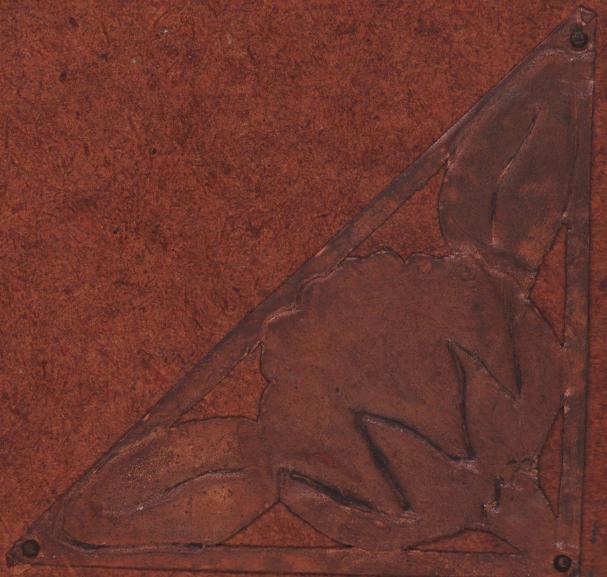


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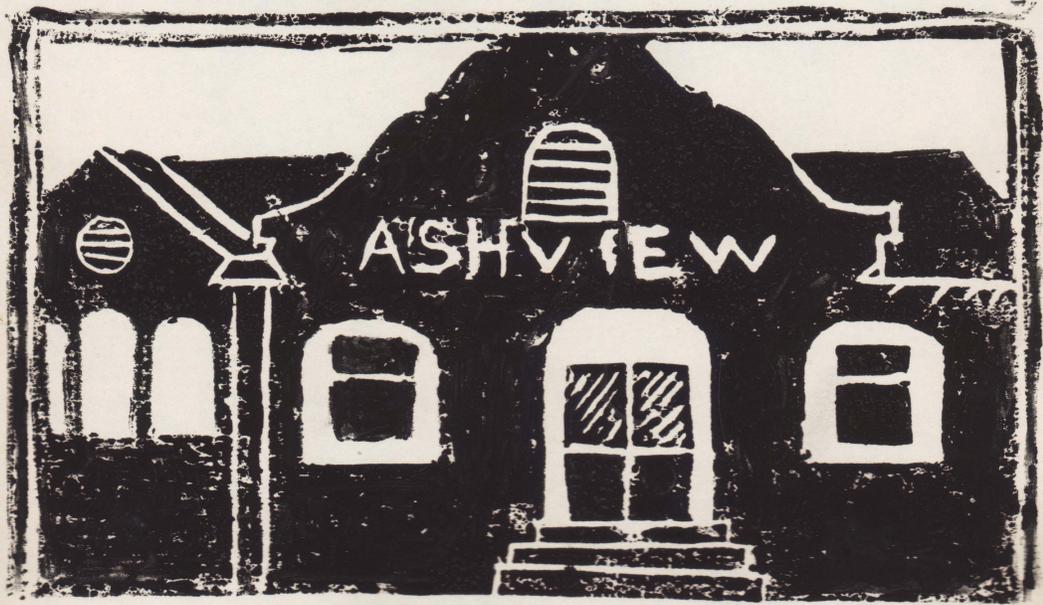




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ASHVIEW BUSINESS SECTION -- 1938

## ASHVIEW DISTRICT HISTORY

Ashview is located on what was once a huge cattle ranch. This ranch was started about 1865 by Isaac Friedlander and William S. Chapman and was run by different companies as a cattle ranch for nearly fifty years. In 1912, the United States Land Co. headed by O. A. Robertson, bought this land and sold the eastern half of it in small farms.

Most of the land in this district was used for pasture and dairy until about 1926, when it was found that cotton could be grown on it. Land that had been used for pasture, alfalfa, and grapes was then turned into cotton farms. In 1936 Ashview had 7000 acres planted in cotton.

The old canal, which had been built in 1871, could not supply water to all the cotton farms, so many farmers drilled their own wells. Land which had been waste for many years was cultivated and planted, and Ashview became one of the largest cotton producing areas in the San Joaquin Valley.



ASHVIEW SCHOOL AND AUDITORIUM



PRIMARY ROOMS -- ASHVIEW SCHOOL

## ASHVIEW SCHOOL

In 1920 Chowchilla started a relief school at Ashview in C. G. Lane's barn. The next year the people of this section decided to organize their own school district.

August Pretzer, Will Harrison and Harry Kendell were chosen as the first trustees, and Miss Brown was hired as the teacher. The school was continued in Mr. Lane's barn.

In 1922 the new building was started. After a lengthy discussion over the name to be selected for the school, Mrs. Wetter's suggestion that it be called after Ash Slough, which ran through the district, was accepted. The district and school then received the name of Ashview.

Mrs. Nichols taught the first class in the new Ashview school. The average daily attendance was nine.

In 1925 the first relief teacher was hired. In 1926 two teachers were put on contract, and in 1936 the third teacher was added. In 1937 four teachers were put on contract, and three relief teachers were added.

In 1935 a primary room was built, and in 1936 another one was added. In 1938 a new auditorium which contains space for three classrooms was built.



COTTON CAMPS

Most of the people who live in the Ashview district live in cotton camps such as the one pictured above. The farmers had to build these camps because when cotton first began twelve years ago there were not enough laboring men here to pick and hoe the cotton. The people of other states left their homes to come here. The farmers had to build these camps for the people who worked for them to live in.

The largest cotton camp in the Ashview district is Mr. Herman Baker's camp which has sixty-one cabins.



#### THE COTTON GIN

The Ashview- Alamo Cotton Gin was built in 1934.  
It is in the center of a large cotton growing area.  
The gin bailed 6,800 bails this season.



## GINNING COTTON

When a truck first drives up to the gin the truck and the cotton are weighed. After they weigh the cotton and the truck, they drive the truck under a big pipe. The cotton is unloaded by the suction of the pipe. The truck is then weighed again to find the weight of the cotton that was in it.

The cotton is then dumped into the ginning machine which is a big square machine with teeth like a saw which pulls the cotton fibers off the seeds.

Then the cotton is sent to the bailer. The seeds are stored in the seed house from which they later are taken to the mill to make oil . The cotton is pressed into five hundred pounds bales which are sent out all over the world to make clothing and many other things.



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THE GERMAN ADVENTIST CHURCH

A number of German speaking families live in this district. They held their religious services in the Alamo school for a year and a half until in 1929 the German Adventist Church was completed in Ashview. An Adventist school was also started but later closed.

ASHVIEW P. T. A.

The Ashview Parent- Teacher Association was organized in 1921 and continued for two years. It was organized again in 1937.

