptist Mission into the Socastee Baptist Church. The service would be held on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:30.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, the following were elected the first Deacons of the Church: Mr. R. B. Wall, Mr. H. Sanders Mishoe, Mr. L. E. Perritt, Mr. Bill Turnage, Mr. W. L. Ammons, and Mr. Larry Mason. Mr. R. B. Wall was elected the first Chairman of the Deacons. The present Pastor is Rev. Pete DeBruhl.

CALVARY CHAPEL. Calvary Chapel was organized in 1969 with Jimmy Morse as the first pastor. Rev. Morse was at that time attending Columbia Bible College and would come home weekends to preach. They began with a membership of 12 and are now averaging 50 to 60 in attendance at services. This is a non-denominational church which began nine years ago meeting in the home of Betty Dry of Ramsey Acres. Between the years of 1969 and 1972 the people had met in several different places and had bought a bus. By that time the membership had grown to about 25 adults and 25 children. In 1972 they bought a house and moved it to their present location on the Dick Pond Road where they renewed and revived the house and placed 300 theater seats, which were given to them by a local theater, in it and prepared to hold services there, which they did at the end of the summer of 1972. Rev. Morse was still their pastor and remained in this capacity for about a year after his graduation. For a six month period they were without a pastor and were using visiting pastors. In April of 1974 Rev. Tom Harper became their pastor and remained so for a period of time. During another period when the church was without a pastor Mr. Weeks served as acting pastor until Rev. Leonard Beard became pastor in January, 1977. He served the church until December, 1977. The Rev. Richard is currently pastoring the church with Mr. Weeks serving as supervising pastor over the church and Christian School which they built in 1974, beginning with kindergarten through second grade. There were few, probably six or seven, students enrolled the first year, but now their enrollment is between 160 and 170. Their school now goes from kindergarten through the ninth grade. After beginning with nothing, nine short years ago, the church has property valued at approximately $250,000.00. They feel they are doing the Lord's work and He is so richly blessing them.

LAKEWOOD PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH. This church was organized on July 5, 1972, with the Rev. Wiley Evans as pastor. At the time of their first service the attendance was 18. They are now averaging over 100 in attendance every service. They had no assets, no property, no funds. Now they have an educational building, a sanctuary, and a parsonage with a full-time pastor, still the Rev. Evans. They have a thriving and growing Sunday School. Their Sunday evening services are evangelistic, emphasizing the Pentecostal experience. During these services they have special singing and music. Their Wednesday night services are family nights which are the most interesting part of the church services. During these Wednesday night sessions they are conducting a reading through the Bigle program which they call "Plug into Power in 1978". Each person is given a schedule of scripture to read during the week and when they meet together on Wednesday night they discuss and ask questions on the scripture they had read the previous week. The pastor says he is thrilled to be a part of a church where the Lord is really blessing and invites any pentecostal believing people to come and join them at any time.
HOME OF W. J. SINGLETON, SR. - KNOWN AS THE BAY HOUSE. BUILT IN LATE 1800'S

UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT MAUD SMITH. MR. SMITH WAS MURDERED IN FLORIDA BY TIEING HIS LEGS ON A RAILROAD TRESTLE WITH HIS SUSPENDERS.

BAY HOUSE AS IT IS TODAY

ENTERPRISE LANDING AS IT IS TODAY

PLACE WHERE POTATOES WERE KEPT IN WINTERTIME - BAY FARM, IN FRONT OF HOUSE. FARM OF W. J. SINGLETON

LUMBER SHED. BOAT IS THE "COMANCHE", A MAIL AND FREIGHT BOAT - MAIN TRANSPORTATION FROM GEORGETOWN TO CONWAY -- 1900 TO 1925. CAPT. FRANK SARVIS, OPERATOR.
My great-grandfather, William Jeff Singleton, moved to Enterprise on a raft of logs from Bucksville, S. C., in 1875. At that time Bucksville was a rice plantation and Enterprise was a wilderness. He started a business which consisted of cutting cord wood (cord wood is fire wood which is used for steamboats to produce the necessary steam to power them). At the same time my great-grandfather cleared land for farming. Next he turned to the logging business and started a sawmill. The lumber was shipped on sailing vessels (three and four mast schooners). Enterprise shipped its lumber to Georgetown which in turn shipped it to Boston and other northern ports.

William Jeff owned a plantation in Waccamaw which he called Oatland and it consisted of 3,030 acres. He also owned land which is now Raccoon Run Golf Club. He had his own home at Enterprise on leased land. He owned a house on the Bay Road which he called the Bay House, but he never lived in that house. He did not own any land on Enterprise, even the land his sawmill was on was leased from Mayhem Piatte for 47 years. The Bay House and Bayland is now owned by Eddie Williams of Coastal Motor Co. At the peak of his business up to sixteen families lived at Enterprise and worked for Mr. Singleton. He owned extensive logging rights at Pee Dee, Waccamaw, and Bull Creek. He built and owned tram roads which hauled logs from the woods to the mill. These tram roads ran from Enterprise to the coastline.

Enterprise almost became the county seat. It lost by a few votes to Conway. The U. S. Mail used to arrive by freight boat at Enterprise and from there it was delivered by horse and buggy to the surrounding area. Between the 1833's and 1920's the Mitchell, the Burroughs and the Comanche were all freight boats to Enterprise.

William Jeff owned the Alafair, which was named after his second wife, the mother of my grandfather. This tugboat towed rafts of logs from swamps in the Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers to the Singleton sawmill. The mill consisted of steam driven machinery, steam dry kilns (boilers). He also owned a dry goods store where the tenants and neighbors bought their groceries. Lightning struck the corner of the drying shed where the lumber is stacked, but it was outed by people standing under the shed to get out of the rain. My grandfather was one of those people who helped put out the fire.

In 1923 W. Jeff sold the Bay House and farm to Henry Buck of Marion. William Jeff went out of the lumber business in 1925 because lumber prices fell. He sold the mill equipment to Wardbate Lumber Co. of Conway. In 1928 the mill burned down.

In 1927 just a few months before his death, W. Jeff sold Oatland (3,030 acres) for only $10,000.00. He died in 1927. After that my grandfather continued farming the Enterprise farm until 1933 when he married my grandmother, Alice Watts. They lived at various places until 1940, when they bought their present home (14 acres on the Enterprise Road). My grandfather bought 100 acres more from C. W. Watts. He sold all the land except about six acres to Perry Hardy. My own home is on land that my grandfather gave my father, W. Jack, for a wedding present. My Uncle Cecil received his land for a wedding present also, and so did my Uncle Doug.

My grandfather started his own business in construction in 1946 and he is still in this business in 1978.

My grandmother, Alice Watts Singleton, went to school when she was four years old and passed the first grade. My father was born in that same schoolhouse on Enterprise when it was converted into a house.
EARLY SETTLERS OF SOCASTEE

Joe Leigh

Beginning at the Socastee Bridge, going toward Conway:
Thomas (Tom) Cooper, farmer, cotton gin and general store
Sam Sarvis, CSA veteran, farmer
Edward (Ed) Smith, farmer
Mack Smith, farmer
Scarborough Rabon, farmer
Walter Stackhouse, farmer
Daniel Hardee, farmer
John Martin, farmer
Neil Ammons, farmer
Dolphis Stephens, farmer
Frank Singleton, farmer
Frank Mills, farmer, water mill and grits mill

Peach Tree Road:
Lauren Clardy, farmer
Walter Prince, farmer
Olin Clardy, farmer
Luke Duncan, farmer, operated river ferry
Reuben Sarvis, farmer
Sol Singleton, farmer

Road from Socastee to Pine Island:
John Eldridge, farmer
Charlie Fullwood, farmer
Hamp Smith, farmer
W. M. (Minnie) Turbeville, farmer
Van Burgess, farmer
William (Bill) Dubose, farmer
EllieHu (Ellie) Leigh, farmer
Henry Hilburn, farmer
John Mishoe, farmer
Sam Vereen, farmer
Richard (Dick) Singleton, farmer
William King, farmer
Pinkney (Pink) Cooper, farmer
Fleming McCormick, farmer
Phillip Mc Cormick, farmer

Beginning at the Socastee Bridge, going toward Myrtle Beach
Socastee Methodist Church
Socastee School House
Joe Rabon, farmer
Dr. Ed Stalvey, medical doctor and farmer
Robert (Rob) Stalvey, general store and farmer
Bishop Stalvey, farmer
Bryant Clardy, general store, saw mill, and cotton gin
Maham Mishoe, farmer
Charley Newton, farmer
John McCormick, farmer, magistrate
Johnnie Bellamy, farmer
Jim Elks, farmer
James Lynch Blain Hucks, farmer
Park Rabon, farmer
Christopher McCormick, farmer
Jim Mew, farmer
William (Bill) Smith, farmer
Russell Stalvey, farmer
Walker Lee, farmer
Rufus Graham, shoe cobbler

Road from Socastee to Murrells Inlet:
William G. Turbeville, farmer
Joe Smith, farmer
Gilbert (Gib) McCormick, farmer
Gool Tindall, farmer
Alexander Outlaw, farmer

Enterprise Road
Benjamin (Ben) Owens, farmer, rural police
McKeiver Owens, farmer
Wyatt Watts, farmer
Everett Macklin, farmer
William (Bill) Singleton, farmer and saw mill
Lewis Singleton, farmer and saw mill

D. K. STALVEY HOME

TRAM ROAD TO HAUL LOGS TO MILL AT ENTERPRISE. MAN AT RIGHT IS W. J. SINGLETON, SR., AT LEFT IS MITCH WATTS. 1901

J. J. TURBEVILLE HOME. BUILT IN 1880'S

DR. ED STALVEY HOME

SAWMILL AT ENTERPRISE. TUGBOAT "ALAFAIR" USED TO TOW LOGS TO MILL. PICTURE MADE IN 1901. BUSINESS OF W. J. SINGLETON, SR.
About 1810 or 1812 Charles Albert DeLettre and an older brother came over from France and landed in Charleston. Both had been officers in Napoleon's army. The older brother returned to France, but Albert remained in Charleston.

Here he met and married Miss Marie Lachicotte, who was also from France. This union was blessed with six children. The oldest son, Ulric Albert, was later to settle in the area we now call Peach Tree.

After Ulric A. (now known as Captain DeLettre) finished school, he settled in Horry County and went into the lumber business with Mr. Henry Buck, Sr. Later these two men built three mills—the "Lower Mill", the "Middle Mill", and the "Upper Mill". The "Lower Mill" is now known as Buicksport.

Sometime before the Civil War Captain DeLettre decided to go into the cultivation of rice and indigo, which seemed to be very popular at that time. He had bought up a large acreage of swamp land on the Waccamaw River, as well as upland between the river and the Atlantic Ocean. He met and married Miss Catherine Gerald Owens, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon and Catherine Gerald Owens of Marion, South Carolina. They settled at "Peach Tree", said to be named for a lone peach tree found on the island when it was first discovered. He had hardly started on those two projects when the War began. He was the first man at that time to have a general mercantile business in Horry County on the south side of the Waccamaw River, then known as All Saints Parish. He said the district had the right name, nearly all were good, honest, Christian people!

He was criticized by relatives and friends for settling there, but he contended that Waccamaw Neck from the river to the sea was a "natural Eden", the "garden spot of Carolina, not not America".

Captain DeLettre bought and sold all kinds of country produce which he shipped to Georgetown and Charleston on his sloops from the Old Creek Landing and brought in his supplies to Peach Tree Landing. He and a gentleman from Chisolm operated a salt works on the coast during the War and shipped salt all over the southern states.

Near the end, or soon after the War, Captain DeLettre and the Ward Brothers operated a turpentine distillery and naval stores business at Peach Tree until his health failed and he sold out to the Wards.

Captain DeLettre contributed to the first church and academy ever built of lumber in Horry County on the south side of the Waccamaw River. Colonel Josh Ward, said to be the wealthiest man on Waccamaw Neck, donated the land and with others helped erect the buildings where hundreds of our good people were educated and made fit for useful lives.

Captain DeLettre owned land reaching from the Waccamaw River to the Atlantic Ocean. He owned a part of the old Ocean Bay, said to be five miles wide (or long, not sure which). He was known as a Good Samaritan, a friend to man. All loved him who knew him best. The Civil War swept away all he had—money, Negroes, everything except land, which was a "white elephant" without money to pay taxes. He died soon after the close of the war, leaving a widow and five children. Some descendants of the DeLettre family still reside in Socastee. They are the grandchildren of Juliet DeLettre Grant, daughter of Captain DeLettre.

Peach Tree is probably most renown for its ferry. For many years the Peach Tree Ferry provided the only alternative to river boat travel. Families would drive their wagons or buggies to the ferry and cross the river to Conwayboro. The ferry was a large, flat raft worked with cables and poled across the river. The ferryman was summoned by rapping with an iron bolt on an old plowshare which was kept hanging there for the purpose.

It has been said that Bishop Asbury crossed the river on the Peach Tree ferry and preached at Socastee Bridge under a bush arbor.

Peach Tree Landing was the site of several warehouses where goods were stored to be shipped to other places. The first warehouse was built on the hill. Later ones were constructed over the water. The old pilings can be seen protruding from the water. Barrels of turpentine often 'left Peach Tree Landing in tugboats which carried them to Georgetown, then on to northern and foreign ports. Among the steamboats which left Peach Tree Land-
ing at one time or another were the Blue River, Juniper, Driver, Ruth, Maggie, F. G. Burroughs, Mitchell C., Sessoms, Comanche, Janie, Fearless, William Elliott, and Lucy D. Vessels which sailed in and out of Peach Tree were the Eleanor, Sunny South, Lina C. Kaminsky, Percy, and Lily. The tugboats were named the Thatcher, Henry Buck, William P. Condon, Brewster, E. B. Malone, Lillian L., and Pathfinder.

At one time a three-mast schooner sank at Peach Tree Landing and for many years the masts could be seen jutting out of the water.

When the older part of Socastee United Methodist Church was built it was constructed from the best timber, donated by the good members of the church, was floated across the Waccamaw River from Peach Tree Landing to Bucksville where the sawing was done.

The ferry played a part in the romance of at least one young couple in the Socastee community in the days when dating couples were accompanied by chaperones. Miss Maude Macklen and Mr. Jessie Mills were taking a walk down to Peach Tree Landing. The young lovers were walking in the wagon ruts (a respectable distance apart) with their chaperone trailing a few paces behind. Maude and Jessie were just far enough ahead that they were able to catch the ferry and leave their chaperone standing on the landing. The chaperone was able to get the next ferry across, but she (or he, not sure which) was too late and met Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Mills at the bottom of the Georgetown courthouse steps. The marriage must have been "made in heaven" for Mr. and Mrs. Mills remained happily married until death took Mrs. Maude Mills in 1977. Mr. Mills still resides in Socastee.

**RATES OF TOLLS AT PEACH TREE FERRY**

- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 4 horses or mules each way $1.00
- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 3 horses or mules each way .75
- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 2 horses or mules each way .50
- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 6 oxen or mules each way .75
- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 3 oxen or mules each way .35
- For every 4 wheeled carriage drawn by 1 ox or mule .25
- For every person on horseback, leading or driving a horse or mule .10
- For every lead horse or mule accompanying a person on horseback .05
- For every head of cattle .03
- For every horse or mule in drove .05
- For every hog, sheep, or goat .02
- For every animal for show in addition to carriage in which it may be conveyed .50
- For every foot passenger each way .05
- Ministers of the gospel, members of the legislature, and persons going to church or school Free
Collins Creek Baptist Church was organized about 1880. The first church building was a log cabin located about three miles from the present church, in the Gapway area on the Enterprise Road. Rev. Reuben Long was the first pastor and served one year. He was followed by Rev. McCaskill, who served eighteen years.

The community began to grow and the church was moved to a more central location, about seven miles south. This building was destroyed by a storm before it was completed and was replaced by a one room building.

In 1905 Rev. H. D. Grainger was called as pastor and paid a salary of $35.00 a year. On December 12, 1909, H. K. Marlow, a member of the church, was ordained as minister.

The cemetery on the church yard was there years before the church was built. There are still wooden markers at some of the graves.

Mrs. Gertie McDowell, who has been a member of the church since the early 1900's, said she attended school in a one room building built beside the church, but years before the church was built. When there was a funeral the teacher called off classes and marched the students to the funeral. This was a big day, as the children got out of classes.

In 1912 the church purchased its first organ (pump style). Mrs. McDowell was organist for many years. Two of the original beautiful oil lamps are still in the church sanctuary. Mrs. McDowell remembers that temperature presented a problem to churchgoers in these early days. In winter the early comers gathered around a wood heater and chatted until the pastor arrived and began the service. In summer everyone had a hand fan. The funeral director always left a supply of these. They were cardboard attached to a wooden handle. Some of them advertised the tobacco warehouses or other businesses. The parents brought all the children since no one paid attention to the crying babies. An annual event was Children's Day when the children recited and sang children's songs. Afterwards there was "dinner on the grounds".

In 1930 Rev. A. D. Woodle became pastor and served until 1943. During his pastorate a building committee was appointed: R. L. Hardee, chairman, Rufus McDowell, W. J. Collins, L. C. Wilson and Henry Haselden. The old building was bricked in and classrooms were added.

In 1939 the Murrells Inlet Baptist Church was formed from members of Collins Creek. In the 1940's the church had some difficulties due to road building and other factors. In 1953 Rev. F. G. Barnhill became the first full-time pastor. The church grew and other classrooms were added. In 1956 Rev. E. R. Hiatt was pastor.

A parsonage, still in use, was built in 1960 during the ministry of Rev. Joe Parker. In 1966, when Rev. Haskell Soles was pastor, a new building committee was appointed: Dalton J. Ammons, chairman, Wilbur Marlow, Paul Patrick, Hubert Martin, Jessie Murdock and Arthur Lewis. The sanctuary was renovated, adding air conditioning, a baptistry, carpet, and new pews.

The Rev. James L. Webb has been pastor since 1970. The church has continued making improvements—a new educational building, paved parking lot, recreation area, and a new organ. Collins Creek has become one of the strong churches in the Waccamaw Baptist Association.
THE BURGESS COMMUNITY

Mrs. Gertrude "Gertie" McDowell

I grew up in Burgess—indeed, Burgess is where I have lived all my life. As a child I can remember the old dirt roads. There were no paved roads here then. There was no work done on the roads. There were no cars, just horse and buggy teams. I do remember a few ox carts. People used oxen to plow their fields and snake logs from the swamps for lumber to build their homes and barns.

I went to school in a one room building. Everything went on in that one room—ABCs on up. We enjoyed it all because we did not know any better. We had from three to four months—not many four months sessions. Our school house was heated with a wood heater setting in the center of the room. How we would all gather around that old heater when we first came into the room, to warm! Then the teacher would say, "Boys and girls, time to be seated." Now that was back in good old days. The boys would go out in the woods to gather wood for our heater. The girls would clean the room for the next day. All we had to sweep with was a straw broom, home made with straw which our mothers had cut from the fields. At times we girls would bring some flowers for a vase, just for the teacher's desk. We had a lot of dirt as you can imagine, but we managed somehow.

We did not have a bus—we walked to school. Sometimes the ground was frozen, sounded like we were walking on cement. We all took our lunch buckets and how we enjoyed setting out in the sunshine, eating together! We would hurry up and get through so we could play ball—baseball.

Later years they did away with our little school and the kids went to Wildwood or Murrells Inlet. That was after I got married.

We had a little post office. Uncle Willie Burgess was the post master. Sometimes he was very nice to us kids, and sometimes he was not. I guess he was not feeling good. The mail was taken from Conway to Georgetown by steamboat. There was a mail carrier that met the boat at Longwood landing and exchanged the bags and came to our post office. I can remember how the children would listen for that boat to blow. Then we would know it was not long before the mail would be at the post office.

Our church was Collins Creek Baptist Church and still is. For years we had just a one room building. You can imagine having all those classes in one building, but somehow we managed. We had a wood heater that sat in the center of the room, much like the school house, only it was larger. The folks would gather around it, to warm up for the service. Everyone would get a seat. We had kerosene lamps to light the room for many, many years.

We had Sunday School every Sunday morning and preaching once a month, Saturday night and Sunday morning. We did not have any music instrument at that time. Sometime later we bought an organ, one of those pump style. Later we sold the organ and got a piano.

We now have full time services, an organ and piano, a nice building to worship in, plenty of classrooms, a baptistry and a nice recreation building. We are thankful for our church. I am also thankful for my parents. They brought me up to go to the Lord's House on the Sabbath Day.

We also have a nice highway now from Socastee to Murrells Inlet, telephones and electricity, and school buses stop right by most of the homes. It is quite a change since I was a kid. Everybody has a car. The horse and buggy days are over. We also have a mail route now.
THE LIBRARY HAS IT

Elizabeth G. Bunting and Karen L. Thacker, guides on the Island Queen, have produced an attractive paperback describing the scenes and homes along the route traveled by the tour boat. It is appropriately titled Out of Wacca Wache and is a recapitulation of information about families and events which is available in older books. The drawings by Thacker are excellent. The main library and branches of the Horry County Memorial Library have reference copies.

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