Name of town or city	State	Number of weeks actually taught	Total amount received during year		during which was done
Sevierville, R.F.D.	Tenn.	35	<b>\$560</b> .	July 1, 1923	June 30,1924
	Ħ	35	<b>\$</b> 560.	July 1, 1924	June 30,1925
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и и и	11	35	\$640.	July 1, 1927	June 30,1928
11 .11 11	, n	35	\$660.	July 1, 1928	June 30,1929
и и и	11	35	\$720.	July 1, 1929	June 30,1930

The above information is a record of the teaching experience of Miss Annie E. Handlon at Pittman Community Center, a Sevier County public school, R F.D. 9, Sevierville, Tenn, and at the Webb's Creek School, also a Sevier County public school.

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FORM J. P. 90. a mo, for 8 months 2720, a yr, No. 146 SEVIER County, State of Tennessee
SEVIER County, State of Tennessee
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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his or her salary for any month until S.he has delivered to the County Superintendent the correct report when is at that time due, and it is further agreed that should the attendance fall below this contract becomes void.  **Like contract becomes void a marry at any time Britance in effection to the position and the end of the school term. It as any attention to the position of the school term that said action is equivalent to and may be considered as my revination from position as to tarber.  **Chairman County Bigard of Education.**  Teacher, Principal.**  Teacher, Principal.**
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EDUCATIONAL PITTMAN CENTER SCHOOL

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## MOUNTAIN WORK

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH REV. J. S. BURNETT, D. D. SUPERINTENDENT

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SHULTS' GROVE

Nellie Weston

R. F. D. 17 SEVIERVILLE, TENN.,\_

Sept. 30th,

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Colonel David C. Chapman, 206-207 Bankers Trust Building, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Colonel Chapman;

Since I returned to this community I find that the approaching survey of the Smoky Mountain Park and flying rumors, are creating a very serious situation among our citizenship. If the entire area included within the black lines on map is taken for Park purposes approximately 1500 people will be deprived of their homes by sale or condemnation. So far as we are concerned, it will close our work at this place which is now in its 6th year, for the remaining student body will be reduced from a maximum of 225 until we will not have over 75 pupils. We have an investment in physical equipment that has cost us about \$50,000, but it can be turned to other purposes and we will not stand in the way of any movement that the State and Government wishes to advance.

The main trouble which is so serious that I believe a modification of your plans is necessary arises from the large number of our people who do not want to sell their homes; and they will not do so unless they are condemned. Many people come to me daily broken-hearted asking if there is not some way to avert the calamity which will result from the loss of their homes. They fully understand that any price which your commission could afford to pay them would not give them a home elsewhere. It will also break the ties of a life time and will send them undoubtedly into a factory and an environment which is not pleasant for them to contemplate.

Let me suggest that you cease buying the small tracts of land until all of the big timber tracts along the Great Smoky Range are acquired. If you then find that it is necessary to purchase additional lands along the border of these big tracts to meet the requirements of the Government let it be understood that no pressure will be brought on the owners nor any condennation but that they will be defit as one free citizen would with another in selling his home.

I hope that your Commission when it meets and organizes will make a ruling similar to this. We have a Community Fair at Pittman Center which is located at the mouth of Webb's Creek, September 30th, and I am especially anxious for you to come at that time and mingle with our people, locking toward a better understanding. You can drive here by way of Sevierville; keeping

up the middle prong of Pigeon river. If you will come, we will send a special invitation to every family in the Emerts' Cove basin announcing your visit.

Please let us hear from you favorably if possible.

Very truly yours,

JSB/K.

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PUBLIC HEALTH Nellie Weston

R F D 17 SEVIERVILLE, TENN....

Sept. 19, 192

Colonel Chapman, Smoky Mt. Park Headquarters, Knoxville. Tennessee.

Dear Colonel Chapman;

The Community Fair for our neighborhood will be held September 30th.

It is held all day with the program in the afternoon, one o'clock standard time.

You have heard from Dr. J. S. Burnett and know that we would like to have you give a talk. You are most cordially invited to attend our Fair.

(miso) When a. Weep. Chairman for the Fair.

Sincerely,

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SEVIERVILLE, TENN... 1928

Dear Sir: -

The have been wanting you to come and to give us a tack. We hope to have a fourth of July meeting at Pittuan on Wed the 4th Can on Come? Mr. De Logier of Sevier ville suggeste That we also invite a Mr. morgan, member of The S. M. Park Com. to give a short talk. Saw not sure I have the name absolutely correct.

We would be so glad to have you, both and will appreciate it lif you can find it is that you can come. It will be a large gathering you may talk upon the park, or patriotis Giones ad you desire. The Crogram Proise be Wort box (belock - [1:30 Standard Time) & 2 o'clock our time up in mountains. We hope to have an all day Secisio. If you can we would be glad for you to have lunch at our residence with others of your party.

Jam now in Indiana on racation- your reply will reach me at Culturan as Jam returning next week.

Cordially (Miss) Helm a Wesp.

June 18, 1928

Miss Helen Wesp R.F.D. #17 Sevierville, Tenn Dear Miss Wesp:

I very much appreciate the fact that you want me to make speech at Pittman Center on 4th of July. I have hoped at some time that I would be able to talk to your people there, however my movements are so uncertain that you better not figure on me at that time. I have so many trips away from here in prospect at that time that the chances are I will not be here on that date. If later I can find it is possible for me to be there, I will communicate with you.

I do not know who you refer to as Mr. Morgan. It may be you have in mind Mr. Ben A. Morton, who is the former mayor of Knoxville and a member of our Park Commission. I would suggest that you write him here.

Very Sincerely yours,

David C. Chapman CHAIRMAN

DCC:MCP

# THOSE WHO SERVED

Teachers — Social Workers — Nurses —
Storekeepers — Postmistress —
Cooks — Bus Drivers —
Carpenters — Secretaries —
Maintenance Workers — Weavers —
Ministers — Physicians —

# THOSE WHO SERVED

Change is something we can't resist. It comes, inevitably. Opportunities come, sometimes accepted and at other times passed by. Some live to see a measure of success that come through the inevitable change process. The world has been divided into lifters and leaners, doers and sluggards, those who get things done and those who watch things being done. While many local folk participated in the Pittman Community Center project, an attempt here is made to list all those who served to help the Center prosper.

The United States has been a nation of change, changing landscapes and technology while people, in turn, change in relations to both. People, individually, become a wonderful piece of the puzzle that makes up the Great American dream and democracy. Mountain people of the Southern Appalacians were just one fragment of the great maze of variety of Americans. Other sections of our country represented other facets of the American democracy. Whatever variety in life in the United States, certain basic needs remain: the struggle to survive, worship, dependence and interdependence.

Those who lived in the Pittman Center area before the Methodists arrived with plans to further health and education purposes, were not unlike many others that existed in that day and age. Hundreds of communities up and down the Appalachian Mountains region were much the same due to the technology of that day.

Because of a basic need for the furtherance of the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Methodist, like many other Christian denominations, sought out places of service to establish mission projects. No proper tribute can be made to the role of the many ministers and Bible teachers who came, did the assignment to which they accepted and moved on. Most all who attended Pittman Community Center can attest to the savoring influence of the many teachers-ministers in their lives.

A list of ministers, teachers, weavers, maintenance, storekeepers, postmistress, nurses, secretaries, social workers, carpenters, bus drivers, and others, follows:

To keep the Community of Pittman Center operating smoothly it took many dedicated workers. Those who assisted Dr. J. S. Burnett, Dr. Robert Thomas, the High School Principal, and the Mission Workers as well.

To keep the grounds around the school, as well as all the campus, was quite a chore. The different buildings that made up this community consisted of, The Principals House, Teachers Dormitory, The Community House, The Gymnasium, The Shop, The Goodwill Store and Building, Dr. Thomas House, The Baldwin Hospital, The McCrea house, the Tilman Huskey Home and one other rental house. There was The Barn and The Cannery to be kept in operation, as well as the big School Building.

Tilman Huskey was in charge of all the janitorial services and he did a good job. The buildings were always clean and warm. The school building it self was three stories high. Some of the men who took the job of maintaining the lawns, kept them beautifully manicured at all times. They were Carl McCarter, Hayden Morris, Arch Ball, Dilly Cantrell, Jeams Ball, Dave Morris, Lawrence and Bruce Proffitt and others.

A Mrs. Helton came from Waldens Creek - Wears Valley area and taught weaving and other things pertaining to the preserving of foods that were raised in the Gardens. There were many persons to be fed; the teachers, mission workers and students that boarded to attend school. There was the apple orchard to be tended and this proved both profitable for food and a source of income. The school used the orchard in a teaching process. The agriculture teachers were trained to pass on to the local farmers techniques pertaining to farming and this included how to take care of their home orchards. Pruning and grafting were taught on the site.

After learning to weave and process thread, Tishia Morris, the Morris sisters, Laura McCarter and others made this a profitable adventure. Most mountain people are artistic with a natural ability.

It took lots of work to maintain the many shrubs and flowering plants on the campus. Mrs. J. S. Burnett spent many hours supervising the work in this field. Many years after leaving Pittman Center you could see results of Mrs. Burnett's talented efforts along Webbs Creek road. To keep a supply of wood for the school building's big furnace was, indeed, a chore that took many hours in the summer to accumulate a supply sufficient for the cold winter days ahead. After the logs were cut and sawed Arthur Watson, with the help

of his sons, hauled the wood to the campus and stacked it neatly. All buildings were heated with wood, cut to size for various uses.

One of the projects for the school was the Goodwill Store with Mrs. Burnett in charge of the supervision along with Mrs. R. F. Thomas and Mrs. Bishop. Ladies working also supervising were Sallie Price, daughter of Arthur and Adline Cantrell; Zora Burchell, daughter of Lilie Lindsey Day; Maude Shultz, daughter of Tom Lindsey. These three women were all left widows with children to raise. They were carefully chosen, as were all the employees and assistants to the group of workers, selected by the Board of Home Missions.

The Ministers that came to Pittman Community Center to pastor the churches and offer Spiritual Guidance to students and teachers were fine men making a place for themselves in both the school and communities. There were four churches to be served as well as all the activities at the school.

Agriculture teachers played an important role in the school as well as the communities with a responsibility to convince farmers of better ways to farm than had been used. Farmland was hilly and farmers had never heard of soil conservation and methods to carry out planning in this regard. They would carry their school room teaching out to the farm and gardens.

Aunt Lina Shultz and daughter-in-law, Susie Evans Shultz, were very helpful to Dr. Burnett in the early years at Pittman Center Community. The doctor took his meals with Aunt Lina and sometimes roomed there. Ms. Shultz did the office work including the typing, answering mail and other secretarial work.

Wagon, truck, and bus drivers were dedicated people bringing children to school every day . . . the first contact the children had after leaving home for school. The teachers and faculty knew a child who arrived at school in a happy frame of mind made a good student for the remainder of the day. Children in those days, had little contact with the public outside their church activities. More detail and names of drivers are shown further along in the book.

We do not want to forget the workers at Baldwin Hospital and Clinic. Student nurses came from Berea College (Berea, Kentucky) to get part of their training under Dr. Thomas and his skilled nurse. When you went to the clinic for treatment, Dr. Thomas and his nurse made you feel as if you were the only person in the wide world who was injured or ill. YOU left there feeling better, much better.

The Goodwill Store was, indeed, an asset to the school and community. Used clothing was a Gift from God. Mountain mothers remade each item into nice usable clothes for boys and girls as most were skilled with a needle and thread. This was particularly so during the early years of the depression and gernal hard times.

To all the people that ever worked and served in any capacity during these times we salute you as a special breed taking an important part when "you came, you served and we received!"

There is a man, who must be listed along with those who served, assisted and played a big part in the development of Pittman Community Center. This man was Arnold McMahan of Richardson Cove, Tennessee. Arnold, son of Gilbert and Rachel Manis McMahan, was married to Stella Howard, of the same community. Arnold and Stella had three sons; Wade, Blaine and Paul.

Arnold was active from the time the first log was cut for the lumber in the Pittman Community Center project. He, along with Walter Blalock, sawed all the lumber with which the buildings at Pittman Center School were built.

One thing Arnold did that is remembered by all the older graduates was the bus he built. This was the first bus used by the school. He stripped everything from this old truck, even the cab, down to the chassis. It was a big bus and could haul a lot of children. He started in Richardson Cove and picked up children on his way up the river, by the time he arrived at school he was loaded. We are sorry we do not have a picture to share with you - it would be a sight to see in this day. What an engineer he would have made in some factory - he would have put some of these recent graduates to shame.

Not only was Arnold a good worker and an intelligent man, but, he was also a good family man. An automobile accident, several years ago, robbed the family of one of its members. Paul was killed while yet a young man.

# 1919-1963 CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LEADERS OF PITTMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

After Dr. Maud Lee Etherage came to the Emerts Cove - Greenbrier area in 1919 to purchase land for a school and church property, she settled on the 135 acres of Garfield Scott property for \$3,500.00. Dr. John S. Burnett came in 1920 to assume responsibility for the building program. So successful was the work that the school opened for elementary grades in 1921. The following chart serves as a quick look at those who were instrumental in leadership at Pittman Community Center and school.

Superintendent Of The Center	Principal		
1920 Dr. J.S. Burnett			
1921 Dr. J.S. Burnett	Luther Ogle		
1922 Rev. Robert N. McConnell	Rev. John W. May		
1923 Rev. Robert N. McConnell	Rev. John W. May		
1924 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Rev. Charles Bornman		
1925 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Rev. Charles Bornman		
1926 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1927 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn (this was the first class of seniors)		
1928 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1929 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1930 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1931 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1932 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
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1938 Dr. J. S. Burnett	Luther Flynn		
1939 Rev. W. E. Bishop	Luther Flynn		
1940 Rev. W. E. Bishop	Luther Flynn		
1941 Rev. W. E. Bishop	Luther Flynn		
1942 Rev. W. E. Bishop	Luther Flynn		
1943 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Sherman M. Smith		
1944 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Dr. Samuel Quigley		
1945 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Dr. Samuel Quigley		
1946 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Mrs. Anna W. Pearsall		
1947 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Mrs. Anna W. Pearsall		
1948 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Mrs. Anna W. Pearsall		
1949 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	George Marshall died (December 1949)		
	Mrs. Marion Cunningham (December 1949)		
1950 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Curtis Haverly		
1951 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Curtis Haverly		
1952 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Henry B. Refo		
1953 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Henry B. Refo		
	Dr. W. L. Johns (Jan.1954)		
1954 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Mrs. Anna W. Pearsall		
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1955 ... the year in which Sevier County acquired eight acres and the Pittman Center School facilities, for

\$20,000. Dr. Johns was instrumental in bringing this al	oout.
1956 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Eugene Huskey
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1958 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Eugene Huskey
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1960 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Eugene Huskey
1961 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Eugene Huskey
1962 Dr. Robert F. Thomas	Eugene Huskey

The last graduating class from Pittman Center High School was in May, 1963. Dr. Thomas continued as Superintendent until 1964, at which time he retired and moved to assist in the new Sevier County Hospital. When the new Gatlinburg - Pittman High School opened in the fall of 1963, Mr. Eugene Huskey moved to serve as principal there.

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# PRINCIPALS & SUPERINTENDENTS

Listed on separate sheets.

#### DOCTORS

Listed in a separate section

devoted to these folks.

#### NURSES

Of all the workers who came to Pittman Center, perhaps no one was more dedicated to their tasks than the nurses. Whatever the job, delivering babies, sewing up cuts, helping with surgery or giving shots for typhoid or other diseases, they were always there to lend a helping hand. When the Grandin Baldwin Clinic was built and furnished around 1926, Dr. R. F. Thomas became our medical doctor. Listed below are those Nurses we remember:

Helen Blakeslee

Miss Branson

Miss Cevy Joan Cox

Ruth Elske

Dorothy Judd

Betty Kash Geneva Morgan

Mable Jackson Sizer

Thedore "Ted" Skeen

Miss Snyder

Corniel Varner

Ann Waldroup

Nellie Weston

Also: Berea Student nurses came down

and helped on many occasions.

#### PASTORS

Rev. Albert Ashley

Rev. Carl Beadles

Rev. Viola Beadles

Rev. W.E. Bishop

Rev. Charles R. Bornman

Dr. John S. Burnett

Rev. Ralph Cline

Rev. Luther Flynn Rev. John Baxter Howee

Rev. Ted Jones

Rev. William (Bill) Laycock

Rev. Edward Malmquist

Rev. Robert F. McConnell

Rev. Donald E. Rugh

Rev. Cline came in 1963 and is still serving Pittman Center Charge. And of course Dr. R. F. Thomas who was an ordained minister and preached frequently but was never the official pastor.

# RANDOM SAMPLINGS OF PAYROLL OF SEVIER COUNTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FACULTY AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF PITTMAN COMMUNITY CENTER SCHOOL

(obtained from the office of Superintendent of School, Sevier County)

10/4/1922 - J.J. Asher, Vocational 375.00 3/1/1922 I.I. Asher, 220.00 11/13/1922 J. S. Burnett, teachers 440.00 1/1/1923 J. S. Burnett, teachers 220.00 11/24/23 I. S. Burnett, Vocational 210.00 1/5/25 I. S. Brunett, Vocational 367.50 1/10/25 Ed Branam, Transportation 50.00 2/6/22 R. M. McConnel, Teacher 312.50 10/24/25 J. R. Sizer, Vocational 138.88 1/23/26 J. S. Burnett, 265.00 8/12/26 W. E. Branam, transp. 50.00 10/15/27 Haskell Ogle (2 months) 130.00 10/15/27 Luther Flynn (2 months) 275.00 12/3/27 Eva Thomas (2 months) 225.00 1/21/28 W. E. Branam transp. 40.00 2/18/28 Luther Flynn 137.50 2/18/85 Haskell Ogle 65.00 9/13/95 Zelma Lange 102.50 Elinor Grace 100.00 Docia Cate 97.50

10/6/28 R. M. Headrick, transp. 40.00

February, 1929 Luther Flynn 135.00 Zelma Lange 102.50 Elinor Grace 100.00 Docia Cate 87.50 Ada S. Flynn 107.50 Russ Headrick 20.00

September 1929 Luther Flynn 142.50 Zelma Lange 112.50 Elinor Grace 112.50 Ada S. Flynn 107.50

January, 1931 Luther Flynn 147.50 Zelma Lange 117.50 Ethel Waldroop 107.50 H.T.Ogle 82.50 J. S. Burnett 70.00 (transp.) W.E. Branam 18.00 (transp.)

April, 1932 Luther Flynn 51.25 Ethel Waldroop 45.00 Mary Elder 45.00 J.P. Pennington 50.00 Ernest Thurman 27.50 July, 1933
Pauline Hieke 51.25
Anna M.Caldwell 51.25
Marjorie Goodrich 97.50
Iva Bradshaw 72.50
P.C. Center 43.00 (transp.)
90.00 (transp.)
N.E. Hixon 900.00 Vocational
Jessie Branam 126.00 Vocationa

November 1933 Luther Flynn 85.00 Bertha Lawson 85.00 Ethel Waldroop 85.00 Russell Hall 85.00 Ernest Thurman 50.00

March 1936 Luther Flynn 102.50 Ethel Waldroop 90.00 Mary Elder 90.00 J. P. Pennington 100.00 Ernest Thurman 55.00 J. S. Burnett 100.00 (transp.) P.C. Center 90.00 (fixed charges

December, 1939 Luther Flynn 127.00 Mayford Roberts 90.00 Mary Elder 105.00 Raymond Huskey 71.00 Ora Shultz 74.00 March, 1942 P.C. Center 40.00 (fixed Charges) September, 1942 Luther Flynn 115.00 Marceile Householder 75.00 Cora D. Huskey 105.00 Glenn Robertson 92.00 Ora Shultz 105.00

April, 1946 Sarah S. Huskey 141.00 Bertha McCarter 132.00 Fay R. McCarter 110.00 Glenn Robertson 131.00 Kate Franklin 138.00

September, 1947 Ann W. Pearsall 235.00 Cora D. Huskey 194.00 R. E. Hodgkin 185.00 Sarah S. Huskey 208.00 Mayme McGaha 153.00 Marjorie Ogle 135.00 Iva Bradshaw 130.00 The other two sons found their place in the workings of Sevier County Government. Wade was a commissioner for the city of Pigeon Forge and also a Forester. Wade was married to Cracie Reagan. Blaine is Trustee for Sevier County and has been for twenty four (24) years. He is married to Georgia Hopkins.

Arnold also played Santa at all Christmas Programs. Because of his physique he made a perfect one. It took little padding. This was an important position as some of the children had never seen Santa Clause. To Arnold his desire was to see bright shinning eyes and happy faces. This was all the reward he wanted. He also had the perfect Ho-Ho-Ho. They didn't call him "Tubby" for nothing.

A tribute to a wonderful man-

Kate P. Reed

POST OFFICE - STORE KEEPERS Mrs. Mary Bishop

Mrs. Laura Burnett Mrs. Zora Burchell Mrs. Sallie Price Mrs. Maude Shultz

COOKS

Eunice Watson Carr Flo Eastridge Eleanor Huskey Nora Morris Hazel Proffitt

Myrtle Ramsey Maude Shultz Lura Sizemore Lou Cardwell Vance

Zelma Whaley Nannie Williams Lona Wright

WEAVERS:

(Pittman Center Handcrafts) Lillie Branam (quilting)

Catherine Brown Margaret Helton (weaving) Linda Huskey (weaving)

Martha Lindsey Laura McCarter Ellen Morris Nola Ramsey Betty Ridings

Matilda Ridings Bertha Stamey

carder of wool into bats

FARM WORKERS & MAINTENANCE

Arch Ball G. Phydilly Cantrell Douglass Chaffee Fletcher Lindsey Carl McCarter Arthur Watson Roy Wilcox

OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS Ruth Beebe

Eunice Blackburn Linda Bohanon Edna Callan Gladys Campbell Helen Wesp

Maude I. West

BUILDERS (Carpenters) Listed in section "A Dream Comes True". SECRETARIES: (for School/Dr. Thomas) Margaret Aldridge

Margaret Judd Kate P. Reed Ethel E. Shultz Lois Shultz

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BUS DRIVERS Milton Allen

Charlie Branam Bruce Branam Emert Cardwell

Emert Cardwell Verlin Eastridge Homer Howard

Otis Howard Burl Huskey Clyde Kent

Rob King Jim Manning Steve McCarter Winston McCarter

Burleson McGaha Arnold McMahan Fred McMahan Willard Parton

Richard (Peachy Parton)

D.H. Price Hanson Price Walter Rice Lystra Shultz Roy Williams

WAGON DRIVERS:

Edward Branam Russell Headrick Aaron Reagan Carey Shultz Harrison Whaley Pinson Whaley

# PITTMAN CENTER SCHOOL FACULTY 1921-1963

1921-22 Luther Ogle - Principal Hobart Shields Mary Reagan, J. J. Asher Nora McMahan C.C. Reagan Iva Bradshaw Della Montgomery Margaret Bryan

R.M. McConnell

1922-23 Luther Ogle - Principal Docia Cate Lucy Rainwater Jessie Mechem Ruth Evans Margaret Cardwell Homer Lindsey Claude Ramsey Helen Wesp

1923-24 Helen Wesp - Principal Docia Cate Ruth Evans Helen Wilk Mildren Ashton Jessie Mechem Margaret Shields J. R. Sizer J. J. Asher Anne E. Handlon Nora McMahan Mary Gregory Zenia Walker Margaret Cardwell

Helen McConnell 1924-25 Charles T. Bornman - Principal Haskel T. Ogle Dennis Patton Mary Reagan Helen Wesp Docia Cate Jessie Mechem Hobart Shields Ernest Thurman Zinia Walker Helen Wehrle Margaret Cardwell Helen Wilk I. I. Asher

I. R. Sizer

1925-26 Luther Flynn - Principal H. T. Ogle Myrtle Rickbiel Eva Thomas Helen Wesp Jessie Mechem J. R. Sizer Docia Cate Elinor Grace

1926-27 Luther Flynn - Principal Charles Franklin Eva Thomas H. T. Ogle Helen Wesp Jessie Mechem Helen Wehrle

1927-28 Luther Flynn - Principal H.T. Ogle Myrtle Rickbiel Eva Thomas Docia Cate Lucy Rainwater Linor Grace Iva Bradshaw Jessie Mechem Helen Wesp

1928-29
Luther Flynn - Principal
Jessie Mechem
Juanita Maupin
Zelma Lange
Elinor Grace
Docia Cate
Lucy Rainwater
Haskell T. Ogle
Helen Wesp
Iva Bradshaw
Helen Blakelee
Myrtle Rickbiel
I. R. Sizer

1929-30 Luther Flynn - Principal Zelma Lange Elinor Grace Docia Cate Ada S. Flynn N.E. Hixon Iuanita Maupin Susie McCrea H. T. Ogle Erma Burbank Bertha Howe Ethel Waldroop C. Pern Price Estelle Wynn Evelvn Rosser Clarence Baldwin

1930-31 Luther Flynn - Principal Zelma Lange Ethel Waldroop H. T. Ogle Juanita Maupin Charlie Franklin Pern C. Price Iva Bradshaw N.E. Hikon Pauline Hieke

1931-32 Luther Flynn - Principal Ethel Waldroop Anna Mae Caldwell Mary Elder I. P. Pennington Ernest Thurman Zelma Lange H. T. Ogle Pauline Hieke Anna Mae Caldwell **Juanita Maupin** Mavcie Pierce Bertha Howe Iva Bradshaw Susie McCrae

1932-33 Luther Flynn - Principal Anna Mae Caldwell Marjorie Goodrich Iva Bradshaw N. E. Hixon Jessie Branam Pauline Heike Bertha Lawson H. T. Ogle Maycie Pierce Susie McCrea Paul Smay

1933-34 Luther Flynn - Principal Lou Williams William Russell Hall N. E. Hixon Bertha Lawson Susie McCrea Maycie Pierce Juanita Maupin Anna Mae Caldwell

1934-35 Luther Fynn - Principal Bertha Lawson Iva Bradshaw Ethel Waldroop Russell Hall Ernest Thurman Edith Shields Bertha Lawson Mary Elder J. P. Pennington Maycie Pierce Juanita Maupin Iva Bradshaw

1935-36 Luther Flynn - Principal Edith Shields Ethel Waldroop Russell Hall Ray Yoder Bertha Lawson Susie McCrae Anna Mae Caldwell Juanita Maupin Thomas Whaley H.T. Ogle 1936-37 Luther Flynn - Principal Ethel Waldroop Mary Elder J. P. Pennington Ernest Thurman Mayford Roberts Charles E. Palmer Ora Shultz Iva Bradshaw

1937-38 Luther Flynn - Principal Mayford Roberts Iva Bradshaw Mary Elder Ernest Thurman Ora Shultz Charles E. Palmer Glenn Robertson Ora Shultz

1938-39 Luther Flynn - Principal Ernest Thurman Mary Elder Mayford Roberts Iva Bradshaw Ramond Huskey Ora Shultz Thomas Whaley Maycie Pierce Roy Yoder Charles E. Palmer Russell Hall

1939-40 Luther Flynn - Principal Mary Elder Iva Bradshaw Ora Shultz Raymond Huskey Mayford Roberts Russell Hall 1940-41 Luther Flynn - Principal Mary Elder Iva Bradshaw Josephene Burns Raymond Huskey Viola Elder Lillian Maxfield Christine Thomas Ernest Thurman Charles Palmer Thomas Whaley Mavcie Pierce Ruby Bailey Helen Wesp Russell Hall Bill Latham Cora Huskey

1941-42 Luther Flynn - Principal Glenn Robertson Ora Shultz Mary Elder Iva Bradshaw Viola Elder Alma Whaley Cora Huskey

1942-43 Luther Flynn - Principal Cora Huskey Iva Bradshaw Marceil Householder Glenn Robertson Ora Shultz Thomas Whaley Bill Latham

1943-44
Sherman M. Smith - Principal Marceil Householder
Cora Huskey
Iva Bradshaw
Kate Franklin
Lois Butler
Beryle Fox
Glenn Robertson
Margaret Stevenson
Eva Thomas
Harvey Scott Hill
Sue Clingman

1944-45
Dr. Samuel Quigley - Principal
Lois Butler
Cora Huskey
Glenn Robertson
Faye R. McCarter
Iva Bradshaw
Bertha M. Noland
Kathern Householder
Margaret Waters
Harvey Scott Hill

1945-46
Dr. Samuel Quigley - Principal
Glenn Robertson
Faye McCarter
Iva Bradshaw
Kate Franklin
Sara S. Huskey
Bertha McCarter
Grace Woods
Myra Wakeman
Paul Bogart
Redman Cowden
Thomas Whaley
Mr. Crutchfield

Anna W. Pearsall - Principal Glenn Robertson Faye McCarter Iva Bradshaw Kate Franklin Sarah S. Huskey Cora Huskey Myra Wakeman Mr. Shaffer Miss Moreland Arthur Foster Cecil Ruth Augustine Mr. Brown (blind)

1946-47

1947-48
Anna W. Pearsall - Principal
Pauline M. Lewis
Iva Bradshaw
Marjorie Ogle
Mamie McGaha
Arthur Foster
Erma Benedict
Isabell Fradenburg
Ruth Banfield
Roy Spitkitz
Harvey M. Lewis
Redman Cowden

1948-49
Anna W. Pearsall - Principal
Harvey G. Lewis
Pauline M. Lewis
Iva Bradshaw
Marjorie Ogle
Kate S. Maples
Aloa Reece
Erma Benedict
Myra Wakeman
Isabelle Fradenburg
Ruth Banfield
Row E. Hodgkins
Cora Huskey
Redman Cowden

1949-50
George Marshall - Principal
Kate S. Maples
Sarah Huskey
Iva Bradshaw
Marjorie Ogle
Ruth Large
Frank Chaney
Betty Webber
Betty Branam
Alma Edwards
Frances Stoddard
Leah Baxter
Curtis W. Haverly
Mrs. Marion Cunningham

1950-51 Anna W. Pearsall - Principal Marjorie Ogle Kate Maples Iva Bradshaw Ruth Large Alma Stoddard Eugene Huskey Leah Baxter Myra Wakeman Frances Edwards

1951-52
Anna W. Pearsall - Principal
Marjorie Ogle
Sara Huskey
Iva Bradshaw
Annabel Huskey
Kate Maples
Edward Justus
Eugene Huskey
Leah Baxter
Myra Wakeman
Cora Huskey
Frances Edwards
Curtis Haverly

Henry B. Refo - Principal Sarah Huskey Eugene Huskey Marjorie Ogle Myra Wakeman Frances Edwards Alma Stoddard Iva Bradshaw Annabel Huskey Kate Maples Wilford Morris Edward Justus Leah Baxter Cora Huskey

1952-53

1953-54 Eugene Huskey - Principal Sara Huskey Iva Bradshaw Bonnie Justus Kate Maples Wilford Morris Annabel Huskey Lucian F. Siera Archie Rae McMahan Cora Huskey

1954-55
Eugene Huskey - Principal
Leah Baxter
Bonnie Justus
Sara Huskey
Iva Bradshaw
Grace Wright
Wilford Morris
Kate Maples
Annabel Huskey
Hazel Cantrell

1955-56
Eugene Huskey - Principal
Sarah Huskey
Grace Wright
Wilford Morris
Anabel Huskey
Emert H. Fisher
Faye Cardwell
Cora Huskey
Marjorie Ogle
Lucian Siera

1956-57

Eugene Huskey - Principal

Betty Lou Ogle Sarah Huskey Ruby Huskey Wilford Morris Annabel Cardwell Emert H. Fisher Faye Cardwell

Cora Huskey Mary Conner Lucian Siera Myra Wakeman Anna W. Pearsall Mayme McGaha

1957-58

Eugene Huskey - Principal Wilford Morris Annabel Cardwell Ruby L. Huskey Sarah Huskey Mayme McGaha

Betty Lou Ogle Emert H. Fisher Cora Huskey Faye Cardwell Anna W. Pearsall Mary Conner

Roy Ogle Myra Wakeman James Franklin 1958-59

Eugene Huskey - Principal

Bonnie Justus Betty Lou Ogle Sarah Huskey Ruby Huskey Wilford Morris Glen Cardwell Emert H. Fisher Faye Cardwell Cora Huskey

Anna W., Pearsall James Franklin Mable Ledford Myra Wakeman

1959-60

Eugene Huskey - Principal Betty Lou Ogle Bonnie Justus Sarah Huskey Ruby Huskey Hazel Cantrell Wilford Morris Emert H. Fisher Faye Cardwell Cora Huskey James Franklin

James Franklin Anna W. Pearsall Roy Glenn Cardwell 1960-61

Eugene Huskey - Principal

Bonnie Justus Sarah Huskey Ruby Huskey Wilford Morris Kate S. Maples Hazel W. Cantrell Emert H. Fisher, Roy Glenn Cardwell Faye Cardwell James Franklin, Cora Huskey

Anna W. Pearsall

1961-62

Eugene Huskey - Principal

Sarah Huskey
Kate S. Maples
Cora Huskey
Gladys A. Henley
Faye Cardwell
Mary Conner
Emert H. Fisher
Anna W. Pearsall

1962-63

Eugene Huskey - Principal

Bonnie Justus Sarah Huskey Ruby L. Huskey Laura Ogle Jean Harrell Faye Cardwell Mary Conner Hazel Cantrell Mayme McGaha Cora Huskey Emert H. Fisher

1963 was the last year of operation of the combined high school and elementary school. In the fall of 1963, Pittman and Gatlinburg combined to form the new Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

Other teachers who taught at Pittman during 1921-1963 and remembered are:

Clarence Flynn Pauline Jackson Laura B. Good Irene Bailey Aurelia Cate Estelle Wynn Paul Smay Ada S. Flynn Mary Jo Carrol Physicians who served in Sevier County. Those with asterisk lived or made house calls in the Pittman Center area.

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Dr. W. H. Trotter (1814-1887)
* Dr. Ben P. Davis (1825-1901)
* Dr. Joseph Maddron
* Dr. Joseph McGaha
* Dr. Loy Fish (1841-1918)
  Dr. Ishom
  Dr. Nathaniel Edwards
* Dr. I. W. Bradshaw (1850-1911)
  Dr. J. W. Rogers (1851-1897)
* Dr. S. V. Gibson (1858-1924)
* Dr. Ashley Ogle (1856-1930)
* Dr. Robert P. Clark (1859-1918)
* Dr. J. Walter McMahan (1876-1935)
* Dr. Z. D. Massey (1864-1923)
  Dr. J. E. Elder (1862-1903)
* Dr. Charles Hoffman (1866-1949)
  Dr. S. W. Flanagan
* Dr. Bruce B. Montgomery (1870-1954)
* Dr. Pleasant Ogle (1872-1939)
  Dr. John Huff (1874-1959)
  Dr. R. J. Ingle (1875-1966)
  Dr. A.W. Roberts (1878-1960)
  Dr. Benjamin Cogdill (1881-1918)
* Dr. John W. Ogle (1887-1946)
* Dr. C.W. Paine
* Dr. Robert Folley Thomas (1891-1980)
* Dr. O. H. Yarberry (1895-1976)
* Dr. R. A. McCall (1900-1966)
* Dr. McCown
  Dr. Ralph H. Shilling (1919-1972)
* Dr. C. R. Wilson
  Dr. R. A. Broady
  Dr. Charles E. Waldroup (1919 -
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Dentists who served the Pittman Center area:

Dr. R. G. Wright Dr. Jerome Russell

Dr. Wilford Morris, Jr.

the Cresmont Lumber Company physician. From 1916-1927, he became the medical director of Aluminum Company of America at Alcoa. He spent some time as state senator, achieved the bill which incorporated the new illage of Alcoa, and officially gave it the new name of Alcoa.

Dr. Charles H. Hoffman (July 9, 1866 - Feb. 9, 1949) was born in Hillsboro, Germany and received his degree in medicine from Hiedelberg University there. After arriving in the United States he took a teaching position in the medical school at the University of Arkansas. While there he left to go to North Carolina to relieve a doctor friend of his duties temporarily so that he might take a vacation. Upon returning to Arkansas, Dr. Hoffman returned via Great Smoky Mountains and stopped off in Greenbrier Cove, staying at the Whaley Hotel (or boarding house) for a vacation himself. The people of Greenbrier Cove learned of his profession, and Dr. Hoffman immediatly realized the people's need for medical help. His love for the mountains and the people grew rapidly. His vacation turned in to assisting sick folk where needed. Among the many patients was Martha Ann Dodgen who became his wife in 1914. Many of his 36 years of medical service were spent in the mountains on horseback (later in A- and T-model Fords when a neighbor would drive him to visit the sick) under difficult situations. While he lived in the Greenbrier-Emerts Cove area, his services called him to go to Cosby, Jones Cove, Dudley, Gatlinburg, Sugarlands, Elkmont, Townsend, Pigeon Forge, Birds Creek, Wears Valley, and Sevierville. He first set up practice in Emerts Cove and later moved to the Riverside Hotel in Gatlinburg, and the Ingle Building in Sevierville. He returned to medical school for optical training and set up offices in Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville.

The Montgomery's Vindicator recorded an interesting note of service rendered to a Rev. J. H. Wright, August 19, 1914, as follows: "Sunday, August 16, Rev. J. H. Wright had visited the Bible School and filled his appointment at Copeland and was riding in a hurry to make another appointment at Mr. John Spring's where they had a Bible School in the Grove at 1:00 o'clock, when the horse caught her foot and fell on her head and set Mr. Wright out in the road in front as she struggled to get up she put her front feet on either side of Mr. Wright's head and her right hind foot on Mr. Wright's left thigh, bruising it so he couldn't walk. He got on the horse alone and ran one and a half mile to Mr. Spring's where he found Dr. Hoffman who treated the wounds and bandaged them up. The people gathered in the grove and Mr. Wright was helped to the grove where he sat on a bench with his foot up on a block and delivered a gospel message, after which Dr. Hoffman took Mr. Wright in his buggy to Mr. S.S. Proffitt's and put him in his own buggy and he started for home but on the way he had to get Mr. J.B. Ownly to fetch him home."

Dr. Z.D. Massey (Nov. 14, 1864 - July 13, 1923), a native of Marshall, North Carolina, received his medical degree from Louisville Medical College in 1888. He taught school in Marshall County, NC, 1882-86. When arriving in Sevier County, he sat up his office in Wears Valley in 1889 as physician and surgeon. He was in the Spanish-American War as surgeon of the regiment commanded by General L. D. Tyson. Dr. Massey was a public spirited citizen, supporting every movement for the upbuilding of his commity. He served as postmaster of the Sevierville Post Office from April 27, 1899 until April 26, 1904, and was three times elected state senator, a position he held at the time of his death. In 1910 he was elected to Congress to fill out the unexpired term of W. P. Brownlow. Dr. Massey was a unique character and he made an eminent success in life and in his profession, in business, and in politics. He was a friend to many in Emerts Cove-Greenbrier communities, coming and treating many patients and providing kitchen surgery as needd-Many older folk remember his kindness. The Montgomery's Vindicator recorded many visits he made, one as recorded September 8, 1909, as follows: "Dr. Massey made a professional visit to Greenbrier Friday. He was called to see the baby of Russell Berry which is afflicted with meningitis."

Dr. Bruce B. Montgomery (August 24, 1870 - October 15, 1954) was born at Henderson Springs, Sevier County, to William W. and Susan Katherine Mullendor Montgomery. He received education through the school system of Sevier County, going on to the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Medical College. After receiving his medical degree in 1895, he came to Emerts Cove and set up his practice. He married Lenora Whaley, in 1895. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, after which he returned to Emerts Cove and purchased 300 acres in the area of the Arthur Cantrell place. In 1911, a tax receipt showed he paid \$9.00 for that property. From his Emerts Cove - Greenbrier office he treated patients from Cosby to Townsend to Sevierville. It was a known fact that Sevier County was a barter society during those days, and many were the times that Dr. Montgomery delivered babies in the spring, only to have to wait until the next fall when produce was harvested for payment. This was a good agreement, for Dr. Montgomery was a physician and farmer, and he understood the plight of farmers. In later years he moved to Roaring Fork, near the Roaring Fork Baptist Church, then later to "Burg" Hill. He became the company physician

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### **Beloved Physicians**

The news media today is quick to pick up on some famous act performed by the medical profession - those physicians who have the latest technology and wonder drugs at their disposal. The doctors who lived and worked under such hardships facing them at the beginning of the 1900's in Sevier County are heroes to a great many folk. They gave much of their time toward helping suffering humanity because of a commitment and love for the people they served. These physicians, not seeking worldly treasures and tax shelters, were dedicated to their calling without promise of financial rewards. Many took promisory notes, word-of-mouth pledges, or labor in return for services rendered.

While the Pittman Community Center story holds Dr. Robert F. Thomas as the most famous physician, there were others who served in the Pittman Center area. They are listed, with a synopsis as best as could be obtained, as follows:

Dr. Ben P. Davis (1825-1901), a great-great-grandfather of Dr. Charles E. Waldroup, was probably one of the earliest trained physicians to enter into the Emerts Cove - Webbs Creek vicinity. He arrived on Webbs Creek during the Civil War, coming there from Atlanta because he did not believe in slavery. He found his beliefs compatible to Sevier County and East Tennessee as many sons, fathers, and husbands joined the Union forces during the Civil War. Historians have labeled greater East Tennessee as being a northern wedge in the deep South. Dr. Davis lived the rest of his life out in the Webbs Creek vicinity, serving mankind through his medical skills until his death on October 5, 1901.

Dr. J. W. Bradshaw, son of Richard Bradshaw, was born in Jefferson County, January 4, 1850, and died February 12, 1911. After graduation from Mossy Creek College (now Carson-Newman College), he studied medicine under Dr. P. E. Walker. This prompted his entrance into a medical school in Nashville, Tennessee. After completing his course of medicine and graduating in the profession to which he committed the rest of his life, he arrived in Sevier County and married Ellen Emert. She was the daughter of F. L. and Michael Emert. Their home was in the middle of Emerts Cove, and six children were born unto this union. The writer of Dr. Bradshaw's eulogy stated: "As a practicing physician, he attended the rich, the poor, the lame, and the maimed with all pride and seemed to be in equal sympathy to all suffering humanity, never forsaking his patients until relief came or the angel of the Lord reached forth its hand and claimed its victim. Many be the times, that while the cold wind blew, the rain was falling, the dark hour of night was over him, Dr. Bradshaw saddled his horse and rode out (while he himself was unable to ride) for the relief of the poor, of whom he knew was penniless and that he would receive no recompense save that which came from the hand of One who knoweth all things and doeth all things well."

Dr. Robert P. Clark (Nov. 6, 1859 - June 7, 1918), a soldier of the Spanish-American War, had considerable medical practice in the Greenbrier-Glades-Emerts Cove-Webbs Creek area at the turn of the 20th century. He married Milissa Duggan, and they lived in or near Strawberry Plains for awhile. Mrs. Lora Huskey remembers him well, stating that he was related to Robert Shields Clark and John Ditner Clark; John D. was the father of Berry Clark. Montgomery's Vindicator recorded his death at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Whaley. He was also the brother of Mrs. Joel Ownby. Mrs. Minnie Ogle Bryant, one of the few folk alive today who remembers him, stated, "Dr. Clark sat the tallest and straightest in the saddle of anyone on horseback, and he was a beloved physician and was held in high esteem by all communities."

Dr. J. Walter McMahan (1876-1935) wanted to study medicine as far back as age six. He received the scant learning provided in the county schools provided by Sevier County in order to get a teacher's certificate. Teaching a few months in the fall and winter, he earned and saved money to enter Louisville Medical College, but after one year transferred to the University of Tennessee Medical College, then located in Knoxville. After he received his medical degree in 1900, he set up practice in Pigeon Forge. From there reached folk who needed his services all over Sevier County. Many older residents recall "Dr. Mac"doing kitchen surgery in the homes of Emerts Cove and Greenbrier Cove. A quote from Montgomery's Vindicator, dated June 12, 1901, emphasizes his services at a home in Greenbrier, as follows: "Tuesday, May 28, Dr. J. W. McMahan of Pigeon Forge, assisted by Dr. J. E. Elder of Harrisburg, and Dr. C. W. Paine of Pokeberry amputated a foot from Mrs. Joel Ownby, Brier, Tennessee. Mrs. Owenby had been suffering of Tuberculosis of the foot for the past two years, but the suffering became so great that after consulting Dr. McMahan she decided to have her foot taken off. So when the day for the operation came, she was cool and went into the operation saking God to be with her. She stood the operation well, being 52 years old." In 1905, Dr. McMahan became

for the Little River Lumber Company during the early 1920's. When he left that position, he moved to Dudley and occupied the farmland now known as Montgomery Woods. In addition to being widely known and loved as a physician, he served many years as Justice Of The Peace, School Board Member, and Representative in the State Legislature from 1933-39. He was a life long Republican and member of the Baptist faith.

Dr. Robert Folley Thomas was born June 21, 1891, in Scranton Pennsylvania. He entered the Methodist Ministry after receiving higher education at Syracuse University. He, along with his wife, Eva Leola Spicer Thomas, entered the mission field in 1916, serving as a missionary at Penang, Malaya. Dr. Thomas realized readily the urgent need for medical help in Malaya. Thus, he returned in 1919 to study medicine at Syracuse University Medical College, graduating from there in 1924. After his internship at Binghamton City Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y., he could not return to Malaya due to his wife's poor health. Instead, the Methodist Mission Board assigned him to the Pittman Community Center Mission in 1926. He, Eva and their son, Bob, arrived in Pittman Center in November, 1926. That was the beginning of a long life of medical assistance in the community that was in dire need of professional medical help. He stayed and became a legend, going about his calling as a circuit riding preacher and physician on mule or horseback, later in a T- or A-Model Ford, and much later a Jeep.

Dr. Thomas once stated that the job at Pittman Center had everything that Malaya had meant to him. Only the backdrop was different: pine trees for palm trees; Elizabethan English for Malayan vernacular; mountain trails for jungle paths; a saddle-horse for an elephant.

Dr. Thomas retired as Superintendent of Pittman Community Center in 1964. The Methodist Board thought that with improved transportation and communication into the once isolated community of Pittman, the phasing out of the medical center was prudent as Dr. Thomas had reached the mandatory retirement age of 72. He really did not retire though, for at that time the Sevier County Hospital opened and Dr. Thomas moved closer to Sevierville. He continued to serve there as physician and chaplain. As long as he lived, he continued to make house calls for the benefit of all his old friends and patients. His death came April 4, 1980, as a result of a heart attack.

Dr. Ralph H. Shilling (1916-1972), a native of Columbus, Ohio, came to Gatlinburg shortly after World War II, and sensing a need for a village/community doctor, he decided to return. During his 56 years, he too, became a legend for he gave much of himself. He always thought of himself as a country doctor and never missed a chance to prove it. He chugged to his hillside patients in a good mountain climbing jeep. Many farmers had a running account with him until their tobacco crops were sold. For many who were too poor to pay, there were no fees. During his life time, many lives were saved, he set many broken bones, sutured many a gash, and comforted many a loss. His training at Columbus Medical School paid off in his 22 years of service to mankind in the mountains of East Tennessee.

He played a prominent part in the story of Pittman Community Center because he had many patients in the vicinity. When Dr. Robert F. Thomas was away on speaking engagements, Dr. Thomas worked closely with Dr. Shilling to see that he would take care of any emergencies while he was away. Dr. Shilling was only a call away, and he would come at the phone call of Dr. Thomas's nurse, or the call of any of Dr. Thomas's patients. The folk at Pittman Center held Dr. Shilling in high esteem for his willingness to make house calls, although he was an extremely busy person. A plaque in his honor, located in Gatlinburg, identifies Dr. Shilling as follows: "Ralph H. Shilling, MD; Family Doctor, 1946-1972; Active Officer in Army Reserves, 1946-1969; Helped organize the Volunteer Fire Department 1950-1972; Fire Chief, 1955-1972; Civil Defense Director, 1947-1966; Sevier County Hospital Board of Directors, 1964-1972."

Yes, many were the thoughts of gratitude to Dr. Shilling from the folk in Sevier County, the area he adopted as his home. He was indeed a busy man, but always a friendly and sociable person. He was always willing to go the second mile with any soul. He was sorely missed after his death in May, 1972.

Dr. Charles E. Waldroup was born in Webbs Creek area on January 31, 1919. He was one of Pittman Center's former students to enter the medical profession. He labels himself as a drop-out, having attended Pittman Center High School for only three years. His education was temporarily interrupted by World War II. At the age of 30, he decided to take the GED examination, sold his farm and entered the University of Tennessee. At the age of 43, in 1961, he returned to Sevier County to commence his medical practice with Dr. Ralph Shilling. After five years he moved out on his own and continued a reliable medical practice from his office

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on Highway 321 until 1974, at which time he moved his office to Pigeon Forge where he still serves the folk of the county. In addition to his being a General Practitioner, Dr. Waldroup has acquired the necessary hours and training for practice of Allergy and Immunology. He received his certification through the Pan American Allergy Society in November, 1984 and he was the first and only physician to be a licensed allergist in Sevier County. Dr. Waldroup reflects upon one great stepping stone of success, the part he played in establishing the Sevier County Hospital which opened in October, 1964.

Dr. Robert W. Morris, Jr. graduated from Pittman Center in 1944, served time in World War II, returned to further his education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and later graduated from the UT College of Medicine in Memphis. In addition to his general practice, Dr. Morris continued his medical training and is now recognized as one of the best surgeons in East Tennessee.

One other physician in the Webbs Creek area who older folk recall was Dr. Joseph McGaha, who practiced medicine at the turn of the 20th century. He was the step-father of Mrs. Audrey Dugal Headrick. That family states that his office was in the John Springs House in Emerts Cove, and later on he built the old Russell Headrick house. He came to Pittman Center area from Niota, Tennessee.

In addition to physicians, there were two dentists, Dr. R. G. Wright of Evans Chapel and Dr. Jerome Russell of Copeland. Little is known of Dr. Russell, but he is is still remembered by several folk alive today (1985). Dr. Wright was born in Winston Salem, NC. He married Mary McClellan Evans, daughter of Robert Evans of Emerts Cove. Dr. Wright was born April 18, 1861, and died December 17, 1906. He was father of Mrs. Lora Huskey, oldest resident of Emerts Cove, and possessor of his old dental instruments.

In much later times, Dr. John A. Shultz, graduate of Pittman Center in 1941, became a dentist in Dandridge. After his tour of duty in World War II he returned to the University of Tennessee and UT College of Denistry in Memphis. In addition to his long years of dental practice in Dandridge, he served two terms as mayor of that city.



In 1976 a local newspaper ran the following information about Pittman Center: Pittman Center, a rural community that incorporated only two years ago, was named for Rev. Eli Pittman, a New York minister who aided Dr. J. S. Burnett in establishing an early settlement school and health center for the Methodist Church's Board of Home Missions.

The Pittman Center community school was founded in 1921 and it was the first in the county to provide transportation for the mountain children who had no other way to get to school from their remote homes. The early "buses" were wagons that resembled covered wagons of the Old West, drawn by horses or mules.

Dr. Robert F. Thomas, a Sevier County minister-physician who was commended by the President of the United States as a "great humanitarian" two years ago, was one of the pioneers of Pittman Center, arriving in the area in 1926.

Thomas was sent by the Methodist Church as a medical missionary. He made \$125 monthly salary in those early days, making his medical rounds on horseback and sometimes preaching at the six different churches the Board of Home Missions had started.

When he arrived, Pittman Center consisted of a school house and a few homes.

Back then, Thomas recalled, eggs sold for eight cents a dozen, butter was 19 cents a pound and there were no paved roads, or bridges and no telephones for communication.

Even when automobiles came along the difficult mountain roads made a trip to Knoxville or even Sevierville a day's effort.

When the area around Pittman Center and Emert's Cove incorporated in July, 1974, Conley Huskey was elected the first mayor. Rex Howard and Mayford Price were aldermen and Ethel Shultz was recorder.



Luther Ogle - First School Principal

Mr. Ogle, son of Henry Tipton and Dicy Jane Ogle served as Principal of Pittman Center School for the year of 1921-1922. He was married to Matilda Ownby, daughter of George and Matilda King Ownby, He was a brother to Attorney Robert Ogle, Sr. of Sevierville and brother-in-law of Nora Morris.

After leaving Pittman Center, and maybe some other teaching positions he returned to the University of Tennessee and received his degree in Law. According to his son he never used his law degree but stayed in the teaching profession (in Knoxville) until his retirement and death.

Some of the members of his faculty were: Margret Bryan, of Boyds Creek, Olive Lewis of Waverly, Tennessee and Janet McConnell of of New York State. Some think that J. W. May taught some that year.



Rev. and Mrs. Edward Malmquist, with their children Lester and baby Robertson. Rev. Malmquist was the pastor of Burnett Memorial Church.



Ester Yoakam, Teacher of Band at Pittman Center.



Bus Drivers - Left To Right: Roy Williams, Clyde Kent, Winston McCarter, and Jim Proffitt.



Mrs. Erma Benedict, Teacher at Pittman Center - 1945-48.



Mr. Henry Refo - Principal



Left To Right: Rhonda Clark - Student, ?, Cora Deats Huskey - Teacher, Margaret Aldridge - The Secretary.



Zelma Lange Hixson and Mayme Williams.



Teachers - Front Row Left To Right: Thomas Whaley, Maysie Pierce, Ora Shultz, Cora Deats Huskey, Raymond Huskey. Teachers - Back Row Left To Right: Bill Latham, Mary Elder, Eva Thomas, Iva Bradshaw, Ada Flynn, Maude West, P. Luther Flynn.



Left to Right: Ailene Maples, Miss Wakeman, Majorie Myers.



Miss Margaret Shields of Angola, East Africa. She was a summer staff member in 1923. Her parents were missionaries in Africa for 45 years. She was educated in England from 2 years of age. She graduated from Depau University in Indiana, where she attended 4 years. Miss Shields returned to Africa. She was a charming person with a wholesome personality.



Fred McMahan - School Boy - Truck Driver - 1932. Fred's father Roy McMahan, purchased a new truck, built bench seats along the sides and down the center and used a heavy tarpaulin fastened tightly for protection. Fred drove the school truck for part of his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years and was responsible for forty boys and girls. He picked up children from Richardsons Cove, Kings Branch, Laurel Branch, Green Hollow, and along the Pittman Center Road. There were Prices, McMahans, Foxes, Dixons, Ellis', Spences, Knights, Maines, Kings, Quilliams, Valentines, Smelcers, Greens, and others who were transients.

This covered truck - a 1930 model, one and one half ton Ford had replaced the covered school wagons used earlier. Fred was the driver for the "away from home" baskethall games and was also a guard on the Boys Team. The teams were coached by Haskell T. Ogle.





Hog killing time in Pittman Center 1924 with Steve McCarter and Tilman Huskey doing the job. This hog was raised on the Pittman farm. Steve McCarter and Tilman Huskey are giving Miss Wesp lessons first hand on how to dress the hog. The mission workers had a lot to learn about mountain ways of doing things.



Walter Williams hauling cane to the mill by means of sled and mule: upper left photograph. The other man is not identified. It is thought to be Tilman Huskey as he supervised quite a bit of the work. This group of four pictures show how molasses are made from cane raised in the mountains. This cane is different from the cane raised farther south. The cane they raise is boiled down and refined to sugar which we buy in the grocery stores. The two lower pictures shows how cane juice is boiled down to molasses. This process is done by using an evaporator. This done slowly with lots of skimming going on as it moves from front to back of the evaporator. It takes skill to make good molasses and is not an easy job. The picture on the lower right shows Alfred Parton and Steve McCarter, two men skilled in the art, straining the finished product.



Cecil Ruth Augustine - Teacher at Pittman Center some time between 1945 - 1948. What a pleasant smile.



Dr. Robert Thomas and Sallie Price. Mrs. Price worked in the Goodwill Store, also in the Post Office.



Dr. Samuel Quigley - Principal for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46.



Lucian Siera - Teacher - Year of 1956. Picture furnished by Wilda Grace McMahan.



The Janitor's cabin. Here Tilman Huskey lived with his family and became a steady, reliable friend to the total of the Pittman Community Center building project. This cabin was later torn down and the Goodwill Store was placed here.



Mable Jackson Sizer, on horseback - 1924. She was the first School Nurse.



"Uncle" Noah Ogle, an intelligent and capable carpenter and farmer. He gave much of his time and tallent to the Pittman Community Center project. He and his wife, Amanda, owned a good farm in the Emerts Cove Community. Both were good friends of the Pittman Center Community.



Anne Handlon - 1981



Walter and Nancy Blalock - 1919. Walter owned the sawmill across the creek from the school, and he, along with Arnold McMahan, sawed the lumber for building the school.



Cora Deats Huskey - Teacher.



Margaret Aldridge - Secretary to Dr. R. F. Thomas. She worked at the Baldwin Clinic.



Ms. Bailey - Teacher



Zora Buchell, wife of Bill Burchell, daughter of Lilly Day. She was a worker at the Goodwill Store and mother of Ruth Large.



Ms. Thomas - Teacher



Ms. Maxfield - Teacher



Some Of The Staff - 1929. Left To Right: Miss Helen Blaksley - School Nurse, Miss Docia Cate and Anne Handlon - Elementary Teachers. Teachers Cottage in back.



Teachers Haskell T. Ogle and Zelma Lange.



Teachers - 1923: Jessie Mechem, Ruth Ewing, Helen Wesp, Mildred Asher, Margaret Bornman, Bobby Bornman, Margaret Shields, Docia Cate, Mable Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bornman.



Teachers With Children: N. E. Hixon -Ag. Teacher, Zelma Lange Hixon - Elementary Teacher, Children Sara Janis, and Jerry Hixon.



Rev. James Franklin, son of William H. Franklin of Smoky Mtn. Academy Community, married to Vergie King.



Annabel H. Cardwell, daughter of Oliver and Eva Whaley Huskey, wife of Lon Cardwell.



Kate Franklin - Teacher, Sallie Price - Shop Worker, Bertha McCarter - Teacher.



Teacher Robert McConnell, with "better stock" as Jessie Mechem labelled such.



Florence Hill Ogle, daughter of a baptist minister. Eula, her daughter, stands beside her. Her son Haskell T. taught the eighth grade and coached.



C. J. and Amelia Bornman and children Margaret and Bobby.



Anna Mae Caldwell Ogle and daughter Jeanette. Mrs. Ogle taught school along with her husband Haskell T. Ogle.



Staff - Winter 1922-23: Jessie Mechem, Helen Wesp, Nora McMahan rest are unidentified.



Faculty Social: Thomas Whaley, Glenn Robertson, Sallie Price, Luther Flynn, Bill Latham, Maude I. West, Marceil Householder, Kathern Householder, Clarence Flynn, Eva Thomas. Other unidentified.



Three Teachers: Ann Handlon, Juanita Maupin, and Helen A. Wesp.



Front Row Left To Right: Mrs. J. S. Burnett, Ernest Thurman with son Jack, Thomas Whaley, Bertha Lawson. Others include Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yoder, Maycie Pierce, N. E. Hixon, Ethel Waldroup, Russell Hall, Dr. R. F. Thomas, Iya Bradshav.



Docia Cate and Helen A. Wesp - Teachers with students Maggie Sizemore, Laura Sizemore, and Rintha Ramsey



Jesse Stamey and Walter Reagan - stopped for a chat.



Leah Williams Baxter a former student who later became a teacher.



Cora Deats Huskey - Home Economics Teacher and Ora Shults - Student and later Teacher.



Mrs. Ada Flynn, wife of Dr. Luther Flynn with son Donald and daughter Annette.



Mr. and Mrs. William "Bill" Kohl, from Pennsylvania, came to Pittman to finish their high school. Bill was an all round handy man along with the ministry at one of the local churches which the Community served.



Betty Lou Ogle - Elementary Teacher, daughter of Willard and Laura Clark Ogle.



Mr. Brown - a blind teacher, sometime between 1945-48.



Shop Workers 1924. Left To Right: Martha Lindsey, Catherine Brown, Laura McCarter, Margaret Helton, Nola Ramsey, Suzie Shultz.



Marjorie Ogle - Teacher, daughter of Newton and Minnie Bradshaw Ogle.



Roy Ogle - Teacher. Husband of local girl Ruth Shultz.



A mountain "jolt" wagon, familiar mode of transportation of the Pittman Center area. Here is the scene of Dr. Etta Charles of Anderson, Ind. visiting Helen Wesp (back seat). They are stopped to visit with the Gogorth family on Copeland. Dr. Charles' bad leg prevented her from walking the last 3/4 mile to Helen Wesp' cabin; hence she had to switch to ride on a mule drawn sled.



Arthur Foster - Agriculture Teacher 1946-48.



Top Row Left Top Right: Eugene Huskey, Rev. James Franklin, Hayes Fisher, Roy Ogle. Second Row Left To Right: Ruby Huskey, Anna Pearsall, Myra Wakeman, Wilford Morris, Betty Lou Ogle.

Bottom Row Left To Right: Mrs. Conner, Cora Huskey, Anna Belle Cardwell, Faye Cardwell, Sally Huskey, Mayme McGaha.



Mr. Rosser, a Scotsman, who came and worked on the staff of Pittman Community Center. He was well liked, sang beautifully, and loved mountain sports as demonstrated on the bulger wagon which he loved to ride.



Two dedicated workers: Mrs. Maude Shultz and Mrs. Nora Morris, Lunch Room Managers.



Edward Justus—Teacher, son of Bruce and Mae Justus of Richardson Cove Community.



High School Faculty In 1929: Back Row Left To Right: Dr. Robert Thomas, Rev. Luther Flynn, Rev. White, Jessie Mechem, Ada Flynn, Juanita Maupin. Front Row: Bill Kohl, Dr. J.S. Burnett, Susan Kohl, ?.



Myra Wakeman - Music Teacher, a lovely lady. 1946-1960



Dave Morris. In the words of Miss Wesp and Miss Mechem, "a man of all jobs - a very capable man." Dave was a descendant of Robert Morris of Revolutionary fame.



Mrs. Lizzie Lamons with son Reaford. Mrs. Lamons made baskets and exchanged them for clothing for her family - 1924.



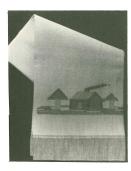
Steve McCarter stirring cane juice to make molasses.



Dr. J. S. Burnett - baptizing a new convert in the river (by immersion) near the school and church. What an honor it was to be baptized by such a wonderful man.



Helen Wesp and Margaret Helton rendering lard from a hog killed on the farm.



A picture of the first hand woven towel made by the workers of Pinnacle Handicrafts at Pittman Community Center. This towel was made in the early 1920's and the photograph is donated by Anne Handlon.



An exhibit made for State Fair at Knoxville - October 1929. Demonstrations of weaving, carding, spinning, and reeling were given. Articles made at Pittman on display. Typical old pioneer home setting with all old craft tools. An exhibit was taken to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, Mass., in 1924. Miss Wesp talked there on Mountain Life.



Left To Right: Leah Williams Baxter, ?, Cora Deats Huskey teachers.



Rev. Sanders Williams a worker in shop and sawmill on week days. His wife was an invalid who died in the spring of 1937.



Dr. J. S. Burnett. A very quiet man, a dedicated man, a man with a dream, one he made come true.



Identified: Charles and Amelia Bornman, Jessie Mecham, Helen Wilk, Docia Cate, Mable Jackson, - Summer Workers. Ruth Ewing, Margaret Shields, Mildred Ashton. Children: Margaret and Bobby Bornman.



Dr. R.F. Thomas and Mrs. Bill Kohl in car. Bill Kohl on mule. "stuck in ford on way to New York."



Margaret Helton. A dear old lady who wove old fashioned coverlets for the school. She was the first weaver and taught several others.



Left To Right: Ora Shults, Maysie Pierce, Juanita Maupin McMahan - Teachers.



The Sevier County School Board - 19?? Left To Right Front Row: Fred Ingle of Gatlinburg, Whitie Ingle of Sevierville, Edward Branan from Pittman Community, Back Row unidentified.



Ellen Morris Miller and Betty Loveday Ridings. Ellen spun the wool. Betty mended the "sent in" garments, helped others make garments and helped in the clothing sale.



Rev. and Mrs. Albert Ashley and son. Rev. Ashley was pastor of Burnett Memorial Methodist Church.



Mrs. Sallie Price relaxing in front of the Goodwill Store where she worked. At one time there were two school rooms in this building. Dr. and Mrs. Burnett had living quarters here also.



Willard Parton and Verlin Eastridge. Bus drivers in



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kent, Clyde was a Bus Driver.



The Baldwin Clinic. This is where Dr. Robert Thomas worked for many years, coming to Pittman Center while yet a young man. He raised his family in Pittman Community Center.



Bertha Stamey wife of Jesse Stamey, daughter of John Springs. Mrs. Stamey carded wool ready to spin. Here she has some on her way home. A very lovely lady.



Floyd Huskey on Pat. Floyd is the son of Tilman and Malinda Huskey.



Bus Drivers: Roy Williams, Clyde Kent, Charlie Branam, Robert King, Willard Parton.



The Tilman and Malinda Huskey Family: Left To Right: Pearl, Mrs. Huskey, Tilman, Floyd. The two girls in front are: Olive and Cora. Two older daughters not present for the picture were: Tishia married Hayden Morris and Nellie married Beecher Frazier. Tilman was the Janitor at Pittman for many years.



Sam Rolen-Mail Carrier. He served the Pittman Center area. This photo made in 1921.



Mr. Tilman Huskey - School Janitor. He was also a County Deputy Sheriff. In the picture is one of the three moonshine stills captured by him and turned in at one time.



Mrs. Helton, early employee of Pittman Crafts, preparing to dye material.



The Goodwill and Grocery Store-also served as Post Office. Left To Right: Homer Lindsey, Dilly Cantrell, Doug Chaffee, and Mrs. Zora Burchell. Photo taken in 1949.



Miss Mable Jackson - Nurse at Pittman Center in early 1920's. She later married Mr. Robert Sizer.



Wagons were used for transportation at the beginning of school at Pittman Center in 1921. In this picture Webbs Creek wagon in front left. Copeland Creek wagon in middle - Pinson Whaley driver. Emerts Cove wagon in front right - Edd Branam was the driver, and in this wagon Ruby and Julia Price are identified.

Lillie Bradshaw Branam and daughter Lucile Brown holding a quilt made by Mrs. Branam. Mrs. Branam quilted for the Pittman Center. Hand Crafts under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Burnett. She quilted for so much a spool of thread. She did beautiful work. She was so skilled with a needle and thread that she tailor-made most of their clothes.

