



NEWSLETTER

OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI

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Message From The Mayor.....

We are all excited to see spring arriving and our long winter slowly coming to an end. The dogwoods will be in bloom and warmer weather will be here soon. As spring begins to unfold, so do many exciting things within the City of Olive Branch.

Athletic fields and park grounds will soon be filled with the many families that take advantage of the sports programs, walking trails, track and playgrounds offered by our City. Soon you will see repairs to the walking trails and the main lake seawall. Also, a proposal from our parks department will be considered for new playground equipment within this fiscal year.

The Board of Aldermen recently awarded the 2015 Phase I Street Paving Project. Phase I will include many streets identified by the Board as in need of repair. We hope to award Phase II by late spring. The repaving work will soon begin and will continue through fall 2015.

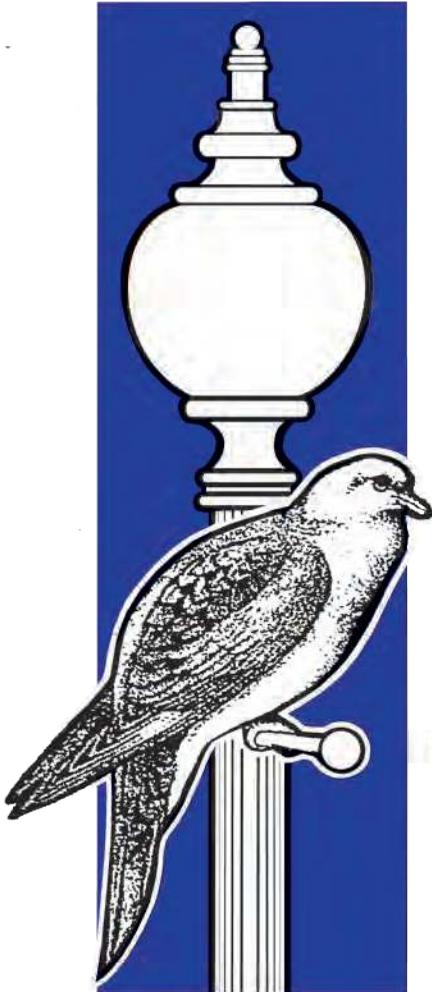
In April I will begin development of the upcoming fiscal year budget. As Mayor I must consider the long range needs of the entire community, control spending and provide the tools necessary to get the job done. Once the budget calculations are complete I present my recommended budget to the Board of Aldermen. As elected officials we must ensure we adopt a balanced budget, making certain the projected revenues will support the budgeted expenses, payroll and capital projects. The budget is a very long and involved process, beginning in May and ending in September. It is the goal of my administration to provide citizens the services they need and to preserve the quality of life we have worked so diligently to create. The preparation of a sound budget is accomplished by all elected officials working together. I appreciate the support and input I receive from each member of the Board of Aldermen.

The City has placed a drop box designated for flags at the rear of City Hall (photo at left). It is important that we show proper respect to our nation's flag. You may place all used and tattered flags into this box and the City will ensure they are disposed of in a respectable and legal manner.

Finally, I said I would have an open door to the public, and that door remains open. I want to hear your opinions and concerns. It is my goal to continue to earn your trust, and maintain a safe and peaceful community. I appreciate your prayers and the trust you have placed in me. ■



SCOTT B. PHILLIPS, Jr.
Mayor, City of Olive Branch



**2015
Calendar of Events
in and around Olive Branch
through October 1, 2015**

EVENTS IN OLD TOWNE

- Spring Hootenannies**
Thursdays, 7pm-9pm.....April 2 thru June 25
- MayFest 5K Run**
Saturday, 8am.....May 9
- MayFest Festival**
Saturday, 9am-5pm.....May 9
- Rocking on the Roost Summer Concerts**
Fridays, 7pm-9pm.....June 5 thru June 26
- Farmers Market**
Saturdays, 8am-1pm.....May 16 thru Oct 17

Celebrate Your Independence

Olive Branch City Park
Saturday, 6:30pm - 9:30pm.....July 4

MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Apr. 7
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Apr. 21
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 5
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 19
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 2
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 16
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 7
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 21
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 4
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 18
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 1
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 15

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Tuesday, 6pm.....Apr. 14
- Tuesday, 6pm.....May 12
- Tuesday, 6pm.....June 9
- Tuesday, 6pm.....July 14
- Tuesday, 6pm.....Aug. 11
- Tuesday, 6pm.....Sept. 8

BOARD of ADJUSTMENT

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Thursday, 6pm.....April 9
- Thursday, 6pm.....May 14
- Thursday, 6pm.....June 11
- Thursday, 6pm.....July 9
- Thursday, 6pm.....Aug. 13
- Thursday, 6pm.....Sept. 10

OLIVE BRANCH SALES TAX...7%

MEMPHIS SALES TAX.....9.25%

Please

Patronize our Local Businesses

**MONEY SPENT IN OLIVE BRANCH
Benefits Everyone in Olive Branch**

From the Roost, the City of Olive Branch Newsletter, is published bi-annually, in-house, by the City of Olive Branch as a means of keeping our citizens aware and informed. We welcome any critique and suggestions regarding articles and content at 662-892-9382 or bruthirds@obms.us.

OLIVE BRANCH WELCOMES EXCEL-BY-5



In ceremonies held at City Hall recently by the Excel-By-5 Community Coalition, Mayor Phillips welcomed the Organization to Olive Branch and spoke in support of their goal of promoting community involvement in activities and programs that better prepare children ages 0 to 5, to enter and excel in kindergarten and the first grade. Such preparation can change a child's life.®



Mayor Phillips addresses group in attendance

DON'T FORGET

OLIVE BRANCH CITY PARK SATURDAY JULY 4th 6:30pm - 9:30pm

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

ADMISSION IS FREE

SUSAN G. KOMEN DONATION



Mayor Phillips presents a check for \$3,675 to Elaine Hare, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Memphis-MidSouth Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. The money is collected by the City from citizens who donate \$20 (or more) for the pink garbage containers and then it is passed on to the Foundation. Since the program's inception in 2011, the total contribution has been \$17,700.®

FIVE TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME



MARTHOLA ALLEN
9/7/1931 - 3/24/2013



BILLY W. BALDWIN
3/14/1941 -



PERRY L. BOWLAN
1/8/1947 -



WAYNE D. HOLLOWELL
7/17/1941 - 3/19/1998



G. E. (Mr. Eddie) WILLIAMS
7/28/1899 - 6/24/1972

On Thursday evening April 16th at 7pm in ceremonies open to the public at the new Courthouse at 6900 Highland, the above individuals will be inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame for 2014. Each year, five of Olive Branch's citizens, living or deceased, are inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame in recognition of their contribution to the City of Olive Branch. Including the five 2014 inductees, there are now forty-five members of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame (seventeen still living) whose lives span the 179 years of our history.

Members of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame, and the year they were inducted, are:

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| MARTHOLA ALLEN 2014 | HELEN D. ALLISON 2012 | BILLY W. BALDWIN 2014 | DRUE D. BIRMINGHAM Jr. 2012 |
| BILLIE B. BLOCKER 2010 | MILTON S. BLOCKER 2007 | PERRY L. BOWLAN 2014 | LEMOYNE BRIGANCE 2011 |
| FRANK J. BROWN Jr. 2008 | SARAH J. CAMP 2010 | B. J. CHAIN 2007 | BILL E. CRUTHIRDS, Sr. 2008 |
| SCOTTIE C. DAVIDSON 2008 | JAMES A. DODDRIDGE, Sr. 2010 | STEPHEN FLINN 2007 | Dr. D. C. FUNDERBURK 2009 |
| G. P. GILLESPIE 2013 | E. FORREST HAMILTON 2009 | A. MAURY HARAWAY 2010 | Dr. ELTON L. HARRIS 2012 |
| GEORGE M. HARRISON 2009 | JOYCE H. HASLIP 2012 | M. C. HERRINGTON 2007 | WAYNE D. HOLLOWELL 2014 |
| JAN R. JOHNSON 2007 | Dr. JULIAN F. JONES 2010 | BILL W. KERR 2008 | LUSH PUN TUBBY 2007 |
| ROBERT H. MARR 2011 | JACK McCAULEY 2007 | D. M. NICHOLS 2007 | ERLEND R. NICHOLS 2013 |
| G. B. PAYNE 2007 | H. GENE PHILLIPS 2011 | LESLIE POOL 2013 | SAM P. RIKARD 2009 |
| Dr. P. J. SCOTT 2012 | KENNETH W. SESSOM 2011 | HOMER D. SKELTON 2007 | BENJAMIN F. WESSON 2008 |
| G. E. WILLIAMS 2014 | JAMES E. WOODS 2009 | WALTON T. WOODS 2013 | MAURICE E. WOODSON 2011 |
| ALMA C. YOUNG 2013 | | | |

2014 INDUCTEES

Marthola Allen (9/7/1931 - 3/24/2013) contributed to the Olive Branch community for over a half-century during which time she was a founder and first President of the Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of the Ambulance Service and an active member of the business community.

Billy W. Baldwin has served in the judicial system for most of his life. He was a DeSoto County Justice Court Judge for 20 years and a City Judge for 2 years. He served in the Municipal Court Office for 20 years and has been a Deputy Coroner/Medical Investigator for 30 years.

Perry L. Bowlan was a four term Alderman of the City of Olive Branch, serving from 1981 until 1997. He was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for 26 years and worked for Home/Century Telephone Company for 32 years.

Wayne D. Hollowell (7/31/1941 - 3/19/1998) was General Manager of NorthCentral Electric Power Association for 11 years. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the DeSoto County School Board, where he served for 12 years.

G. E. Williams (7/28/1899 - 6/24/1972), Mr. Eddie, as he was known to everyone, taught at DeSoto Agricultural High School, was the DeSoto County Tax Assessor and a founder and President of the NorthCentral Electric Power Association. He was active in the community and was a State Senator from 1956 until 1963.

The nominating process for this year (2015) starts on June 1st when the Hall of Fame Nominating Board considers names for ballot nomination. The general public is asked to participate in the nominating process by clipping out the form below, entering the name of anyone you think to be worthy of the honor, and mailing it or returning it to O. B. Hall of Fame - Olive Branch City Hall - 9200 Pigeon Roost - Olive Branch, MS 38654 before June 1st. All names submitted will be considered by the Nominating Board.

The twenty-five individuals listed below received at least one vote in the 2014 Hall of Fame balloting and, as such, are carried forward in nomination for 2015. They do not need to be renominated:

- BILL G. ALLEN
JIMMY N. ANDREWS
SALLIE MAE BOGGAN
J. N. BROWN
WALTER CARTER
GEORGE COLLINS
WENDELL DAVIS
THOMAS D. DODDRIDGE
FLORENCE GOODWIN
K. McNEIL (Mac) HARAWAY
JULIAN HARRIS
JOHN C. HUDSON, Sr.
JAMES (CHUCK) HUNT
JAMES A. JONES
HUGH KEATING
MARTHA PEARL LANGSTON
Dr. C. L. MAPLES
WILL MAXWELL
T. H. NORVILLE
DON SAPPINGTON
RITA SCHELLY
Dr. T. H. STUART
SAM WARE
SAM WATSON
DAN WILLIAMS

I would like to recommend the following person to the Hall of Fame Nominating Board for ballot nomination consideration for the 2015 Olive Branch Hall of Fame Inductee Election:

Mail to: HALL OF FAME - 9200 PIGEON ROOST - OLIVE BRANCH, MS. 38654 or drop by Olive Branch City Hall before June 1st.

Please Print

Name for Hall of Fame consideration Date of birth and death
(if deceased - approx. if you don't know)

Please give us your name and phone number in the event we need more information. Phone



TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

Jack E. Gaia was drafted into the U.S. Army in February of 1943 and went through fifteen months of basic and additional training at Camp Howze, Texas and at Camp Livingston, Louisiana and then stationed briefly at Newport News, Virginia before being shipped to the Mediterranean Theatre of WWII in 1944. He served in Oran, Algeria, Italy and Southern France before being assigned to the 331st Field Artillery Battalion of the 86th Infantry Division. The 86th fought in the Central European Campaign seeing action at Koln, Attendorf, the Rhur Pocket and Eichstaff. The Division crossed the Danube and moved east into Austria and was near Salzburg when the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945. The 86th was then returned to the States in June of 1945 for additional training for deployment to the Pacific when Japan surrendered on September 2nd and WWII ended. Jack was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in October of 1945 with the rank of Corporal.

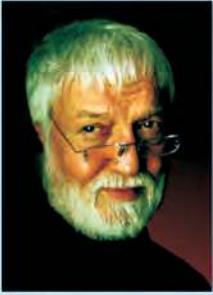


Cpl. JACK EMMETT GAIA
11/25/1923

To Whom We Owe So Much

FROM THE ROOST

STROLL THROUGH OLD TOWNE FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO



BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

It was the year 1973. Richard Nixon was entering his second term as President with the Watergate scandal to break later in the year. The Vietnam War ended; Elvis performed his *Aloha from Hawaii* concert to a worldwide television audience; A small Memphis company delivered packages by air for the first time; Clay Herrington started his fourth (and final) term as Mayor of Olive Branch and, important only to me, it was the year I came to Olive Branch.

On an unseasonably warm weekday afternoon in mid-April of that year, someone, and I do not know whom, took a camera and walked down Pigeon Roost Road through the old business district and photographed the buildings on each side of the street. They probably didn't have a particular reason for doing it other than just wanting to document and create a record of what was there. Those photographs taken on that early spring day in 1973 give us a snapshot of a simpler place and time and of an Olive Branch that we can remember, but never return to.

As you can see, merchants and businesses have changed, but the old buildings (the ones that are still there) remain virtually the same today, forty-two years later, as they were then.

The City Cleaners building at the Goodman/Pigeon Roost intersection was torn down in the early nineties when the City purchased it, and the adjacent properties, for the new City Hall that would be built there fifteen years later. The Thriftway Grocery in the old Brown-Norvell Building burned in 1983 and was never rebuilt. The Olive Branch Insurance Agency (next door to Thriftway) is little changed and still houses insurance offices (different owner). The Peoples Bank Building is now home to the Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce. Jan Johnson and Scotty Davidson had recently moved their Mid-South Factory Outlet to a new building they had built out on Old Hwy. 78, but their sign still remained on the building where they had been located for the past four years. Before that it was Gordon Davidson's Western Auto Store. Harrison's Dry Goods was owned by longtime Olive Branch Alderman, George M. Harrison. Funderburks was also a dry goods store owned by R. P. Funderburk.

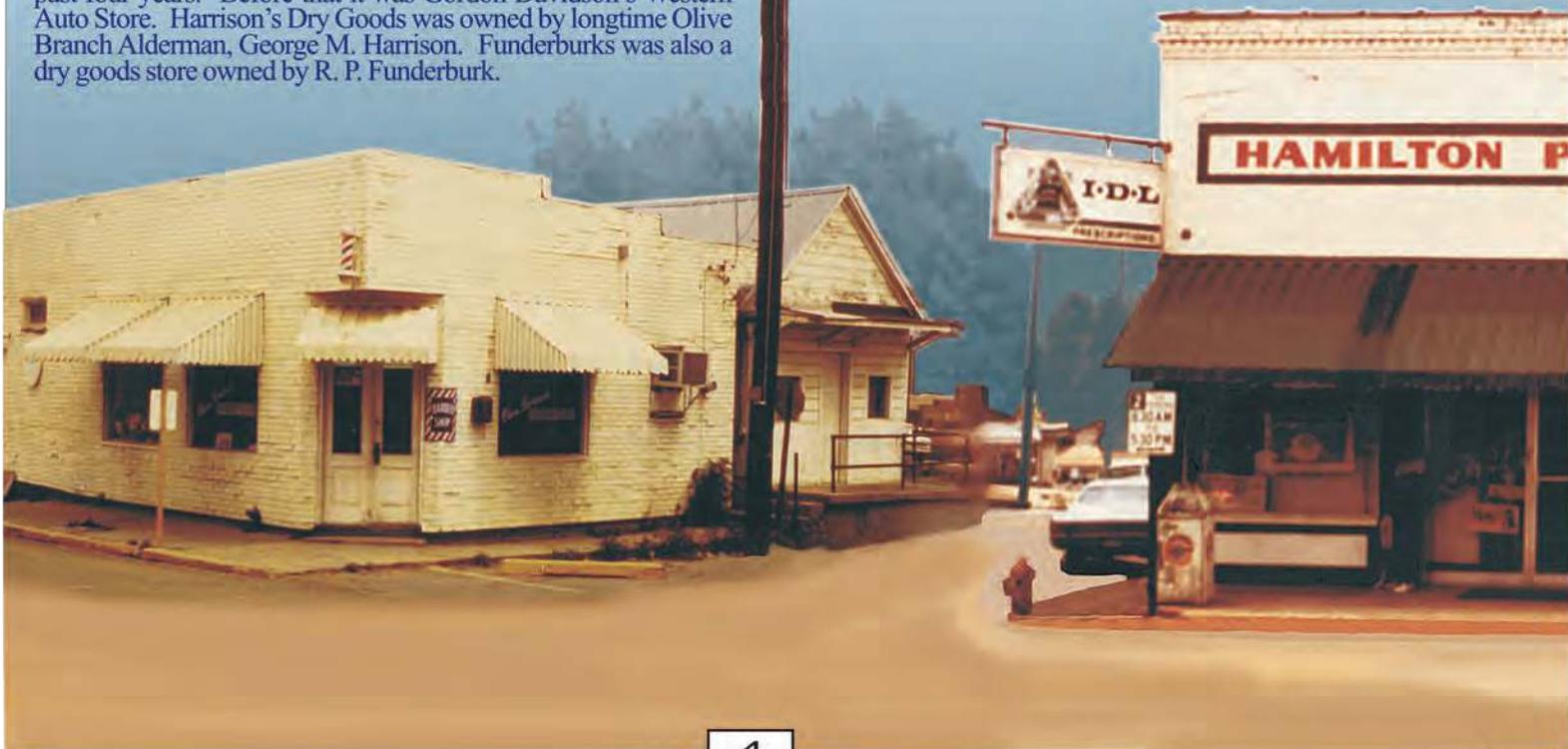
The barbershop building at the Pigeon Roost/Depot Street intersection was torn down in the early nineties by owner Bruce Payne and rebuilt as a two story structure further back from the street. The wooden building behind the barbershop was at various times the Post Office, a beauty shop, a law office, and probably other things as well. Forrest Hamilton had recently renamed his drugstore Hamilton Pharmacy after purchasing it from W. T. Woods in 1963 and calling it Woods-Hamilton for several years.

The Wallace Dollar & Discount Store was owned by Mrs. Rosie Wallace, mother of former Alderman, Maurice Wallace and grandmother of present Alderman, David Wallace. Her husband, James B. Wallace, had previously operated a shoe repair shop and a radio and TV repair business in the building. The Vanderburg building on the corner of Goodman and Pigeon Roost Road was not photographed that day in 1973 and it appears from scaffolding in the adjacent photograph, that it was undergoing a remodeling at the time, possibly the addition of the shake shingle mansard overhang on the front that lasted for some thirty odd years.

The one thing that jumps out at you when you look at the photographs is the size of the signage on the buildings. The furthest a customer could be from any of the stores was across the street, some fifty or sixty feet away, and yet the lettering of the signs was so large they could easily have been read from a half-mile away. It seems each merchant tried to out-size the others and it is obvious there was no signage ordinance at that time.

We do not know the identity of the two men in front of Peoples Bank, probably G. B. Payne, who was President of the bank at that time, and a customer. Nor do we know the identity of the lady in the street in front of Hamilton's Pharmacy.

We just thought you would enjoy seeing the Olive Branch Business District through a camera lense from forty-two years ago when our population was around 2,000 and the area was home to most of Olive Branch's businesses; and long before it was called Old Towne.





THRIFTWAY SUPER FOODS, 1973
(Open lot [formerly Polly's Greenhouse] is located there in 2015)



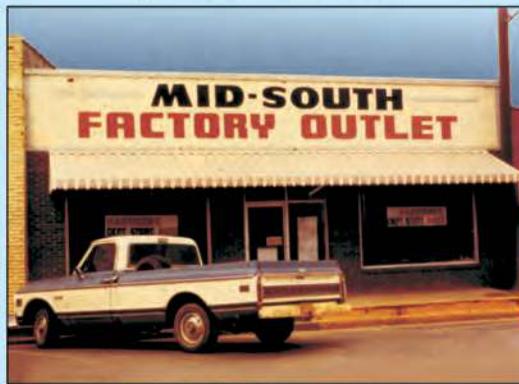
OLIVE BRANCH INSURANCE, 1973
(CLM Insurance is located there in 2015)



HARRISON'S DRY GOODS, 1973
(Old Towne Antiques is located there in 2015)



PEOPLES BANK AND TRUST, 1973
(Chamber of Commerce is located there in 2015)



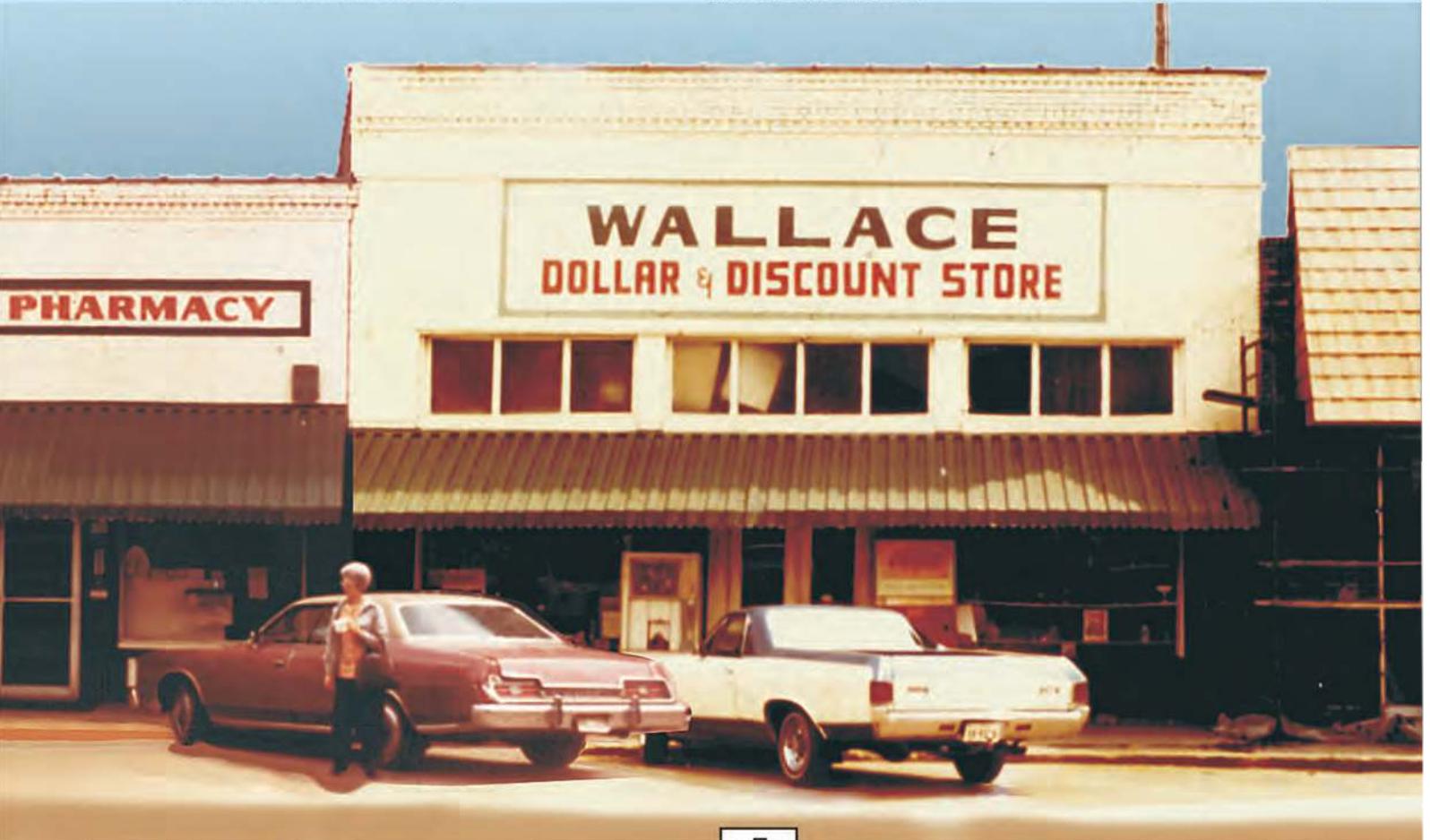
MID-SOUTH FACTORY OUTLET, 1973
(Evan's Café is located there in 2015)



FUNDEBURKS, 1973
(Olive Branch Trophy is located there in 2015)



CITY CLEANERS, 1973
(City Hall is located there in 2015)



SOMEONE TELL US WHO THIS IS



Mystery Man

Several years ago Ms. Bonita Maready, Assistant Principal at Olive Branch Middle School, brought this original painting by City Hall for us to display in our City Museum. She said it had been at the school for a while and she thought it might be Mr. B.J. Chain. Well, it is probably a contemporary of his who was part of the school system from back in the 30s or 40s, but it is not B.J. Chain, and we have been unable to find anyone who can tell us who it is. If any of you who have been around Olive Branch for a while can help us, we would sure appreciate it. Just give me a call at 662 892-9382. ©

10th ANNIVERSARY OF CITY HALL



The above photo was taken ten years ago on March 25, 2005 at the Dedication of our new City Hall. In the ensuing years the building has been everything we expected and is still regarded as one of the finest buildings of its type in the state. No party; no ceremonies; just a quiet sense of pride and thanks to those who were responsible for it being here. ©

Aldermen's Corner

This area of the Newsletter is open to all Olive Branch Aldermen for any comments or messages they wish to make to citizens of their wards or to citizens of the City as a whole.



Alderman
GEORGE COLLINS
At Large



Alderman
GIL EARHART
Ward 1



Alderwoman
PAT HAMILTON
Ward 2



Alderman
HAROLD HENDERSON
Ward 3



Alderman
DAVID WALLACE
Ward 4



Alderman
MARK ALDRIDGE
Ward 5



Alderman
DALE DICKERSON
Ward 6

Last fall we approved a City budget for 2014/15 of 33.4 million dollars. That means the City will spend that amount this fiscal year. In order to spend it, the City must have revenue (income) of at least that amount. I thought it would be informative to explain to you, where a major part of the City's revenue comes from. Property Tax makes up nearly half of our annual revenues. It is determined by the millage rate and Olive Branch's rate of 38.4 mills per \$100 of assessed valuation, is among the lowest in the county. There are other miscellaneous sources of revenue, but the one I want to talk about is one that people know little about even though it contributes nearly 25% of our revenue. It is the Sales Tax Rebate from the State. The State of MS has a 7% sales tax that everyone pays when they purchase something. When that sales tax is collected inside a municipality, 18.5% of that 7% tax is rebated from the State back to that municipality. That may not seem like a lot, but during this fiscal year, it is projected to be over 8.5 million dollars, which should give us all an incentive to do our shopping in Olive Branch.

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I hope all of you are anticipating the coming spring with the same excitement that I am. While the winter was "short lived" Ol Man Winter definitely went out fighting! Daylight savings time is upon us causing us to change our clocks along with our biological clocks. With spring and warmer days ahead, I am excited to say that you will be seeing much progress on our roads in the very near future. Our bond committee has released its report on capital projects for 2015 and you will be seeing many major street overlays very soon. We are also in the process of seeking bids for the widening of Craft Road from Goodman to Highway 78. Additionally, there is some work in place to relieve some areas from flooding and erosion. Many projects are in place to give you a good value for your tax dollar. As we continue to grow and prosper, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the City employees from our fire, police and street departments, and everyone behind the scenes for keeping our City safe and working to make this a great place to live and prosper.

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662 892-9218

Despite the recent inclement weather, spring is on the way and the future of Olive Branch looks bright. This will be another year of tremendous growth for retail expansion in Ward 2. Hobby Lobby and Academy Sports are well on their way up with additional restaurants and retail stores to follow. The continued growth at the corner of Goodman Road and Hamilton Circle West will see the opening of several new businesses such as the Mellow Mushroom. The grand opening of Popeye's Chicken was a great success as evidenced by the traffic jams on Goodman Road. The present goals of street repairs and overlays are in progress. We should know soon if we will be receiving federal funds for the widening of Craft Road. Safety is still our number one concern. The Olive Branch Police Department is in the process of filling five new budgeted positions which will bring our total to 81 officers. Recently Chief Don Gammage was appointed to the Board of Minimum Standards and Training for Law Enforcement by Governor Bryant. Thanks to Chief Don Gammage and his Police Department for keeping Olive Branch safe. If you are interested in receiving the Board of Alderman Agenda, please send me your address. It is a pleasure serving as your Alderwoman for Ward 2.

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662 895-5765

I would like to announce some street work that is scheduled for this spring and summer in Ward 3. We are ready to award bids for the paving of Austin Drive between Jennifer Lane and Medora Drive, and for paving Jennifer Lane, Patton Drive and Paige Drive between Miranda Drive and Austin Drive. In addition, there will be 1,500 feet of 6' x 6' concrete flume ditch constructed along Patton Dr. The plans will also include the replacing of several undersized driveway culvert pipes. I would also like to mention the coming to Olive Branch of Academy Sports + Outdoors to the shopping center across Hwy. 302 from Target. Academy Sports has 185 stores, mainly in the southern part of the country, with annual sales of around \$4 billion. The Olive Branch store will employ about 125 people. Economic activity continues to pick up in Olive Branch as we put the recent recession further behind us.

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As spring arrives and with winter behind us, we can now get into the repair of many of the streets and roads that are covered in the Public Improvement Bond Issue that we previously approved. The work has been divided into two phases with Phase I bids already received and ready for the awarding of contracts so that work can begin. Phase II bids are out and expected soon. The streets in Ward 4 that are to be repaired in Phase I are: McNeil Drive, Westbranch Road, Morrell Cove, Blocker Street, Stuart Street, Shady Grove Cove, Pigeon Roost Road, Sequoia Lane, Choctaw Trails, Seminole, Cherokee Drive, Oak Grove Blvd., Bell Ridge Drive and Bell Brook Drive. The Ward 4 streets scheduled for Phase II are: Neil Street, Dresden Street, Park at Pigeon Roost, Roberta Street, Trinity Park, Trinity Oak, Trinity Grove Drive and Hwy. 178. I know we have other streets in Ward 4, and in the City in need of repairs and we will try to get to them as soon as possible. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

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901 619-6992

Spring has arrived and hopefully the ice and snow is gone. The better weather will allow us to get started on the street paving and drainage projects that are so badly needed; projects for which we have already allocated funding and which are scheduled for this spring and summer. There will also be some major improvements made at our City Park that I think everyone will enjoy and be proud of. Meetings are scheduled to determine the order in which the improvements will be made. I would like to thank the owners of the Dodge Store and Sonic Drive-In for the outstanding job they did in constructing their new facilities. Along with the completion of the widening of Hwy 305, the Goodman Road/Hwy 305 intersection looks great and allows traffic to move through that intersection with a minimum of delay. I hope everyone has a great spring/summer season.

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901 831-8442

Winter's snow and ice have faded away and springtime beckons. Our 2015 street paving should be underway. The Ward 6 streets scheduled in Phase I include Plantation Road, Montrose, Kirkwood, Longwood, Oxford, Travis, Hickory from Travis to State Line, Plantation Pt. Cove, Plantation Crossing and Tahoe between Hickory and Travis. Phase II should include Champlain, Depot and Kerr. There were a couple of streets done back in late 2014. We will very soon be paving some streets in business areas as well, including sections of Craft Frontage. We also have been promised some federal dollars to repave some of our major streets including Hacks Cross in 2016. Several new restaurants have indicated they will be opening soon. We are still aggressively recruiting to get a corporate headquarters here in Olive Branch. Our sales tax revenue continues to exceed our projections which bodes well for our future needs. I can be reached at the below numbers if you need to talk to me.

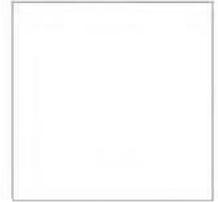
ddickerson@obms.us
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Whom do I call?

AIRPORTS, Memphis International.....	901 922-8000	POLICE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch, Administration.....	892-9400
Olive Branch.....	895-2978	Dispatcher (Emergency / Report crime).....	895-4111
AMBULANCE, Olive Branch Fire Department.....	895-4111	Emergency.....	911
Emergency.....	911	POST OFFICE, Olive Branch.....	895-5966
AMBULANCE BILLING.....	892-9236	PROPERTY TAX, DeSoto County (Olive Branch).....	469-8200
ANIMAL CONTROL, Olive Branch.....	895-4582	PUBLIC WORKS, Olive Branch To report Water leaks.....	893-5208
After Hours and Emergencies.....	895-4111	To report Gas leaks.....	893-5209
ARTS COUNCIL, Olive Branch.....	662 404-2787	To report Street issues.....	893-5249
AUTOMOBILE and VEHICLE TAGS, Olive Branch.....	469-8032	After Hours Emergency.....	895-4111
BUILDING PERMITS, Olive Branch.....	892-9333	SCHOOLS, Olive Branch area	
BUSINESS LICENSES, Olive Branch.....	892-9238	Chickasaw Elementary.....	895-6664
CABLE TELEVISION, Comcast.....	901 259-2225	Olive Branch Elementary.....	895-2256
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Olive Branch.....	895-2600	Olive Branch Intermediate.....	893-1221
CITY COURT CLERK, Olive Branch, Judy Jeans.....	892-9501	Olive Branch Middle School.....	895-4610
CITY ENGINEER, Olive Branch, Steve Bigelow.....	892-9352	Olive Branch High.....	893-3344
CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH.....	892-9200	Center Hill Elementary.....	890-7705
CODE ENFORCEMENT, Olive Branch.....	892-9341 or 892-9342	Center Hill Middle School.....	892-6800
CONGRESSMAN, U. S., Alan Nunnelee.....	662 449-3090	Center Hill High.....	890-2490
CRIMESTOPPERS, DeSoto County.....	429-8477	DeSoto Central Elementary.....	349-6234
CUSTOMER SERVICE, City of Olive Branch, Janice Foster.....	892-9203	DeSoto Central Middle School.....	349-6660
DRIVERS LICENSE, Mississippi, Olive Branch.....	890-7211	DeSoto Central High.....	536-3612
ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE		Pleasant Hill Elementary.....	890-9654
Northcentral MS Electrical Power Association.....	895-2151	Lewisburg Elementary.....	893-6001
Emergencies (Night-Weekend-Holiday).....	1 866 438-2642	Lewisburg Middle School.....	892-5050
FIRE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch		Lewisburg High.....	890-6708
Administration.....	890-7376	Overpark Elementary.....	890-8745
Dispatcher (Fire or Ambulance).....	895-4111	SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT, DeSoto County	
Emergency.....	911	Milton Kuykendall.....	429-5271
GARBAGE COLLECTION, (Not Trash Pick Up) Olive Branch.....	892-9306	SENATORS, U. S	
GOLF COURSES, Olive Branch, Cherokee Valley.....	893-4444	Thad Cochran.....	202 224-5054
Olive Branch Country Club.....	895-6525	Roger Wicker.....	202 224-6253
Plantation.....	895-3530	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, Olive Branch.....	890-7182
Wedgewood.....	895-7490	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DeSoto County (Dispatch).....	469-8580
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC, Olive Branch.....	895-3090	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.....	866 739-4771
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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, DeSoto County.....	469-8200	DeSoto Sunrise Homes.....	429-3609
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OLD TOWNE ASSOCIATION, Olive Branch.....	893-0888	TELEPHONE SERVICE	
PARKS and RECREATION, Olive Branch.....	893-5219	CenturyLink Customer Service.....	800 201-4099
PLANNING COMMISSION, DeSoto County.....	469-8023	CenturyLink Telephone (Repair, 24 Hrs).....	800 824-2877
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		Olive Branch, Bill Cruthirds, Sr.....	892-9382
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		City of Olive Branch (Billing Questions).....	892-9305
		Utility Averaging (Sewer Fee).....	892-9311
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DESOTO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
Olive Branch, Mississippi - 1929-30

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We have other photographs in our museum of the DeSoto Agricultural High School graduating class of 1929-30 which show the size of the senior class to have been around 24. We recognize Superintendent E. E. Long in the above photo, and if we subtract four or five others that may have been teachers, we have approximately 100 students shown here, so we can assume this is the entire student body. Several of the students can be identified from other photographs that we have, but for the most part, the identities of most of those in this photograph have been lost to time. This 1929/30 generation of students was eager to go out into the world in exuberant innocence, not realizing the nation was about to undergo a drastic change, leaving behind a decade of opulence and extravagance exemplified by the 1920s and spiral ever deeper into the Great Depression which would cripple the U.S. and world economy and last a decade. It would only end with the advent of WWII, which may well have taken the lives of some of those pictured here. This class had a date with destiny but had no way of knowing it on that warm fall day in 1929 when this photo was taken. If we assume the age of the students in this photo was between 15 and 18, any of them that might still be alive today would be over 100 years old.