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History of the Pine Tree Festival

by JIMMY MORGAN
First published in The Forest-Blade on April 21, 1993

The first Pine Tree Festival in 1946 came about, not so much as a promotion for the pine industry—that was so well established that, as the county's principal producer, it hardly needed promoting—but rather to discourage the burning of the woods.

In the aftermath of the second world war the whole nation was in transition from war time to peace time and the products of the southern yellow pine were in great demand. Swainsboro Lumber Company had its own "yard" in Philadelphia. Mathis Lumber Company in Twin City was the largest industry in the community. Several turpentine stills operated within the county. Savannah's principal seagoing exports were T&R Factors, with T&R standing for turpentine and rosin.

Burning of the woods was

a common practice in the early spring. It was thought that grass would grow faster after burning. The law allowed cattle to roam wherever they like. In the early years of the Pine Tree Festivals visitors often had to drive through clouds of smoke, to the great embarrassment of festival promoters. Millions of seedling pine trees were yearly destroyed by fires.

The festival was clearly a strong influence in Georgia's enactment of the controversial "no-fence" law, requiring cattle raisers to fence their cattle in rather than let them roam at large.

No one individual could claim credit for the original idea of a festival. Many community leaders were involved. The Kiwanis Club, as Swainsboro's only civic organization at the time, naturally assumed the sponsorship. Kirk Sutlive of Savannah, public relations manager for Union Bag (now

Union Camp), saw the value of a festival and was a great help in its formation.

The 47 past festivals have been varied in character, but one constant feature has been the Saturday morning parade. Only once in history has the parade been rained out, and that was in 1949, it actually started before being stopped by the downpour.

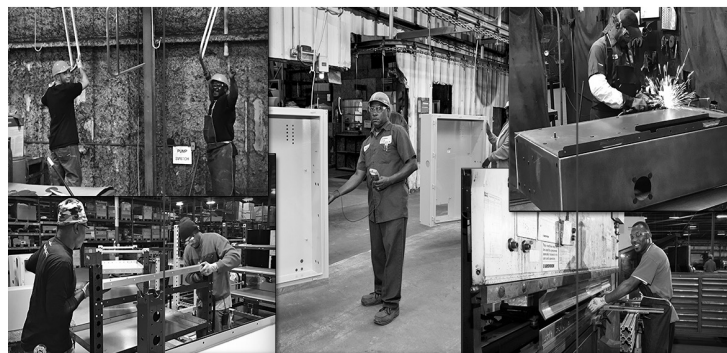
The Pine Tree Festival golf tournament has become an annual tradition. Garden Clubs stage flower shows at festival time and beauty pageants in various categories fill the week before the parade. Sometimes the pageants have been the site of political speechmaking. It was at the 1948 festival when Herman Talmadge and Melvin Thompson, both claiming with some justifications to be the governor of Georgia, ended their months-long feud and spoke from the same platform.

Past festivals have featured air shows with parachute jumps, water ski competitions, arts and crafts exhibits, forestry field days, lumberjack contests, community pageants, country music, famous personalities, automobile races, marathon runs, carnivals and numerous other attractions. While other industries have selected the county and moved to it or grown within in, the pine tree, clearly the county's greatest natural resource, continues to provide a mighty portion of Emanuel County's economy.

The annual Pine Tree Festival has become the traditional stage in southeast Georgia for the festive salute to the pine tree and to the economy it supports.

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From the August 24,
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The Swainsboro organization is composed of our best citizens and business men, young and old, and the majority of our most reliable and successful business and professional men are enrolled as members of the organization.

A delegation of Dublin Kiwanis came over last Friday and rendered the Swainsboro people material and valued aid in per-

fecting the organization.

The officers elected were A.S. Bradley, president; W.O. Sanders, vice president; Weldon Flanders, secretary and treasurer; J.A. Coleman, chairman of the board of directors; H.H. Fillingim, district trustee.

The board of directors were J.A. Coleman, Chairman; F.H. Cadle, R. C. Franklin, Joe Ehrlich, J. Alex Smith, Jesse Thompson Jr., and V.E. Durden.

A meeting will be held next Friday night at the Hotel Marguerite when the president will appoint his standing committees for the remainder of the year.

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The initial Kiwanis Luncheon was given last Friday evening at the Hotel Marguerite. Besides the 50 members of the Swainsboro Club which was necessary to secure a charter, there were present about 20 of the Dublin Kiwanians who had full charge of the delightful and interesting program.

As the Dublin Kiwanians sponsored the Swainsboro Club, they, of course, were anxious to make the first meeting a success and this it proved to be.

The charter will be presented in September.



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Past festival slogans through the years

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| 1947 - "Stop Forest Fires. backs" | 1958 - "Pines Pay Day to Day" | Planted Pines to Stay Afloat" | 1984 - "Pines Galore in '84" |
| 1948 - "Keep Georgia Clean" | 1959 - "Dollars and Dimes Increase with Pines" | 1972 - "Bees Make Honey - Pines Make Money" | 1985 - "God Made All Trees Big and Tall, But the Beautiful Pine Tree Tops Them All" |
| 1949 - "Dollars Grow on Pine Trees" | 1960 - "Make a Spot for Your Pine Tree Plot" | 1973 - "Keep Pines Alive and Watch Emanuel Thrive" | 1986 - "Plant Pines - Plant a Future" |
| 1950 - "Provide" | 1961 - "Ring Out the Chimes for Emanuel Pines" | 1974 - "Needle-less to Say - Pines are Here to Stay" | 1987 - "Where Would We Be Without a Pine Tree" |
| 1951 - "Plant and Protect Pines for Prosperity; Burn for Poverty" | 1962 - "Pines Served Us Well Since 1812" | 1975 - "Since '45 We Still Strive to Keep Pine Trees Alive" | 1988 - "Let's Honor Our Pines For the 43'rd Time" |
| 1952 - "Green Pines for Greenbacks; Burn for Set- | 1963 - "Industry and Pines Make Emanuel Fine" | 1976 - "Let's Honor the Red, White and Blue and Our Pine Trees, Too" | 1989 - "Fill Your Pockets With Pine Tree Profits" |
| backs" | 1964 - "Pines are Tops in Emanuel Crops" | 1977 - "Pines We Grow - Progress We Show" | 1990 - "Stop Polluting and Start Saluting Pines" |
| 1953 - "Learn, Don't Burn" | 1965 - "Pines Bring Cheer in the 25th Year" | 1978 - "People are Here Today - Pines are Here to Stay" | 1991 - "Plant Pines in '91 - Grow Jobs For Everyone" |
| 1954 - "Shine With Pines" | 1966 - "As Pines Grow Old, They Turn to Gold" | 1979 - "Save Energy and Time - Protect Our Pines in '79" | 1992 - "Let's Do Our Share - Plant Pines For Profit and Clean Air" |
| 1955 - "Keep Pines Alive in '55" | 1967 - "Pines Have a Place in this Age of Space" | 1980 - "Pine Tree Pride - The 35th Time" | 1993 - "Planting Pines in '93 Means Prosperity for You and Me" |
| 1956 - "Green Pines for Happy Times" | 1968 - "Pines are the Means in the Age of Machines" | 1981 - "Pines Preserved - Energy Conserved" | 1994 - "Give Pine Trees Our Salute Because They Bring in Lots of Loot" |
| 1957 - "Georgia Shines with Emanuel Pines" | 1969 - "Pines Open the Door to Industry Galore" | 1982 - "Pines Will See Us Through in '82" | 1995 - "Emanuel, the |
| | 1970 - "With Pines to Show, Emanuel Will Grow" | 1983 - "Pines are a Bounty for Emanuel County" | |

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Past festival slogans...

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1996 - "Use Your Mind, Save Our Pines"

1997 - "Georgia Pine on My Mind"

1998 - "The Emanuel Pine Will Forever Shine"

1999 - "The Pine Tree - Emanuel County's Future"

2000 - "Festival of Pines is Still Alive at '55"

2001 - "Pines Are No. 1 in 2001"

2002 - "Plant A Pine, Your Future Will Shine"

2003 - "A prosperous future the Georgia pine brings - in a land where freedom rings"

2004 - "Let Your Dreams Soar in 2004, Plant a Pine."

2005 - "Georgia Pines: A TREEmendous Resource"

2006 - "Pines Growing Keeps Our Economy Growing"

2007 - "Think Smart! Think Future! Plant Pines!"

2008 - "Just Plant One"

2009 - "You'll Grow to Love the Georgia Pine"

2010 - "Time to Shine With Georgia Pines"

2011 - "2011 Feels So Fine, Just Like Dollars From a Pine"

2012- "200 Years of the Amazing Pine Have Made Emanuel County Fine"

2013 - "Pines Grow

Green in Twenty-13"

2014 - "Georgia Pines are on My Mind"

2015 - "The Mighty Pine, Tall and Lean - Strong as Ever in 2015"

2016 - "Goin' Pine Tree Green in 2016"

2017 - "Emanuel County Pines... The Heartbeat of the South"

2018 - "Emanuel County: Where the Towns are Small and the Pines are Tall"

2019 - "Needles Are Green. Cones Are Brown. The Pine Tree Festival Is Fun All Around!"

2021- "Pines lead the way to back to a brighter day"

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Jimmy Morgan first Green Jacket recipient

Taking a cue from our northern Georgia cousins, in 2008, the Pine Tree Festival committee began awarding a green jacket to deserving citizens. What better way to kick off this prestigious award than by naming Jimmy Morgan the first recipient?

Morgan's contributions

to the Pine Tree Festival are beyond reckoning, especially as he was one of the founding members and instrumental in getting the festival on its feet. He served as the Pine Tree Festival Chairman in 1948 and was the parade Grand Marshal in 1990. In addition to being honored with

the green jacket in 2008, the Festival itself was also dedicated in his honor.

The festival, which began in 1946, was an effort to call attention to the enormous waste from burning, and to pay tribute to the forestry industry, Morgan writes in his Pine Tree Festival history, published annually

in The Forest-Blade's Pine Tree Festival special section. Forestry in those days was divided into three segments: saw timber, naval stores (turpentine and resin) and pulpwood. Devotees of each of these three segments loudly debated the merits of one of the three, and the evils of

the other two. Sawmillers were convinced that "turpentine" would stunt the growth of trees. Naval store people on the other hand gloated over the fact that southeast Georgia enjoyed a world monopoly on turpentine products, and argued that it should be exploited. Pulpwooders saw the prospects of dominating the paper market, so long the domain of Canada and the northwest.

Morgan, himself a pine tree farmer, has been in business since moving to Swainsboro in 1938, just as chainsaws were beginning to replace crosscut saws. His heritage in the pine tree industry stretches back to his grandfather-in-law, James A. "Tobe" Coleman, Sr., a pioneer in the local industry.

He continues to be a driving force and an inspiration in the heritage of the Pine Tree Festival, and certainly sets the bar high for all recipients of the Pine Tree Festival's green jacket.



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Annual Knotty Pine 5K slated for May 8

by TIM GOODMAN

The Knotty Pine 5K will take place again this year as part of the 74 1/2 Annual Pine Tree Festival. The run returned to the date, location, and starting time from previous years and the Pine Tree Festival after cancellation last year because of Covid. This year's 5K race will take place in downtown Swainsboro. The 5K race begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at the corner of Green Street and Pine Street, with registration beginning at 7 a.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 9:15 a.m. Entry fee for early registration for the 5K is \$25. Runners who submit registrations before April 24 will be guaranteed a 2021 Knotty Pine T-shirt. Registration fee after April 24 and on the day of the race will be \$30.

COVID-19 safeguards

will be observed, with all present requested to wear face covering except those actively running in the 5K. Runners and all spectators and workers should observe safe distancing. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available. A virtual option will be available for runners to choose their own course on the day of the race.

If you would like to participate, applications are available at the Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms can also be obtained online at www.pinetreefestival.org and the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club website at <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org/>. Applications can also be obtained by calling Tim Goodman at 478-494-4741 or by emailing goodman@ega.edu.



START OF 2019 RACE

Annual Knotty Pine...

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The Pine Tree Festival pageants will be held at the Swainsboro City Auditorium on May 1, 2021. Pageants will begin at 10 a.m. The winner of the Miss division (ages 17-22) will receive a \$500 scholarship! Divisions include Baby Miss (0-11 months); Toddler Miss (12-23 months); Wee Miss (24-35 months); Tiny Miss (3-4 years); Little Miss (5-6 years); Young Miss (7-9 years); Jr. Miss (10-12 years); Teen Miss Pinetree Festival (Ages 13-16) and Miss Pinetree Festival (Ages 17-22).



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The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the annual Pine Tree Festival, is sponsoring the Knotty Pine 5K Run on May 8, 2021 starting at 8:00 am. Awards ceremony - 9:15 am.

Registration for 5K by April 23, 2021 - \$25.00 – (after April 24 - \$30.00). Race day registration and check-in for the 5K begins at 6:30 am on the corner of Green Street and Pine Street in Swainsboro, Georgia. Race day registration for the 5K is \$30.00. **Registration after April 24 does not guarantee a T-shirt.**

COVID-19 safeguards will be observed, with all present requested to wear face covering except those actively running in the 5K. Runners and all spectators and workers should observe safe distancing. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available. A **virtual option** will be available for runners to choose their own course on the day of the race. The course could be inside, outside, and/or stationary. Just report the results to Tim Goodman on race day. You will be mailed a t-shirt but will not be eligible for medals.

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QUESTIONS: TIM GOODMAN (478) 494-4741 or goodman@ega.edu

ENTRY FORM: Please Print MAIL ENTRY FORM AND CHECK TO:

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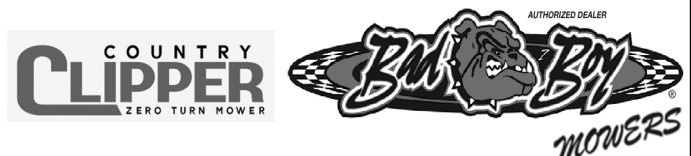
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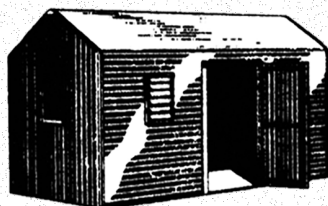
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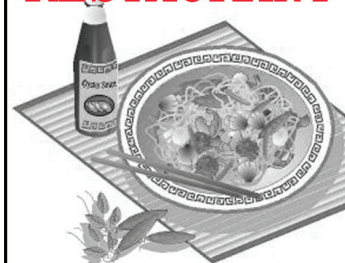
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Swainsboro was named in recognition of Stephen Swains, who represented Montgomery and Emanuel Counties in the state

senate for 33 years. He was the state senator who introduced the bill for the creation of the county in 1812. The town's name was changed to "Paris" at its incorporation on February 18, 1854, but three years later reverted to its current name, Swainsboro. Swainsboro has been called the "Crossroads of the South" for its location at the intersection of U.S. Highways I and 80.

With the assistance of some Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Club of Dublin, a group of Swainsboro civic leaders met on May 31, 1922 to organize the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro. Kiwanis International officially approved the Charter for the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro on August 31, 1922. Fifty Swainsboro

citizens gathered with their Dublin Kiwanis Club sponsors to celebrate the new club's Charter night on October 12, 1922. Thus, October 12, 2022 is the 100th Anniversary of the Charter of the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro.

The first Pine Tree Festival was held in May of 1946 to call attention to the problem of forest fires that were destroying thousands of acres of timber. I.L. Price was the Chairman of the first festival.

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic caused a postponement of the Pine Tree Festival, the longest running community festival in Georgia, along with many other festivals around the country. In 2021 the Pine Tree Festival is coming back with some lim-

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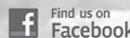
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