

# DAR celebrates 75th birthday

The Governor Treutlen Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Evans on October 13, 1982.

This was a special meeting in that the chapter celebrated its 75th birthday. Dr. Ernestine Bledsoe and Mrs. Betty Moore were in charge of the program.

Dr. Bledsoe spoke of the chapter's worthwhile achievements and reminded us of our motto, "For God, Home and Country."

Our chapter was founded in 1907, a little less than 12 years after National Society was founded in 1890 and chartered by U.S. Congress in 1896. By 1920 the membership had grown to 33 members and they owned a \$50.00 Liberty Bond. In 1957 the chapter celebrated its golden anniversary with its three living charter members present.

Dr. Bledsoe informed us that during the years the chapter rendered many services to the community such as landscaping the high school grounds, participating in the city beautification program, sponsoring the first flower show in Fort Valley, organizing the first Fort Valley Garden Club and making numerous gifts to the city library. Over the years the chapter has won a number of honors which included the National Gold Honor Roll in 1967.

Mrs. Moore elaborated on the chapter's projects, representing the spirit of 1907 by wearing the dress worn by Mrs. Laurie Pearson in 1957 at



*Pictured are the past regents of the Governor Treutlen Chapter DAR. L - R are Christine Evans, Martha Culppeper, Sally Evans, Cornelia Nichols, Jenny Vance, Wilma*

*Orr, Louise Avera, Eleanor Duke, Sarah Little, Mary McFall, Ernestine Bledsoe and Betty Moore.*

clothes to the Thrift Shops at Kate Duncan and Tomassee schools, Crossmor, certain Indian schools and other nationally sponsored DAR schools have received supplies from our chapter.

Mrs. Betty George and the late Miss Harriet recorded location and information from graves in Oak Lawn Cemetery — the title of this book is "Tombstone Inscriptions, Oaklawn Cemetery, V.V. Co. Gov. Treutlen

(23 in Peach and 57 in Crawford). Bound copies were sent to the library, Peach County Commission. Copies of both books, *Tombstone Inscriptions and Peach and Crawford County Cemeteries* were sent to the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., the Georgia State Archives, the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, and the Historical Society in Savannah.

When the library burned in 1970,

assist Mrs. Vance.

When the history began to take shape, work in editing and compiling the history continued for two years, with Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Vance and Miss Wilson spending many hours of hard work. There were several projects for the purpose of raising money for the publishing of the book, one

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*Betty Moore, right, presents a rose to each 50 years-or-more members. L - R Jenny Vance, Wilma Orr, Louise Avera, and Eleanor Duke.*



*L - R Betty Rackley, Leila Shy, Martha Culpepper, Betty George, Janie Fetner, Christina Evans, Emily Sapp, Ann Ruffo, Martha Tomlinson, Betty Moore and Louise Avera.*



## Exquisite gown featured

*Betty Moore catches the spirit of this beautiful 75-year-old gown. She wore the dress at the 75th celebration of the Governor Treutlen chapter which was held last week. Laurie Pearson wore the ruffled, hand-embroidered gown, at the 50th anniversary of the chapter 25 years ago.*