Unity Methodist church was formed in the early part of 1902, with the first Sunday School being held in the cloth room of Unity Cotton Mill. Until the church building was completed, in the latter part of 1902, church services were held in a tent across the street from the present site of the church on Miller Street. This tent served as a meeting place for both the Baptist and Methodist congregations. The Methodists met one Sunday, and the Baptists met the next Sunday.

The original church building which is still serving the congregation, was built by subscriptions from the people of La Grange. The land was deeded to the church by Unity Cotton Mills and is recorded at the Troup County Court House as follows:

"Unity Cotton Mills of La Grange, Georgia, Troup County the the state of Georgia, in the consideration of $1.00 payable as follows in cash the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold, and released, and by these present do grant, bargain, sell, release, and convey the George W. Murphy, C. V. Truitt, and J. P. Mooty as Trustees of Unity Methodist Church South of La Grange, Georgia and according to the laws of the Methodist Episcopal Church South that said premises shall be kept, maintained and disposed as a place of Divine Worship for the use and membership of Unity Methodist Episcopal Church South." Recorded March 3, 1903 Unity Cotton Mills, C. V. Truitt, President.

When the church was formed, Mr. George W. Murphy, a local preacher, and one of the first trustees and Superintendent of Unity Cotton Mill served as pastor until the North Georgia conference sent a fully ordained minister in the fall of 1902. The first minister was Rev. Seaborn, who also served South La Grange Metho-
From 1904 until 1928 Unity was a full-time station. After annual conference in 1928 the church went on half-time with St. John Methodist Church in La Grange and the appointment became known as Unity-St. John, La Grange. The parsonage at 600 South Greenwood was sold, and the minister of this appointment lived in the St. John Community. This arrangement existed until annual conference in 1948, when, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. R. W. Green, Sr. and Rev. L. M. Twiggs, District Superintendent, the church went again to full-time and on September 3, 1948, the church purchased a parsonage, joining the church property, on Truitt Avenue, for the sum of $5,000.


At the writing of this history Unity has two charter members, Mrs. Belle Bryant and Mrs. Bessie Lester. Both of these ladies are very active and are a blessing to the church. In 1949 the Woman's Sunday School Class honored Mrs. Bryant by changing the name of their class to "The Belle Bryant Class".

In the spring of 1950 the members of Unity realized their need for an educational building and a building fund was begun. The building fund to date has gone over the $1700 mark. In November,
1950 an architect was secured and plans were drawn and purchased for the new educational building to be built in the near future and for a completely new sanctuary to be built in the not too distant future.

Unity Methodist church is proud of its history, for a great number of men, women, boys and girls have found Christ at its altar. And it expects to continue to be a place where the people in her community can find The Master if they will only seek Him.

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