

# CCHGA BYTES

The Newsletter of the Cheatham County Historical & Genealogical Association

The PALS Chapter is collecting stories of floods in Cheatham County and will publish them if enough people have stories. Call Dreama Davidson at 615-870-9003 or e-mail her at

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## Cheatham County History Center Hours

Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00

Wednesday 10:00 - 2:00

Friday 10:00 - 12:00

Saturday 10:00 - 12:00

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**Remember to renew your  
CCHGA membership for  
2017!**

## Soldiers Not Forgotten

*Clayton Walden*

October 13, 2016 @ Cheatham County Public  
Library, 6:30 pm

CCHGA member Clayton Walden will give a presentation on "Soldiers Not Forgotten"

Early soldiers before Cheatham County was established and events concerning veterans from Cheatham County up until present day will be discussed.

A variety of military items including pictures, charts, and uniforms will be displayed.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a photo of a family veteran for the Cheatham County Museum's Military Wall of Honor.

This CCHGA sponsored presentation will be given on **October 13, 2016**, at the **Cheatham County Public Library at 6:30**. Refreshments will be served.



Photo:  
Bailey P. Stack  
Years of Service: 1946 - 1950  
Army Air Corps/Radar Technician  
Japan

## **“Hollerin’ For History” Auction and Bake Sale “**

### **A fundraiser to benefit CCHGA**

**November 19, 2016 - 1:00 pm Cheatham County Public Library**

A fundraising auction combined with a bake sale is being planned for November 19, 2016. CCHGA supporters and local businesses will donate their time, talent, and treasures to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Baked goods (get ready for Thanksgiving!) will also be sold on site as well as auctioned.

CCHGA members are challenged to donate up to 5 or more items for the auction. The items may be brought to the CCHGA office by Saturday, November 12 in order for the items to be cataloged and publicized on CCHGA’s Facebook page. CCHGA will accept gently used items and reserves the right to determine which items will be placed in the auction.

Not local? CCHGA will gladly accept monetary donations! Last year we purchased a laptop and printer to be used in the office with money raised at this event!

Please contact Lisa Walker (615.202.5369 or [lisaewalker@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisaewalker@bellsouth.net)) with any questions or to make arrangements after hours to drop off items for auction. Judy Mayo will be contacting local members for bake sale donations.

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### **Upcoming CCHGA Events - Call the office 615.792.3623 for more info!**

- October 8 – Visit the CCHGA booth at Ashland City’s Music on Main festival held in front of the Cheatham County Courthouse.
- October 13 – Program Meeting - 6:30 Cheatham County Public Library Community Room - Soldiers Not Forgotten
- November 6 - CCHGA will participate in the Veterans Parade in Ashland City
- November 10 - CCHGA Business Meeting - 6:30 Cheatham County Public Library
- November 19 – “Hollerin’ For History” Auction and Bake Sale – 1:00 p.m. Cheatham County Public Library
- December 3 - CCHGA will participate in the Pleasant View Christmas Parade at 10:00 a.m. & Ashland City Christmas Parade at 6:00 p.m.

## **Grocery Store has Faced Many Changes**

*The Ashland City Times, 1982*

A lot more has changed in the grocery business during the past 50 years besides the prices.

James Tucker, who started Ashland City's Tuckers Big Star 50 years ago with his brother the late Charles Tucker, said the grocery business is a lot different now than it was then.

Tuckers Big Star celebrated its gold anniversary last week, and the celebration stirred memories for James Tucker. Although Tucker is retired from the business, he keeps in touch through his nephew, Charles Tucker, Jr. who now runs the store with Robert Hallums.

"We (he and Charles Tucker) didn't know anything about the grocery business back when we first opened up, but we stayed with it," Tucker said.

The two opened their first store in June 1932 after Tucker returned from working in Detroit. The little frame building, which had to be heated by a wood-burning stove, belonged to F. C. Stratton, Sr. He turned over the operation to the Tuckers after he decided to leave the business.

The Tuckers made it through the Great Depression despite the economy and in 1938 opened up a new 30-foot by 60-foot store next to where Lockert's Drug Store stands now on Main Street in downtown Ashland City.

"You could park three cars out front" Tucker said. "We thought it was all we'd ever want."

But the Tuckers weren't satisfied, and in 1958 they built their current store located at the intersection of Main and Elizabeth Streets.

"There's not a piece of wood in it," he said. "It's absolutely fireproof except for, of course, what's inside." The store was built to the Tucker's specifications - right down to the inlaid tiled "Tuckers" name on the store's floor entrance.

A story in the November 19, 1958 edition of *The Ashland City Times* proclaimed the opening of the Tuckers' "beautiful New Super Market."

"They (the Tuckers) have built their business on courtesy and service to their customers and state that they are happy to give Ashland City and surrounding trade

area a food market equal to any in Nashville or elsewhere with prices that will help keep home dollars at home.”

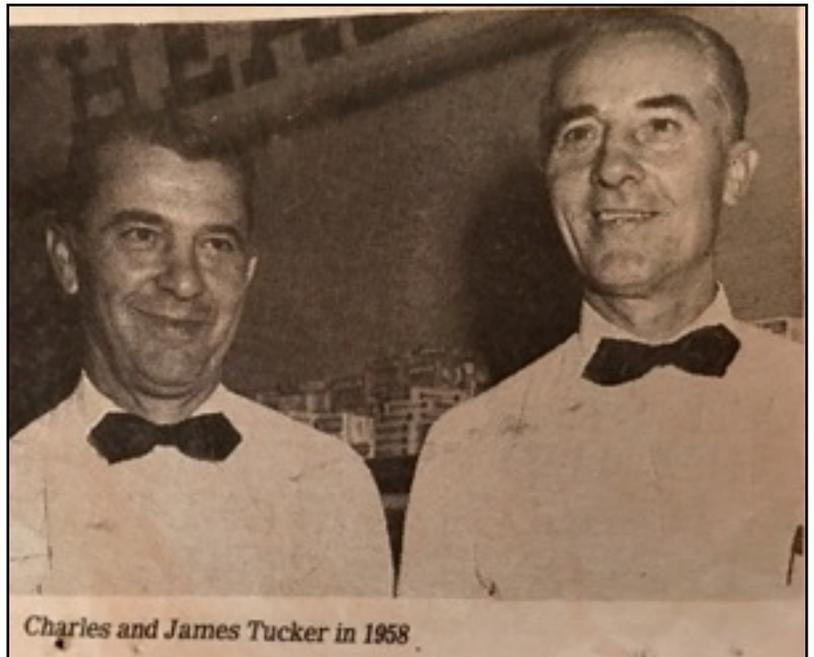
The article said approximately \$100,000 was invested in the new business “with confidence in the continued growth of our little city and our good county.”

Tucker said a lot has changed at Tuckers besides the building. He said the customers’ eating habits have changed in addition to the prices. People began wanting more and more fast foods, and more recently, have begun cutting back because of the economy.

He said when the store first opened in 1932, \$15 was a big sales day during the week - \$50 to \$75 on Saturdays. “Now each family might spend that much in one visit,” he said.

A grocer also used to know every person who came into Tuckers to shop, but the population has grown so much it’s almost impossible now to recognize everyone.

He said a lot has changed since 1932 when he and his brother opened the store -everything from the store itself to the prices on the shelves.



Charles and James Tucker in 1958

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## 2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

The months of October, November, December and January are designated membership drive months. All renewals should be turned in no later than January 31. Online application [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncchga/cchga\\_app.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncchga/cchga_app.pdf). Great stocking stuffer!

*Wedding in Pleasant View*

A wedding of much interest in Pleasant View was that of Miss Agnes Woodson and Elias Murphey, which was solemnized March 16 at the home of the bride. The house was effectively decorated with a profusion of jonquils and ferns. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Reeves, took place in the parlor in the presence of a limited number of friends and relatives. The wedding music was furnished by the bride's sister, Miss Carrie Woodson. The bride is an attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodson and is much admired by a large circle of friends. She wore a blue tailored suit with a white Georgette blouse and a black spring hat.

The groom, who is a son of Hon. H. C. Murphey, is engaged in the tobacco business in Springfield, and has many friends there to be interested in his marriage. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Murphey went to the home of the groom's parents, where a dinner, consisting of four courses, was served. After March 24 they will be at home at Springfield. A large number of bridal gifts were received.

March 24, 1918 Nashville Tennessean and the Nashville American

**CANDIDATES THICK  
IN CHEATHAM CO.**

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Candidates for legislative honors are coming out thick and fast in this county, which is accorded the notorial representative from Cheatham, Robertson and Williamson counties every two years. There are already five candidates in the field. Dr. W. S. Lockart of the Fifth district is a candidate to succeed himself, having as his competitors R. L. Doulon of the fourteenth district, who made the race two years ago and was defeated by only four votes; Esquire C. C. Cagle of the Second district, J. J. Lovell of the Ninth district, and S. M. Thornton of the Eleventh.

There are three candidates in the field for Sheriff: R. J. Glasgow of this place, C. T. King of Kingston Springs and W. W. Bracy of Pleasant View. S. L. Harper is just closing his third term as sheriff and is therefore not a candidate.

For county trustee the incumbent, S. W. Crocker, of this place is a candidate to succeed himself, being opposed by Esquire J. A. Williams of the Fifteenth district.

The article to the left is from The Nashville Tennessean

Publication Date: Feb 3, 1908

Sadie Kruse Pitt - Years ago photographers would work streets and restaurants, taking pictures of people, in this case, just walking down the street. Here is Grandmother out shopping. ~Photo submitted by George Pitt, date unknown



## Preserving and Teaching Our Cheatham County History

One of the primary purposes of the Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association is to provide education about the history of Cheatham County. Our programs use photographs, artifacts, historical documents and live demonstrations to bring hands-on learning to people of all ages and abilities.

Children can discover a "new" world making butter or hot water cornbread, or participating in old-fashioned games. Adults find many of our programs enjoyable – especially the ones that allow them to recall their own childhood memories.

If you are interested in CCHGA participating or speaking at an event, call the CCHGA office at 615.792.3623 or email [cchga007@bellsouth.net](mailto:cchga007@bellsouth.net).

CCHGA accomplishes community outreach in a number of ways:

### School Outreach Program

CCHGA members over the past few years have participated in elementary school history days. The Cheatham County Museum is open for school field trips and home schoolers. CCHGA also invites students who need community service hours to volunteer at the Cheatham County History Center.

### Programs

The Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association sponsors the second Thursday in April, July, and October a guest speaker or presentation. If you are interested in making a presentation in 2017, please contact Dale Brinkley 615.944.9395 or [daleb@charter.net](mailto:daleb@charter.net). The next program will be October 17. The 2017 schedule is as follows: April 13, 2017 CCHGA Spring Social, July 13, 2017, and October 12, 2017.

### Resources on the Web

Visit our Facebook pages at <https://www.facebook.com/cheathamcountyhistory> and <https://www.facebook.com/ShacklettCommunityHistory/>

Web pages may be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tnccchga> and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncheath/>

### Senior Reminiscence Program

This program brings history directly to assisted living communities, senior centers, and adult day service facilities. During these interactive programs seniors are invited to manipulate real objects, view enlarged historic photographs, and share their stories. Cheatham County Historian Lisa Walker, along with other CCHGA members, is proud to provide this free program, which stimulates cognition, increases socialization, and encourages dialogue among participants, no matter a senior's physical or cognitive ability.

<http://www.facebook.com/cheathamcountyhistory/>

## **The Memoirs of Ralph Spangler**

**Interviewer: Gary Pace,**

**Transcribed in 2010 by Betty Harris**

I'm originally from Manchester, TN. I was not born in Manchester, I was born in Town Creek and will go in to that in a little more detail. My grandfather was the second doctor to be licensed and practice in Manchester. He graduated from, not from Vanderbilt University, but from the University at Vanderbilt, and he did all of his practicing in Coffee County.

My mother, after graduating from college, went to a little, small town (Town Creek, AL) which is between Florence and Decatur. While teaching there, she met my father and they married, and that started me. After a year or so, we moved back to Manchester. I was raised in Manchester, going to the city public school there. That's where I started from. My father was in business there. He was in the restaurant business. My mother made all the pastries for the restaurant. I started loving fried pies and pies and cakes and I never have changed.

My paternal grandfather was J. B. Spangler. In Town Creek, he had a store which was a clothing store, grocery store...everything you could possibly need, my grandfather had it. Of course he had about a hundred acre farm a couple of miles out from Town Creek. (Incidentally, Town Creek has given the University of Alabama some real fine football players.) But I always enjoyed going down to the farm. A couple of fellows who worked on the farm would let me ride a horse. There were no tractors and everything was done with mules and wagons and what have you.

My maternal grandfather's last name was Price. He was C. E. Price. I have a mug that belonged to him. Dr. C. E. Price is engraved on it and it is a stately, gold embellished and ornate shaving mug. I was seven when he passed away. He lived on a farm two or three miles from Manchester. He did all of his practicing in a horse and buggy. I remember on a particular day that a gentleman knocked at the door and said, "Dr. Price, my wife is very sick and you need to come." My grandfather had a large bell in the back and he would ring that bell X number of times and the man who lived on the farm would bring the buggy and horse and here he would go. That's quiet a change from today. He carried all of his patients who had to go to the hospital in Nashville; to Tullahoma, which was

seven or eight miles away, and put them on a train and they were taken to Nashville. That was the transportation for anyone who had to go to the hospital in Nashville.

I was born in 1926 on August 7th. They wanted me to be a doctor, but I had trouble getting out of Biology, so I don't believe a doctor was in my line. I've just always loved sports. I've loved ball. We lived between the elementary school in Manchester and down town Manchester and we had a large back yard which was a playground. My father a goal post up in the fall and in the wintertime we had basketball goals, and then we had an area large enough that we had a tennis court in the summer. So my life has been centered around ball. I never have been worked up about going to work, because I enjoyed going to work and if you enjoy your work, you're really not going to work. Ball has been my life and I have enjoyed every day. Incidentally, if I make it till this Friday night, I have not missed a high school game on Thursday or Friday night in 60 years. Now, that's a lot of football. that might be a record for high school football. When I miss a game, you'd better start looking for me. To be continued in the December 2016 CCHGA Bytes

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