

# *The 1992 Sale Creek Historical Calendar*

**A Chronicle of Historical Events in Sale Creek, Bakewell, and Coulterville**



**By Curtis N. Coulter**



**Dedicated to the memory of Ronald W. McEwen, Jr., childhood playmate, fellow student and teacher at Sale Creek High School, principal, and friend**

Front cover: A steam-powered excursion train from the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum brings back memories of by-gone days as it blows smoke and steam on its approach to the Leggett Road railroad crossing.

Sale Creek is a small, former mining and farming community in extreme northwest Hamilton County. Its name originated in the spring of 1779 when Colonel Evan Shelby and his army held an auction at the mouth of the rain swollen creek which later bore the name Sale Creek. The community that grew up closeby also retained the same name.

The first settlements in the area took place around 1806 when settlers were first allowed in the area by the Tennessee Militia. Sale Creek was the first English named settlement in the county. By 1820 the population of Hamilton County had risen to 821 persons with nearly all of these people residing in Sale Creek.

Because of the land available and the close proximity of Walden's Ridge to the community, farming and mining became the most prominent means of employment. The mines continued until 1913 when the large mining company ceased operations. Small operators continued for several years afterward.

Around 1900 the farmers of Sale Creek realized that the climate, soil, and geography of the area were good for the growing of strawberries and peaches. Strawberry fields and peach orchards dotted every hill in the area as fortunes were made and lost depending upon the weather from year to year. By 1953 all major peach raising operations had ceased as well as strawberries.

Since the demise of the agricultural business, the people of Sale Creek have depended mainly on business and industry in Chattanooga and Dayton for their living; however, the older citizens of Sale Creek still recall the golden years of Sale Creek when peaches were king and the community was recognized widely as the peach capital of the South.

The purpose of this calendar is to commemorate not only some of the historical events that have taken place in Sale Creek but also to commemorate as many of its residents as possible. Some events are major while others may seem trivial in comparison; however, each one involved someone or something that helped shape the course of the history of Sale Creek.

Sale Creek may be small and relatively obscure because of its size now, but at one time it was an important part of the growth and progress of the area. Its importance is as great to those people who live here today as it ever was in time past because this is home. In addition, the people of Sale Creek can say one thing that no one else in Hamilton County nor Chattanooga can say, "We were here first!"



The first student body at Sale Creek High School - 1908: First row - Ben Rogers, Earl Morgan, Melvin Crawley, Chuck Jones, Paul Raegan, Ed Parry, Kitty Downey, Miss Buquo, Thelma Williams, Herbert Troutman, Noah Newman. Second Row: Walter Crawley, Billie Rogers, Ann Gothard, Lizzie Troutman, Verda Phillips, Millie Gothard, and Florence Standifer. Third Row: Alma Gothard, Grace Davis, Miss Daniels, Alvin Kelley, Ernest Jones, Elmer Morgan, Pearl Troutman, Clara Manning, Cricket Gray, Clara Fleming, Betty Morgan, Carrie Coulter, Emma Davis, Ellen Parry, Mary Downey, Nina Raegan, Mr. Samuel Houston Proffitt, Principal

# 1992 — January — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> Sale Creek was a community long before Chattanooga was a town itself. It was the first English named settlement in the newly-formed Hamilton County. The first citizen of Sale Creek (and Hamilton County as well) was Robert Patterson who established his home in the Sale Creek area around 1806.</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1955 - Lark Slatton (1878-1953) 1950 - Three die in house fire on Railroad Street</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>1892 - Mining accident in Sale Creek coal mines kills Daniel Smith and severely injures John Palmer</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>1926 - First worship service is held in the new sanctuary of the Sale Creek Presbyterian Church 1924 - C.A. Downey buys 3 mules for \$472.50 from Lynch-Yarnell Mule Company in Chattanooga</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>1958 - Roy Hoffman dies from injuries received in cave-in at his coal mine at the foot of Sale Creek Mountain</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>1988 - Sale Creek Middle School basketball team defeats Brown Middle School by 45-44 on free throw by Andy Coulter with two seconds on clock; Scott Gross scores 16 points; Brian Dvorak scores 10</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1909 - Glenn Roark born</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1903 - William (Billy) Richards dies; was one of the founders of the Walden's Ridge Coal Company 1944 - Chattanooga papers report Corporal Albert L. Rose killed in action</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1866 - Gideon T. Morgan becomes the postmaster at Sale Creek 1904 - Bill Ray is born</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1871 - Peter Bolton becomes the postmaster at Sale Creek</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1888 - Frank Abel earns \$2.55 hauling lumber, logs, and cordwood to Retro 1906 - Elias Beverly, a mule driver, suffers a leg injury in the Sale Creek coal mines</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>1906 - James Elrod injures his back in a coal mine accident in the Sale Creek coal mines 1926 - Howard J. Gann born</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>1822 - Ary Rogers is born</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1954 - The old steel Slabtown Bridge is torn out; new concrete bridge is completed in June</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>1827 - Early resident of Coulterville, Benjamin Jones McDonald, is born on McDonald Farm in Coulterville</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>1908 - The Chattanooga News reports that Sale Creek High School will open on the following Monday with an enrollment of 30</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1905 - William Beene becomes postmaster at Sale Creek</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>1986 - Sale Creek Church of God presents plaque to Tillman Fuller for 40 years of service to the church as the superintendent of the Sunday School</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>1985 - Siberian Express cold wave strikes Sale Creek; light snow falls; high temperature is 3 degrees</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1985 - Overnight low is -15 degrees in valley and a record shattering -22 degrees on Sale Creek Mountain</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>1836 - William (Billy) Richards born in Wales; was one of the founders of the Walden's Ridge Coal Company</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>1964 - Nadine Hodge McKinney scores 65 points in losing effort as Sale Creek loses to Tycer, 84-79</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>1970 - Florence V. Coulter dies; was lifelong resident of Sale Creek</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>1943 - Linnell Rose, Milton Crawley, Eskel Skiles, Albert Mack Fuller, James S. Jenkins, James Bowman, James Newby, Rodney Killian, James Bolton and 4 others drafted into service</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>1964 - Benjamin Wells (Red Ben) Shipley dies at age 81</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1857 - William Thatcher buys a pair of shoes from Lewis Patterson's tannery for \$1.75 1972 - Hubert Stultz is named project engineer at Suburban Mfg. Company in Dayton</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>1908 - Hugh Rievley and Tennessee Hutcheson sell their interest in 160 acres of land to W.D. Thomas</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>1941 - Margaret (Maggie) Standifer, owner of Granny Standifer's Boarding House, dies at 79 1962 - County School Board announces plans to close Sale Creek High School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>1906 - Luther Holman, a resident of Coulterville, dies at the age of 26</p>	

**"When you get right with God this time, Jack, we ought to just kill you so that you stay that way." - Addie (Aunt Ad) Newman after watching one of the town drunks go to the altar for rededication for the tenth time**



The Mill Dam - probably one of the most distinctive landmarks in Sale Creek's past - is pictured in this early 1900's photograph. During the 1930's a flood washed the old dam away. The mill was then torn down and two houses were built with the lumber.

# 1992 — February — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> At one time there were schools at Bakewell, Mayflower, Providence, Oakdale (also known as Possum Trot), Coulterville (one black school and one white school), as well as the one at Sale Creek on the corner of the present campus. In the 1880's there were schools on Sale Creek Mountain and in Slabtown.</p>						<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">1</p> <p>1916 - William I. Williams becomes postmaster at Coulterville 1940 - Robert Gross becomes postmaster at Bakewell 1946 - Dora Gross becomes postmaster at Bakewell</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2</p> <p>1915 - Icile Harden, Mary Downey, Mildred Boddy, Kate Frazier, Addison Downey, Jack H. Kenney, Dave B. Wallace, and Grover Eldridge take horseback ride to Soddy</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">3</p> <p>1960 - Kathryn Higdon Jordan scores 29 points against arch rival Soddy-Daisy; Sale Creek loses game 59-41</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p> <p>1908 - William M. Beene turns in daily deposit of \$54.00 to Post Office Department account 1986 - Welsh-Rogers Cemetery Association is chartered with state as non-profit corporation</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p> <p>1988 - Sale Creek girls defeat Brainerd Baptist girls by 34-32; Robbie Akers scores 20 points; boys win by 54-47</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p> <p>1918 - Dr. J. McClure Richard requests deed for parcel of land from W.H. List so that he can sell it to pay off loan to Mr. List</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">7</p> <p>1923 - Grover Eldridge buys new Ford touring car from Harry Lawrence in Dayton for \$466 cash 1991 - National Guardsmen from Sale Creek fly to Saudi Arabia to fight in Gulf War</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">8</p> <p>1900 - Ray (Panic) Martin is born 1982 - Sale Creek High School's girls' basketball team is ranked number one in the state of Tennessee</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">9</p> <p>1935 - Sale Creek Alumni Association presents <i>He's My Pal</i> in the high school auditorium</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">10</p> <p>1954 - Clarence Edmonds is fatally injured in automobile accident at corner of Highway 27 and Gothard Road 1958 - Eddie Rose's house burns</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">11</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">12</p> <p>1867 - Fate (Doodle Bug) Shipley is born 1914 - W.D. Thomas pays his poll tax of \$1.00</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">13</p> <p>1990 - Sale Creek High School's boys' basketball team defeats Whitwell by 70-65</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">14</p> <p>1889 - Sale Creek School closes because of gas leak; unable to heat building</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">15</p> <p>1893 - Hugh and Margaret Rievey sell parcel of land to J.J. Crawley for \$17.50</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">16</p> <p>1886 - D.W. Shepherd becomes the postmaster at Retro 1910 - Callaway Gann pays his land taxes of \$2.74 1913 - Will Gann is killed in a mining accident</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">17</p> <p>1959 - Sale Creek High School's boys' basketball team defeats Spring City High School by 33-28</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">18</p> <p>1935 - Judge C.W. Lusk gives an informational address in the high school auditorium 1982 - Tyrus Coppinger, Sr. is inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in Chattanooga for his baseball career</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">19</p> <p>1921 - William L. Coulter is accidentally killed in an accident inside the pump house at the Coulterville depot</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">20</p> <p>1952 - First meeting is held in the new Sale Creek Methodist Church building 1987 - Chucky Price scores 53 points in 116-109 loss to Marion County; 86 points are scored in fourth quarter; 50 by Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">21</p> <p>1926 - Harry Rogers and Mabel Rogers present a Regulator pendulum-type sanctuary clock to the Sale Creek Presbyterian Church in memory of their mother</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">22</p> <p>1882 - The Chattanooga Times reports that "the railroad from the coal mines will soon be completed to the Cincinnati Southern Railroad" at Sale Creek</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">23</p> <p>1841 - James Gasque chosen as teacher for the Common School terms to be taught at Coulterville and at Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">24</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p> <p>1849 - William M. Ervin born</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p>1893 - James M. Martin presents 8-day clock from his general store in Coulterville to his son Jefferson C. Martin and his bride, Sarah Frances Card</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p> <p>1965 - Cheryl Fox and Nelda Sutherland are named to the All-City Basketball Team 1912 - Ed Grothard suffers broken back in coal mine accident; became first school bus driver at Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">28</p> <p>1913 - Seniors and music expression classes present recital in the high school auditorium</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">29</p>

"It won't do no good to pray for rain today. The wind is out of the east." - George Spivey



A group of musicians perform for the photographer in front of the Retro Post Office. The date was around 1895. None of the performers nor the onlooker are identifiable. Retro later became known as Bakewell, the name by which the community is known today.



# 1992 — March — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">1</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1900 - Sale Creek Coal and Coke Company bills Sale Creek School \$28.66 for coal, nails, chalk, buckets, brooms. 1905 - Jesse Priddy injures his leg in mining accident 1943 - Pvt. Riley Poole dies while traveling on troop train</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1959 - FFA Queen Betty Swallows Thomas attends 19th FFA Banquet in Chattanooga 1960 - Ice storm strikes Sale Creek; damage is widespread</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">3</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1879 - Adolphus J. Coulter and Dave R. Griffith sell 3 acres of land to Sale Creek School for a new school. 1980 - Ervin McEwen commended by state legislature for teaching career</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1906 - Charles Holder preaches first time as pastor of the Sale Creek Church of Christ 1989 - Ron McEwen, Jr. teacher, coach, principal, dies at his home</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1989 - Tony Smith is named to the Class A All-Star Team by the Chattanooga News-Free Press</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1870 - First recorded meeting of the officers of the Sale Creek Presbyterian Church</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">7</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1900 - Phillip Fox becomes the first and only postmaster at Pyatt, Tennessee; located at end of Daugherty Ferry Road near the Tennessee River</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">8</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1763 - Pioneer settler, Benjamin Jones, is born; dies in 1856 1866 - Benjamin McDonald is elected ruling elder at the Sale Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">9</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1915 - Avery Lee earns \$1.00 for hauling mountain stone</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">10</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">11</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1868 - The Walden's Ridge Coal Company is registered with the State of Tennessee and begins operation at the foot of Sale Creek Mountain</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">12</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1965 - Athletic banquet is held at Sale Creek High School; Supt. Sam P. McConnell delivers address 1982 - Warren Hill is chosen Coach of the Year in local schools</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">13</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1925 - Mary Griffith buys carbide for \$0.25 and 100 feet of dynamite fuse for \$0.80</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">14</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">15</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1950 - Street lights are turned on for the first time in Sale Creek 1965 - Flora Thomas, Leroy Thomas, Lishia Thomas are killed in house fire on Old Ford Road</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">16</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1988 - Sale Creek honors Dr. E.D. Johnson and wife Jan for service to Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">17</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1943 - Chattanooga Times reports that Charles A. Lee has been injured in naval action in the Solomon Islands Campaign</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1856 - Abel A. Pearson, pioneer millwright who built the mill and dam on Daugherty Ferry Road, becomes postmaster of Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">19</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1866 - John R. Hickman becomes postmaster at Sale Creek 1908 - Chattanooga News reports outbreak of smallpox near Sale Creek; Newt Gentry goes to the city</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">20</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1905 - Coal mine cave-in re-injures Jesse Priddy</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">21</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1949 - Ace Newman's house burns; was once Granny Standifer's Boarding House</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">22</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">23</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1891 - Charles Miller becomes postmaster at Coulterville 1913 - Remaining members of Coulterville Cumberland Presbyterian Church join Sale Creek Presbyterian Church</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">24</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Fox celebrate 60th wedding anniversary</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">28</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1900 - Dolph Lane, well-known local store owner and sawmill operator, is born 1906 - John G. Lane becomes the postmaster at Retro 1924 - Raymond Aslinger is born; served many years with Sale Creek Fire Department</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">29</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1915 - A.B. Shipley, Will Rogers, and Bill Gray earn \$9.60, \$1.25, and \$56.25 respectively for "goosing" strawberries</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">30</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1970 - Pat Troutman Gentry is fatally injured in car-train accident at the Leggett Road railroad crossing</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">31</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">1903 - Ernest B. Holman of Coulterville dies at the age of 26</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Sale Creek Fact</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0;">Sale Creek was a pro-Union community during the Civil War. Many Sale Creek and North Hamilton County men volunteered for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Tennessee Mounted Infantry Regiment that mustered here. Sentiment for the Union was so strong that a large Union rally was held in Sale Creek in 1864.</p>			

**"Our house was the first one in Sale Creek to have running water. It usually ran through the house every March and April when Rock Creek flooded." - George Gentry**



A group of Future Farmers of America (FFA) in the early 1930's. First row left to right: S.A. Fuller, Irvin Downey, Finley Troutman, Tyrus Coppinger, J.B. Stoner. Second row: Mr. Harry McCallie (teacher), Creed Shipley, Cecil Baggett, Hoyal Atchley, Arnold Aslinger, Woodrow Alexander, Fred Clendenen, Varnell Howard, unknown. Third row: Harry Rogers (in back with cap), Rex Shipley, Harold Jones, Ed Coppinger, Tom Swafford, Clyde Capps, Glenn Burton.

# 1992 — April — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> The Welsh people came to Sale Creek in the late 1860's to open a mining operation. In addition, they opened stores, operated a school for local children, gave land for the community cemetery, built a tram from the mountain to the river, and built the Welsh Union Church.</p>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<p>1886 - J.A.N. Patterson becomes the postmaster at Sale Creek; was teacher, farmer, and store operator</p>	<p>1861 - W.A. Howard is called as pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church 1961 - Dedication service is held for the new Mt. Vernon Baptist Church building; old one was destroyed in 1957</p>	<p>1937 - The Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, and the Presbyterian Church in Bakewell combine to form the Bakewell Federated Church</p>	<p>1988 - Ben Coulter represents Sale Creek High School at the Student Congress On Policies in Education (SCOPE) in Nashville</p>
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<p>1971 - Carlton Gann, Tim Aslinger, Darrell Lee, and Roger Coulter spend night in Gann's cabin on Sale Creek Mountain; greeted in morning by five inch snowfall</p>	<p>1870 - W.C. McDonald is elected ruling elder at the Sale Creek Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>1891 - John H. White becomes postmaster at Retro 1902 - Jess Howard deeds land to the Providence Methodist Church for \$5.00; H.C. Francisco, Jessie P. Shipley, and Berry Reynolds, trustees, accept for church</p>	<p>1910 - Margaret Holman dies (1852-1910)</p>	<p>1958 - Ervin McEwen retires from coaching at Sale Creek High School as the state's oldest baseball coach in point of service</p>	<p>1870 - Newt Gentry is born</p>	<p>1893 - James C. Rogers becomes the postmaster at Retro (Bakewell)</p>
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<p>1990 - Sale Creek High School's baseball team defeats Oakdale High School by a score of 6-5</p>	<p>1886 - Citizens of Sale Creek petition Hamilton County for relief from damage caused by flooding; ask for reduced tax. 1907 - Will Fleming, Otis Downey, and Louis Downey earn \$11.25, \$28.50, and \$50.45 in Sale Creek mines</p>	<p>1916 - Lydia Worst dies (1840-1916)</p>	<p>1846 - J. Pleasant Clendenen is born</p>	<p>1816 - General Thomas J. Coulter born; later commanded county militia 1855 - John R. Hickman becomes postmaster at Sale Creek 1980 - Sale Creek School fire damages two classrooms</p>	<p>1894 - Captain Samuel P. Elser is licensed to pilot steamboats from Williams Island in Chatanooga to Fort Loudon</p>	<p>1941 - The New Providence and Bakewell communities gather for Mattress Making Day; sell mattresses for \$0.80 each</p>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p>1988 - Sale Creek High School newspaper, <i>The Panther</i>, receives journalism award from the University of Tennessee School of Journalism</p>	<p>1929 - Marshall Troutman telegraphs Mrs. Annie West from Fleming, Kentucky, that J.B. (Doc) West has been killed in the mines there and that he is sending his body home for burial</p>	<p>1894 - Sale Creek coal miners strike in sympathy with the national miner's strike</p>	<p>1928 - Sallie Wall, wife of Perry A. Wall, dies (1849-1928) 1977 - Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department presents a "Womanless Wedding" to raise needed funds</p>	<p>1971 - The senior class at Sale Creek High School presents play, <i>The Bus Stops Here</i></p>	<p>1903 - Lula Elser graduates from sixth grade with certificate of graduation 1988 - Sale Creek Rescue Squad locates Versa Decker who had been missing on the mountain for over five days</p>	<p>1940 - Valedictorian Mary Helen Crawley receives Reader's Digest Award at Sale Creek High School; Orval Crawley is awarded the Good Citizenship Medal 1976 - The old workhouse is destroyed by fire</p>
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<p>1896 - Everett Brown born; Brown's Bridge named for his family 1957 - Frank Hodge dies when tractor on which he is riding goes over side of Sale Creek Mountain</p>	<p>1952 - Benjamin W. and Betty J. Shipley celebrate 30th wedding anniversary at their home on Leggett Road</p>	<p>1914 - Perry A. Wall becomes postmaster at Sale Creek; dies on April 28, 1925 1956 - Senior class presents <i>The Clock Struck Twelve</i> 1988 - Doyle Aslinger hit by fire truck while fighting fire</p>	<p>1779 - Col. Evan Shelby holds auction at mouth of rain swollen creek on his way back to Knoxville giving the creek and the future community its name - Sale Creek</p>	<p>1897 - John A. Hickman is the postmaster at Retro 1906 - Church of Christ holds baptismal service; Belle Newman is baptized 1984 - Byrd Rievley killed in automobile accident</p>		

**"If you keep on a'raising that beer joint, it'll be the first one in heaven." - G.S. (Happy Sam) Gentry while watching workmen raise his tavern when Highway 27 was being elevated**



In a typical round picture of the early 1900's era, the Sale Creek Coal and Coke Company store is visible behind the little boy, Thomas Price.

# 1992 — May — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> During the Second World War, there was a large American flag displayed in the gymnasium at Sale Creek High School. Each time that a Sale Creek man was killed in action a yellow star was sewn over one of the white stars on the flag. The flag remained on the wall until after the war, but no one knows what became of it later.</p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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<p>1914 - Dr. Burke Priddy, local doctor, dies of small-pox contracted from one of his patients</p>	<p>1859 - Gwen Davis, wife of Welshman Howell Davis, is born in Wales; lived on Wall Street in Sale Creek for many years</p>	<p>1946 - Jeannette Hill, Blanche Woodward and Janice Woodward are killed in car-train collision at Leggett Road crossing</p>	<p>1923 - Twenty-three members are present at Sale Creek Methodist Church; collection is \$0.16 1974 - Popular night spot, restaurant, and drive-in, Rocky Side Lunch and Grocery, is destroyed by fire</p>		<p>1970 - Chattanooga News-Free Press reports that Mike Aslinger has been selected as Beta Club president at Sale Creek High School</p>	
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<p>1948 - Revival starts at Coulterville Baptist Church; Bill Clendenen, L.H. Miller, and Lola W. Howard join church 1964 - Mt. Vernon Baptist Church purchases new piano for the church</p>	<p>1912 - G.E. Markley Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, pays \$1017.50 for 407 crates of Sale Creek strawberries; J.T. Brackett is paid \$47.13 for load of berries from his patch</p>	<p>1952 - Several senior boys at Sale Creek High School cut a pine tree down across Iles Road to prevent their English teacher from attending graduation ceremonies</p>	<p>1946 - The Sale Creek Lions Club is chartered and begins operations in Sale Creek for first time</p>	<p>1876 - Thomas Coulter, pioneer settler to Sale Creek in 1819, dies at the age of 81</p>	<p>1950 - Mountain road is oiled and graveled - first coat; was previously just gravel and dirt</p>	<p>1891 - Jacob Troutman injured in fall of slate in the Sale Creek coal mines</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<p>1912 - William H. List ships 1 box car of 404 crates of strawberries worth \$389 to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</p>	<p>1952 - Coulterville Baptist Church extends call to Rev. Morris Colston to serve as pastor</p>	<p>1965 - James C. (Banty) Cox is killed by car as he walked along Leggett Road after dark 1987 - President Ronald Reagan eats lunch with 4 Sale Creek High School students</p>		<p>1876 - Thomas Coulter, pioneer settler to Sale Creek in 1819, dies at the age of 81</p>	<p>1852 - James McDonald deeds land to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Coulterville for purpose of building a church 1865 - Daniel C. Parry is born</p>	<p>1881 - Betty J. Shipley born 1991 - Brigade Commander Col. John M. LeMoynne of 24th Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Georgia, visits Sale Creek School to thank students for their support during the Persian Gulf War</p>
<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<p>May 31, 1918 - The post office at Coulterville closes; residents receive their mail from Sale Creek</p>	<p>1893 - George W. Gothard and wife deed land to the Sale Creek Methodist Church for \$1; first Methodist Church building is built on the site on east side of present-day Highway 27</p>	<p>1944 - Reuben Killian is killed in action in Italy 1949 - Train wreck in Sale Creek at Leggett Road crossing</p>	<p>1988 - Sale Creek High School holds its Junior-Senior Prom on the Southern Belle riverboat in Chattanooga</p>	<p>1841 - Common School Commission meets at home of James McDonald to conduct end-of-term examinations 1908 - William Barnes becomes postmaster at Retro</p>	<p>1912 - Total of box car loadings of Sale Creek strawberries for season for W.H. List rises to sixty-four</p>	<p>1857 - George Brumley buys side sole leather from Lewis Patterson's tannery for \$1.75</p>

**"Toot, toot! Peanut butter!" - Blanche Shipley after seeing peanut butter all over the highway when a truck wrecked at Dead Man's Curve in Bakewell**

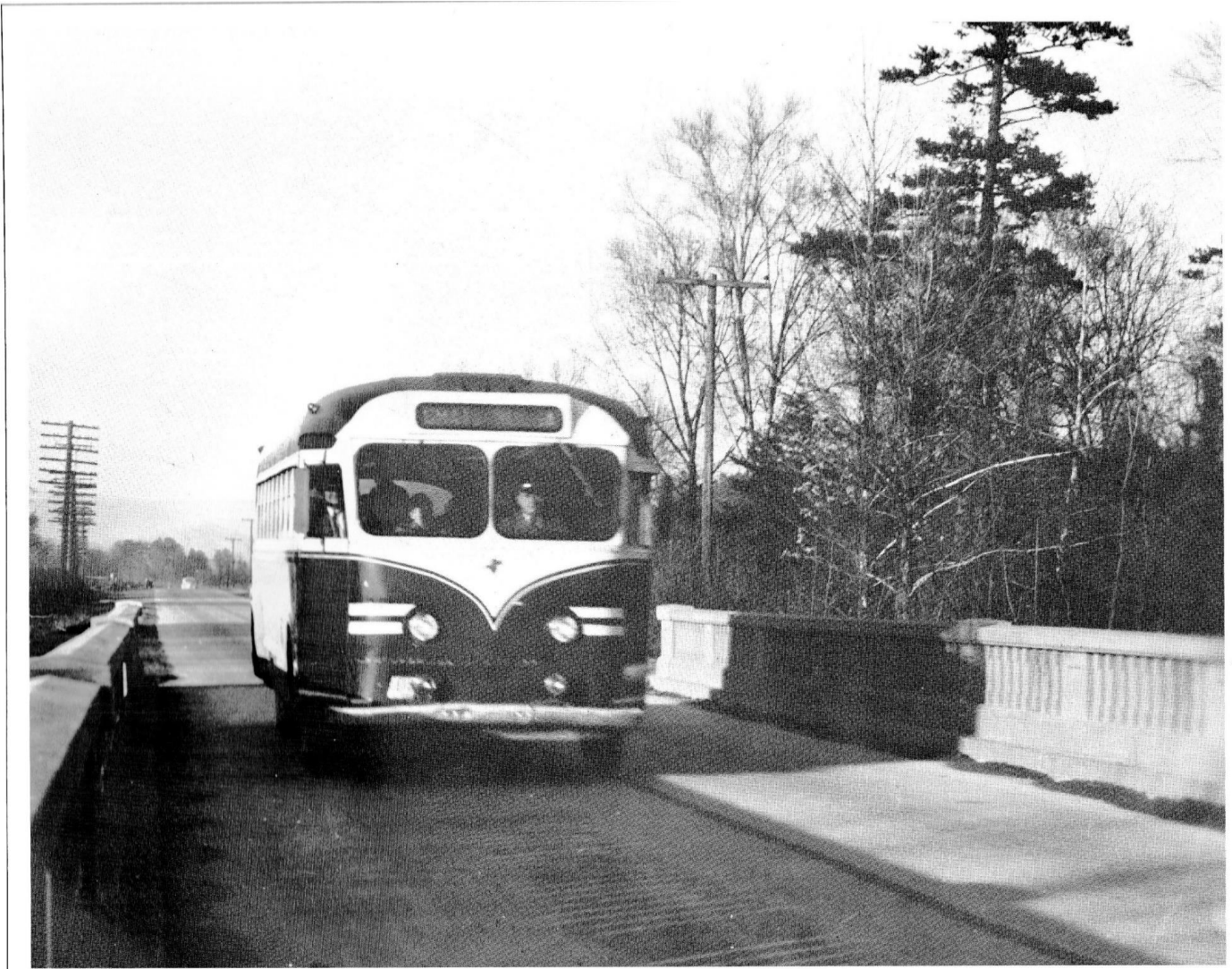


The coal loading tippie of the Sale Creek Coal and Coke Company as it appeared around 1900. It was located at the foot of Sale Creek Mountain.

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<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> The Welsh people built a tram that extended from the foot of Sale Creek Mountain to the Tennessee River. The rails were made of oak, and the cars were pulled by mules. Coal was loaded onto barges at the river and transported to market in Chattanooga. Only slight traces of the tram bed are visible today.</p>	<b>1</b>	<p>1840 - Common School established at Sale Creek; one term to be taught at home of James McDonald at Coulterville and one term at home of Robert Patterson in Sale Creek.</p>	<b>2</b>	<p>1879 - John R. Hickman becomes the postmaster at Coulterville 1954 - Dry spell begins; no rain in Sale Creek for month and a half</p>	<b>3</b>	<p>1891 - Sale Creek School presents appreciation day for local soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf War; flag that flew over Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia is presented to the school</p>	<b>4</b>	<p>1944 - Glenn Crawley is killed during D-Day Invasion 1945 - C.H. Northrup sells one-half acre of land to Dolph Lane and C.W. Hoffman 1985 - W.A. Hinds retires as Sale Creek School principal</p>	<b>5</b>	<p>1991 - Sale Creek School presents appreciation day for local soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf War; flag that flew over Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia is presented to the school</p>	<b>6</b>	<p>1944 - Glenn Crawley is killed during D-Day Invasion 1945 - C.H. Northrup sells one-half acre of land to Dolph Lane and C.W. Hoffman 1985 - W.A. Hinds retires as Sale Creek School principal</p>	<b>7</b>	<p>1914 - Porter Iles is paid \$1.92 by Grover Eldridge as wages and for the use of his mule</p>	<b>8</b>	<p>1912 - W.A. Crawley reports sales for the day of \$29.00 in his store. W.A. Crawley General Merchandise, in Sale Creek.</p>	<b>9</b>	<p>1879 - John R. Hickman becomes the postmaster at Coulterville 1954 - Dry spell begins; no rain in Sale Creek for month and a half</p>	<b>10</b>	<p>1890 - Emma B. Mayberry born (1890-1921) 1981 - Severe thunderstorm strikes Sale Creek; school is damaged by high winds and rain</p>	<b>11</b>	<p>1938 - Benjamin W. Shipley is ordained as a deacon in the Coulterville Baptist Church</p>	<b>12</b>	<p>1991 - State construction crews begin cutting down Ragan Hill to make way for new highway</p>	<b>13</b>	<p>1991 - State construction crews begin cutting down Ragan Hill to make way for new highway</p>	<b>14</b>	<p>1894 - Coal mine strike ends; Sale Creek miners return to work 1971 - Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department is organized by Sale Creek Lions Club</p>	<b>15</b>	<p>1869 - Ben McDonald marries Maria Louisa Beard 1891 - James Sing killed in accident in Sale Creek mines 1948 - Car wreck in Hodgetown; Shirley Davis is killed</p>	<b>16</b>	<p>1898 - Hettie Rogers Killian born</p>	<b>17</b>	<p>1838 - Jacob Alfred Newton Patterson is born</p>	<b>18</b>	<p>1887 - John Fine barbers with J.A.N. Patterson for a pair of jeans and a hat, \$1.85</p>	<b>19</b>	<p>1935 - Paul Hoffman born 1990 - Roy Ketter McDonald dies; was owner of McDonald Farm and Chattanooga News-Free Press; long-time resident of Coulterville</p>	<b>20</b>	<p>1982 - Sale Creek Baptist Church calls Reverend Sammy Putnam to pastor the church</p>	<b>21</b>	<p>1951 - Young People's Endeavor holds regular meeting at the Sale Creek Church of God; collection is \$2.53</p>	<b>22</b>	<p>1945 - John H. Minnis becomes postmaster at Bakeswell</p>	<b>23</b>	<p>1880 - William S. Goodson becomes the first postmaster at the Retro Post Office</p>	<b>24</b>	<p>1919 - Addison Downey buys a new tractor for his farm for \$1600; buys plow to go with it for \$154</p>	<b>25</b>	<p>1919 - Addison Downey buys a new tractor for his farm for \$1600; buys plow to go with it for \$154</p>	<b>26</b>	<p>1919 - Addison Downey buys a new tractor for his farm for \$1600; buys plow to go with it for \$154</p>	<b>27</b>	<p>1919 - Addison Downey buys a new tractor for his farm for \$1600; buys plow to go with it for \$154</p>	<b>28</b>	<p>1952 - Major Moses Swafford, former employee of Coulterville Depot, dies at the age of 75 (1877-1952) 1989 - Dexter Martin killed in shooting in Chattanooga</p>	<b>29</b>	<p>1952 - Major Moses Swafford, former employee of Coulterville Depot, dies at the age of 75 (1877-1952) 1989 - Dexter Martin killed in shooting in Chattanooga</p>	<b>30</b>	<p>1952 - Major Moses Swafford, former employee of Coulterville Depot, dies at the age of 75 (1877-1952) 1989 - Dexter Martin killed in shooting in Chattanooga</p>	<p>1952 - Major Moses Swafford, former employee of Coulterville Depot, dies at the age of 75 (1877-1952) 1989 - Dexter Martin killed in shooting in Chattanooga</p>	<p>1952 - Major Moses Swafford, former employee of Coulterville Depot, dies at the age of 75 (1877-1952) 1989 - Dexter Martin killed in shooting in Chattanooga</p>

**"When I die, I don't want any of that stone or concrete on top of my grave because when the Lord calls me, I want to be able to get out of the ground." - Betsy Jane Shipley**



A local bus slows down on its southerly course as it crosses Rock Creek Bridge for its routine stop at Sale Creek during the late 1950's. For many years the bus stop was at the Sale Creek Cafe.



1992 — July — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> Tater Knob Hill on the north end of Sale Creek was also known as The Big Ridge and was once the location of one of the largest peach orchards belonging to the Ell-Dee Orchard Company. The orchard was over a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. Many thousands of trees made up this orchard.</p>			1 1974 - Delsie Francisco becomes postmistress at Sale Creek Post Office	2	3 1975 - Sale Creek Rescue Squad rescues three men from Sale Creek Graft; one suffers gunshot wound, one suffers exhaustion from heat, and one has heart problem	4 1864 - Pro-Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson rally is held at Sale Creek; several thousand supporters attend 1946 - Johnson Coulter opens Rockyside Lunch and Grocery
5	6	7	8 1900 - Ellen Jenkins deposits \$41.36 to the credit of the Post Office Department from the Sale Creek Post Office 1903 - Sale Creek coal mines are inspected by state mining inspectors	9 1895 - W.M. Beene signs agreement allowing Hamilton County to construct new highway across his land 1937 - Tex Kenedy struck and killed by freight train at the Sale Creek depot	10 1863 - James T. Alexander is paroled from Union POW camp in Vicksburg, Miss. 1914 - Retros' Post Office name is changed to Bakewell 1986 - Laura J. Ables fatally injured in automobile accident	11 1912 - Richard Griffith is duly registered to vote in the Sale Creek precinct; registration number is 359 1989 - Tina Aslinger falls out of fire truck as it rounds curve on way to fire; suffers dislocated shoulder
12	13 1901 - Chattanooga News reports that Dr. Burk Priddy has reported 24 cases of fever (small pox) in the Sale Creek vicinity	14	15 1888 - State Normal Institute holds second week of class at Sale Creek; was training school for teachers 1950 - Workmen demolish a Sale Creek landmark - the Sale Creek Depot	16 1944 - Erfurt Gentry, Jr. is killed in action in Normandy, France	17 1839 - Jacob Troutman born; was miner in Sale Creek mines; served in the 4th Tennessee Infantry during the Civil War (1839-1921)	18 1865 - Company I of the 6th Tennessee Mounted Infantry Regiment is mustered out of service; many Sale Creek men serve in unit 1911 - James Capps becomes Coulterville postmaster
19	20 1986 - Eddie Hutcheson is ordained as a deacon at the Sale Creek Baptist Church	21 1954 - First rain falls in over a month; light shower	22 1895 - John Coulter becomes the postmaster at Coulterville	23 1954 - Plane crash on Sale Creek Mountain kills six 1985 - Hamilton County School Board votes to close Sale Creek High School and move all students in grades 7-12 to Soddy-Daisy schools	24 1944 - Chattanooga News-Free Press reports that Sale Creek peach officials estimate that the year's crop will total 40,000 - 50,000 bushels; normal yield is 125,000 to 150,000 bushels	25 1795 - Pioneer settler Thomas Coulter is born 1944 - Chattanooga Times reports that German POW's are helping pick the Sale Creek peach crop
26 1981 - Johnny and Sue Jones report that their first crop of peaches is being picked from their 400-tree orchard on lower end of Sale Creek	27	28 1988 - Head-on collision at foot of Bakewell Hill leaves two Rhea County and Soddy-Daisy women dead	29 1955 - Oscar Williams dies (1910-1955); was member of Civilian Conservation Corps at Sale Creek during the Great Depression	30 1912 - List Orchard ships 1,424 crates of peaches out of Sale Creek	31	

"Remember me as you pass by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now you soon shall be, prepare for death and follow me." - Epitaph on tombstone in Welch Cemetery (2nd verse added by a Sale Creek wit, "Oh, I shall not be content until I know which way you went.")



A load of peaches from the Ell-Dec packing house waits on a train for shipment. The only men who are identifiable in the picture are William H. List on the wagon, O.L. (Bill) Coulter (second from right) and Jack Ahern (far right) who was a buyer for Gentile Brothers Company in Cincinnati, Ohio

# 1992 — August — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> Sale Creek could have just as easily been chosen as the county seat of Hamilton County since two of the three men who chose the site of the county seat were residents of Sale Creek, Robert Patterson and Charles Gamble. They, however, chose a location more central to the whole county.</p>						<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">1</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1806 - Robert Denham begins his duty as teacher at Gideon Blackburn's school for the Cherokee Indians on the banks of the Sale Creek near the Tennessee River</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1937 - Three train workers are killed in collision of two trains in Ragan Cut between Sale Creek and Bakeswell 1971 - Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department is chartered with the State of Tennessee</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">3</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1854 - Early Coulterville resident Benjamin McDonald marries Sophronia Patterson, daughter of first citizen of Hamilton County, Robert Patterson</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1903 - Lydia Rogers files pension claim on her deceased husband, James C. Rogers, who served with the Sixth Tennessee Mounted Infantry, U. S. Army during the Civil War</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">7</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1936 - The Chattanooga News-Free Press reports that there is an excellent crop of peaches at Sale Creek; 45,000 bushels of fruit are projected to be picked</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">8</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">9</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1915 - Absalom Vandergriff becomes the postmaster at Bakeswell</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">10</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1835 - Welshman David J. Thomas is born</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">11</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1903 - W.T. Shipley is injured in fall of slate in the Sale Creek coal mines 1919 - Frances S. Fuller is born; taught many years at Sale Creek School</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">12</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1875 - Church and business leader John Downey is born 1957 - Mt. Vernon Baptist Church is destroyed by fire 1985 - Hamilton County School Board reverses July 23 decision to close Sale Creek High School</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">13</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1973 - J. Howard Lee dies; was business and community leader for many years; operated grocery store in Sale Creek</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">14</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1949 - Lake Drive Baptist Church votes to affiliate itself with the Southern Baptist Convention</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">15</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1990 - Detective Jim Swafford is promoted to detective sergeant by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">16</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1879 - Matty McClanahan Miller is born (1879-1925) 1981 - Farmer's Home Administration loans \$40,000 to the Sale Creek Fire Department for the purchase of a new fire truck</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">17</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1897 - W.D. Thomas receives notice from county registrar that he is duly registered to vote</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">19</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1855 - Howell Davis, Sale Creek coal miner, is born (1855-1940)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">20</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1938 - Luther G. Coulter and Kathryn E. Shipley become first couple to be married in the new Sale Creek Presbyterian Church building</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">21</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1901 - Peter Bolton becomes postmaster at Sale Creek 1942 - Chattanooga Times reports Clarence Edmonds is having trouble securing his birth certificate; proof of birth was destroyed in house fire</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">22</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">23/30</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">August 23, 1846 - Milo Heitzler, resident of Coulterville, is born (1846-1919) August 30, 1893 - George Suggs born (1893 - 1952)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">24/31</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">August 24, 1895 - Coulter Martin becomes postmaster at Coulterville</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1953 - Richard Reavley is killed from ambush with .22 rifle; assailants are never identified nor apprehended</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1805 - Gideon Blackburn starts a school for the Cherokee Indians on the banks of the Sale Creek near the Tennessee River 1967 - Rod Killian becomes Sale Creek rural mail carrier</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1887 - Dr. V.J. Kennedy purchases one bottle of paragoric from J.A.N. Patterson's store for \$0.10 1958 - The first service is held in the new Mt. Vernon Baptist Church building</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">28</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">29</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">1793 - Pioneer settler and founder of McDonald Farm in Coulterville, James McDonald, is born</p>

**"It was so hot yesterday I saw a robin pull a worm out of the ground and he had to use a pot holder." - Anonymous**



Two horse-drawn wagons loaded with peaches from one of the Sale Creek orchards are ready to be taken to the packing house for defuzzing, grading, packing, and shipping to distant markets. By 1930 there were over 200,000 peach trees in the Sale Creek orchards. This picture was taken in the late 1920's or early 1930's and was printed in a series of photographs about the Sale Creek peach business that appeared in the *Chattanooga News-Free Press*.

# 1992 — September — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> In one day of packing in the late 1920's, the Ell-Dee Orchard Company shipped over 13,475 bushels of peaches from its packing house. Total box car loadings for 1926 totalled more than 600. If all baskets from this one packing house that year were placed end to end, they would have formed a line that would have reached to Knoxville</p>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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		<p>1943 - Grover C. Jones becomes postmaster at Sale Creek during World War II</p>	<p>1891 - David S. Bolton becomes the postmaster at Retro 1910 - Bakewell School construction is completed at a cost of \$5,696</p>	<p>1889 - Marshal Iles is fatally injured when his car leaves the road and strikes a tree on side of Highway 27 on Ragan Hill</p>	<p>1869 - Twenty persons are listed as charter members of Sale Creek Presbyterian Church to be formed from Soddy church 1909 - 3 killed and 9 injured in rail accident at Retro</p>	
	<p>1990 - Heavy equipment is unloaded at Bakewell; construction begins on the new Highway 27 connecting Soddy and Dayton</p>		<p>1822 - Reverend Alexander Hickman is born</p>	<p>1881 - The State of Tennessee charters the Bethlehem Academy at Retro on the banks of Opossum Creek</p>	<p>1806 - The Tennessee Legislature commends Gideon Blackburn for his work among the Cherokee Indians at Sale Creek 1988 - Bakewell Federated Church changes name to Bakewell Bible Church</p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<p>1972 - Chattanooga News-Free Press reports that a major addition is to be built onto Sale Creek High School</p>		<p>1972 - Ground is broken for the first fire hall in Sale Creek; located behind Gothard's Auto Parts</p>	<p>1962 - Bakewell School is closed; all students are moved to Sale Creek and Soddy</p>	<p>1916 - Hamilton County School Board elects Samuel Houston Proffitt as principal and Absalom H. Morgan as janitor at Sale Creek High School</p>	<p>1965 - Ground is broken for new cafeteria, music room, and science laboratory at Sale Creek High School</p>	<p>1861 - Crossroads Treaty is signed ending Colonel Clift's War in Coulterville 1870 - Twenty-seven families contract with J.A.N. Patterson to provide schooling for their children</p>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<p>1854 - Callaway Gann born</p>	<p>1935 - Community Fair is held; 1000 people attend; Truett Shipley wins the best foxhound competition</p>	<p>1864 - Ruth Griffith Thompson born; was daughter of Welsh coal miners (1864-1931)</p>			<p>1868 - Mollie Clements Rogers is born</p>	<p>1988 - Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department dedicates Station #3 on Lec Pike near Opossum Creek 1989 - Carl Standifer is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force</p>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
<p>1945 - Major William C. List is discharged from the U.S. Army Air Forces; served with the 92nd Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force in England</p>		<p>1969 - Mary Georgetta Jackson is struck and killed by a freight train at the Leggett Road railroad crossing</p>	<p>1903 - J.R. Woodson sells three-fourths acre of land to David Bolton for the sum of \$27.50</p>			

**"I went to Sale Creek to vote yesterday, and they wouldn't let me. So I told them who I wanted to vote for and they let me vote three times." - Florence S. Downey**



Molasses making was a traditional autumn activity for many years in Sale Creek. Joe Bowman prepares to feed sorghum cane into the press at Brooks Standifer's molasses mill on Sale Creek Mountain in this picture taken in the mid 1980's. Brooks produced many batches of excellent molasses through the years.

# 1992 — October — 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> The Union Army had a field hospital and artillery battery located at the Cumberland Presbyterian Camp Grounds in Coulterville just a few hundred feet north and east of the intersection of Coulterville and Snafford Roads. The Union Army also fortified the McDonald Mill Dam area at the same time.</p>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<p>1902 - Note comes due between Callaway Gann and the Sale Creek Coal and Coke Company for the purchase of a wagon for \$56</p>					<p>1863 - Gen. John Wilder's Brigade leaves Sale Creek in pursuit of Gen. Joe Wheeler's men 1936 - Rev. Logan Alexander dies as a result of falling off roof of the Church of God</p>	<p>1915 - Retha White Griffith is born 1972 - Bids are received for new addition to Sale Creek High School</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<p>1984 - Grover Cleveland Jones dies; was farmer and postal worker; had been supervisor for WPA during depression and was a member of the first graduating class at Sale Creek High School</p>	<p>1952 - Coulterville Baptist Church votes to buy 24 hymn books for \$12.24, a new church book for \$3.00, a new offering basket for \$1.20, and \$2.00 to have new piano delivered to church</p>	<p>1859 - Sale Creek Lodge #280 E&amp;AM is constituted</p>	<p>1954 - Chattanooga News-Free Press reports that McDonald's Dairy at Sale Creek is the most modern milking operation in the Chattanooga area</p>	<p>1934 - Luther Coulter becomes the postmaster at Sale Creek; serves longer than any postmaster - 39 years 1966 - Billy Burton is killed in automobile accident</p>	<p>1906 - Dr. Columbus E. Downey dies as result of being kicked by a horse 1990 - Fire at Sale Creek Industrial Park ignites thousands of old tires; fire burns for several days</p>	<p>1847 - Tennie Kennedy, wife of Dr. V.J. Kennedy, is born 1949 - Lake Drive Baptist Church holds its first baptismal service; Barbara Burton, June Burton, Wilma Morgan, and Blake Burton are baptized</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<p>1920 - Mary Griffith is duly registered to vote in the Sale Creek Precinct; receives registration #373</p>	<p>1849 - Captain Samuel P. Elsea is born; was steamboat pilot on the Tennessee River 1967 - Harmon (Bo) Gentry is fatally injured in automobile accident near Soddy Lake</p>	<p>1892 - Sale Creek mines are inspected and found to be in good condition; 75 miners, 10 mule drivers, 2 trappers, 1 blacksmith, 1 carpenter, 1 engineer; 3 yard men and 21 mules work at the mines</p>	<p>1944 - Harding Elsea is killed in action during the invasion of the island of Peleliu in the South Pacific</p>	<p>1863 - The 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Union Army of the Cumberland is headquartered at Sale Creek</p>	<p>1980 - Sale Creek Fire Department's fire rating drops from Class 9 to Class 6; residents receive a discount on their homeowner's insurance as a result</p>	<p>1882 - Green Hawkins is born; was coal miner, logger, sawyer; worked in mines before he was twelve 1982 - David (Red) Gray dedicates David Gray Sanctuary in Coulterville</p>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<p>1844 - Perry A. Wall is born 1981 - Roy Ketner McDonald celebrates 80th birthday with giant party at his farm in Coulterville</p>	<p>1988 - The David Gray Cemetery Company is chartered with the State of Tennessee and begins maintaining three cemeteries in Bakewell and Sale Creek</p>	<p>1843 - Margaret E. McEwen is born (1843-1895) 1906 - John Carrol is injured in the Sale Creek coal mines</p>	<p>1882 - Florence V. Downey Coulter is born</p>	<p>1863 - Brig. Gen. James Spears takes command of the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division of the Union Army located at Sale Creek 1906 - Cleve Adkins and Dave Troutman are injured in the Sale Creek coal mines</p>	<p>1952 - John T. Patterson dies; was farmer and community leader as well as the great grandson of Sale Creek's first citizen, Robert Patterson</p>	<p>1864 - Companies A,B,C,D,E and F of the 6th Tennessee Mounted Infantry (USA) are mustered; many Sale Creek men enlist in Union Army 1895 - Zack Martin becomes postmaster at Coulterville</p>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<p>1915 - Addison Downey marries Burleigh Eldridge 1951 - Sale Creek Church of God pays \$25.00 on its property insurance 1975 - Post office is moved to a new building alongside the highway</p>	<p>1841 - Thomas J. Coulter becomes the first postmaster at Sale Creek 1988 - Highway department reports that the new highway will come through Sale Creek on the existing right-of-way</p>	<p>1932 - Civic, church, and business leader William Hay List dies; was the founder of the strawberry and peach industry in Sale Creek</p>	<p>1857 - William Orson Shipley is born</p>	<p>1949 - Arthur Morgan's house burns 1978 - Sale Creek Rescue Squad answers call to plane crash in Rhea County; two people are killed in crash</p>	<p>1878 - William Luther Coulter is born; was miner, farmer and operator of a bus line from Sale Creek to Chattanooga 1888 - James F. Capps is born; served as one of Coulterville's postmasters</p>	<p>1907 - Labor contract expires between miners and Sale Creek Coal and Coke Co. 1965 - Donnie Hodge pulls post office toilet over with his car; nearly wrecks car</p>

**"Oh, Mr. Shipley, don't burn the pretty leaves. They're God's blanket for the ground." - Hallie Mae Martin**



Picnics and other outings were favorite social events for young people in the early 1900's. This 1900 photograph consisted of front row: William H. List, Fred Coulter, Bessie James Wooden, Reese Reese, unidentified, Lewis Downey, and Lillian Bell. On the second row are Gertie C. List, Annie Hutcheson (Mrs. Cliff Hetzler, Walter Coulter, Kate Davis (Mrs. Tom Roberts), Edward Downey, Lottie Seybert, Jim Jones, and Anne Coulter. In back are Lizzic Wall and Mamie Thatcher.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  1920 - Mary Griffith votes in the county Third District election at Sale Creek	<b>3</b>  1897 - John R. Newman pays \$3.00 "to be applied on road as his exemption tax for this year from road duty"	<b>4</b>  1878 - Sale Creek Masonic Male and Female Institute at Coulterville sells its holding to The Sale Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  1937 - T.E. (Ed) Downey, peach grower and community leader, is struck by a car in front of his home on north end of Sale Creek	<b>7</b>  1806 - Betsy Gamble is born, daughter of one of the first settlers in Sale Creek
<b>8</b>  1938 - Sam Hutcheson commits suicide by hanging himself in his barn 1969 - Sgt. Tommy Shipley killed in action in Vietnam 1988 - David H. (Red) Gray, local historian, dies	<b>9</b>  1937 - Reverend L.D. Phillips dies; was pastor of Sale Creek Presbyterian Church  1974 - Alvin Harris becomes postmaster at Sale Creek	<b>10</b>  1982 - Raymond Aslinger brings Bible message for prayer service at Sale Creek Baptist Church; uses passage from Hebrews 10: 19-25	<b>11</b>  1964 - Charlie R. Gann sells one bull at the Dayton Livestock Auction Company for \$147.50	<b>12</b>  1887 - William Orson Shipley buys one quart of chestnuts from J.A.N. Patterson's Store for \$0.10	<b>13</b>  1945 - Nineteen inches of snow falls on Sale Creek Mountain; snow stays on ground for 17 days  1952 - The Ed Downey house is destroyed by fire	<b>14</b>  1861 - Tennessee Governor Isham Harris orders Confederate forces to destroy Union camp at Coulterville 1952 - Newspapers report PFC Tillman Roark is serving in Army in Korea
<b>15</b>  1861 - 7th Alabama Infantry attacks Col. William Clift, deserted camp at Coulterville; fires cannon on own men; one Confederate slightly injured; Col. Clift escapes to Kentucky	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  1861 - General Zollicoffer of the 6th Alabama Infantry reports to Tennessee Governor Isham Harris that the Unionists at Coulterville have dispersed	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  1883 - Col. William Clift reports that he discovered silver along Opossum Creek at Retro 1949 - Jeff Roark, Phil Thatch, and Hezekiah Lunstford drown in river while duck hunting	<b>20</b>  1938 - Judge C.W. Lusk completes survey of Hutcheson (now McDonald) Cemetery at Coulterville; lists names of fifty-one people buried in graveyard	<b>21</b>  1930 - Hallie Mae Martin is killed at her home in Coulterville when shotgun accidentally discharges
<b>22</b>  1834 - Dave R. Griffiths is born in Wales; helped start the Walden's Ridge Mining Company in Sale Creek in 1868	<b>23</b>  1849 - John Suggs is born 1895 - William I. Williams becomes the postmaster at Coulterville	<b>24</b>  1923 - John L. Schultz and Sons of Bakewell sell 3500 pounds of hay for \$39.23 1950 - First snow of the year	<b>25</b>  1901 - Roy McDonald is born 1937 - Ed Downey dies of injuries of November 6 1944 - Staff Sgt. Rodney Killian awarded Bronze Star 1950 - Temperature is 0	<b>26</b>  1936 - Civilian Conservation Corps enjoys Thanksgiving Day dinner at the camp mess hall; turkey is main course	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					<b>Sale Creek Fact</b> For many years Sale Creek was one of the largest peach growing centers in the United States. Peaches were shipped all over the eastern United States from the numerous orchards here. Many residents maintained peach orchards. One restaurant in Nashville listed "Sale Creek Peaches" as one of its entres.

**"Blessed is the man who expecteth nothing for he shall not be disappointed." - Ervin (Mac) McEwen, long-time baseball and basketball coach, mathematics and history teacher at Sale Creek High School**



For many years Ott Davis's Blacksmith Shop was a favorite gathering spot in Sale Creek. Walter Shipley and H. Arthur (Ott) Davis are pictured in a typical blacksmith setting.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sale Creek Fact</b> When the first diesel-powered locomotive, the Ol' Joe Wheeler, made its first stop at the Sale Creek Depot in the late 1940s, Ervin McEwen dismissed his history classes at the school and took his students to the depot so that they could see this new invention in transportation miracles</p>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<p>1928 - Fred M. Burton becomes the rural mail carrier at the Sale Creek Post Office; delivered mail by Model T, horseback, buggy, boat, car, and truck</p>	<p>1882 - Darius Gothard is born; later married Lillie Clements</p>	<p>1882 - Lillie Clements Gothard is born 1885 - A group of Indians search for gold at Retro 1891 - Minerva Martin is postmistress at Coulterville 1940 - Joel Rogers dies at 77</p>	<p>1885 - Gold quartz is discovered on Walden's Ridge near Bakewell</p>	<p>1976 - Sale Creek students Faith Neddo, Becky Uren, and Lea Ann Morgan compete in the Soddy-Daisy Junior Miss Pageant</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>1872 - Zack Martin is born; was long-time resident of Coulterville 1909 - T.F. Bolton sells one and a quarter acres of land to Addison Downey and Ed Downey for \$60</p>	<p>1941 - Carl Blake dies during the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii</p>	<p>1849 - Mary Hetzler is born (1849-1929)</p>	<p>1871 - James F. Hodge is born</p>	<p>1897 - Rees Rees dies; was one of the original founders of the Walden's Ridge Coal Company at Sale Creek (1830-1897)</p>	<p>1964 - Curtis Rodery is fatally injured in traffic accident 1990 - Tim Aslinger and Gary Gentry, members of 196th and 181st Field Artillery, are activated for service in the Persian Gulf War</p>	<p>1794 - Lewis Patterson is born; ran a tannery in Sale Creek 1981 - Sale Creek High School's girls basketball team wins the Sequatchie Valley Conference Tournament</p>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<p>1891 - Dan Thomas, Welsh coal miner, is killed from being kicked in the head by a mining mule 1981 - Sale Creek Clinic holds open house</p>	<p>1905 - Pyatt Post Office is closed and moved to Sale Creek 1981 - Dr. Edward D. Johnson provides first local medical service to residents in almost 50 years; Virgil Blake is first patient</p>	<p>1905 - Joel Rogers becomes the rural carrier at the Sale Creek Post Office</p>	<p>1919 - Coulterville resident, Samuel G. Fleming, dies</p>	<p>1764 - Robert Patterson is born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; later became the first citizen of Hamilton County and Sale Creek; fought the British at Battle of King's Mountain</p>	<p>1929 - G.S. (Happy Sam) Gentry pays his monthly light bill to the Tennessee Electric Power Company in the amount of \$2.20</p>	<p>1884 - Chattanooga Commercial reports that two boys found a 5-pound chunk of silver ore on Walden's Ridge near Retro 1988 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Alexander celebrate 50th wedding anniversary</p>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<p>1949 - William M. (Bill) Gothard opens auto repair and service station in Sale Creek - Bill Gothard's Esso and Auto Parts</p>	<p>1896 - Dave R. Griffith dies; was community and business leader and early Welsh mining leader 1911 - Sam Godson is injured by falling coal in the Sale Creek coal mines</p>	<p>1957 - Work progresses as county bull dozers clean out and redirect the course of Rock Creek</p>	<p>1817 - Fifty-seven Cherokee Indians agree to be relocated to Arkansas Country from their homes in Sale Creek 1944 - William C. Cofer is killed during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium</p>	<p>1863 - Nancy Jane Hodge is born 1912 - Ike Hutcheson is killed in a gun battle while returning home from Christmas program at church</p>	<p>Christmas Day - "For behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" - Holy Bible</p>	<p>1875 - John Suggs marries Mary Ann Peoples 1973 - Heavy rains cause much flooding and damage; Coulterville is hard hit; Coulterville Road is under water</p>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
		<p>1882 - William B. Bolton becomes the postmaster at Sale Creek</p>	<p>1922 - Thelma Eldridge marries C.C. Keith 1965 - Fred Burton retires as rural mail carrier after many years with the post office</p>	<p>1880 - The C &amp; S Railroad marks the completion of the railroad through Sale Creek and the end of the first month of rail service 1965 - Arthur Morgan becomes the rural mail carrier at Sale Creek</p>		

**"Mama, how does Santa Claus get down our little chimney, through our stove pipe, and out of the coal stove with a big sack of toys?" - Luther and Kathryn Coulter's children - 1950's**

