

## ABOUT MT. MORIAH--AN ARTICLE ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE COUNTY

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Who in Nevada County has not heard of Mt. Moriah? Located almost in the center of the county, it is surrounded by a class of public spirited and prosperous white farmers. There is nothing of a public nature that doesn't concern and interest these enterprising people.

Historically, there is much to be said about Mt. Moriah. In days gone by, the old church has been the scene of many conventions and gatherings that have made history and could furnish facts for an interesting write-up.

Within the sacred cemetery nearby lies buried the beloved dead of some of Nevada's best people. The imposing monuments and well kept grounds are strong evidence of the love and esteem in which the memory of the deceased relatives were held, and shows that these citizens expect to make this section their permanent home.

And what man that lives near isn't proud of Mt. Moriah? Who among them doesn't love its sacred hills, and hold a cherished affection for every shady nook? Even the spring at the foot of the hill could tell of the social, religious, and political struggles that would awaken in the breasts of these people the memory of a beloved long ago.

And the Mt. Moriah of today is still a factor in current events. And while many of its older inhabitants, who managed the affairs in days gone by have passed, and their bodies lie buried beneath its soil, there has sprung up a new citizenship, sons of the fathers, from whom may be expected even greater things.

Mt. Moriah is situated in Caney Township, not far distant from the corner of Albany and Georgia, and 14 miles from Prescott. Nearby are Serepta and Bluff Springs and any writer of Mt. Moriah that did not mention people of these places would be doing them an injustice. Serepta has been especially noted in the past for its hospitality in entertaining gatherings of all kinds and for its religious fervor. Bluff Springs is a beautiful place, and at stated intervals, the good people of that section gather at the little church to praise and worship God.

But it is to Mt. Moriah that most of this article will be directed. Rich land, populated by white people, not a Negro living within four miles of the place, it is an ideal community for any man with moderate means to locate and affords every facility for any farmer to make a good living.

S. B. Orr is the popular postmaster and owns a neat home across the hollow from the

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church. Not only is his a beautiful place, but its doors always are open to the wayfarer, whoever he may be, and Mr. Orr and his estimable wife always make guests feel that it is good to be there.

Mail service at Mt. Moriah is splendid. Daily star routes from Prescott pass this place, besides rural free delivery which covers portions of Caney, Georgia, and Albany Townships and is in charge of Lee Gentry, who has built up a considerable patronage for the line.

One has only to give the names of only a few of the citizens living in this community to prove to anyone that it is a splendid neighborhood. Such families as those of J. H. Waddle, T. J. Mason, D. J. Morris, T. J. Purtle, T. L. Overton, F. M. Cross, Dan Fuller, Arch Calhoun, G. M. Franks, S. B. Orr, J. K. Waddle, M. T. Taylor, L. N. Cook, R. I. Purtle, and W. E. Kennedy have no superiors in the community. They are thifty and give to Mt. Moriah social standing of which it is justly proud.

In educational matters, this community excels. A full tax is voted and none but the best teachers are employed.

Considerable game abounds in this section and there are many lovers of the gun and rod. Perhaps the Dillard brothers are the most prominent sportsmen in the county, and no fox chase, hunting party, or fishing trip from this section is complete without them. They keep good dogs and give distinction to the sport.

A most noticable feature of the advancement of the people of Mt. Moriah this year is the diversification of crops. They raise some cotton which, by the way, has turned out to be a very short crop this year, but they raise more corn, more hogs, more potatoes, more sorghum, more peas, more turnips, more fruit, and the prices of the foreign markets on these products no longer terrorize them.

*Note: A picture of Mt. Moriah Church in Caney Township was included in the newspaper article.*