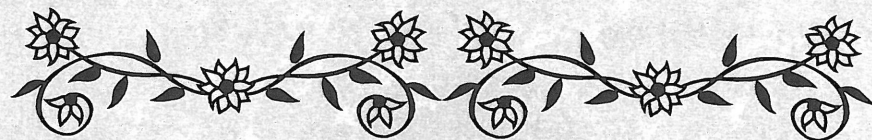




Chloe Traylor Staples

We will never forget Mrs. Staples. She was loved and admired by all Perry High School students and local citizens. She will be long remembered for the sumptuous meals she prepared for the Perry basketball teams when they played out-of-town games and during tournament time.

She was a supportive wife, a loving mother, an outstanding citizen, and a precious friend to all. We all stand taller because she passed our way.



Special appreciation to Beth Burris, HCBOE Director of School and Community Affairs, Dave McMahan, HCBOE Director of Facilities, and their respective departments for helping plan and organize this observance.

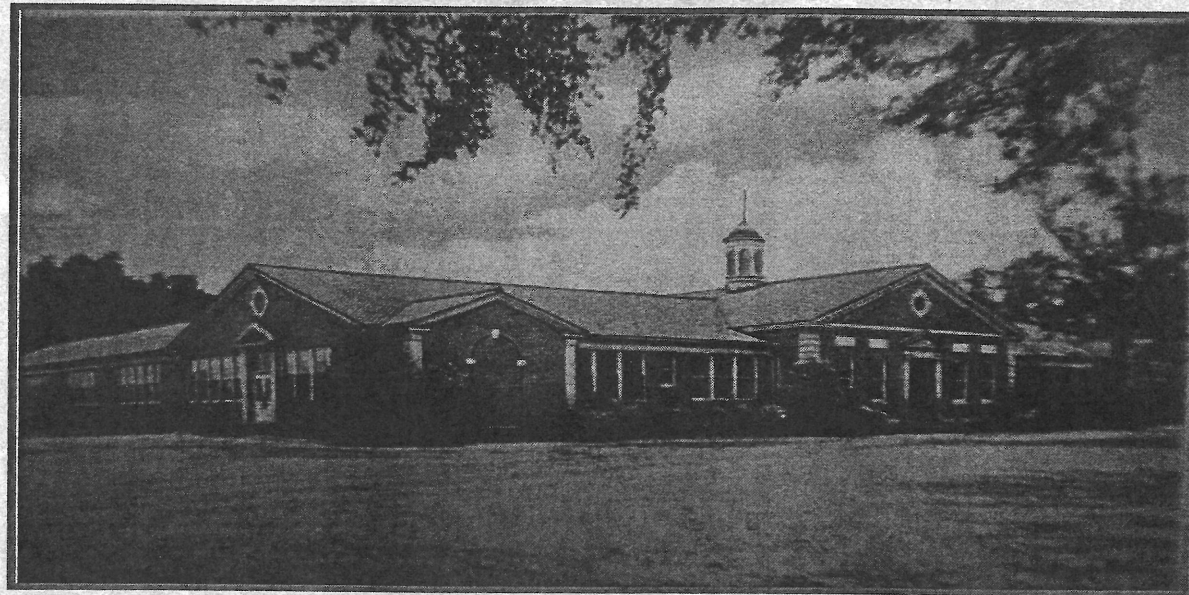


*Eric P. Staples
Memorial Building Dedication*

1100 MAIN STREET
PERRY, GA

FEBRUARY 19, 2006





The Perry school was built in 1925. After a new high school was built on North Avenue, the class of 1956 was the last to graduate from the facility. Junior high classes were held at the old school until 1960, at which time the school became a book repository for the Houston County Board of Education (HCBOE).

In 1988, the building was over 60 years old and in serious disrepair. With the building facing possible demolition, Perry Mayor Jim Worrall made good on a campaign promise and was instrumental in saving the old school. Representative Larry Walker also came to the rescue and pumped over two million dollars of state funding into renovation of the building. The HCBOE moved into the renovated building in the summer of 1996. The building also houses the Senator Sam Nunn Museum that was dedicated in September 1996.

In September 2005, the Perry High School Alumni launched a concerted drive, spearheaded by Billy Powell, to have the building named after their beloved and revered principal and coach, Eric P. Staples. Powell's proposal was met with a receptive ear by School Superintendent Danny Carpenter, a long time advocate and admirer of Mr. Staples. Subsequently, Carpenter presented to Board members the merits of the proposal and urged its passage. As a result, the HCBOE, on October 11, 2005, voted unanimously to name the building after Mr. Staples. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to Superintendent Carpenter and Board members Pamela Greenway, Jim Boswell, Skip Dawkins, Griff Clements, Dr. Charles M. "Toby" Hill, Tom Walmer, and Fred Wilson.

Today, February 19, 2006, marks the culmination of these efforts. All Perry High graduates, local citizens, and visitors are encouraged to come back here often to soak up the nostalgia of this storied place and to relive the glory days of old Perry High School.

Order of Events

- Opening Remarks..... Danny Carpenter**
Superintendent of Schools
- Master of Ceremonies Billy Powell**
Perry High School Class of 1953
- Invocation..... Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**
Pastor, Perry United Methodist Church
- Introduction of Guests Mr. Powell**
'Fessor Thomas "Boot" Hunt
Perry High School Class of 1959
- The Times, the Town, and the Man..... Rep. Larry Walker**
Perry High School Class of 1960
- Academic Excellence of Perry High Mary Kathryn Duggan Thornton**
Perry High School Class of 1955
- Special Presentation Perry Mayor Jim Worrall**
Former Jr. High and Grammar School Principal
- Reflections Sen. Sam Nunn**
Perry High School Class of 1956
- Plaque Unveiling..... William Harrison**
Perry High School Class of 1955

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Everyone is encouraged to stay as long as you please to fellowship with others and to reminisce about the glory days of old Perry High.

