



# GWINNETT GAZETEER

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**Gwinnett County, Georgia**

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### **Factories-Buildings - Mercantiles -Misc.**

#### **Factory**

The shoe factory, the clothing factory, the horse collar factory give employment to many people.

#### **Enterprises:**

Recent additions to the town's enterprises include a modern telephone building, a soft drink bottling plant, a chicken hatchery, and a broiler processing plant. A modern brick building has been recently completed to house the county health department and a city wide natural gas system was installed during 1951.

The one hundred year old building that housed the Brand Banking Company was torn down in 1951 and a modern house erected. The First National Bank moved into a new brick building in 1959. Both banks are in the million dollar class.

The oldest mercantile business in Lawrenceville is the Tanner Hardware Company. W. T. Tanner opened a hardware store in 1902 in the Jordan building. He erected a building of his own on the adjoining lot and remained in business until his death. The business is still owned by members of the family. In 1905 L. Saul opened a store in Lawrenceville, dealing in general merchandise. His son, H. R. Saul, took over the store at an early age and made it one of the leading mercantile establishments in the town. It is, therefore, the second oldest business here that has remained in the same family.

A Municipal Building is nearing completion in 1959. It was financed by a \$125,000 bond issue on April 9, 1958. The modern brick structure includes space for every branch of the city administration, city clerk's office, Housing Authority, Fire Department, Police Department, modern jail, and an assembly room. This building is located on South Clayton Street. The old City Hall Building was sold.

Nearing completion are 40 units of a low-rent housing project. Ground for the buildings was broken on January 20, 1958. Twenty of the units for white residents are located off the Buford Road near the first housing project. The 20 units for Negro residents are located off the Snellville Road. Cost

of the project amounts to \$483,898. Glenn Edge is chairman of the Lawrenceville Public Housing Authority. Other members are: Robert Norton, vice-chairman; Radford H. Freeman; H. B. Jackson; John W. Green; W. Bryant Huff, Executive Secretary; John C. Shelnett, clerk.

Radio Station WLAW began operation in the fall of 1958. It is located on the Athens Highway.

### **School System**

The present school plan includes two modern brick buildings and a gymnasium. The first brick building was erected in 1922 with the following board of education in charge:

I. L. Oakes

A. E. Ewing

J. H. McGee

L. R. Martin

C. T. Williams.

This building was destroyed by fire. The smaller building was completed in 1935. The present fire proof building was erected in 1948.

### **Electric Lights**

The first electric light plant was installed in 1903 on the Pink Townly lot on Jackson street. The plant was removed to the lot where the filling station now stands at the railroad crossing on east Croghan street. When the city contracted with an electric company for current, the plant was sold. The city still owns all the equipment.

### **Water and Sewer Systems**

A water and a sewerage system was installed in 1912.

### **City Hall Building Built in 1913**

A two story city hall was built in 1913.

### **Churches**

There are six churches for the white population of the town: First Baptist, Second Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Church of God. The negroes have four churches: Methodist, Zion Methodist, First Baptist, Broughton's Tabernacle.

### **Rail and Bus Facilities**

The town has splendid railroad and bus facilities. The Seaboard Railroad, two bus companies and several trucking companies operate through the town. A splendid bus station was erected in 1946 by Hillyer Cooper.

### **Civic Organizations**

Civic organizations include the following:

Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion,

Veterans of Foreign Wars,

Kiwanis,

Lions,  
Mason,  
Odd Fellows,  
Woman's Club,  
Garden Club,  
Business and Professional Woman's Club,  
Eastern Star,  
American Legion Auxiliary,  
Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

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