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## January 7, 1938

MR. PRATT G. MIZELL MURDERED. Folkston and Charlton County were stirred to the highest pitch of excitement and indignation ever before known last Saturday by the foulest crime that has ever marred the good name of this law-abiding county, when Mr. Pratt G. Mizell, age 58, well known and highly regarded citizen, was brutally murdered by a Negro prisoner in a successful attempt to escape from the county jail. Mr. Mizell had been employed in recent months as caretaker at the county courthouse and was in temporary charge of the jail during the absence of Sheriff J.O. Sikes. At the noon hour he went into the jail to carry dinner to the prisoners and it was then that the crime occurred. Under the pretext that the toilet was stopped up, the Negro, who gives his real name as Walter Melton, about 30 years old, originally of Americus, induced Mr. Mizell to unlock the cell door and enter the cell block. It is believed that he immediately knocked Mr. Mizell unconscious by a blow in the face. The victim was then securely bound. A rag was rammed into his mouth as a gag and a heavy blanket was tightly wrapped about him. The Negro then made his escape. Officers with dogs finally tracked the fugitive to Boulogne where he had made up a small fire between the railroad tracks. He was quickly captured there. Sheriff Sikes took the prisoner to an undisclosed south Georgia jail where he is being held for trial on a charge of murder.

FOLKSTON CONSIDERS FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TROY JONES NAMED AS POLICE CHIEF. The installation of traffic lights at three of the busiest street intersections in Folkston was considered by city council at a special meeting this week. The council also named Troy Jones as Chief of Police to succeed Chief J.H. Barnes. REV. GIBSON CRITICALLY ILL. The many friends of Rev. W.O. Gibson will learn with regret of his critical illness at the home of his son, Charles H. Gibson near Folkston. He recently had the misfortune to lose his home and cherished belongings by fire and it is thought that his health has been adversely affected by brooding over this loss. His many friends are deeply concerned over his condition because of his advanced age, being well over 80.

COMMITTEES SET UP FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR WARM SPRINGS. Mrs. E.C. Gowen, chairman of the Charlton County committee to arrange for the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday on January 29, has named district committees to plan programs for each district of the county. The celebrations will raise funds for Warm Springs Foundation where victims of Infantile Paralysis are given treatment. Charlton County's quota has been set at \$200.00, being based on the sum of five cents per capita according to the 1930 census. The committees are: Folkston, Mrs. O.C. Mizell, Mrs. William Mizell, V.J. Pickren; Uptonville, Velma Crews, Lois Brooks, Pearl Conner; Homeland, Geraldine Waughtel; St. George, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Smith, Mrs. W.C.

## Hopkins.

FUNERAL OF MR. PRATT GROOMS MIZELL. Funeral services for Mr. Pratt Grooms Mizell, age 58, highly regarded citizen of Charlton County, who was murdered Saturday by a prisoner at the jail were held from the home here with Rev. J.E. Barnhill officiating. Mr. Mizell was a member of one of the county's most prominent pioneer families and had a host of friends who were deeply shocked and grieved by his tragic death. While not a member of any church, he subscribed to the Primitive Baptist faith and interment was in Sardis Cemetery with Hawkins-Adkins Funeral home in charge of arrangements. Besides his widow, survivors include four sons, Gilbert, Eustace, Ward and Jim Mizell; two daughters, Audrey Mae and Sallie Lou Mizell; two brothers, Jesse P. Mizell and E. T. Mizell; three sisters, Mrs. S.M. Altman, Mrs. Charlie Altman and Mrs. Ben Altman. MRS. ALICE WAINWRIGHT DIED. Mrs. Alice Wainwright, 75, widow of the late Frank R. Wainwright, and life long resident of Charlton County until recently, died Tuesday at the home of her son, Robert, at Hortense after a long illness. She had made her home in Brantley County for the past year having formerly resided at Homeland for many years. She was a native of Charlton County, having been a Miss Booth before her marriage. She is survived by three sons, Robert, Hamp and Oscar Wainwright and two daughters who live in Florida. Funeral services were conducted at Bethel Methodist Church with Rev. E.F. Dean officiating and interment was in the church cemetery. MORE TRAINS ADDED FOR WINTER TRAFFIC. With the inauguration Monday of five crack winter tourist trains operated through Folkston over the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railways, preparations are being made to handle the heaviest winter travel in history, railroad officials say. Two other tourist trains, the Florida Special and Everglades, established in 1888, the Florida Special was the first all-Pullman-vestibule electrically-lighted train between New York City and Florida. Several years ago another innovation was added in the form of specially designed recreation cars with full fledged musicians to entertain the passengers. This year, for the first time, the showing of motion pictures will be an added feature.

MRS. LYDIA STONE CREWS DIED. Mrs. Lydia Stone Crews, 73, life-long resident of Charlton County and one of the most picturesque characters in Georgia, died at her home in Racepond Tuesday after a prolonged illness. She has for many years been engaged in timber and tie operations, naval stores and livestock business, conducting the business under her own direct supervision. She performed the duties of woods rider and manager of her properties until within a short time of her death. Her only immediate survivor is her husband, J. Milton Crews. She is also survived by two nieces Lydia V. Crews and Mrs. Buddie Crews of Winokur; two nephews, Gordon Johns and Kiley Johns. Funeral services were held at High Bluff Cemetery conducted by Rev. W.L. Sweat of Hebardville.

NOTICE: Have on hand a bunch of fresh HORSES and MULES at the right prices. Come look them over. All stock guaranteed to be as represented. M.G. WHITE, Folkston.

MISS STOKES CHOSEN AS TEACHER. Miss Maggie Stokes has joined the faculty of the local school, succeeding Miss DeShields, who failed to return after the holidays, wiring her resignation to Supt. Harris.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN WIDOWS. Only one pensioner was placed on the pension roll of Charlton County under the recently enacted law which makes widows of Confederate veterans who were married prior to January I, 1920, eligible for a pension, according to Judge A.S. McQueen. Mrs. Lucy M. Lang, widow of the late Garie Lang, deceased Confederate veteran is a Charlton County pensioner made eligible by the new law. She is an aunt of Mrs. B.G. McDonald.

ALVIN HUGGINS IN CCC. Mr. Alvin Huggins of the CCC camp at Balson Grove, N.C. is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Huggins.

## January 14, 1938

PAN AMERICAN COMPANY WILL DRILL OIL WELLS. The Pan American Production Co. will drill several deep wells in southeast Georgia soon, one of the wells being near Hortense in Brantley County. The company has leases or options on land in Brantley, Wayne, Coffee, Pierce and Charlton. In Brantley County the taking of leases continues rapidly, several new leases having been signed recently. Already 128 citizens of that county have leased mineral rights of their land. All Brantley County officials have signed up except one and he will sign in a few days, it is reported. L.E. Mallard who is in charge of the work of securing the leases says he expects the year 1938 to show marked development in oil activities in southeast Georgia.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. A memorial service in honor of the late Mrs. Lydia Stone Crews, who died a week ago, will be held at her home at Racepond Sunday morning, January 30, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, it is announced by the Rev. W.L. Sweat, pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church of Hebardville.

WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION FUND DRIVE. Charlton County's full quota for the Warm Springs Foundation will be paid if every section of the county shows the enthusiasm manifested in the Camp Pinckney settlement. The committee there, composed of Mrs. Herbert Huling and Mrs. Mack Lloyd are busy raising their quota and will make their first report next Tuesday. The Uptonville community is already at work. The committee consists of Velma Crews, Pearl Conner and Lois Brooks. Homeland with its 176 inhabitants will attempt to raise it full quota of \$8.75.

THOUSANDS OF FISH RELEASED. Eight thousand bream have just been released in the Satilla River near Folkston, it is revealed by Joe D. Mitchell, Wildlife Director for Georgia. They were released in the vicinity of Buffalo Creek. It is the second consignment of fish "planted" in the Satilla in recent weeks. Several thousand black bass were released a few weeks ago.

NEON SIGNS AT MATTOX CROSSING. Two large neon electric signs are to be installed within the next few days at the Mattox crossing at Federal Route One and ACL Railroad. They will show the dangerous nature of this crossing and will add to the other safety devices already in use at that point. They are donated by the Neon Company and will be installed and maintained by the State Highway Dept. with L.H. Tucker, Mattox business man furnishing the electric current free of charge.

AD. Hawkins and Adkins Funeral Home. Folkston. In charge of experienced morticians. Lady Attendant. Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Adkins in charge. Day and night ambulance service. Phone Number 100.

THE CITIZENS BANK. Statement of condition of the Citizens Bank of Folkston and Nahunta at close of business on December 31st, 1937: Resources, \$634, 818.96. HONOR ROLL AT ST. GEORGE. The pupils in the St. George High School who are on the Honor Roll are: 11th Grade, Eula Hodges. 10th Grade, Emma Crawford, Frona Hodges. 8th Grade, Nellie Smith, Marguerite Osterman.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL. Much progress is being made on the new St. George school

building now being erected. Most of the workers employed at the school are moving their families to St. George.

## January 21, 1938

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker are the proud parents of a baby girl born last week. The baby will be named later.

SARDIS ADULT EDUCATION CLASS. The people of the Sardis community will have their first meeting in Adult Education Friday night and will meet at Philadelphia Church, with C.W. Waughtel, teacher.

CAMP PINCKNEY CITIZENS RAISE QUOTA. The citizens of Camp Pinckney community are jubilant because they have raised their quota of 100% for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Mrs. Mack Lloyd and Mrs. Herbert Huling are committee chairmen. MRS. WELCH DIED. Mrs. Welch, about 65 years old, who has been living at the home of Mrs. W.M. Schneider in Homeland for the past several months, died Friday morning after a brief illness of nephritis. She was a member of the Catholic Church and a priest from Waycross came down Friday afternoon and conducted the last rites with burial in Homeland cemetery.

### January 28, 1938

EVERETT C. SMITH IS NEW CLERK. Everett C. Smith was named as Clerk of Superior Court in the special election held to fill the unexpired term of the late W.B. Smith. He had no opposition.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR SARDIS COMMUNITY. The Adult Class in Education met at Philadelphia Church and discussed the Infantile Paralysis fund campaign. The following committee was appointed: Mrs. J.W. Colson and Eunice Altman. NEW STATE HOLIDAY. On Saturday, January 29th the Citizens Bank will observe for the first time Georgia's newest state holiday, President Roosevelt's birthday, which was recently proclaimed a state holiday by Governor Rivers. The bank will close all day Saturday in observance of this occasion.

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DR. SAWYER IS BUILDING NEW HOSPITAL. The greatest step forward in the progress of Folkston for this year is the announcement of the construction of a modern new hospital building. Construction began Monday under supervision of contractor Leon Askew. The building is being erected by Dr. James L. Sawyer and will be located on the lot adjacent to his home with the hospital facing Federal Route One. It will be 74 by 30 feet in size and will contain eighteen rooms. The new building is to take care of the rapidly growing needs of the Folkston hospital operated by Drs. Fleming and Sawyer in the old residence of Dr. Fleming which was fitted up for hospital purposes. It will have an ambulance entrance on the south end. A six foot hall will extend in the center for sixty one feet. [Picture of Dr. James L. Sawyer and Dr. A. Fleming in connection with this.]

JOSEPH ALLEN CARTER DIED. Joseph Allen Carter, 33, lifelong resident of the Racepond community, died at his home Sunday after a long illness. He is survived by

his wife, Mrs. Nora Carter, son Joseph A. Carter, Jr. and four daughters, Mabel, Gladys, Dorothy and Pauline Carter, all of Racepond; his father Raiford Carter and two brothers, Otis Carter and Owen Carter; one sister, Mrs. Joe Corbett. Funeral services were held at the church at Racepond with burial in Racepond cemetery. Rites were conducted by Rev. Fleming Allen.

HOMELAND HAS NEW TOWN COUNCIL. The new town council of Homeland was sworn in this week. For the fifth time T.W. Wrench takes the oath as Mayor with the council composed of J.P. Garrison, Fred Kottman, M.M. Toy, H.J. Mays and M. Norwood. C.W. Waughtel is Recorder. The financial report showed a balance of over \$300.00 with no outstanding obligations.

FLOYD WILDES VISITING HOME FOLKS. Floyd C. Wildes, who enlisted in the U.S. Navy last October, arrived here last week to spend some time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wildes.

## February 11, 1938

CHARLTON COUNTY LEADS STATE IN WARM SPRINGS CONTEST. Exceeding its guota by the largest margin, winning both loving cups Charlton County won both trophies, beautiful silver loving cups in the campaign for funds for the Warm Springs National Foundation to combat Infantile Paralysis. Charlton County stole the show at the Victory Dinner in Atlanta Saturday when it was revealed that this county had won both cups after reports from all of Georgia's 159 counties had been consolidated, showing that Charlton had exceeded its assigned quota based on population by a larger margin than any other county in the state. The winning of these two trophies, one to the county exceeding its quota by the largest margin and the other to the county school system making the best showing is a distinguished achievement of which Charlton County may well be proud. The Charlton County committee was represented at the victory dinner by R. Ward Harrison, V.J. Pickren and J.W. Vickery. The county cup was presented to Mr. Harrison and the school cup was presented to Mrs. E.C. Gowen who served as associate county chairman and John Harris who directed the school campaign were unable to attend the victory celebration. The cups were brought back to Folkston Tuesday and put on display in the lobby of the post office. Charlton County exceeded its quota by 73%.

JURORS. The following is a list of jurors who will serve in the March Term of Superior Court:

GRAND JURY. James H. Wrench, G.A. Dean, S.F. Canaday, N. A. Thrift, C.J. Passieu, J.M. Crawford, Canadair Canaday, Mack Lloyd, Sr., O.M. Prescott, S.M. Howard, Jesse W. Vickery, J.B. Carter, T.C. Gowen, H.S. Mattox, J.S. Joyner, W.J. Jones, E.H. Wright, E. F. Allen, W.L. McDuffie, J.C. Littlefield, W.E. Gibson, H.C. Page, B.F. Scott, Sr., C.J. Altman, L.H. Tucker, William Mizell, Jr., M.M. Crews, Jr., J.T. Thrift, T.H. Lowther. TRAVERSE JURY. J.T. Conner, J.H. Canaday, W.W. Chism, Fred Kottman, H.D. Thomas, Jesse P. Mizell, J.B. Pearce, W.W. Davis, S.H. Lang, M. Norwood, N.J. Norman, B.S. Johnson, C.W. Prescott, Bert Harden, Leon Askew, C. Pearce Stapleton, Edward M. Stokes, J.B. Southwell, Roy Miller, J.W. Colson, Charles H. Gibson, A.C. Crews, R.L. Chism, Raiford Carter, H.P. McDUFFIE, T.E. Bryant, G.R. Gowen, Sr., N.A. Thrift, Eugene Williams, M. Altman, J.W. Spencer, Lee Prescott, R.L. Crews, O.E. Raynor, W.G. Gibson, V.A. Quarterman n, R.B. Stroup, B.H. Lowther, Arthur Carter, Ben T. Chesser, Curtis Dixon, Carl Jones, W.H. Crews, A.D. Burnsed, W.C. Suggs, S.L.

# Lyons, Eddie Crews, J.L. Thrift.

PALMS PLANTED AT SCHOOLS. At a recent meeting of the Garden Club, it was reported that members placed palm trees at the entrances of the school buildings last week. Mrs. George Gowen, Jr., Mrs. William Mizell and Mrs. John Harris were appointed to go before the city council and ask that stock be kept out of town. NEW CHOIR AT BAPTIST CHURCH. The Baptist Church last week voted to organize a men's choir. Evidence that this organization will mean much to the church could be seen at the regular Sunday night service when the choir box was filled with men and practically every seat in the church was taken.

ROADMASTER HODGES RECEIVES AWARD. Roadmaster V.A. Hodges was last week awarded a certificate of merit for accident prevention during 1937 by the Safety Dept. of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. The certificate certifies that employees in the territory under supervision of Mr. Hodges obtained 100% safety during the year 1937. Mr. Hodges is chairman of the Safety Committee for this division.

NEW PIANO FOR GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH. The recently organized Grace Baptist Church at Uptonville this week purchased a splendid Fischer upright piano for their church and it has been installed for use at future church services there.

### February 18, 1938

CHARLTON TO CELEBRATE WINNING OF TROPHIES. Plans for a county-wide celebration to be held in the high school gym February 26th are being completed for the purpose of commemorating Charlton's splendid achievement in winning both trophies in the recent state-wide Warm Springs campaign to raise funds to combat Infantile Paralysis. The celebration is set to begin at 2:00 in the afternoon and outstanding features will be the formal presentation of the cups by Governor E.D. Rivers and State School Supt., M.D. Collins. President Roosevelt, sponsor of the Warm Springs National Foundation Campaign, and who is deeply interested in this project has been extended an invitation to stop briefly in Folkston on his journey south to Florida for a fishing trip. BOAT CRUISER NOW TAKES WORKERS INTO INTERIOR OF SWAMP. A 22-foot motor boat cruiser was unloaded here Saturday and carried by truck to the Suwannee Canal where it has been placed in service to transport workers from the CCC camp into the interior of the swamp where the work of developing the government bird and game refuge is underway. The canal has been cleared of all obstructions and the undergrowth cleared out and it's now possible to operate a boat of this size without trouble for the entire length of the canal.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION. Kingsland, Ga. ñ A fiddlers' convention will be held at the Kingsland High School at 8 P.M. February 23 under auspices of the Kingsssland PTA. The music program is to be varied with other forms of entertainment and funds raised will be used for the stadium which is under construction. All musicians are invited to come and take part.

CUSTOM HATCHING. Mrs. C.W. Waughtel will do custom hatching again this season. Will set one incubator next week. Prices same as last season. Single trays hold 150 eggs. Price: \$3.50 per tray.

### February 25, 1938

MALLARD, FLEMING AND HARRIS ARE SURPRISED AND HONORED. The Charlton County Chamber of Commerce at their annual meeting honored L.E. Mallard, Dr. A.

Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. John Harris for the unselfish service that they have given Charlton County through the years. Completely surprising each one, they were presented engraved loving cups.

BUGGIE DASHER KILLED IN FRACAS. Buggie Dasher, a youth said to be about 19 years old, died in a Waycross hospital Monday as a result of gunshot wounds sustained in a row at Traders Hill Sunday night. He was reported to have entered the home of Isaac Sims when he was shot by Sims. Both men are employed by J.V. Gowen in his turpentine operation.

CITY CLOCK CLEANED UP. The Folkston city clock perched high up in the tower of the Charlton County Courthouse has this week had its face lifted and the accumulated grime and soot of many years removed. It has been given a complete overhaul by veteran employee of the Howard Clock Co. The face of the clock is lighted at night. BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS. At the beauty contest sponsored by the Folkston PTA the following girls were declared winners: Senior group: Mrs. Geraldine McCormick. Junior Evening Group: Mary Lou Stewart. Jr. Sport Group: Marion Pickren. Primary Group: Bobby Ruth Sikes. \$76.80 was cleared and applied to the dining room project of feeding the undernourished children in the Folkston schools.

# **Digest of Waycross Herald - March 1938**

## March 4, 1938

GOVERNOR E.D. RIVERS FORMALLY PRESENTS CHARLTON'S TROPHIES. With more than one thousand people from all sections of the county and many distinguished visitors, Charlton County last Saturday celebrated its victory in winning both cups offered by the state committee in the recent state-wide campaign for funds to combat Infantile Paralysis. The cups were accepted on behalf of the county by Mrs. E.C. Gowen, county chairman of the campaign and by Supt. John Harris, who directed the campaign in the schools. The two beautiful silver loving cups with appropriate inscription will be placed in the glass case at the high school building as prized mementoes of the county and the school system. The celebration program began in the school auditorium with Editor R.Ward Harrison presiding and with L.E. Mallard, Mrs. E.C. Gowen and Mr. William Mizell, Jr. as speakers. Gov. Rivers was the principal speaker of the day, along with several other visitors. The guests were entertained with a fish fry at Burnt Fort that evening.

LEON ASKEW INJURED IN FALL. Contractor Leon Askew, who is directing the construction of the new Folkston hospital building, suffered painful injuries Friday when the scaffold upon which he was working gave way throwing him to the ground, a fall of about ten or twelve feet. He suffered severe bruises. However, after medical attention was given him, as the new hospital's first patient, he was able to continue his work of supervision, leaving the actual labor to his helpers . W.B. Vickery was also on the scaffold, escaping with minor bruises.

FIRST CASE TRIED IN TRAFFIC COURT. Charlton's new Traffic Court, which is presided over by Judge A.S. McQueen, Ordinary, was officially inaugurated Monday February 21st when O.G. DeLoach of Jacksonville was given 30 days in jail on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Other cases were also disposed of.

FRANCIS ASBURY RATCLIFFE, JR. KILLED. Francis Asbury Ratcliffe, Jr., former

resident of St. George, was killed instantly when run over by an automobile while crossing a highway near New Orleans on February 20th. He was employed in the Louisiana oil fields. He was twenty-five years old and a member of the Methodist Church. Funeral services were held in the Lakeland, Ga. Baptist Church. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Rev. and Mrs. F.A. Ratcliffe; a brother, Hugh C. Ratcliffe and a sister, Miss Mae Ratcliffe, all of Lakeland; a sister, Mrs. Henry Shearouse and a brother W.E. Ratcliffe.

BURNSED HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE. The home of G.W. Burnsed, about nine miles south of Moniac, was completely destroyed by fire caught from chimney sparks 9:00 last Saturday morning. He had the misfortune to lose practically all the contents of the building, only a few articles being saved.

MURDER CASE. At the spring term of Superior Court last week the trial of the State v Walter Melton for the murder of P.G. Mizell went to the jury and after only 26 minutes, the verdict was guilty, without recommendation of mercy. Sentence to death in the electric chair was immediately imposed, with execution date being set for April 1st at the new state prison in Tattnall County. A motion for a new trial was immediately filed by the defense attorneys.

ST. GEORGE LIBRARY. The St. George Library, recently established through cooperation of the WPA, now has 500 volumes for the pupils of that community, as well as complete files for several different magazines, it was announced by Miss Ida Baugh, librarian.

TRACY TWINS WILL SOON BE NURSES. Misses Ada and Agnes Tracy were the Sunday guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Tracy and their aunt, Mrs. E.H. Johnson. The Misses Tracys have just completed their third semester at St. Luke's Hospital, finishing with an average of 99% on some of their subjects. They have only three more semesters before they become Registered Nurses.

### March 18, 1938

ELECTRICITY COMES TO SOUTHEAST GEORGIA. The first unit of the Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, the biggest REA project in America, was energized Wednesday, sending electric current to more than 250 farms of Appling, Bacon, Pierce and Wayne Counties over a network of 107 miles of power lines.

MATTOX STATION REMODELED. An extensive program of repairs and remodeling work on the place of business of L.H. Tucker at Mattox has just been completed. The store, filling station and garage, operated by Mr. Tucker has all been remodeled. WEDDING. A marriage of interest to friends was that of Miss Evelyn Rozier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Rozier of Folkston and Mr. James Johnson of Jacksonville which took place Tuesday in Jacksonville. She has been taking a course in a beauty shop in Jacksonville, having completed it a few days ago. They will make their home in Jacksonville.

### March 25, 1938

OIL INTERESTS BEGIN DRILLING OPERATIONS AT OFFERMAN APRIL 2ND. The starting of the drilling of an oil well, the process known in oil circles as "spudding in", in the southeast Georgia territory will be made April 2nd by the American Oil Co., it was announced Tuesday by George Crawley of Waycross, local representative of the American Oil Co. The well is to be located two and a half miles east of Offerman in

Pierce County on Lot 329. It is in a block of 250,000 acres. The contract for boring the well has been let to Loffland Brothers of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Houston, Texas. The machinery is expected to arrive this week. The work of assembling the leases has been going on for more than two years.

THIRTY-EIGHT CHARLTON ADULTS CAN NOT WRITE THEIR NAMES. A canvass to ascertain the number of white adults in the county who can not write their name has been completed. Thirty-eight persons were contacted who could not write their own name, among these were a few who could read their name if written for them. An encouraging feature of this campaign is the fact that most of these folks are willing to begin work at once. Their ages run from 22 years old to 94. A new teacher, Miss Nettie Keene, has been added to the force of teachers to help make this county literate. PROGRESS OF OIL WELL ON FEDERAL ROUTE ONE. The drillers of the test oil well six miles south of Folkston on Federal Route One has struck solid rock which they describe as "a lid over the oil strata" and expect the well to come in at any time now. JAMES WRENCH IS WITH NEW INSURANCE COMPANY. James H. Wrench who was for many years Cashier at the Citizens Bank, and for the past year has been connected with a life insurance company as district agent, has accepted a position with the Title Trust Co. of Florida in Jacksonville.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stroup announce the birth of a fine eight-pound baby daughter born March 22nd at their home. Both mother and baby are reported to be getting along nicely. She has not yet been given a name.

NOTICE. This is to advise that I have sold fishing rights to Strain Lake, known as Widow's Lake Slew to river included for year 1938 to Lewis Williams. All permits given by me are cancelled. L.T. WASDIN.

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### April 1, 1938

CELEBRATES CCC ANNIVERSARY WITH DINNER AT CAMP. The fifth anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps was celebrated with an open-house party, elaborate dinner and inspection of the camp at the Okefenokee Refuge Tuesday. A number of leading citizens of Charlton and Ware were guests. John M. Hopkins, general supt. of the Okefenokee project was also present. The CCC boys have been at work there since May 25, 1937 yet have completed six vehicle bridges, a combination building and garage along with ten other structures. So far four miles of truck trails and an equal amount of telephone lines are finished while topographic surveys have been started. A total of 2,336 man-days alone were devoted to preparation and hauling of materials. MRS. MINNIE CREWS CREWS DIED. Mrs. B.C. Crews, age about fifty, passed away at her home in Brantley County Friday following a brief illness. She suffered a stroke Thursday afternoon and death resulted Friday morning. Before her marriage she was Miss Minnie Crews, daughter of Frank Crews. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons Louie, Oliver and Earl and one daughter, Bertha. The funeral and interment was at High Bluff Church.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED. Judge M.D. Dickerson denied the motion for a new trial for Walter Melton, convicted for the murder of P.G. Mizell and sentenced to be

executed. His attorneys have filed a Bill of Exceptions to the Ga. Supreme Court who will make the final decision.

NEW LOCOMOTIVE STOPPED IN FOLKSTON. Locomotive No. 1800, one of the twelve new giant locomotives recently purchased by the A.C.L. RR passed through Folkston on its breaking-in trip Wednesday and attracted much attention during its brief halt here. These locomotives are streamlined and are 97 feet long with drive wheels 80 inches in diameter.

J.V. GOWEN, SR. PIONEERS PINE SEEDLING PLANTING. Nearly everyone will admit that Charlton County's vast areas of cutover and burned over pine timberland are its greatest natural resource. One pioneer land owner and turpentine operator, J.V. Gowen, Sr. has found the answer to this question. During the past seven years he has planted more than 8 million wild slash pine seedlings on abandoned fields and open stump lands and has reforested over 2,000 acres of land. He started transplanting wild seedlings on a small scale in January 1931. His first large scale planting was done January-March in 1933. It was largely to furnish needed employment to turpentine workers during the depression .

MRS. NANCY WILDES DIED. Mrs. Nancy Wildes, widow of the late A.F. Wildes, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O.M. Prescott Wednesday after an illness of about thirty minutes. Mrs. Wildes was born January 2, 1855 in this county where she has lived practically all of her life. She was 83 years, two months and 28 days old. When she was twenty years old she united in marriage to A.F. Wildes and to this union were born seven boys and two girls. The surviving children are J.M. Wildes, M.F. Wildes, J.D. Wildes, A.C. Wildes, H.P. Wildes, Mrs. O.M. Prescott, R.H. Wildes and K.D. Wildes. She was of the old type of southern woman now so rapidly disappearing and a member of the Old Alabaha River Primitive Baptist Assn. for 41 years. The funeral was at Corinth Church where her membership was held. Burial was in Corinth cemetery.

### April 8, 1938

FEBRUARY PUBLIC WELFARE FUNDS. Charlton County received a total of \$3,198.47 for public welfare and relief purposes during February, a report of the State Dept of Welfare shows.

ADULT EDUCATION CENSUS BEING TAKEN BY MRS. ROBINSON. The future result of Adult Education in Charlton County will depend on the conditions as revealed by the school census which is now being taken throughout the county by Mrs. W.H. Robinson and others. Several adults have learned to write their names legibly and others are able to spell simple words and to correctly figure small sums. One expects to be able to write a personal letter to the editor of the Herald. This would be the first letter this party has ever written. If the letter is readable the editor will give the party a year's subscription to the Herald.

FIRE AT NEW HOSPITAL. Folkston's new hospital came very near being destroyed by fire before its completion last Saturday, when flames were discovered in a closet, having burned through the floor. An alarm was quickly turned in and the fire extinguished before much damage was done, the damage being confined to the walls and floor of the closet. Workmen had stored some paints and oils at noon and it was not until 4:00 o'clock that the fire was discovered. Origin has not been determined. It could not have been from defective wiring as the building has not yet been connected up to the power lines. NEW SIGN FOR MCDONALD HOUSE. The McDonald House has installed a very

attractive neon electric sign adding much to the colorful electric lighting displays on Folkston's Main Street.

## April 15, 1938

RAYMOND BANKS BUYS JONES GROCERY STORE. A change in the ownership of one of Folkston's oldest businesses was announced this week with the purchase by Raymond Banks of the W.J. Jones Grocery Store and Market located next door to the Banks CafÈ. It has been successfully operated by Mr. Jones for a number of years. He plans now to take a vacation before deciding on his future plans.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joyner announce the birth of a fine baby boy born April 12. Both mother and son are doing nicely. The young man has not yet been named. Mrs. Joyner will be remembered as Miss Myrene Altman.

ANTHONY RUSHIN AND AUNT JOSEPHINE LAMBERT DIED. Two of Folkston's aged and highly respected colored citizens have been called by Death during the past week, removing two of the county's oldest residents. Anthony Rushin, an aged one-leg Negro known to all as "Mud-axe," passed away last Friday after a short illness due to the infirmities of age. He had lived in Folkston for many years and was widely known. Aunt Josephine Lambert, who had been ill for the past several months, died early Tuesday. She was an old slavery-time Negro and belonged to William Gowen, the grandfather of Mr. J.V. Gowen, Sr. She was the widow of Pearce Lambert and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS: Mrs. Proctor Caudle, librarian, listed names of books bought by money made on a recent cake raffle, also listed names of patrons who checked out books during the past week.

# April 22, 1938

MR. W.L. HULING BUYS FRANK MILLS RESIDENCE. A real estate transaction of much interest was announced this week with the purchase by Mr. Walter L. Huling of the residence of Mr. Frank D. Mills, one of Folkston's oldest homes. Mr. Huling sold his home on the highway several weeks ago to Mr. Taylor, manager of the Hercules store. In discussion of the sale of his home Mr. Mills stated that he has not decided on future plans and he and his family will continue to occupy the home till after school is closed. Mr. Huling plans extensive repairs and alterations on the residence before he and his family occupy it.

TWO CHARLTON MEN IN CALIFORNIA CCC CAMP. Two Folkston boys, Eugene Russell and Bennie O'Quinn, who have been accepted for enlistment in the CCC, have been assigned to a camp in northern California. They left a few days ago for a camp in South Carolina where they will join other enrollees for the trip across the country. CHARLES ELLIS HADDOCK DIED. Funeral service for Charles Ellis Haddock, 87, who died Tuesday at his home in Fernandina were held at the grave in Haddock Cemetery near Kings Ferry Thursday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frankie Roddenberry Haddock and others.

JENNINGS HADDOCK TO BUILD HOME. Plans have been completed by Mr. Jennings Haddock for the early erection of a modern residence to be located just beyond the home of Mr. Harry Johnson. Contract for the construction of the building has been let to Mr. W.L. Huling. The new home is to be a six room dwelling and will be an attractive addition to the residential section of Folkston. PIE SUPPER PLANNED. The Uptonville Singing Class will give a pie supper Saturday night at the school house. The proceeds will go to the piano fund. Pearl Conner, Belma Crews, Helen Crews, Miss Dobbs

### Committee

THE TERM'S HAPPENINGS AT FOLKSTON'S COLORED SCHOOL. This has been one of the most successful school terms in the history of the Folkston Colored School. The term opened with an unusual enrollment employing three teachers. This is an addition of one teacher under the new educational set-up. Enrollment has reached 106 with a daily average attendance of 65. The teachers have striven to link the school and community together as much as possible. They attend Sunday School and church services and encourage the pupils to participate. We are grateful to Dr. Williams and the American Legion for the gift of a flag, the first one to be flown over the school ground. The flagpole was donated by two of our well-wishers. We are grateful to the ones in charge of the CCC camp for the gift of tree [three?] tables which played a great part in our developing a unit on the grocery store in every room. The superintendent has done well in seeing to it that we get as many of the free text books as possible. Every child can say he or she has a book or a few books this term that their parents did not have to buy. Unfortunately we don't have any particular funds that we can get fuel and other incidentals for our school. But we have an Emergency Club headed by older pupils, from which we get some of the needed things. Owing to the large enrollment we can not finish our closing exercise in one night. On Wednesday night, April 27, the Primary and some of the Intermediate pupils will have a program. On Friday, April 29 the larger groups along with two Grammar School graduates will bring the exercise to a close and they will present a play. JESSIE L. HALL, ELNORA L. HAMLER, CHRISTOPHER GREENE, teachers, Folkston Colored School

MORRIS HULING VISITING. Mr. Morris Huling, who has a government civil service position in Washington, D.C. is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huling.

### April 29, 1938

CHARLTON WINS THIRD PLACE IN STATE-WIDE CONTEST. For the second time this year Charlton County has won state-wide recognition in direct competition with the other 158 counties of the state. The Atlanta Constitution Sunday announced that Charlton County is the winner of third place in the Constitution's Better County Government Award for 1937, carrying with it a cash prize of \$500.00. Dodge County, Eastman, was declared the winner of First Place and DeKalb County, Decatur, was winner of the Second Place. The only restriction on the use of the award money is that it be used for some general public improvement in the county and that the Commissioners and citizens decide on what that improvement is to be.

CHARLTON COUNTY JAIL UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS. The Charlton County Jail is to be almost completely rebuilt as a result of an extensive WPA project, construction work on which was begun Monday under supervision of contractor Leon Askew. The repairs, improvements and additions is a joint undertaking of the county and WPA forces. It will include an addition of three extra rooms for the living quarters on the first floor, a bedroom, kitchen and breakfast room. A new stucco front porch will be added and the entire building will be finished in stucco. A new roof will be put on, cell blocks repaired and renovated and the entire building put in first class

## condition.

NEILL G. WADE DIED. Neill Gillespie Wade died at his home in Jacksonville Wednesday after an illness of several weeks. He was 88 years old. He owned considerable real estate in Jacksonville. He also had extensive property holdings in this county. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Mary E. Wade, three daughters, Mrs. William Elliott MacArthur, Miss Helena S. Wade and Mrs. C.D. MacArthur; one son, Neil G. Wade, Jr.; a sister, Miss Laura Wade and nine grandchildren. He was born at Wade, N.C. April 22, 1850. Funeral services were held from the residence and interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Jacksonville.

STORES TO CLOSE THURSDAY AFTERNOONS. The customary Thursday afternoon half-holiday during the summer months will begin with nearly all the places of business in Folkston next Thursday and will continue through the month of August. Business will be suspended at 1:00 each Thursday afternoon. The closing agreement has been signed by W.E. Gibson, E.C. Gowen, L.E. Stokes & Son, Suwannee Store, Theo Dinkins, C.R. Banks, G.M. Mizell, Folkston Grain and Grocery, John S. Tyson, Jr., T.C. Gowen, Conner Company and W.L. Matthews.

REPORTS DENIED OF GAS BEING STRUCK AT OIL WELL. Reports that gas has been struck at an oil well being bored near Offerman on property of Pan-American Oil Co. were denied Tuesday by P.A. Meyers, geologist for the firm. "We have no indication whatsoever of gas," Meyers told press representatives. The rumor, he said "was evidently started by some of the natives who had been watching the drilling operation." He said they probably saw vapor arising from the well when the drill pipe was removed. Reports persisted in Waycross and other nearby towns however, that the drillers at the well had struck gas. Robert E. Griner of Waycross said the drilling was interrupted Sunday night when workers at the well thought they felt gas pressure on the drill. Griner said the company officials warned all spectators away and removed all employees except one from the job. The well is now 3,500 feet deep it is reported.

PIE SUPPER WAS A SUCCESS. The Uptonville Singing Class wishes to thank the Herald for the publicity given the pie supper last Saturday. The proceeds were sufficient to pay off the indebtedness on the piano. The next project is to get a system of lighting for the building.

ADVERTISEMENT: The Sunrise Dairy has installed a 1938 model up-to-date Separator and can furnish Heavy Cream, Butter, Sweet Milk and Buttermilk. We deliver twice daily. Phone 8111.

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# May 6, 1938

STATE PARK PLANNED FOR CHARLTON COUNTY. Without a dissenting vote the county commissioners this week approved the proposal for the county to purchase a 1,000 acre tract of land to be used for a State Park project. Commissioner R.F. Burch explains that the proposed park in this county would be developed by the CCC, WPA or NYA labor. The commissioners requested that anyone having a suitable tract for this purpose, either for sale or to be donated, to please give full details to O.F. Wilson, Clerk. State Senator Knabb, while in Folkston this week, generously offered to donate free of

all costs a suitable tract of 1,000 acres to be used for the park project if it is located in the Moniac District where his land holdings lie.

FOLKSTON CLOSES ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS. Folkston business concerns observed the first Thursday afternoon holiday of the present season this week,

practically all business being suspended at the noon hour when the stores closed. The Post Office and the Citizens Bank will join in observing the Thursday afternoon holiday. The four garages of the city, operating on a rotation system, will also join in the closing agreement, with one of the garages being open for business each Thursday afternoon. Pickren Brothers drew the first open assignment but the others, Passieu Motor Co., City Service Station and Roberts Bros. closed yesterday. Passieu Motor Co. will be open next Thursday.

SURVEY OF THE BLIND IN CHARLTON COUNTY. B.F. Scott who has been engaged for the past year in re-indexing and assembling old records at the county courthouse has been assigned to another WPA project, having completed his task there. He will now make a complete survey of the blind in this county, details of the work to be announced later.

LAWRENCE WILDES HOME FROM NAVY. Lawrence J. Wildes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wildes, has returned to his home here after completing a three-year term in the U.S. Navy.

### May 13, 1938

CUYLER JOHNS, 56, SHOT AND KILLED AT RACEPOND. Cuyler Johns, shot four times by George Wilson at Racepond Thursday died Friday at a Waycross hospital. He was a brother of the late O.K. Johns who was shot to death by his son, Royal Johns. Johns said that Wilson shot him after an argument over a quantity of whiskey. Wilson hid in the woods until the arrival of Sheriff J.O. Sikes when he surrendered. He is being held under \$1,000.00 bond. Funeral services were held at Johns cemetery at Bachlott near Hickox. Mr. Johns was a native of Charlton, now Brantley County. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Agnes Todd Johns and seven children: Moley and Trody Johns, Mrs. Arthur Carter, Mrs. A.B. Lee, Mrs. Louis J. Dyal, Mrs. Charley Crews and Mrs. Charley Wheeler.

QUEST FOR OIL NEAR OFFERMAN HALTED BY ROCK. The guest for oil in southeast Georgia apparently was halted Wednesday afternoon when the drill of Adams-McCaskill No. One near Offerman is reported to have struck bedrock granite at a depth of 4,375 feet. The drilling operation was stopped and the rig was being dismantled Wednesday. Whether the rig will be moved to another site for a second deep test well has not yet been learned. Officials of the oil company issued no statement and the drillers would make no comment to reporters. The report that the drill had been biting into a layer of granite for the past week is not official but comes from reliable sources. Whether traces of oil were found before the drill reached bedrock will not be learned until an official log of the well is revealed by Pan-American officials. The Blackshear Times will say this week that efforts of the Pan-American company to locate oil at the site have been abandoned. The Times received a telegram from E.R. Turner, General Manager of the Pan American Production Co. in which the official states "The well is abandoned in granite." The granite was found at a depth of 4347 to 4378 feet and no gas or oil was discovered prior to reaching the rock. The Pan-American group, Turner said, is considering no immediate plans for further development in this area.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Stokes announce the engagement of their daughter Maggie Mason to Henry Benjamin Rodgers. The wedding will be in June.

MR. A. DUFF POWERS DIED. Duff Powers, 65, one of Baker County's most prominent citizens died in a Jacksonville hospital last Friday from injuries sustained when he fell from the porch of a two story building in Macclenny. He was a native of Charlton County, moved to Macclenny with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powers, 42 years ago. For a number of years he has operated the Powers Drug Co. and the hotel Annie at Macclenny. Funeral services were and interment were in Macclenny cemetery. POLL TAX BEING PAID. Tax Receiver H.H. Crews, acting for Mrs. J.M. Roddenberry, Tax Collector, in her absence from the city, was kept busy Friday and Saturday receiving poll taxes as numbers of Charlton County voters hastened to qualify to vote at the September primary before the poll tax deadline on May 8th. All voters who fail to pay their poll tax for 1937 and prior years before May 8th, will not be eligible to vote in the primary of Sept. 14. Charlton County voters' list will contain about 1,000 names. WORK BEGINS SOON ON STREET PAVING AND SIDEWALKS. Construction will begin soon on the street paving and sidewalk project extending from the courthouse corner to the Baptist Church. The highway is to be paved in the full width of the street, curbstones laid and sidewalks constructed extending to the Baptist Church on the east side and to the Methodist parsonage on the west side. Completion of this project will make every public building in Folkston except the Post Office available to a paved street.

SCHOOL PATROL. The unit of the Georgia School Patrol, of the Georgia State Patrol, has been organized in Charlton County High School. The following received their badges and commissions recently: Ray Gibson, Harold Gowen, Virgil Colson and Walter Mills. Substitutes are J.E. Harvey, Harry Wildes, Herbert Crews and Fred Crews. MR. JOHN PREVATT DIED. Mr. John Prevatt, 48, lifelong citizen of Charlton County died Tuesday at the Veterans Hospital in Lake City where he was taken about two weeks ago. He was a veteran of the World War and was held in high regard by his friends. Funeral and interment was in Sardis Cemetery. Survivors include his widow and three sons, Herman, Marvin and M.J.; two brothers, Owen K. and Joe A. Prevatt; five sisters, Mrs. Carl Reed, Mrs. Mattie Meehan, Mrs. Sara Hardison, Mrs. A.F. Robinson and Mrs. J.S. Nazworth.

HENRY STATEN HODGES DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS. Henry Staten Hodges, 53, died at his home in Jacksonville Wednesday of last week, following an illness of three months. He was a native of St. George, living all his life there until moving to Jacksonville nine months ago. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Della Hodges, his mother, Mrs. D.R. Hodges; three daughters, Vera Hodges, Ellen Hodges and Mary Etta Hodges; six sons, D.D. Hodges, J.V. Hodges, A.J. Hodges, Melton Hodges, Adrian Hodges and Ralph Hodges; four sisters, Mrs. J.M. Garrett, Mrs. Corbett Crews, Mrs. W.H. Grim, Mrs. W.H. Johnson; three brothers, Charlie Hodges, Robert Hodges and F.C. Hodges; one grandson, L.R. Hodges. Funeral services were held in Emmaus Cemetery. The funeral was delayed several days, awaiting the arrival of a son from Oregon.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Dock Henderson, Winokur, are the proud parents of a five pound boy born Friday. Mother and little son are reported to be getting along fine. CHARLTON COUNTY SENIORS ENTERTAINED. On Friday evening of last week the

Seniors of the Charlton County High School were entertained by the Juniors in the local gym. It was decorated to resemble an old-fashioned garden. It was divided in half by a trellis on which beautiful roses were growing. On one side, for the ones who did not prom, table tennis, fiddlesticks and bingo were enjoyed, while on the other side dancing seemed to be the center of attraction. After the proms delicious ice cream and cake were served.

## May 20, 1938

POST ROAD BEING SURVEYED. The work of surveying Charlton County's first post road project was begun yesterday. The road being surveyed had been approved as Charlton's first Post Road Project and extends three and a half miles from Folkston to just beyond the Steve Gibson farm, where it intersects the road from Mattox to Prospect Church.

ADULT EDUCATION IN CHARLTON COUNTY. The following letter was received from an adult student who a short time ago could not write a single word. The lady who wrote the letter receives the Charlton County Herald for a year as a reward for her efforts in becoming literate. She evidently believes in the old saying "Never too late to learn." The original letter is on file in the Herald office. It is as follows:

Homeland, Ga., April 28, 1938. Editor of the Herald, Folkston, Ga.

Dear Sir and Friend, This is my first letter ever written. I want to thank you for the help you gave us who can not write. Shall be pleased to get the county paper as soon as you can send it. Yours truly, Earney Knowles.

CONCRETE SIDEWALK BEING CONSTRUCTED AT COURTHOUSE. A concrete sidewalk approximately sixty feet long by thirty-two feet wide and extending from the street sidewalk to the courthouse steps is now under construction as a WPA project with the county commissioners paying part of the cost. The work is under the supervision of contractor Leon Askew and E.F. Allen, resident engineer in charge of WPA work in this county..

FOLKSTON OBSERVES HOSPITAL WEEK WITH SHOWER FOR CLINIC. Folkston's new hospital and clinic was thronged with visitors last Thursday and literally swamped with useful gifts as the result of the shower sponsored by the Junior Circle of the Methodist Missionary Society as the outstanding feature of Folkston's observance of National Hospital Week. A wide variety of useful articles were contributed to the hospital store of supplies, a total of 232 articles, accompanied by cards from 87 individual donors. Brief talks were made by Col. McQueen, L.E. Mallard and Mrs. Sawyer. GRADUATING EXERCISES. The graduating exercises of the Charlton County High School will be held May 20th at the Grammar School auditorium. The graduating class consists of the following: W. Robert Allen, Floyce Mary Anderson, Annie Earline Blocker, John Virgil Colson, Hubert M. Crews, Benjamin S. Gibson, Ruby Mildred Huling, Thelma Lenora Kirkland, David William Littlefield, Willie Maude Lowther, Raymond Kenneth Mills, Jewell Alice Mizell, Lester W. Prescott, Paul Proctor Prescott, Kathryn Belle Raynor, Dorothy Delene Thomas, Leila Jeanette Tracy, Elmer Lamar Wainwright. NEW HOME FOR HADDOCK FAMILY. Work on the new residence being erected by Jennings Haddock is about complete and should be ready for occupancy in the next few days. It is located just beyond the home of Harry Johnson.

HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB. A chapter of the Honorary Beta Club was organized in Charlton County High School last September. The charter was issued on November 7th, charter members being Virgil Colson, Kathryn Raynor, Irene Gibson, Delene Thomas and Lamar Wainwright. Guy Bentley is the club sponsor. The following members have been added since the club's organization: Sarah Kathryn Mizell, Kathleen Stapleton, Pauline Lowther, Nell Kendricks, Beryl Barnes, Edith Lawrimore and Nell Brock. MRS. PANSY PEARCE SCOTT DIED. Charlton County friends of Thomas A Scott will sympathize in the death of his wife which occurred at their home in Atlanta Sunday. Funeral services were held in Atlanta with interment in Thomson, Ga. She was formerly Miss Pansy Pearce of Thomson.

## May 27, 1938

EUGENE WILLIAMS OPENS SERVICE STATION. The old Texas Service Station located on the highway near the new hospital has been taken over by Eugene Williams who will operate a service station and cafÈ. Miss Carrie Belle Williams is associated with her brother in the operation of the cafÈ.

CHARLTON COUNTY BOYS IN GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD. Six Charlton County boys have recently enlisted in the Georgia National Guard, joining the infantry company at Waycross. They are J.E. Harvey, Alton Mizell, Aug Chesser, Irving Crews, Guy Gibson and Ray Gibson.

UNKNOWN MAN DIED NEAR RAILROAD. The body of a white man, badly decomposed, was found Monday afternoon just north of Homeland near the ACL tracks and about 200 yards off route One by a turpentine worker. He was wearing a size 38 coat and white belt with the initial K on the buckle.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wainwright announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Linda, on May 12th in St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville.

CHARLTON COUNTY WELFARE BENEFITS. Charlton County received welfare benefits during the month as follows: Old Age Pension and other Social Security payments, \$584.00. Surplus Commodities, \$669.55. WPA wages, \$1,477.10. CCC Funds, \$600.00. General Relief, \$44.50. Total \$3,375.15. The Charlton County Welfare Department is supervised by a local board, members being L.E. Mallard, Jesse P. Mizell, N.E. Roddenberry, Noah Stokes and Ralph Knabb. Mrs. Bernice Allen is County Welfare Director.

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# June 3, 1938

GIBSON GRANDCHILD KIDNAPPED. The kidnapping of five year old Jimmy Cash, Jr. from his home in Princeton, Fla. Saturday has created wide-spread interest in Charlton County, the mother of the missing boy being a native of this county. Mrs. Cash is the former Vera Howard, daughter of Mrs. Gussie Howard, granddaughter of Elder W.O. Gibson. She is a niece of S.G. and Charles H. Gibson and Solicitor-General John S. Gibson. Local relatives of the kidnapped child are much concerned as practically all hope has been abandoned that he would be found alive.

WEDDING. A marriage of interest here is that of Mr. J.D. Mizell to Mrs. Sallie Cooper which occurred June Ist at the home of the bride in Homeland. Mr. Mizell is the bridge-keeper at Burnt Fort. Mrs. Cooper, before her marriage was Miss Sallie Taylor, daughter of Bill Taylor, now deceased.

MRS. MARTHA MILLS JONES DIED. Mrs. Martha Mills Jones, about 55, passed away at her home in Clearwater, Fla. Wednesday, following a brief illness. Folkston relatives were advised late Tuesday evening of the critical illness of Mrs. Jones and before they could complete arrangements to go to her bedside, a message came announcing her death. She is a native of Charlton County, being a daughter of S.F. Mills, Sr. After her marriage she made her home in Va., but following the death of her husband two years ago she moved to Clearwater. Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth and Wilbur Jones; three brothers, S.F. Mills, Jr., Edgar G. Mills, F.D. Mills and three sisters, Mrs. J.B. Baker, Mrs. H.A. Renfroe, Mrs. C.Y. McMullen. Funeral was at the Methodist Church and interment in Folkston cemetery.

## June 10, 1938

KIDNAPPED CHILD FOUND DEAD. Announcement that the dead body of kidnapped James B. Cash, Jr. has been found was received with deep sorrow here. Many close relatives of the dead child reside here. G-men disclosed they had recovered the entire \$10,000.00 ransom and that the kidnapper had been in custody for a week. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, announced he had confessed to writing the three ransom notes and collecting the money but made no admission as to further participation in the crime.

TEACHERS SELECTED FOR NEW YEAR. The Board of Education elected the following teachers for the new school term: Principals: County High, Guy W. Bentley; John Harris Jr. High, Mayme Askew; Folkston Grammar, Marion Pearce. Teachers: Mrs. J.D. Roddenberry, Mrs. B.B. Gowen, Ann M. Woodall, Sarah Henderson, Martha Stapleton, Mary Leverett, Frances Hines, Zelle Ross, Marguerite Mills, Gladys Duncan, Cleo Huling, Eunice Hunt, Eunice Chute, Eleanor Cockrell, Minnie Belle Pryor, Daisy Neal, Carlie Mae Stokes, Susie Johnston, Charlton Talbert and Charles P. Willson. St. George, William S. Smith, Mrs. H.D. Templeton, Helen Bruschke, Cora Edenfield, Ella L. Maund. Moniac, Thyra McDuffie, Earnie Lee Johns, Hazel Prescott, Marie Boyd. Uptonville, Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Alyce Robinson.

WEDDING. A wedding of much interest was that of Miss Maggie Stokes and Mr. Benjamin Rodgers which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Stokes, Sunday morning with Rev. R.W. Waterman officiating.

APRON-TIE BOX SUPPER. There will be an old-fashioned apron-tie box supper at the Racepond Church on the first Saturday night in July. Young ladies who are interested in bringing a box to the supper are asked to make a neck tie and an apron of the same material, and when the box is ready, to put the tie in it with no name. Be sure to bring along the apron for after the boxes are sold, the girls will put on the aprons and the boys will wear the tie found in the box they purchased. Then each boy will find the girl whose box he bought, by the apron she is wearing. There will be plenty of hot dogs, cold drinks and light refreshments for sale. Proceeds will be used to buy a piano for the church.

# June 17, 1938

HOWARD SON IS FIRST INFANT FOR NEW HOSPITAL. Mr. Jack C. Howard, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and Mrs. Howard, announce the birth of a fine baby son on June 4th at the Folkston Hospital. The new arrival has been given the name of James Edward. He is the first baby born in Folkston's new hospital. WILSON STOKES DIED. Funeral services for Wilson Stokes, who was fatally injured last Monday when struck by a truck during a heavy rain, was held Wednesday at Giddens Funeral Home, Jacksonville. The body was taken to St. George, Stokes' birthplace for interment. Rufus Lowther, driver of the truck, is a native of Charlton County. Stokes slipped on the wet pavement after alighting from a city bus and slid beneath the wheels of the moving truck. He died in a Jacksonville hospital. Stokes is survived by his father, H.F. Stokes; four sisters, Mrs. Lettie Thomas, Mrs. Ida Canaday, Mrs. Nellie Canaday, Mrs. Louise Yarbrough and a brother, Cleaton Stokes. He is a nephew of Noah Stokes and Edwin Stokes of this county.

ACTIVE INTEREST IN LOCATING OIL HERE. According to a statement by L.E. Mallard, there is very active interest in this county towards obtaining a large acreage for the purpose of having some drilling with the possibility of finding oil and gas. It seems that the oil companies, after spending several thousand dollars in the Offerman section, found that drilling down about 4600 feet that they encountered granite, which halted their operations in that section. Now their geologists are in this county hoping to locate here and trusting that this section may not encounter granite. From the experience of the land owners in Brantley and Pierce Counties, it seems that they received in many instances quite a nice little sum of cash for their royalties. It may mean that we create an oil value here whether there be oil or not. Let us all sign up and see what we have, said Mr. Mallard.

THEODORE RATLIFF CHARGED WITH MURDER. Theodore Ratliff was arrested Sunday by Sheriff J.O. Sikes and charged with having caused the death of his wife, Flora Ratliff, who died three weeks ago after she had been severely beaten.

FORMBY POTTERIES SOLD. The plant and other properties of Formby Potteries, Inc. at Homeland was sold at public sale Wednesday, under order of Judge Dickerson. Sheriff Henry J. Sweat of Ware County and associates were the purchasers at a price of approximately \$1600.00. Receivership proceedings were instituted against the concern several months ago, Sheriff Sikes being named to serve as Receiver. Sale of the properties was conducted by Sikes and it is understood that the transaction was on a cash basis. Receivership proceedings were begun on behalf of creditors by attorney A.S. McQueen, who handled the legal details.

LIBRARY VERY BUSY. The fifty adult fiction books borrowed from the Georgia Library Commission have arrived. There were also fifty children's books borrowed in order to have a Vacation Reading Club. Some of the children have already started reading their books. Children's Story-Telling Hour began last Thursday afternoon. Afterwards they were served punch and crackers. Those attending were Bobby Adkins, David Hathaway, James Altman, Benny Scott, Tom Scott, Helen Ward, Odell Martin, Betty Pearce, Juanita Hathaway, Inez Hathaway, Grace Russell, Margaret Harvey, June Stalls, Annie Lee Stalls, Birdie Wright and William Wright. More children are invited to attend children's Story Telling Hour, which will be every Thursday afternoon. A few of the recent visitors were Mrs. Royal, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Mary Vickery, Mrs. R. Stalls, Mrs. T.A. Scott, Mrs. R.A. Boyd, Marie Boyd and Joan Barnhill. Mrs. Harford Russell has become one of the new readers in the library. The library is open every day except Sunday from 1:00 till 5:00 P.M. and an hour or two each morning to clean up and straighten the books on the shelves. Every one is invited to come and read. Mrs. Proctor Caudle, librarian, won a reading award by reading ten books from the GLC -- two books on literature, two books on sociology, two on biographies, two on travel and two on library science. NOW IS THE TIME TO VACCINATE FOR CHICKEN POX. Anyone wishing to learn how

to vaccinate their pullets against sore head, colds and chicken pox, get in touch with your Adult Teacher. He can teach you in five minutes how to vaccinate effectively with the contact method. The cost of the serum per 100 head is 90 cents.

## June 24, 1938

STATE PARK PROJECT IN CHARLTON ASSURED. The park project in Charlton County near Folkston is now a certainty according to official announcement of the State Dept. of Natural Resources who approved the site after final inspection last week. The site selected is the 1,000 acre tract located along the St. Marys River approximately 10 miles southwest of Folkston extending to within a half mile of the city limits. The tract was assembled from parcels belonging to four land owners: M.G. White, Sol P. Mills, C.S. Buchanan and J.V. Gowen, Sr. With exception of the fact that part of it overflows at times, it is ideally suited for the purpose of a park. The entire tract is offered for \$6,000, county commissioners to pay \$5,000 and the City of Folkston, \$1,000. Efforts will be launched to secure a CCC camp for the development work.

WEDDING. A marriage of much interest to friends here is that of Miss Ophelia Machado of Key West, Fla. and Mr. Raymond Banks of Folkston, the ceremony being performed Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents in Key West. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Banks. They will make their home at the Mattox Apartments. MR. J.W. SPENCER DIED. Mr. J.W. Spencer, age 81, for many years a resident of St. George, passed away Monday at the new hospital in Folkston after an extended illness. A native of Ohio, he had been a resident of Charlton County for the past 30 years. He was a brother-in-law of S.T. Cockrell, with whom he made his home. The only immediate survivor is his widow. The funeral was conducted at the St. George Baptist Church and interment was in the St. George cemetery. Atkins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Stokes announce the birth of a fine baby son born June 19th at Dr. Fleming's hospital. Pack was, of course, highly pleased with this splendid Father's Day gift. The baby has been given the name of Albert Paxton.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Courson of Savannah announce the birth of a baby daughter born June 19th. Mrs. Courson will be remembered as Miss Blanche Altman. The baby has been given the name of Glenda Patience.

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### July 1, 1938

W.L. HULING AND FAMILY OCCUPYING NEW HOME. Mr. W.L. Huling and family Saturday moved into their new home, the old Frank Mills residence just below the post office. The building has been completely remodeled and rebuilt, being converted into an attractive bungalow type residence. The building has also been repainted inside and out. It is now one of the most attractive and conveniently arranged and comfortable homes in the city.

WEDDING. Announcement of the marriage of Miss Kathleen A. Stinson and Escher Candler Wainwright on June 5th at the home of the bride's mother in Venice, Florida was of much interest to friends here. Mr. Wainwright is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wainwright and the late W.R. Wainwright.

FISH MARKET SOLD. Leonard O'Cain, who has conducted a fish market here for the past few years, has retired, having sold out this week to Ward Mizell.

### July 8, 1938

CHARLTON LIBRARY NEWS. there are twenty-eight children so far that are taking the Vacation Reading Course. They are Helen Ward, Juanita Hathaway, Elizabeth Tison, Jimmie Allen, Albert Mills, Sue Dee Wainwright, Grace Russell, Margaret and Elizabeth Barnhill, Doris and Berthia Lang, Mary Jean Thompson, Susie and Virginia Williams, Charlene and Harry Quick, Gwendolyn Baxley, James and Althea Altman, Lillith Lloyd, Helen Warren, Bertie and Grace Wright, Odethia and DeVant Guy, Joan Purvis, Nancy Prescott, Rebecca Jean Allen and Bessie Askew.

## July 15, 1938

MR. JAMES OSCAR HULING DIED. James Oscar Huling, age 61, died Tuesday in the Sawyer Hospital as the result of heart trouble. He had been ill over three months. He came to Charlton County from Albertville, Ala. thirty years ago. He was a member of the Folkston Methodist Church and a member of the Men's Bible Class. For many years he was one of the county's outstanding farmers. Besides his widow, he is survived by seven sons, Hubert, Wilson, Fleming, Hiram, Howard, Carlton and Morris; three daughters, Cleo, Mildred and Myrlene; six brothers, W.L., M.H., S.R., L.H., R.E. and B.M. Huling; two sisters, Mrs. Mack Lloyd and Mrs. Tom Merrow. Funeral services were conducted at the home and interment followed in Folkston cemetery. Adkins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MR. G.A. NAZWORTH DIED. Mr. G.A. Nazworth, age 78, known to his friends as Uncle Jobie, died at his home here Wednesday as the result of chronic appendicitis. He had been ill for several months. Besides his widow he is survived by five sons, Jesse, George, Corbett, Roy and Arthur; three daughters, Mrs. Dora Evans, Mrs. Mamie Griffin and Mrs. Bell Carter. Funeral services were at Sardis cemetery with Adkins Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

TYPHOID SHOTS TO BE GIVEN. Miss Jewell Page, county nurse, has announced the following typhoid immunization clinics: Traders Hill Methodist Church, July 20; Racepond school house, July 22.

THE CITIZENS BANK. Statement of condition of The Citizens Bank of Folkston and Nahunta at the close of business June 30, 1938: Resources, \$561, 633.79. LOST ALLIGATORS. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of two alligators, about eighteen inches, which strayed away from the courthouse Wednesday night, will please get in touch with the Herald office and receive reward for their safe return.

# July 22, 1938

CCC WORKER DROWNED. The dead body of a white youth was found floating in the St. Marys River near Camp Pinckney early Tuesday morning by J.E. Wilder, in charge of a barge crew. The body was brought to the river bank and officers of both Georgia and Florida were notified. An inquest was held and it was found that the youth's name was Theodore Brzo of Elmhurst, N.Y. and that he was a CCC worker. A heavy weight was tied around his neck.

NEW RESTAURANT AND SERVICE STATION. Construction work is now underway on a modern new restaurant and service station being erected by Ralph Johnson at his Kozy Kabin Kamp in the southern section of Folkston. The new building is located on the west side of the highway at a slight curve, making it a good location. P.C. Hall is the contractor.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED AT RACEPOND. The good people of Racepond held a very successful revival at the school house with preaching by Rev. Hugh Dixon of Waycross. Quite a number were organized into a Baptist Church. Rev. Wainwright of Waycross was called to be their pastor.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Holland Brown of Newell announce the birth of a baby daughter July 3rd. She has been named Juliette Louise.

WEDDING. A marriage announcement which will be of interest to a wide circle of friends was that of Miss Jessie Rozier and Mr. Robert Holley of Homeland which occurred July 3rd. Both are popular young people and they will have the best wishes of their many friends.

ALL GEORGIA CONVICTS HAVE SHED THEIR CHAINS. Chains have been taken from the legs of every prisoner in the state's 118 prison camps it was announced this week. The deadline for elimination of all shackles was set for Monday. Chains will not be permitted as punishment in the future.

## July 29, 1938

WOMAN'S DRESS REVUE HELD FRIDAY. A woman's dress revue was held Friday at the courthouse. A great deal of interest was shown in this contest under the direction of Miss Gertrude Proctor, County Home Demonstration Agent. Those modeling dresses designed and made by themselves were Mrs. M.E. Clay who won first place. She modeled a house dress of blue print costing \$1.10. Mrs. O.W. Leighton won second place. Her dress was a blue pique street dress costing eighty cents. Mrs. T.E. Leckie won third place. Her dress was garnet lace over a garnet slip costing \$4.25. The other contestants were Miss Nettie Keene of Traders Hill who wore a navy blue figured dimity street dress costing \$1.00. Mrs. E.H. Wright modeled a white cotton street dress costing forty-five cents. Mrs. John Colson modeled a crash semi-tailored street costume costing fifty cents. All of the contestants made high scores.

COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD: John Harris, Chairman. Mrs. William Mizell, Rev. R.W. Waterman, Mrs. W.C. Hopkins and R. Ward Harrison.

Library Personnel: Mrs. T.A. Scott, County Librarian; Miss Nettie Keene, Traveling Librarian; Mrs. Proctor Caudle, Folkston Librarian; Miss Ida Baugh, St. George Librarian.

MRS. L.T. WASDIN DIED. Mrs. L.T. Wasdin, age 47 died at her home in Winokur Wednesday as a result of an illness of nearly twelve years. She was a life-long resident of Charlton County, being a member of one of Charlton's pioneer families. Her religious faith was that of the Missionary Baptist. Besides her husband, L.T. Wasdin, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. A.B. Rozier of Campville, Fla., Mrs. N.E. Roddenberry of Winokur, Mrs. J.L. Raulerson of Nahunta; three brothers, W.L. Anderson, St. Augustine, Fla., R.F. Anderson, Pinetta, Fla. and M.L. Anderson, Hickox, Ga. She was the daughter of the late W.R. Anderson. Funeral services will be conducted today, Friday, at 11:00 A.M. at Corinth Cemetery with Rev. Bell of Hazelhurst officiating. Active pallbearers are J.C. Howard, M.D. Thrift, N.E. Roddenberry, J.L. Pitts, J.C. Littlefield, Jr. and Gilbert Henderson. Adkins Funeral Home of Folkston has charge of the arrangements. COMMODITY WAREHOUSE. A warehouse building located in the rear of the county courthouse has been completed for use as a commodity warehouse for distribution of surplus supplies through the WPA in this county.

OIL FOUND IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Excitement prevailed around Uvalda and Montgomery County last week when an abandoned oil well began to flow a heavy stream of water with a showing of oil. The well was abandoned a little over a year ago and the casing pulled and no flow of water has shown since that time. An expert oil man from Louisiana arrived last week. He said the flow had a live showing of oil.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Bragg of Milledgeville announce the birth of a boy born July 19. He has been named Richard Homer Bragg, Jr. Mrs. Bragg, before her marriage was Miss Martha Grace Lang of Folkston.

SAVE YOUR PEACH SEED. There is a demand for seedling peach seed. \$4.00 per bushel. Budded seed \$2.00. For particulars, write or call at the Herald office.

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## August 5, 1938

LARGE CLASSES ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Vacation Bible School was held last week at the Methodist Church. Teachers were Joan Barnhill, Lamar Wainwright and Kathryn Raynor and Jane Jones assisted in serving refreshments. It was supervised by George Gowen, Jr. and Jim Sikes. Attending were Bobbie Sikes, Mary Sikes, George Roahn Gowen III, Hal Tison, George White, Bill Wright, William Wright, Leonard Hannaford, June Stalls, Annie Stalls, Billy Mizell, Ruby Nobles, Joanne Passieu and Grace Lang from the Primary Department. Junior Department members were Birdie Wright, Carolyn Tison, Eleanor Wright, Oscar Hannaford, Margaret Barnhill, Madria Mizell, Betty Ann Gigle, Kedon Cooper, Billie Gigle, Tom Scott, Connie Jane Brown, Doris Lang, Bertha Lang, Billy Haddock, Marie Callahan and Billie Powell. Intermediate Department: Elizabeth Barnhill, Sue Dee Wainwright, Mary Jean Thompson, Ruth Hughes, Harry Quick, Jacquelyn Sikes, Mary Lou Stewart. EAST SPRINGS TO BE MADE SAFE AS DRINKING WATER. East Springs, located just off the Folkston-Kingsland Highway a short distance beyond Folkston's city limits will be concreted in and made a safe source of water supply. Dr. A. Fleming has long been interested in making the water at the spring safe for use. A number of families already use water from this spring for drinking purposes.

COPPER ROOF FOR PASSIEU HOME. The work of installing a new copper roof on the home of C.J. Passieu has just been completed, the work having been done under direction of Mr. Lloyd, experienced roofing contractor. A glittering copper roof makes a most attractive appearance and has attracted much attention. This is the most durable form of roofing yet developed and though expensive, lasts practically a lifetime.

# August 12, 1938

MRS. LUCY MIZELL LANG DIED. Mrs. Lucy Mizell Lang died August 7th at the home of her niece Mrs. Jack Dawson, St. Albana, West Va. Funeral and interment was held in St. Albana. She was the daughter of Joshua and Letitia Mizell, pioneer residents of Charlton County. She was born November 27, 1849 and was reared in this county, spending the major part of her life here. She was married to Garie Lang in April 1887 and he preceded her in death many years ago. She was the last member of a large and well known family. Her brothers and sisters were Jackson Mizell, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Felder Lang, William Mizell and Joseph P. Mizell. Everett Mizell, another brother, died in service in the Civil War. She united with the Methodist Church in her early youth and died as she had lived, a consecrated Christian.

## August 19, 1938

KOZY KABIN KAFE. The modern new service station and restaurant building constructed by Ralph Johnson by his Kozy Kabin Kamp has been completed and was opened for business Wednesday morning. Kozy Kabin Kafe is the name of the new restaurant to be operated in connection with the camp. Miss Maureen Sheffield is to be an assistant.

MR. FREDERICK STEPHENS JACOBS DIED. Frederick Stephens Jacobs, age 44, life long resident of Charlton County, passed away Tuesday at his home in Homeland after a brief illness. He suffered from kidney trouble. He was a member of a well known and highly regarded Charlton County family, being a son of the late Rev. G.H. Jacobs. He had a wide circle of friends throughout the county. Funeral services were conducted at Sardis cemetery by Rev. E.F. Dean assisted by Rev. Bird Yarbrough. Adkins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Besides his wife, he is survived by four children: one son, Lamar and three daughters, Rotha, Francis and Sherwin; four brothers, J.F. Jacobs, C.W. Jacobs , N.C. Jacobs and V.T. Jacobs; and one sister, Mrs. Romie Davis. PUBLIC SALE. Notice is hereby given that the Sardis school building and whatever equipment it contains, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the courthouse, city of Folkston on August 27th, 1938 at 2:00 P.M. Done by order of the Board of Education.JOHN HARRIS, Supt. of Schools FORMBY POTTERY CO. George M. Formby is rapidly improving his pottery plant which is known as the Formby China Co. Visitors are welcome.

SULLIVAN BABY DIED. An infant born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan at the Sawyer Hospital Tuesday morning, died a few hours later and was buried Wednesday in the Folkston cemetery with Adkins Funeral Home in charge. Mrs. Sullivan who lives near Crystal Springs in Nassau County is getting along nicely.

GEORGE BENNETT IN MARINES. George W. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bennett, was among the young men accepted for service in the U.S. Marine Corps August 4th at Parris Island, S.C.

### August 26, 1938

TYPHOID FEVER. The State Dept of Public Health sent a member of its field staff to Folkston this week to investigate the Typhoid Fever situation, a death from this disease having been reported in this county last week. No further cases of typhoid have been reported and there is little likelihood of an epidemic.

WEDDING. Of interest to their many friends is the marriage of Miss Jessie Mae Harrison to Woodrow W. Pickren, which was quietly solemnized at the Methodist parsonage August 20th by Rev. J.E. Barnhill. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.Ward Harrison and a graduate of Folkston High School. The groom is the son of the late T.L. Pickren and Mrs. T.L. Pickren, also a local graduate.

MR. ALFRED LLOYD DIED. Alfred Lloyd, age 90, member of a prominent pioneer Charlton County family, and one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Turner Knowles at Homeland last Thursday due to the infirmities of age. Mr. Lloyd was a descendent of the pioneer Lloyd family that came to Charlton County from Maine before the Civil War. He had been a life long resident of Charlton County. Survivors include three sons, D. Lloyd, Jack and John Lloyd; four daughters, Mrs. Turner Knowles, Mrs. Henrietta Simmons, Mrs. Louis Roberts and Miss Bell Lloyd. Funeral service was held at the home of his daughter Mrs. Knowles and interment was in Pigeon Creek Cemetery, Nassau County. He was a member of the Methodist Church. WEDDING. On April 15, 1938 Mary Kathleen Cureton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cureton of Jefferson City, Tennessee was married to D.B. Mills of Folkston. The marriage ceremony was performed in Morristown, Tennessee where Mr. Mills is connected with the U.S. Forestry Service. The couple lives in Jefferson City, Tenn.

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#### September 2, 1938

A list of teachers who went to work in Charlton County this week is as follows: Charlton County High School: Guy W. Bentley, teaching-principal; Mrs. J.D. Roddenberry, English and Latin; Eunice Chute, English and Physical Ed.; Minnie Belle Pryor, Home Economics; Ruth Bunn, Social Science; Charlton Talbert, Math and Science; Charles P. Wilson, Commercial. John Harris Jr. High: Mayme Harris, Teaching, Principal; Margaret Mooty, 7-A; Rossella Rankin, 7-A; Eleanor Cockrell, 7-B; Mrs. B.B. Gowen, 6-A; Susie Johnston, 6-B; Daisy Neal, 5. Folkston Consolidated School: Marion Pearce, teaching, principal; Sarah Henderson and Martha Stapleton, first grade; Margaret Leverett, Ella Hughes and Margaret Daily, second grade; Zelle Ross, Frances Hines and Marguerite Mills, third grade; Gladys Duncan and Cleo Huling, fourth grade. Carlie Mae Stokes, fifth grade; Mrs. Annie M. Woodall, Singing and Expression. St. George Consolidated: William S. Smith, teaching, principal; Mrs. H.D. Templeton, Science and Business; Clinton Phillips, English and Social Science; Helen Bruschke, Sixth and Seventh Grades; Thera Hambrick, Fourth and Fifth Grades; Cora Edenfield, Second and Third Grades; Ella Maund, First Grade. Moniac Consolidated School: Thyra McDuffie, Teaching, Principal; Ernie Lee Johns, Elementary; Hazel Prescott, Lower Elementary; Marie Boyd, Primary. Uptonville District School: Imogene Sears, Advanced Grades; Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Primary. Winokur District School: Mrs. M.D. Thrift, Primary Grades. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Johnson who have made their home near Hickox are again residents of Charlton, moving back last week. They live on Route One near Jesse Mizell where he will operate a poultry farm. She will be a teacher in the Uptonville school. Joe Williams, a Negro shot by a white man listed as "Goob" Patterson, a week ago Sunday, died early Tuesday morning as a result of his wounds. It is alledged that Patterson was intoxicated at the time of the shooting and did not realize what he was doing.

A complete survey of the 1,000 acre tract along the St. Marys River one mile southeast of Folkston, site of the proposed Charlton County State Park, is now being made. A detailed topographic map will be prepared for submission to federal authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duggan of Homeland are the happy parents of a five pound boy born last week. His name is Ralph Jackson.

EXTENSION ADDED TO FOLKSTON GRAIN & GROCERY. A warehouse extension

has been added to the rear of the building occupied by the Folkston Grain & Grocery Co. which will be used for storing grains, feed and heavy groceries. The marquee recently erected in front of the building has also been extended to include the office of Georgia-Florida Investment Co. and the Murray Barber Shop.

## September 8, 1938

Funeral services for Wade Hampton Cason, 79, retired Hilliard merchant who died at his home there Sunday night, were held at the Hilliard Methodist Church. Interment was in Folkston Cemetery with Oxley Funeral Home in charge. He was a native of Folkston, having resided here for 44 years. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Mary Agnes Cason; four daughters, Miss Margaret Cason, Mrs. Leroy Harvey, Mrs. D.O. Oxley and Miss Betty Cason; two sons, W.L. Cason and W.H. Cason; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hathaway and a brother, W.W. Cason.

The following is a partial list of college students and the institutions they will attend: Kathryn Raynor and Delene Thomas, G.S.C.W., Valdosta. Kathryn Thompson, South Ga. College, Douglas. Jewell Mizell, Mary Washington College. Joan Barnhill, LaGrange College. Albert Gowen, Gordon Institute. David Littlefield, The Citadel. McAdoo Littlefield, University of Georgia. Lamar Wainwright, Emory College. Bill McQueen, Cumberland University.

Agnes Wrench, who taught last year in the Hickox School, has been elected as a teacher in the Nahunta School for the coming term.

The small residence near the Bedell home in the eastern section of the city, owned by Jasper Stokes, and occupied by Mr. Wall and family was completely destroyed by fire in the early hours of Saturday morning. The family was away at the time. All of their furniture and possessions were destroyed. He is an employee of the Charlton TPO. Mrs. Mary C. Stokes, age 83, one of Nassau County's most widely known and best loved residents, died last Thursday at her home near Bryceville after an illness of several weeks. She is the mother of L.E. Stokes of Folkston. She was buried at Brandy Branch Baptist Church Cemetery. She was the mother of twelve children and is survived by all of them. She was the widow of Henry Stokes. lists children. She was born March I, 1855 and spend her life in Nassau and Charlton Counties. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

In accordance with its well-known policy of accepting farm products in payment of subscriptions, the Herald has acquired a wide variety of articles in this manner. But when O.F. Harden came in Tuesday with a basket of live rattlesnakes to offer in exchange for a year's subscription, for once the editor refused to barter. Mr. Harden just happened to catch us on a day when we had all the rattlesnakes we could possibly use so we were forced to decline his offer, with thanks. In fact we would much prefer to swap a year's subscription for a nice vicious wild cat any time. The snakes were found by Mr. Larrimore on the Harden land near the home of Jesse Mattox.

The remaining issues were not found.

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October 6, 1938

MASONIC LODGE SERVICE. Next Sunday night Folkston Lodge 196, F and AM will be guests of the Folkston Baptist Church at a special Masonic meeting, at the school auditorium. It will be held there in order to accommodate the large attendance expected. The Methodist Church will join in this service.

MRS. A.J. SOUTHWELL DIED. Mrs. Mary Rena Southwell, 66, wife of A.J. Southwell, died at her home in Woodbine Saturday morning at 3:00 o'clock after a lingering illness. Mrs. Southwell was well known and had many friends in this section. She was born in Charlton County but for the last forty-five years she has made her home in Woodbine. She was the mother of Mr. John B. Southwell, prominent Folkston oil dealer. The Herald joins his many friends in extending sympathy in his bereavement. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Oak Grove Cemetery near White Oak with Rev. R.W. Waterman, pastor of Folkston Baptist Church officiating. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. L.W. Robinson of Waynesville and Mrs. Henry Thrift of Woodbine; two sons, J.R. Southwell of Woodbine and J.B. Southwell of Folkston; two brothers, Jesse Wainwright and Jack Wainwright, both of Hickox, besides ten grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

NEW BABY. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean Gowen announce the birth of a fine 8- pound son born Thursday afternoon September 29th at their home. He has been given the name J. Dean, Jr. Both mother and baby are reported to be getting along nicely.

WALTER MELTON RESENTENCED. Walter Melton, 28 year old Negro who was convicted at the March term of Charlton Superior Court for the murder of Pratt G. Mizell, was resentenced by Judge M.D. Dickerson in Superior Court here Monday. The date for his execution has been set for Friday October 28th.

WEDDING. A wedding of interest to many friends was that of Miss Jessie Mae Mizell and Mr. Henry Thomas of Cumberland Island, the ceremony being performed at the home of Col. A.S. McQueen Saturday morning at 8:15 in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie P. Mizell. Mr. Thomas, formerly of Cornwall, England is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas. APRON SALE. The Presbyterian ladies will have an Apron Sale on Saturday afternoon from 3 till 6 o'clock to be held in the vacant room below the telephone exchange, proceeds to be for the benefit of the local church.

October 13, 1938

HERBERT S. LLOYD DIED. Herbert Seals Lloyd, 45, died in an Atlanta veterans hospital Monday after a long illness. He was born and reared near Folkston and had lived here till he went to St. Marys four years ago. He was a member of the Baptist Church and also a member of the Masonic Order. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Lloyd; his father, John B. Lloyd; four brothers, Jeff, Mack, Leslie and Barney Lloyd; one sister Mrs. Ira Rogers. Funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in St. Marys and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery at St. Marys. Burial services were conducted with Masonic rites.

NEW PARSONAGE FOR BAPTIST CHURCH. A modern new seven room parsonage is being erected by the congregation of the Folkston Baptist Church for occupancy by their pastor. It is located just south of the church. Construction is underway under direction of contractor W.L. Huling. The present parsonage, a two story residence directly in the rear of the church, will be rented.

STATE LEASES BIG FEDERAL LAND TRACT NEAR WAYCROSS. Leasing of the

32,284 acre Coastal Flatlands Land Utilization Project near Waycross by the federal government to the state of Georgia will not interrupt the development program which will convert the sub marginal area into a showplace of the South, it is assured by directors of the program. Announcement of the leasing of the project to the Georgia Natural Resources Dept. was made last week in Washington. The lease extends for fifty years. The huge tract of land lies in Ware and Brantley Counties and includes Cowhouse Island and a circle of the Flatwoods skirting the eastern edge of the famous Okefenokee Swamp. Farmlands which have not been productive and cut-over timber lands that were of no practical value are being converted into young forests, pasturage for livestock, refuge for birds and game and demonstration areas which show the value of modern reforestation methods. Five towers have been erected to protect the area from fire hazards. A deer corral has been built on Cowhouse Island and a causeway has been constructed connecting the historic island with the outside world. Streams have been stocked with fish and the wooded areas have been stocked with deer, turkey and quail. Work centers have been erected and telephone lines connect the work centers and fire towers. Pasture fences surround the growing areas of carpet grass and pasture crops. One of the most important phases of the program is the creation of the Laura Walker Park which is located in the center of the area about midway between highways leading Waycross to Brunswick and Waycross to Jacksonville. A 130-acre lake is under construction.

WEDDING. A wedding of interest to a large circle of friends is that of Miss Ivie Lea Dyal, 22, to Mr. Raymond L. Hall, 24, of Jacksonville. The wedding was an event of October 6th in Jacksonville with only the witnesses present. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dyal of Homeland and has been in Jacksonville for several months. They will make their home in Jacksonville.

LIBRARY BOOKS AVAILABLE. Several circulating library books are located at the home of Mrs. Carrie McLeod in Homeland. Any one desiring to look over and read some of these books will be given prompt attention by seeing Mrs. McLeod.

STOKES BUILDING APARTMENTS. A modern garage apartment building is being erected by Paxton Stokes near his home in the eastern section of the city. Construction is in charge of contractor W.L. Huling.

### October 20, 1938

EVERETT T. JOHNS DIES SUDDENLY AT PRINCETON, FLA. Everett T. Johns, former citizen of Charlton County, died suddenly Friday afternoon, October 7th at Princeton, Fla. while at work as a carpenter. He suffered a hemorrhage of the head and passed away before medical aid could reach him. Mr. Johns was born and reared in the Traders Hill district near Folkston being a son of the late J.B. and M.L. Johns. For the past twenty years he has been a member of the Philadelphia Freewill Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the World War. He was married twelve years ago to Annie Davis, also of Traders Hill, and since that time has made his home at Princeton, Fla. He is survived by his wife and six children, three of his own and three stepchildren: Wade 11; E.J. 8 and Carl 5; Mrs. Lynn Lonsberry, Mrs. Jack Brannan, Miss Winnifred Davis; one brother, J. Lester Johns; one sister, Mrs. Muriel Bryant. Funeral services were held at Homestead Missionary Baptist Church with interment at Naranja Cemetery near Homestead.

CHARLTON STATE PARK PROJECT NOW A CERTAINTY. After many months of

persistent effort on the part of L.E. Mallard, chief promoter, and other citizens, Charlton County's proposed State Park project is now a certainty. Formal transfer of title to the I, 000 acre tract of land for the park site having this week been made by the property owners to the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources. At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners held Monday, a resolution was unanimously passed authorizing purchase by the county of the 1,000 acre tract and appropriating sufficient county funds to pay for the property in full. The land lies along the St. Marys River about one mile southwest of Folkston. Spanish Creek flows through the middle of the property which is ideally situated for development.

WEDDING. Miss Elvira Mattox, daughter of Mrs. J.J. Mattox, and Mr. Everett Thomas of Glen St. Marys, Fla. were united in marriage Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J.E. Barnhill officiating. The Herald joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

CARNIVAL QUEEN AND KING TO BE CHOSEN. In a drive for PTA funds the local schools are sponsoring beauty contests which will be climaxed at the Halloween carnival on October 28. Senior High School will select the Queen of the Carnival from the following contestants: Jeannette Thomas, Marion Pickren, Julia George, Nell Brock, Wanda Gibson. Tommy Gowen, Norris Johnson, George Rhoan Gowen and Lewis Davis are competing for the Kingship, while one of the following will be selected as Baby Queen: Edna Mae Gibson, Flora Ann Allen, Susan Jane Jones, Carole Conner, Mary Connie Sikes, Linnie McQueen, Patsy Ruth Wright and Merle Hannaford. Bring your pennies to the carnival and vote for your favorite as each penny means a vote. TOLL BRIDGE RECEIPTS. At the county commissioners meeting it was reported that the amount received from the toll bridge for the month of September was \$34.85. BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR TEACHERS' PAY. State School Supt. M.D. Collins Monday described as "brightî the prospects for paying common school teachers and bus drivers in full and on time for at least the first two months of the current term. The Board also considered the formal adoption of a new state flag. This flag must be displayed over every public school house in the state system. If it is not the state board of education has the authority to hold up salaries of teachers.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION. The forty-fifth annual reunion of the Georgia Division of the United Confederate Veterans ended in Atlanta Friday after two days of colorful entertainment for the old soldiers who left vowing that they expect another reunion next year.

### October 27, 1938

LITTLE CHARLES KNOWLES DIED. Charles Knowles, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Knowles of Hilliard, former residents of Charlton County, passed away at the Sawyer Hospital Wednesday following an extended illness from a heart ailment. Survivors include, besides his parents, three sisters, Bula Mae, Inez and Geraldine; three brothers, Thomas, Lonnie and Manuel; his grandparents and many other relatives. Interment was in Folkston Cemetery. Adkins Funeral Home was in charge. MRS. HEBARD AT COLERAINE. Mrs. D.L. Hebard, who has been spending the summer at Marquette, Michigan, returned this week to her winter home at Coleraine where she will be joined by Mr. Hebard for the winter months.

HERCULES POWDER CO. BACK IN CHARLTON. The Hercules Company today moved their loading machine from Dyal, Fla. back to Folkston and will resume stumping

operations in the Folkston territory for the present. Work was halted in Florida because of wet weather.

NEW WAGE-HOUR LAW CLOSES DOWN SAWMILL OPERATIONS. Sawmill and timber operations in Charlton County including the cross-tie industry have been hard hit by operation of the new wage-hour bill which went into effect Monday. The most important suspension in this section is the shutting down of the extensive sawmill operation of J.H. Johnson and Son in the Racepond area. He announced that he could not operate under the provisions of the law and his mill has been closed down for the present. It is said that cross-ties can not be marketed at the present prices if the wage-hour law is complied with. The production of cross-ties in this section is on a piece basis but the industry is subject to the provisions of the new law. More than 125 men were released from the Johnson mill alone.

BABY TROUT AND BREAM NOW SWIM IN SPANISH CREEK. While in Atlanta last week L.E. Mallard launched a program to restock Spanish Creek with fish and put in an immediate requisition with the State Fish Hatchery. A shipment of 2,500 baby fish, trout and bream, were received Saturday and were at once released in the waters of Spanish Creek. Mr. Mallard plans to make Spanish Creek the favorite fishing stream for local people.

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MR. JOSEPH P. RUSSELL ANSWERS FINAL CALL. Mr. Joseph Parker Russell, age 74, a highly regarded citizen of Folkston for the past eleven years, died Tuesday following a heart attack. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Martha Cottle Russell, two sons and one daughter. He was buried in Temple Cemetery, Kingsland.

PTA TO SPONSOR TENT SHOW. Direct from his record run in Miami, Captain Henry will bring his radio-stage "showboat follies" to Folkston Saturday for one night only. No expense has been spared to make this "America's finest tent show". Everything is new and of the latest ideas for the comfort of the patrons. The show will be sponsored by the PTA. Up until a few months ago Captain Henry and his show-boat follies broadcast every week from coast to coast. Captain Henry is bringing a cast of fifty hand-picked radio and stage stars to give you an evening's entertainment. The showground will be located at the lot next to the Sinclair filling station.

COCKRELL-STILLWELL WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Martha Blanche Cockrell of St. George and Mr. Parker Julian Stillwell of College Park, Ga. took place October 8th at the Methodist parsonage in Madison, Ga., Rev. J.B. Smith performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Cockrell of St. George. They are making their home at College Park.

MURDERER OF MR. PRATT MIZELL WAS EXECUTED. Walton Melton was executed for the death of Pratt G. Mizell in an escape from the Charlton County Jail. He was electrocuted at the new Tattnall State Prison last Friday.

WILLIAMS-HIRES WEDDING. A marriage that will be of interest was that of Miss Carrie Belle Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mr. A.D. Williams, and Mr. Melvin Hires, which took place last week at Macclenny. Mr. Hires has been a resident of Folkston for the past two years, coming here from Florida. He is employed at the City Service Station. NEW PASTOR FOR ST. GEORGE BAPTIST CHURCH. The Baptist Church of St. George has called Brother Minyard to be its pastor for the next year.

MATTOX-THOMAS WEDDING. Mrs. Bert Harden and Mrs. Oren Harden entertained Monday evening, honoring Mrs. Everett Thomas, who prior to her recent marriage was Miss Vina Mattox.

### November 11, 1938

WILDES-WASDIN WEDDING. Mr. L.T. Wasdin, widely known citizen of Winokur and Miss Pearl Wildes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wildes, of near Nahunta, were married last Sunday evening, the ceremony taking place at the home of Judge A.S. McQueen in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Howard and other close friends. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Alex Wildes of this county and has made her home in Winokur for the past several months.

WILSON-HOLLEY WEDDING. A marriage announcement of much interest is that of Miss Essie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wilson, and Mr. W.C. Holley, Jr., which took place in Jacksonville on November 6th. She has been making her home in Jacksonville for the past several months. He is an electrician and is employed in Panama City, where they will make their home.

TENT SHOW RECEIVES NO-GOOD RATING. A young boy, returning from the Captain Henry Showboat farce Saturday night was heard to remark to a companion that it was the "No-goodest nothing" he had ever seen. A large majority of those who attended seemed to agree with this estimate of the performance, that it was a "No-good nothing". MISS STOKES IS WORKING IN JACKSONVILLE. Miss Eula Mae Stokes, St. George, has quit school to begin work in Jacksonville. Her school mates and teachers very much regret her leaving.

NEW BABY DAUGHTER. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Motes, St. George, are the proud parents of a daughter and they have named her Winifred Ann.

TEMPLETON-SHAW WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Templeton of St. George announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Sue, to Madison Dutton Shaw of Atlanta. The ceremony was performed Friday at the Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Mrs. Shaw was in the 1938 graduating class of Grady Hospital and Mr. Shaw is one of the outstanding contractors of Atlanta. They will live in Atlanta.

LEE CHILD SICK. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Lee of Winokur got hold of some poison Friday morning while his mother was busy with her house work. He didn't drink enough of the poison to hurt him but was rushed to Folkston to Dr. Fleming.

### November 18, 1938

MARTIN CHILD INJURED IN SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT. A wood truck driven by Rural Johns crashed into the Uptonville school bus on the road between Mattox and Winokur Wednesday afternoon and Juanita Martin, little daughter of Mrs. Lettie Martin, suffered a cut on the head from flying glass. Several other children suffered cuts and bruises but no one was badly hurt. The school bus was driven by Oscar Crews and had stopped to let a child out when the accident occurred. The injured child was brought to Sawyer Hospital where eight stitches were required to close the wound.

NEW PASTOR FOR FOLKSTON METHODIST CHURCH. Rev. W.S. Sawyer is to be the new pastor of the Folkston Methodist Church assigned here by the South Georgia Conference to succeed Rev. J.E. Barnhill. He, his wife and two children are expected next Wednesday.

DOROTHY THRIFT RECOVERING FROM SCARLET FEVER. The many friends of Dorothy Thrift, St, George, will be glad to learn she is recovering from a case of Scarlet Fever.

MR. SILAS BATTON DIED. The many friends of Mr. Silas Batton, St. George, will be sorry to hear of his passing away Thursday morning, November 10th.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BILLY. Little Billy Ackerman celebrated his fourth birthday with a party at the home of his parents in Homeland recently. Games were played, then cakes, cookies, sandwiches and cocoa was served. Those enjoying the occasion with Billy were Richard and Walter Bruschke, Catherine Martin, Joan Ackerman, Francis and Rothia Jacobs, Evelyn and Clyde Guinn, Hazel, George, Albert and Bud Lloyd, Juanita and Kenneth Herrin, Elmo and L.D. Dyal. Mrs. Bill Bruschke and Miss Daisy Dyal assisted Mrs. Ackerman with the event.

## November 25, 1938

SINGING SCHOOL. A Singing School with membership of 35 has been organized at Philadelphia Church. Professor Dubberly of Jacksonville is the instructor. The class is composed of students from the Folkston, Uptonville and Sardis communities. PADGETT BABY DIED. An infant daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Doy Padgett of Mattox, at the Sawyer Hospital last Wednesday, died Monday afternoon. Friends of the family will learn of this with much regret.

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### December 2, 1938

JOHNSON-CONNER WEDDING. The marriage at 7:00 o'clock Saturday evening of Miss Maudria Johnson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J.H. Johnson and Mr. Zelton Conner, well known young Folkston business man, came as a surprise to their many friends throughout the county. It took place at the Baptist pastorium in the presence of a few close friends, Rev. R.W. Waterman officiating. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J.N. Conner of Callahan.

FOLKSTON CITY ELECTION. Folkston's annual city election is scheduled for December 6th. The Mayor and two members of the city council and city clerk are to be chosen. Mayor V.A. Hodges will not be opposed. The two members of the council whose terms expire are C.J. Passieu and T.C. Gowen. Mr. Gowen will not be a candidate and the name of E.H. Wright is on the ticket to succeed him. The name of Mr. Passieu appears on the ballot to succeed himself. The three holdover members of the council are J.B. Southwell, E.C. Gowen and W.E. Gibson. Mr. Wilson who has served faithfully for a number of years is unopposed. There is no opposition to any candidate. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS. Dr. A. Fleming was unanimously elected to serve as president of the Charlton County Chamber of Commerce of Commerce for the coming year. Other officers are R.W. Harrison, vice president; John Harris, secretarytreasurer. V.J. Pickren is the retiring president of this group.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE. A Thanksgiving Day service was held on Thanksgiving Day at the Methodist Church with M.G. White in charge. A large attendance greeted the

new pastor, who was one of the speakers. Rev. R.W. Waterman and officials of the Baptist Church attended in a body to welcome the new Methodist minister. Rev. Waterman was also a speaker. The service was held to thirty minutes to give ample time for visiting and other pleasures.

100% STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ENROLL IN RED CROSS. In the drive for membership in the annual roll-call of American Red Cross, the schools of the county reported 100% enrollment in the Junior Red Cross. Every pupil in every school in the entire county joined the organization in the drive. Probably no other county in the state will make such a report. In addition, the teachers are the only group of workers in the county joining 100%.

FOOD BAZAAR ON FRIDAY. The Missionary Society of the Baptist Church calls attention to the Bazaar to be held Friday in the room on the first floor of the telephone building. Doors will be opened at 2:00 o'clock and closed at 6:00. Chicken salad sandwiches, hot coffee, cake and home made candy will be on sale.

### December 9, 1938

MR. J.S. MIZELL DIED IN LAKELAND. News was received in Folkston Thursday of the death at Lakeland, Fla. Wednesday of Mr. J.S. Mizell, formerly a prominent citizen of Folkston. He had made his home in Lakeland for the past twenty years. He was the oldest brother of Mrs. L.E. Mallard. The funeral and interment will take place in Lakeland Friday and Mrs. Mallard will leave this morning to attend the last rites.

NEW GAME PROTECTOR FOR CHARLTON COUNTY. J.M. Peagler has been appointed by Commissioner Joe Mitchell to serve as Game Protector for Charlton and Camden Counties succeeding E.G. Mills who served for the past two years. He is an experienced officer, having served as deputy sheriff of Ware County.

LANG RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE. The residence occupied by H.S. Lang located just east of the city limits was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Mr. Lang, chief mechanic at the CCC camp, was on duty at the camp at the time and Mrs. Lang and children had left early Sunday morning for Lake City to visit relatives. With no one at home and the home a mass of flames when the fire was discovered, all the clothes and household furnishings were destroyed, nothing being saved from the building. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Lang and he will have the sympathy of the community in his misfortune. The building was owned by E.B. Stapleton and was partially insured.

ADDITION TO PARSONAGE HAS BEGUN. Construction is underway on alterations to the local Methodist Parsonage which will include the addition of two rooms and a bath. The addition will extend a distance of twelve feet across the entire rear of the building and will be about four feet longer at each end than the present structure, with hip roof construction. Plans are for two rooms and bath, including pastor's study and breakfast room. The plans were drawn by contractor W.L. Huling, who is in charge of the work. NEW MATTOX BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mattox announce the birth of a baby daughter born Monday at the Sawyer Hospital. Both mother and baby are reported to be getting along nicely.

BROCK BABY DIED. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brock, born last week, died Monday at the Sawyer Hospital. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brock will sympathize with them in their bereavement.

December 16, 1938

ROADMASTER HODGES WINS FIRST PRIZE. Roadmaster V.A. Hodges was this week notified that he is again the winner of first prize for having the best-kept track in the Southern District of the Atlantic Coast Line's Northern Division. He will receive a cash prize of \$75.00, one he has received many times. He made a rating of 90.90. On January Ist he will tender a turkey dinner to all the section foremen of his district in appreciation of the cooperation of his workers.

MRS. LUCY 'BUDDIE' JOHNS HARRIS DIED. Mrs. Lucy Harris, wife of D.L. Harris, better known as 'Buddie' of near Folkston, passed away at the Ware Hospital in Waycross last Friday from pneumonia. Mrs. Harris had accompanied her husband to the hospital to have cataracts removed from his eyes when she was stricken and death followed a few days later. She was a native of Charlton County, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Johns of Route One, Winokur. Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by several children, now all practically grown. Funeral and interment was at Sardis Cemetery.

TAYLOR BABY DIED. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J.S. Taylor will learn with regret that an infant born to them Saturday night at the Ware Hospital died at birth. At last reports Mrs. Taylor was said to be getting along as well as could be expected. FINAL SUMMONS FOR ELDER W.O. GIBSON, BELOVED CITIZEN. Folkston and Charlton County sustained a severe loss last Sunday night in the death of Elder William Owen Gibson, a man of undisputed leadership in public life for many years. His death is mourned by a host of friends whom he numbered among all businesses, churches and races. An astute man of high intelligence, probably the best posted mind of his day, he was continuously sought for his advice and sane judgment. One of the pioneer families of Camden and Charlton Counties the Gibson family has been intimately identified with all that has been for the betterment and helpfulness of this section. Mr. Gibson was born on August 29, 1852 over in Camden County and he was married to Miss Julia Ann Vickery on January 15, 1874. He died in the Ware County hospital in Waycross after a brief illness for he had been in failing health for several years. Elder Gibson was ordained into the Primitive Baptist ministry forty years ago last February. He has been one of the most active and loyal members of the Alabaha River Primitive Baptist Association for over fifty-eight years, having served as Clerk of the Association for fifty years. He served his county state in the General Assembly and served his county in the following offices, upon which his work reflected great credit. At the age of 25 he was elected a Justice of the Peace in the old Centreville District of Charlton County; he served two terms as Tax Collector; four years as County School Commissioner, 1890-1894 and he was the census enumerator for the U.S. Census of 1890. In all through his life he was a power for righteousness and good government. He is survived by his widow, four daughters, five sons, one brother, forty-one grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. His brother is H.G. Gibson of Folkston. His daughters are Mrs. B.S. Prescott of Winokur, Miss Alice Gibson of Waycross, Mrs. A.H. Howard of Nranja, Fla., and Mrs. P.U. Griffin of Hoboken. John S. Gibson of Douglas, Solicitor General of the Waycross Circuit, Charles H. and S.G. Gibson of Folkston, Grady H. Gibson of Waycross and J.W. Gibson of Lamont are his sons. The funeral was conducted in the Sardis Cemetery by Elder L.M. McDonald. The grove about the church and cemetery was filled with a large number of automobiles and a great gathering of friends and relatives which represented almost the entire citizenry of the county and many from

neighboring counties. It was held at II o'clock on Tuesday morning with interment in the Sardis Cemetery.

## December 23, 1938

MR. JOSEPH SHEPPARD MIZELL DIED. Joseph Sheppard Mizell, who for a number of years has been prominent in the business life of Florida, died December 7th at his home in Lakeland, Fla. from a stroke. He was 71 years old and a native of Charlton County. He was associated with the Ford Agency in Lakeland. Interment was in Oak Hill Park, Lakeland. Mrs. L.E. Mallard was his sister.

MR. EMANUEL KNOWLES, PIONEER CITIZEN, DIED. Emanuel Knowles, of the Camp Pinckney community, died at his home Friday night, December 16, after a lingering illness. About a year ago he underwent an operation in Jacksonville. His friends were hopeful for a time but he took a turn for the worse and the end came to relieve his suffering. He came to this county from Green Cove Springs, Fla. when a young man. He joined the Camp Pinckney Baptist Church more than forty years ago and was a Deacon most of these years. He was a kind father and a model husband, a courteous and accommodating neighbor He was the father of twelve children, five dead and seven living, all married and all living in the Camp Pinckney neighborhood. They are Lizzie, wife of Herbert Huling, Nona, wife of Jimmy Sanderson, Clara, wife of Charles Lloyd; Earnest, Levi, Jeffrey and Alfred. Interment was in the Folkston cemetery.

FOLKSTON'S MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS. The following are officers elected for the coming year for the Folkston Masonic Lodge: Zelton Conner, J.T. Conner, C.P. Stapleton, Raymond Banks, Wm. Mizell, Jr., T.C. Gowen, C.J. Wright, Wilbur Wright, G.R. Burch, Rev. R.W. Waterman and V.A. Quarterman.

MRS. GEORGIA PETTY ALDRIDGE DIED. Mrs. Georgia Aldridge, 66, wife of Jesse Aldridge, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.G. Baxter in Waycross. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Tom, Foster and Robert Aldridge, all of Waycross; four daughters, Mrs. Cora Crews, Mrs. E.G. Baxter, Mrs. Esther Crews of Folkston and Miss Lois Aldridge; three brothers, Harry Petty, Sam Petty and Colonel Petty; also three sisters, Mrs. Helen Hodges, Mrs. Jim Jones and Mrs. Bob Jones. Funeral services were held at High Bluff Church with burial in the High Bluff Cemetery. NEW STOKES BABY, MARY ANN. Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Stokes announce the birth of a fine baby girl born last Friday. The little lady weighed five and a half pounds on arrival and has been given the name Mary Ann. Mother and baby are reported to be getting along nicely.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CLOSED SCHOOLS IN TATTNALL. The presence of at least three cases of Infantile Paralysis in the Cobbtown section of Tattnall County resulted last Friday in the closing of the Reidsville schools three days in advance of the usual starting date of the Christmas holidays.

### December 30, 1938

ROSS-ASKEW WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Zelle Ross to Mr. Tom Askew took place December 16 at Fernandina. The announcement made public this week came as a surprise to the many friends of the popular young couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lambrick, pastor of Fernandina Baptist Church. The bride is the sister of Mrs. J.C. Littlefield, Jr. and has been one of the popular teachers of the Folkston school for the past four years. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Askew and is connected with the Folkston Pharmacy. They will be at home to their friends in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Vickery.

JOHN GIBSON WAS JUDGE OF FOX HOUNDS. John S. Gibson, president of the Fox Hunters Association of Georgia, judged the bench show of fox hounds held at Milledgeville this week. The show started Wednesday with several hundred hounds from Georgia and neighboring states entered.

WILDES-KENDRICKS WEDDING. The wedding of Miss Mildred Wildes and Mr. Grover Kendricks was a beautiful ceremony on Christmas Day at the home of the groom's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Huggins. Rev. Swoll Sawyer, Methodist pastor, performed the ceremony. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Wildes. Mr. Kendricks is associated with his father in the lumber business. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Kendricks. CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS' CELEBRATION. The singing of Christmas carols at the community 'Tree of Lights' directly in front of the courthouse on December 23rd was one of the most impressive features of the holidays in the Folkston community. A program of carols was presented by the Folkston Garden Club. There were a number of out of town visitors attending. The Garden Club also sponsored a city-wide program of decoration for the holiday season.

RACEPOND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Racepond rendered a fine Christmas program December 24th. . Miss Juannell Kendricks assisted by her mother and Mrs. C.W. Waughtel were directors of the children's activities. C.W. Waughtel, the adult teacher of this fine class of young folks, gave a seven minute address. The meeting closed with prayer by Miss Geraldine Waughtel. After the meeting a real Santa Claus, Oswald Howard, took charge of the beautiful Christmas Tree and directed the delivering of many gifts consisting of candies, oranges and bananas. He was thoughtful and thorough and no one, old or young, was missed. There were sixty persons present. This class meets every Wednesday night.

PRESCOTT-BEALE WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Sally Prescott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Prescott to Burgin W. Beale of Augusta was performed December 24 at the home of the bride, Rev. L.M. McDonald officiating. The bride is a graduate of Charlton County High School and is now a teacher at Graham, Ga. Mr. Beale is assistant paymaster of the John King Manufacturing Co. in Augusta.

UPTONVILLE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. The largest crowd ever assembled in the community building at Uptonville met Monday night to render a Christmas program. There were more than 115 persons present. Twenty seven visitors from Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church were there, two carloads from Waycross including Rev. Dixon with his famous singing quartet were on hand to help with the program. Mrs. C.W. Waughtel played the piano. The meeting opened with singing sacred songs followed with prayer by Owen Dinkins. More singing and five-minute speeches given by Rev. Dixon and C.W. Waughtel, then a reading by Lois Brooks. The real treat of the evening was piano performance of little miss Hilda Grace Miller, age seven, who played selections from Lohengrin's 'Bridal Chorus' and Alton Dinkins who played 'Silent Night' and 'Long Ago'. These little players are an inspiration to this progressive community. After several selections by the choir and the quartet, the meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Dixon. This Singing Choir meets every Monday night with the adult school at the community house.

NEW NAZWORTH BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Nazworth, Winokur, announce the birth

of a fine baby boy born Christmas Eve. They are very proud of their Christmas gift. LIFE IN A SMALL TOWN. Folkston is very much like other small towns, not so good as some we have seen and much better than some others. The people of a small town take a great interest in what their neighbors are doing. If the neighbor does some good deed you hear but very, very little about it. But if the person gets out of line, look out, you will hear all about that from every corner.

Such is life in a small town. Don't fool yourself with believing that you can get out of line and do anything that they don't know about. One person can scatter it all over town in two days, and do a good job, because there's plenty of help.

Many are very sus picious, looking for black spots. They often form wild opinions and accuse each other of things that are untrue. But you can't fool them at what you do in a small town. They will surely give you credit for all the bad you are guilty of and much that you are innocent of.

People, of course with some exceptions, look after each other's business in small towns. If a little illegal love affair springs up they all know about it and talk about it among themselves. If you drink a pint of liquor, they all know it, swear you've been drunk a week and begin to talk delirium tremens. If you beat them, won't pay your debts, they all know about it and give you hól. If you happen to be hard to extract a dollar from and uncharitable, they all know about it and they get yours on the side.

But they can't be fooled. They know all that's going on and talk much that is not going on. Such is life in a small town. They guard each other and do much good by trying not to injure.

NEW HILTON BABY. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hilton of Racepond announce the birth of a fine baby girl born during the Yuletide. The mother and baby are getting along nicely. ERLIS HUGGINS PAINFULLY INJURED. Erlis Huggins, brother of Lee Huggins, while hunting rabbits near Homeland Tuesday, in some manner shot himself in the wrist of his right hand with a .22 rifle. Dr. A.D. Williams removed the bullet which lodged on the back side of his hand. At this time the lad is doing as well as can be expected. The rabbit escaped, it is reported.