Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society

Communities: Aventon, Castalia, Dortches, Griffins, Hilliardston, N. Nashville,Red Oak, Salem, Ward's Store, any other communities that sent students to the Red Oak Farm Life School or Red Oak Elementary or High School or anyone interested in historic preservation.

You are cordially invited to become a Charter Member of the Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society.

Yearly Membership Options:

_____Student $ 10 ____Individual $25
_____Family (two or more) $ 35

Yearly Organizational and Professional Membership Options:

_____Business - $50

Outstanding Leader Membership Options:

___Farm Life Society $ 100-249
___Bronze Society $ 250-499
_____Silver Society $ 500-749
_____Gold Society $ 750-$ 999
_____Oak Society $ 1,000-4,999
_____Heritage Society $ 5,000-9,999
_____Legacy Society $ 10,000-49,999
_____Founding Society $ 50,000-499,999
_____Benefactor Society-$ 500,000-Above

Organizing Meeting, September 29, 2016
Seated L to R: Jimmy G. Winters, Dr. Diane Fleming, Agnes B. Moore, Doneva Chavis Battle,
Standing: Linda E. Fisher, Lottie S. Ennis

All contributions are tax deductible.

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Red Oak, North Carolina

Red Oak Teacherage/Dormitory, built ca 1910

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The Red Oak Dormitory/Teacherage

"The establishment of high schools early in the twentieth century, though an important educational advance, benefited only a small fraction of North Carolina's school-age children-most of whom lived in rural settings without access to adequate educational facilities. This fact motivated state superintendent J. Y. Joyner and various farm groups to promote the idea of farm-life schools, which the General Assembly authorized in 1911. If a local governmental unit provided facilities (including dormitories for boys and girls) in the amount of $25,000, then pledged $2,500 for operating expenses each year, the state would match the latter amount. Almost immediately, five counties took advantage of the offer, and by 1916, 21 farm-life schools were in operation."

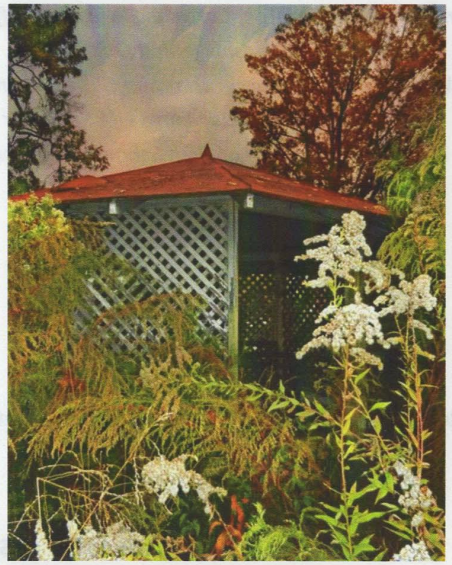
"In Nash County, local farmer, Tom Jones, donated 25 acres of land, and the community voted an additional $10,000 in bonds for buildings for the Red Oak Farm-Life High School. Students within walking or horse-riding distances paid no tuition, but boarding students paid $12.50 per month. The boys cut wood for fires, and girls cooked and waited on tables. Crop rotation, contour plowing, selection of nutritious foods, and improved homemaking practices were emphasized along with the academic curriculum." (H. G. Jones, 2006 http://ncpedia.org/farm-life-schools)

"The teacherage is a large 9-bay structure with 2-stories. The building was built in the early 1900's and is located across the street from the Elementary School in Red Oak, NC. It was used as a dormitory for single instructors and female students and has been recently used a 4-unit housing complex. Porches exist on each end and porticos are located on the front and back of the building. An octagonal gazebo is located between the front of the building and the street and the location of an older, now gone, building known as the gymnasium is evident in the rear of the structure. There are 28 rooms and covers approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space.

"The roof is an approximately 6 over 12 pitch hip roof consisting of standing seam pans which coincide with the building's age. Eight chimneys are located on the roof, four to the rear and four to the front, two of which (one on each side) are in grave condition. Additional venting pierces the roof where plumbing fixtures were installed. The exterior consists of clapboard siding and the windows and doors are consistent with the age of the structure, demonstrating their originality." (Daniel Chasse, 2015.)

The building was used as a girls' dormitory until the mid century at which time it was converted to a teacherage for single female teachers who taught at Red Oak School. During the late 1950's the building was converted to four apartments for married teachers. The apartments were used by teachers until the 1980's. The building had been owned by the Nash County Board of Education and was sold to a private owner who continued to rent the apartments. The Town of Red Oak acquired ownership of the building in 2014. In 2017, the town of Red Oak conveyed ownership of the property to the Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society. The Society plans to repair and rehabilitate the building as a business and civic centerpiece of the community. The building and gazebo have been placed on the study list for the National Historic Register.

The nomination for National Register designation is being prepared.



- Gazebo, built ca 1910

The Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society formally organized on Thursday, September 29. 2016. Officers elected were Dr. Diane Price Fleming as President, Linda E. Fisher as Vice President, Carolyn M. Vick as Secretary, and Agnes B. Moore as Treasurer.

Board of Directors include: Ann Bass, Eddie Dozier, Doneva Chavis Battle, Mary Tom Bass, Lottie Ennis, Dorothy Fisher, Stuart Bass, Agnes Moore, Jimmy Winters, Dr. Gary Martin, Linda Fisher, and Dr. Diane Fleming. The Registered Agent for the group is Jimmy G. Winters.

-The Society received 501c 3designationfrom the IRS in February 2017.