

THE LIONS CLUB

The Gunnison Lions Club was organized in 1950 with fifteen charter members. It has been in continuous operation since that date. This club has rendered many valuable services to this community.

Since its organization, the Gunnison Lions Club has been a member of the Mid-South Lions Sight Service, Inc. Through this organization one person has been given cataract operations on both eyes free of charge. In addition to this, the club itself has provided eye examinations and glasses for a considerable number of needy children. The club has also provided a mastoid operation for one child and ear treatments for another. It contributed to the purchase of an audiometer for the use of the County Health Department in testing the hearing of school children.

The club has sponsored various programs for other organizations. It sponsors the local Boy Scout Troop which is very active under the direction of Scoutmaster E. P. Leftwich. It now has three Eagle Scouts. The club handles the collection for the Delta Boy Scouts.

The Gunnison Lions Club has taken an active interest in community improvement. It has planted trees along the highway and has bought a lot upon which it hopes to build a community house. The club has also contributed liberally to various worthy causes within and without the community.

A list of the presidents of the club is given below.

E. B. Scruggs	..... 1950-51	E. F. Findley	..... 1956-58
Scott Warfield	..... 1951-52	M. A. Bell	..... 1958-59
J. E. Bobo	..... 1952-53	A. S. Day, Jr.	..... 1959-60
C. W. Francis	..... 1953-54	Leo McGee	..... 1960-61
J. S. Hollis	..... 1954-55	O. C. Cockerham	..... 1961-63
John Glorioso	..... 1955-56	W. D. Bell	..... 1963-65

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To all to whom these presents shall come — GREETING:

WHEREAS, a petition signed by two thirds of the Electors of the Village of Gunnison, in the County of Bolivar, in this State, has been presented to me, setting forth the metes and bounds of said Village, stating the number of inhabitants therein to be three hundred and seventy-five, and praying incorporation; and the said petition having been published in full for three weeks in the Gunnison Enterprise, a newspaper published in the proposed municipality as the law directs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. M. Stone, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this my proclamation and do hereby declare the Village incorporated, with limits and boundaries as follows, to-wit:

The boundary line of Section Eight, Township Twenty-four, Range Seven in the County of Bolivar, are fixed as the boundary lines of said "Village of Gunnison."

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

(S E A L) Done at the City of Jackson, this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1892.

By the Governor, /S/ J. M. Stone /S/ Geo. M. Govan Secretary of State

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BOLIVAR COUNTY) SS.

I, W. A. STONE, Clerk of the Chancery Court of said County hereby certify that the annexed instrument was filed in my office for record, on the 28th day of July, 1896, at 2 o'clock and 25 minutes P. M., and that the same was this day recorded in Deed Book C4 at pages 106 and 107.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of Aug., A. D., 1896.

S E A L Chancery Court /S/ W. A. Stone, Clerk Bolivar County, Mississippi /S/ W. A. Shelby, D. C.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To all to whom these presents shall come — GREETING:

WHEREAS, the municipal authorities of the Village of Gunnison, in the County of Bolivar, this State, have certified to me that they have caused a census to be taken, and have approved the same, and it appearing from said census, that the population of said Village has increased to the number of 507, thereby taking the said Village out of the class to which heretofore it has belonged:

NOW THEREFORE, I, A. J. McLaurin, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me, do issue this proclamation changing the name of the "Village of Gunnison" to that of the "Town of Gunnison," and it shall hereafter be known as the "Town of Gunnison," and shall exercise all the rights and powers conferred by Chapter 93 of the Code of 1892.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed. Done at the City of Jackson, this the 22nd day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1896.

/S/ A. J. McLaurin

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first fire fighting equipment possessed by the town was a two-wheel cart with a reel for hose. It was pulled by the firemen themselves. Then a second hand model T fire truck was purchased from the Town of Shelby and used until after World War II. During the administration of Mayor Scott Warfield, a discarded American LaFrance fire truck was purchased in Memphis. Then in 1953 a motor fire apparatus described as "1-Ca-4-500 g. p. m. Central Triple Combination Pumping Unit and equipment with Waterous Two-Stage Centrifugal Pump with Rotary Primer" with a 400-gallon booster tank was purchased at a cost in excess of \$8,000.00. When it was purchased it was as good as, or better than, the fire-fighting equipment possessed by neighboring towns. Also, ample hose is on hand to reach any building within the corporate limits of the town.