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### January 5, 1945

UNKNOWN MAN FOUND DEAD. Complete mystery surrounds the identity of an aged white man whose dead body was found in a thicket just east of the highway and railroad near Mattox about noon Monday The body was found by Ray Crews. Sheriff J.O. Sikes was notified and launched an investigation A jury presided over by Coroner John R. Banks found nothing to indicate foul play and returned a verdict of death from natural causes. He was wearing a gold belt buckle and tie pin with L.D.D. on them. The body was held at Hinson Funeral Home in Waycross and when efforts to establish his identity failed, he was buried in Kettle Creek Cemetery near Waycross.

MR. ANDREW JACKSON BENNETT DIED. Andrew Jackson Bennett, age 63, died Tuesday at his residence in Homeland from a brief illness. He was stricken with a heart ailment about ten days ago. A native Georgian, he had been a resident of Folkston and Homeland communities for the past 28 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was widely known over the county and had a large number of friends. Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. R.S. Kincaid, Mrs. D.R. Dinkins, Mrs. J.C. Murray and Mrs. B.J. Gerve; four sons, David H. Bennett, Vandell T. Bennett, Pvt. G.W. Bennett of the US Marines and H.T. Bennett of the US Navy; three sisters, Mrs. John McKenzie, Mrs. W.T. Spell and Mrs. Layton Tyre; fourteen grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church and burial took place at Sardis Cemetery. WATCH NIGHT NEW YEAR'S SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH. Watch night services were observed at the Baptist Church last Sunday night. A large group assembled about twenty minutes before midnight. Each member of the congregation stood and gave the names of relatives in the armed services. A special prayer in their behalf was offered by the pastor. Appropriate scriptures for the occasion were read.

NEW POLICEMEN FOR FOLKSTON. Folkston is beginning the year with a brand new police force, R.E. Player having been named as Chief of Police and Leon Askew as Assistant Chief and Night Officer. The Mayor and Council met Monday to organize for the year's work.

KIRBY JONES GETS COMMENDATION. Kirby R. Jones, who has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, was highly commended for outstanding service in the Pacific Area recently. This was in a letter received by his wife, Mrs. Kathryn R. Jones.

LITTLE PATRICIA GAIL KENDRICKS DIED. Patricia Gail Kendricks, ten months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Kendricks of Racepond, died Friday. Beside her parents survivors include two brothers Pvt. Donald Kendricks of the south Pacific with the US Marines and Coxswain H.W. Kendricks with the US Navy and three sisters, Mrs. F.R. Rucker and Esther and Estelle Kendricks, twins, of Racepond. Funeral services were held at Racepond Baptist Church.

SGT. ELLIOTT ALLEN IN BATTLE FOR LEYTE ISLAND. Sgt, Elliott W. Allen has been

in battle with the Japanese on Leyte Island. Machine guns and mortars of the Japs were used effectively for two days while his company sought to clear out a hill and open up the way for ammunition, food and evacuation of wounded. Sgt. Allen took a leading part in all these actions.

DRAFT BOARD MOVED OFFICE TO RODGERS BUILDING. Charlton County's local Draft Board was moved into new quarters on the second floor of the Rodgers Building over the Folkston Pharmacy, following the resignation of Richard Stroup who has served for the past several months. Miss Kathryn Thompson, who has been serving as assistant clerk has been named as Clerk of the Board to succeed Mr. Stroup. She will have no assistant and will take over all the duties of the Clerk. Charlton County's Selective Service Board is composed of W.L. Thomas, chairman, J.E. Harvey, Sr. and L. Knabb. They serve without compensation.

BUD EVERETT KILLED BY NATHANIEL HANNANS. Bud Everett, colored, age about 35, was shot and instantly killed in the section quarters at Uptonville Sunday by Nathaniel "Honey Boy" Hannans, 24. also colored, after Everett had fired a shotgun blast into the screen door of Hannans home. Both men were employed as A.C.L. section hands and lived in the same house, a two-family structure. Everett is said to have been drinking and threatened his wife, who took refuge in the Hannan home. Sheriff J.O. Sikes took Hannans into custody. At a commitment trial Wednesday Justice of the Peace W.E. Banks decided Hannans was justified in the killing and ordered his release.

MR. CHARLES H. TOOLE KILLED. Charles H. Toole, 40, former resident of Waycross but recently employed in the Jacksonville shipyards, was killed Friday night just north of Racepond on Route One. He was enroute from Jacksonville to spend the weekend in Waycross and was put off the bus because of disorderly conduct. It is the theory of authorities that Toole was struck by a vehicle which did not stop.

NEW BABY BOY FOR JONES FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Jones are the proud parents of another baby boy, born January 3rd at the McCoy Clinic. Weight 8 pounds.

O'QUINN - PETTY WEDDING. A wedding of interest to their many friends occurred on December 31st when Miss Ruth O'Quinn, daughter of Mr. H.L. O'Quinn became the bride of Pfc Glynn Petty, son of Harry Petty. Pfc Petty recently came home on furlough after thirty months of active service in the army taking part in the hard-fought campaigns of the Pacific Islands. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left to spend a few days in Jacksonville before Pfc Petty reports for reassignment.

# January 12, 1945

MAJOR HOPKINS PROMOTED. Major A.J. Hopkins, Jr. has been advanced to the rank of Major and Commanding Officer of his battalion in the Corps of Engineers, an amphibious combat unit. He has been serving overseas in the southwest Pacific for the past two years, and recently received this well-merited promotion.

JAMES ASKEW HOME ON LEAVE. Petty Officer James Askew arrived in Folkston this week to visit his parents after more than two years of active service in the Navy. He has taken part in six major naval engagements and this is his first visit home in two or three years.

PACK STOKES BUYS GARAGE BUILDING. A recent real estate transfer in Folkston is the purchase by P.O. Stokes of the old Roberts Garage building, located at the Main Street corner of US One and State Route 23. The building has been vacant for several months but Mr. Stokes is having it repaired. The property was acquired from The Citizens Bank.

GAY'S GROCERY TO OPEN. A new business concern for Folkston is Gay's Grocery Store, to be located in the Wade Block building recently vacated by Lott's Ten Cent Store. The business is being established by Mr. M.A. Gay who will have a full line of groceries some time next week. He plans to continue his duties with the ACL signal department and the store will be operated by a sister of Mrs. Gay, who is making her home here with the Gay family during the war period.

CLARK - CARTER WEDDING. Miss Gladys Clark, daughter of Mrs. Sibbie Clark, and Clarence Carter were married at Folkston Baptist Church on December 30th. She is a graduate of the Charlton County High School and holds a responsible position with the Citizens Bank. Mr. Carter received his education in the Charlton County schools and for the past two years he has served in the armed forces and is now employed in Jacksonville. The couple will be at home in the Davis Tourist Home in this city. THE CITIZENS BANK. Statement of Condition of the Citizens Bank of Folkston and Nahunta at close of business on December 30, 1944: Resources 1,743,096.23.

## January 19, 1945

ELBERT C. ALTMAN, JR. KILLED IN ACCIDENT. Elbert C. Altman, Jr., thirteen year old son of Coroner E.C. Altman of Ware County was instantly killed Monday when his bicycle collided with an army ambulance in Waycross. The youth was a newspaper carrier and was on his delivery route at the time. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother Roy E. Altman of the US Navy and a sister, Mrs. Charlie Farmer and his paternal grandfather Mr. M. Altman. "E.C." was born in Folkston on July 6, 1931, but had spent most of his life in Waycross. He was an eight grade student. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church and burial took place at Oakland Cemetery in Waycross.

CARL SCOTT, JR. VISITS HERE. Carl Scott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Scott, who has been serving in the US Navy in Pacific campaigns for the past two years, arrived this week to spend a brief leave with the home folks.

ARCHIE LLOYD DIED. Archie Lloyd, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie F. Lloyd, of the Camp Pinckney community, died in a local hospital Friday after a short illness. The little lad had been a chronic sufferer of a blood ailment practically all his life. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Edward, Paul and Richard Lloyd and two sisters, Miss Dorothy Lloyd and Mrs. Pedro Spradley and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Nora Lloyd. Funeral services were held at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with burial in Folkston Cemetery.

SGT. RAY GIBSON HELPS RESCUE PLANE CREWS. Sgt. Ray Gibson spends many hours each day listening to radio distress calls from 8th Air Force pilots returning from combat over Germany. As a radio operator he is instrumental in guiding home battle-damaged planes and rescuing personnel who have bailed out over the waters of the English channel. He said it was a tremendous thrill when they recently effected the rescue of 49 men in one day. That set an all-time record for air-sea rescue. Sgt. Gibson's wife, Wanda Gibson, is in the WAC stationed in Memphis, Tenn.

MRS. AGNES LAYTON WOLFF DIED. Mrs. Agnes Kerr (Layton) Wolff, wife of George E. Wolff, pioneer settlers of Fernandina and a widely-beloved resident of that city for more than sixty years died at her home Saturday following a brief illness. Survivors, in

addition to her husband, include four sons, Edwin L. Wolff, W. Raymond Wolff, Commander G. Ralph Wolff, USNR and Roy A. Wolff; three sisters, Mrs. J.P. Mizell, Mrs. Beulah Knox, and Mrs. Florence Kellum; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Memorial Methodist Church in Fernandina and interment followed in Bosque Bello Cemetery. A member of a distinguished old Maryland family which moved south prior to the War between the States and settled in southeast Georgia, Mrs. Wolff was born August 2, 1860 at Centre Village, Charlton County the oldest daughter of Albert Sidney and Martha Agnes (Rogers) Layton in a period when families lived on large plantations and community interests were centered largely in the establishment of small private schools, Mrs. Wolff was educated by tutors who came by boat from Baltimore to teach in the privately supported institution. Her father was a large landowner of Charlton County and served as a Lt. in the First Georgia Calvary throughout the Virginia campaign under General Robert E. Lee. While still a young girl at Centre Village she met George E. Wolff, a youthful newcomer to Amelia Island and Fernandina. They were married December 28, 1881 and she has resided in Fernandina ever since.

LEE R. TAYLOR PROMOTED. With the Fifth Army in Italy -Pvt. Lee R. Taylor, son of Mrs. Irene Taylor, who lives in Moniac, has been promoted to Private First Class. He is an ammunitions handler with the 91st Division of the Fifth Army in Italy.

WRENCH - MAYEUX. Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Wrench announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Agnes Wrench to Mr, Benton O. Mayeux of New Orleans, La. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R.W. Waterman at the home of the bride's parents. The bride has been a teacher in the Blackshear schools for the past three years. The groom has been in the Merchant Marines since 1941.

WILLIAM MORGAN VISITS HOME. S1C William R.C. Morgan of the US Navy had his first leave home in nine months, spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Morgan.

### January 26, 1945

BOY SCOUT TROOP RECEIVES CHARTER. Folkston's recently organized Boy Scout troop was formally presented its charter at the regular meeting of the Lions Club Monday night and was received by Scoutmaster William S. Smith. It begins its work with twelve charter members, eleven of the scouts being present at the charter-presentation meeting.

CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT POLIO LAUNCHED. Charlton County's annual campaign for funds, with which to combat Infantile Paralysis through the Warm Springs Foundation, is in progress this week under direction of W.W. Pickren. The quota for the county is \$800.00. School children have been busily at work gathering a harvest of dimes with which to battle the dreaded enemy of childhood.

W.R. ALLEN PURCHASES LIZZIE RODDENBERRY HOME PLACE. A real estate transaction of interest is that of W.R. Allen who purchased the residence formerly owned and occupied by the late Mrs. Lizzie Roddenberry. The property was acquired from H.H. and Thomas J. Crews, the home having recently occupied by Tax Receiver H.H. Crews. Mr. and Mrs. Allen and family will occupy their new home soon.

SEARCH FOR MISSING B-24 BOMBER BELIEVED IN SWAMP. A big B-24 bomber based at Chatham Field, Savannah, and its crew disappeared while on a routine flight December 16, 1944 and is believed to have crashed in the Okefenokee or some other

swamp in this area. When last heard from, the plane was about fifty miles off the coast between Savannah and Jacksonville and although searches have been made, no trace of the plane or its crew has been found. Two young women, relatives of the crew, were in Folkston yesterday distributing handbills offering a reward of \$1,000.00 for finding the missing plane and crew.

FRED M. ROBINSON RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION. Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division, European Theater - Pvt. Fred M. Robinson, Racepond, Ga. has received a certificate personally signed by the Commanding General, honoring him for fighting with the 29th Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo. The honor is a personal salute from Major General Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through the flooded areas and the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every five hundred yards was a major battle.

A.T.& T. UNDERGROUND CABLE. Construction is rapidly going forward with the laying of an underground cable line through Charlton County by the American Telegraph and Telephone Co. A crew of thirty or forty workmen are employed on the job, this being one of the largest construction projects undertaken in this area since the outbreak of the war.

JUNIOR THOMAS ARRIVES SAFELY ON ADMIRALTY ISLAND. Friends of S2C Junior Thomas will be glad to learn that he has arrived safely at Admiralty Island near New Guinea.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR JINRIGHT FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Jinright of Jacksonville, announce the birth of a seven pound baby girl, born January 20. The baby has been named Jennifer Gayle. Mrs. Jinright is the former Miss Estelle Russell.

SGT. W.O. JOHNS VISITS HOME FOLKS. Staff Sgt. W.O. Johns arrived here last Thursday to spend a 21-day leave with his wife after twenty-nine months of active overseas service in the China-India-Burma Theater with the Army Air Corps. Mrs. Johns has been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Altman.

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WHIP-O-WILL CAFÈ OPENS. The Whip-O-Will CafÈ is the name of the new Folkston eating establishment which has opened for business in the place occupied the past several years by the Blue Willow CafÈ. It will be under the management of Verne J. Pickren, owner of the building.

SURGEONS TAKE PEANUT FROM CHILD'S LUNG. Little Tommy Allen, eighteen months old son of Mrs. Hugh Allen, was operated on in St. Lukes Hospital, Jacksonville, Saturday for the removal of a peanut from his lung. The child's condition was critical and friends of the family will be glad to learn the operation was successful.

RHYMER HOWELL IN HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK. Sgt. Rhymer R. Howell, son of Mrs. H.N. Crews, who was wounded in action in France on November 3rd has been sent back to the United States and is now a patient in Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York, his mother here has been advised. He was wounded in the arm and shoulder and has been under treatment in a hospital in England. He served overseas the past three years in England and France. TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL NEEDS EMPLOYEES. Of the 527 beds available for treatment of tuberculosis victims in the state sanitarium at Alto, Ga., 87 were vacant on Friday. Vacancies recently have run as high as 125, with the result that Speaker Roy Harris of the Ga. House of Representatives has demanded that officials remedy this situation within two weeks or get out of office. Dr. T.F. Abercrombie, State Health Director, says the beds are vacant because the sanitarium is short 60 employees required in treatment and maintenance of patients.

RED CROSS DISTRICT MEETING. Rev. F.J. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. J.B. Hinson, Mrs. George Gowen, Mrs. T.C. Gowen and Mrs. D.L. Hebard and publicity chairman T.W. Wrench attended the district Red Cross meeting in Waycross Tuesday and report a splendid meeting. They heard an address by Red Cross worker Jones who just returned from England. She told the thrilling story of how the Air Force has accomplished so much toward victory in the European Area.

## February 9, 1945

RACEPOND SCHOOL BUILDING SOLD. At the Board of Education meeting last week it was agreed to sell the Racepond school building to the Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church for ten dollars and the cost of the transaction. The colored teachers were granted an increase of five percent of basic pay for February with an additional five dollars for the principal.

WILLIE EUGENE NELSON DIED OF WAR WOUNDS. Willie Eugene Nelson, colored, 25 years old, of Traders Hill, died in a Veterans Hospital at Oteen, North Carolina on January 20 from wounds received in action while on combat duty in one of the Pacific islands. Nelson is Charlton County's first Negro soldier to be reported killed as a result of action on the battlefield. He was among the first to enter the armed forces from this county, having been inducted on February 1, 1941. He saw active service in the Pacific Area for two years. Details of the action in which he was fatally wounded were not available. He was the oldest son of Delia Nelson. He is survived also by his wife. He was a native of Charlton County, being a life-long resident of the Traders Hill community. Funeral and interment took place at Traders Hill on January 24th. The family received a letter from the military authorities stating that the wounded soldier had been given the best of medical care and that he died respected by all, after faithful service in the armed forces of his country.

L. KNABB RESIGNS FROM DRAFT BOARD. L. Knabb of Moniac, member of Charlton County's local Draft Board since the beginning of the Selective Service System, this week tendered his resignation to Governor Arnall, to be effective immediately. In submitting his resignation he stated his business affairs now require him be in Jacksonville most of the time and he no longer has the time to devote to this work. MAJOR HOPKINS HOME ON LEAVE. Major A.J. Hopkins, Jr., who has been serving overseas for the past two years with the Corps of Engineers in the Australia and New Guinea Campaigns, came home to Folkston Saturday to spend a brief leave with the home folks.

NEW BABY BOY FOR JONES FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones announce the birth of a baby boy born January 31 at the McCoy Hospital. The baby has been named Troy Edward.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR FORE FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Fore are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 8 at the McCoy Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds.

Mrs. Fore is the former Miss Lois Anderson.

MEAT MARKET CLOSED IN SUWANNEE STORE. The local Suwannee Store has discontinued the meat market department recently installed by manager C.H. Lewis. The fixtures have been sold to a Waycross concern. Inability to obtain a sufficient supply of meat is the reason for discontinuing the service.

ELLIOTT ALLEN TO RETURN HOME LATER. A letter was recently received by Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Allen from their son Sgt. Elliott Allen stationed somewhere in the Philippines stating he had been given the opportunity to come home on a furlough but that he had decided to remain until he could come home to stay. He has been serving overseas in the Pacific Area for nearly three years.

## February 16, 1945

DOUBLE TRACK FOR JESUP SHORT LINE. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has just awarded a contract for a huge construction program. The most important feature is the double-tracking of the Jesup Short Line which calls for the construction of a new track all the way from Folkston to Jesup. Work on this project is now going forward. A large crew is being engaged in building the roadbed.

CHARLIE BYRD VISITS HOME FOLKS. Pvt. Charlie C. Byrd who has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas spent the past week here with relatives and friends. He left Sunday to report to Fort Ord, California.

TOMMY MIZELL VISITS HERE. Pvt. Tommy Mizell of Fort Bragg, N.C. spent a few days here with relatives last week.

DEVOY BROOKS ARRIVES SAFELY OVERSEAS. Friends of Pvt. Devoy F. Brooks will be glad to learn he has arrived safely overseas He entered the armed forces last June and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

FRANK WALKER BUYS OLD BANK BUILDING. Sale of property known as the Old Bank Building, occupied by the local telephone exchange, and adjoining store buildings was announced Wednesday by J.K. Larkins who has owned the property for several years. Frank Walker, well-known business man, was the purchaser.

SMOKERS WANT MORE CIGARETTES. The Federal Trade Commission told harassed smokers Tuesday that one of the many reasons they can't get enough cigarettes is because they want so many. Furthermore, the present shortage won't improve this year and it may even get worse. The Commission, which knows just about everything that makes American business tick, investigated the cigarette shortage when Congress got hot under the collar about it. They found that a lot of smokes are going to the armed forces, one of the biggest causes of the scarcity but not the only one. Another answer is too much prosperity. People with more money who never indulged have taken up the habit. Habitual smokers are smoking more and hoarding has become commonplace. The Commission's investigators gave manufacturers, jobbers and retailers a clean bill of health. They are providing more cigarettes than they ever did.

TRADERS HILL ROUTE GETS NEW SCHOOL BUS. A modern new school bus with a capacity for transporting sixty to seventy pupils has been added to the fleet operated by the Folkston Consolidated School District. The new vehicle has been placed in service this week, it was announced by county school supt. William S. Smith. The new bus has been assigned to the Traders Hill route, along which the largest number of rural school children live.

ROBERT BARNES DIED, POLIO VICTIM. Funeral rites for Robert Barnes, age 19, who

died Friday at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. were held at the grave site in Folkston Cemetery Sunday, conducted by Rev. F.J. Gilbert and Rev. R.W. Waterman. Stricken with infantile paralysis when seven years old, he had been practically an invalid since that time. He was born in Melbourne, Fla. and moved to Ft. Lauderdale with his parents in 1938. He was a member of the Oakland Park Methodist Church. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Barnes, survivors include two brothers P.S. Barnes, Jr. of the US Army and Edward Barnes, also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Hodges as well as other relatives in this city.

MISS MATTOX FEATURED IN ATLANTA PAPER. Miss Frances Mattox, a former Folkston girl, daughter of Mrs. A.M. Mattox of Toccoa, Ga., who spent her childhood days in this city, was featured in last Sunday's issue of the Atlanta Journal Magazine. Her picture appeared with a group of Georgia girls who made good as professional models in New York City, where she is making her home with an aunt. She is a niece of Mrs. W.J. Jones of Folkston.

DR. TAYLOR BUYS WILSON HOME PLACE. A real estate transfer of interest in Folkston was the purchase this week by Dr. J.S. Taylor of the old Wilson home located at the Main Street corner directly across from the county courthouse. Located on the property is a two-story residence with a small filling-station on the corner. It was originally built by the late O.F. Wilson and was later owned and occupied by E.F. Mills and family and purchased a few years ago by Judge J.D. Blalock of Waycross, from whom it was acquired by Dr. Taylor.

DRAFT BOARD SENDS GROUP OF ELEVEN MEN. Charlton County's local Draft Board sent a group of eleven white men to the induction center at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Monday.

### February 23, 1945

HUBERT ALTMAN VISITS HOME FOLKS. Cpl. Hubert H. Altman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Altman, arrived here last week after thirty months service overseas. He has served in England, Africa and Italy with a Heavy Bombardment group of the 15th Air Force. W.L. HULING, JR. GETS ANOTHER MEDAL. At 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England ñ An Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal has recently been awarded to Staff Sgt. Walter L. Huling, Jr., 22, for meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombing attacks against military and industrial targets in the Reich and enemy installations in the path of the Allied Armies in Western Europe. Sgt. Huling is waist gunner on an 8th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress bomber.

MISS PLAYER VISITS HOME FOLKS. Miss Bobbie Ruth Player, an employee in the office of the Eastern Air Lines in Atlanta, spent the past weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Player.

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STATE GUARD EQUIPMENT. All former members of the Charlton County State Guard unit are requested by O.E. Raynor, former Captain, to turn in any equipment that may remain in their possession to the Folkston Grain and Grocery store for forwarding to headquarters. The family of any former members who may now be out of the city are asked to please attend to this matter for the absent one in order that proper credit may be given for equipment charged against them.

## March 9, 1945

CARL LAYTON GOWEN MEMORIAL SERVICE. Memorial services will be held at Prospect Church March 11 at 3:00 p.m. in commemoration of Staff Sergeant Carl Layton Gowen, killed in action in the early stages of the Normandy Invasion. Speakers will be Rev. F.J. Gilbert and Rev. R.W. Waterman. Sgt. Gowen, the son of Mr. Andrew G. Gowen, entered the armed forces in 1941. After going overseas he was stationed in northern Ireland for several months prior to the Normandy Invasion, in which he lost his life in the service of his country on July 17, 1944. A native of Charlton County, he was born and reared near this city. He was 22 years old and one of the county's most promising and highly-regarded young men. Two brothers are in the armed service, Sheppard Gowen, stationed at an army camp in the west and Louis Gowen, serving overseas in Italy.

DEVOY BROOKS WOUNDED IN ACTION. Information was received last week by P.G. Brooks that Pvt. Devoy F. Brooks had been slightly wounded in action somewhere in Germany. He left for overseas service in December and was wounded February 14th, POLL TAX REPEALED. The Georgia General Assembly's repeal of the one dollar poll tax relieved all Georgians of paying the levy this year.

THOMPSON – MADDOX WEDDING. Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter Willette to John Maddox of Port St. Joe, Fla. The ceremony took place March 1st in the Port St. Joe Methodist Church with the pastor officiating. The bride has been serving as a trained nurse in a hospital in Port St. Joe. Mr. Mattox is a pilot of vessels entering the port of Port St. Joe.

# March 16, 1945

MATTOX CROSSING SOLD. Last week L.H. Tucker sold the general merchandise store, filling station and garage business at Mattox Crossing to Robert N. Staton of Jacksonville, who will continue the operation of the businesses.

ROYAL L. CONE FIGHTING ON LUZON ISLAND. Pfc Royal L. Cone, son of Mrs. Joseph J. Cone, of St. George, is fighting with a Field Artillery Unit of the 25th Infantry Division on Luzon Island in the Philippines. He is in his third campaign with the "Tropic Lightning" Division. He has seen action on Guadalcanal and New Georgia in the Solomon Islands. He entered the Army in February, 1942. Christmas and New Year's was spent aboard a troop ship. A brother, James, is with the Army Engineers in the Pacific Area..

BOY SCOUTS CAMP AT TRADERS HILL. The boys of the Folkston scout troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster William S. Smith, enjoyed a weekend outing at Traders Hill. The group included the following scouts: Lamar Gibson, Joe Stover, Tom Scott, Danny Dinkins, Jackie Bennett, Ronald Hall, Jake Smith, S.L. Pickren, George White, Clifford Mizell, Eugene Crews, Jimmie Brown, Robert Garrison.

W.L. BAREFOOT IS NEW AGENT FOR ACL. W.L. Barefoot, Sr. of Waycross, veteran employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, has this week taken over the railroad's Folkston agency, succeeding N.V. Brown, who has been in charge of the work for the past several months. Mr. Barefoot comes to the local agency under the operation of the seniority rule. Agent H.C. Page, who has served the Coast Line here for nearly forty

years, is on extended leave pending completion of arrangements for his retirement. ALBERT B. CREWS KILLED IN ACTION IN EUROPE. Pfc Albert B. Crews, son of Mrs. Tena L. Crews, Winokur, has been killed in action in the European Theater of Operations, it was announced this week by the War Department. Details of action in which the young soldier lost his life has not been made public. Mrs. Crews was notified several weeks ago that her son had been killed and it is presumed that he fell in the fighting of Northern France or Belgium. The family of the soldier lived just across the Charlton County line in Brantley County but has been identified with this county, the young man having attended school in Folkston. He was a member of one of the most widely-connected families of the Winokur district. Besides his mother, he is survived by two brothers, Jesse Crews and Jimmie Crews as well as five sisters.

WARD – BINNS WEDDING. A marriage that will be of much interest is that of Miss Helen Ward, daughter of Mrs. Estelle Ward, to Joseph Morris Binns of the US Navy, stationed at Milton, Fla. which took place March 10th at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. F.J. Gilbert officiating. The bride is employed at the office of a railroad contracting firm here. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Binns of Crawfordville, Ga. He is a graduate of Union Point high school and has been serving in the Navy during the war period.

## March 23, 1945

SGT. SHIVAR HAS RETURNED TO STATES. Sgt. A.E. Shivar, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Shivar, has returned to the states, after serving for fifteen months overseas with the Army Air Force. A brother, Bernard Shivar, also is serving in the armed forces. EUGENE WILLIAMS PROMOTED. With the Seventh Army, France – Eugene M. Williams has been promoted from Tech. Fifth Grade to Tech. Fourth Grade while serving with an Engineer Combat Battalion of the American Seventh Army in France. This corresponds to the rank of Sergeant. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A.D. Williams of Folkston.

MYRON SCOTT RESCUED AFTER SHIP WAS SUNK. Myron L. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scott, and a former resident of Folkston, has been in the US Merchant Marine Service and has just returned from England after being rescued from the North Sea, when his ship was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on February 6th. He and about fifty of his ship mates were rescued by a British mine sweeper within four hours after his ship was sunk. Twenty members of the crew lost their lives when the ship went down within four minutes. The young seaman contracted pneumonia as a result of his experience and for fifteen days was a patient at a British hospital. He is at home on a thirty day leave.

FRENCH – PURVIS WEDDING. The following marriage announcement has this week been received by friends of Devant Jan Purvis: "Mr. and Mrs. Sterling French announce the marriage of their daughter, Oletta, to Lt. Devant Jan Purvis, on the 3rd of March, 1945, Blytheville, Arkansas. Lt. Purvis has been stationed at the Blytheville Air Base for the past several months."

### March 30, 1945

CHANDLER LITTLEFIELD PROMOTED. Warren C. Littlefield, P-51 Mustang Fighter Bomber pilot, has been promoted to the rank of Captain. A veteran of over eighty sorties against the enemy, he is a member of the Ninth Air Force famed "Pioneer" Mustang Fighter Bomber group. His plane is the "Shooting Star".

DR. FLEMING'S FLOWER GARDEN. The beautiful amaryllis garden developed over the past several years by Dr. A. Fleming is now in full bloom and presents a scene of beauty unequalled anywhere in this territory. Be sure to see the garden in the next few days while it is at the height of its flaming beauty.

DONALD LEE KENDRICKS KILLED IN ACTION AT IWO JIMA. Donald Lee Kendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Kendricks of Racepond, has been killed in action at Iwo Jima while serving with the US Marine Corps, his parents were advised Wednesday. He was a member of the 1944 graduating class of Charlton County High School and has been in the armed services a little more than a year. No details were revealed in the brief official message. The young man had a wide circle of friends who will be deeply grieved to learn of his death in the service of his country.

PAUL LEWIS SEES ACTION AT IWO JIMA. Seaman first class Paul Lewis, a brother of C.H. Lewis, who entered the service from Folkston, took part in the naval action preceding the invasion of Iwo Jima. He is serving aboard the USS Pinckney, a troop carrier that became an evacuation ship for the wounded after the action began. SCOTT GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Mr. and Ms. B.F. Scott, Sr. celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Sunday, when they were honored with a surprise

family gathering and dinner at their home here. Their wedding ceremony took place on March 24th, 1895.

AD FOR CHICKEN FEED:: Wayne Chick Starter. W.R. Allen Store, Folkston. Dress Print Bags. Wayne Chick Starter is available in Dress Print Bags of many beautiful designs. Get an extra value by using Wayne this year. Excellent material for dresses, children's clothing or curtains. Dress up with Wayne Chick Starter.

NEW BABY BOY FOR WRIGHT FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Wright announce the birth of a fine 9 ½ pound baby boy, born March 23 at the McCoy Hospital. He has been named Lester Edwin.

GIBSON – JOHNSON WEDDING. Miss Marjorie Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Gibson, became the bride of Staff Sgt. Porter A. Johnson, U.S. Army, on March 25th in Donaldsonville. A local Presbyterian minister performed the double-ring ceremony. They will live in Biloxi, Miss. where Sgt. Johnson is stationed at Kessler Field.

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GRADUATION PLANS. The Senior Class of CCHS has selected Rev. F.J. Gilbert to preach the commencement sermon and William S. Smith to deliver the graduation address on May 28. They also chose Betty Southwell to give the welcome address and Lamar Gibson to give the farewell address.

NORMAN CHESSER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN ACTION. Sgt. Norman Chesser, 27, was seriously wounded in action in Germany on March 18, his brother, Morgan Chesser, was advised in an official War Department telegram received this week. He is under treatment in an army field hospital. He enlisted in the Army in 1937 and has been overseas only about two months, serving with the 23rd Infantry in the Invasion of Germany.

SCOUTS TO HELP LIONS CLUB IN CLOTHING DRIVE. The United Nations Clothing

Collection campaign, to be in progress throughout the nation during April, is responsible locally by the Lions Club according to secretary C.H. Lewis, who says arrangements for the campaign have been completed. The Lions are asking the people of the county to donate every old piece of clothing they possibly can spare, to aid the destitute millions in the war-devastated countries of Europe. Persons desiring to contribute used clothing of any kind are asked to call phone number 52 at the high school and Scouts will be sent to your home to pick up the bundle.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR NEW TERM OF SCHOOL. At the Board of Education meeting this week the following teachers were elected for 1945-46: Folkston: Mayme Askew, Georgia L. Brown, Esther Carter, Eleanor Cockrell, Leila Crews, Jewell Barker Gibson, Mrs. B.B. Gowen, Mrs. Thelma Hannaford, Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Susie Johnston, Hilda M. Jones, Kathryn Jones, Mildred H. Mizell, Marion Pearce, Mrs. J.D. Roddenberry, Mary Scott, Imogene Sears, Emily Stokes, Geraldine Stokes and Mary Vickery. St. George: J.T. Lee.

RED CROSS FUND GOAL EXCEEDED AGAIN. Under the able leadership of Mrs. George R. Gowen, Jr., chairman of the Red Cross War Fund committee in Charlton County, it has again met its full assigned quota of \$1900.00. The quota has been exceeded with additional amounts expected to be added later.

IRA ROGERS, JR. WOUNDED IN ACTION ON IWO JIMA. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogers have been advised by the War Department this week that their son, Ira Rogers, Jr., has been wounded in action at Iwo Jima. Details of the young soldier's injuries were not disclosed.

### April 13, 1945

YULEE CITIZEN DIED WHILE SHOPPING IN LOCAL STORE. E.C. Griffin, 52, of Yulee, Fla. was stricken with a heart attack while shopping in the Shannon Grocery Store here Saturday, and died almost immediately. Dr. W.J. Schneider was summoned from his nearby office to attend the stricken man, but found him dead when he reached his side. Mr. Griffin's wife was standing nearby and she stated he suffered from a chronic heart ailment. The body was taken to Yulee by Oxley Mortuary of Fernandina. ELLIOTT ALLEN HOME ON LEAVE. Sgt. Elliott W. Allen reached his home in Folkston this week to spend a 30-day leave with his parents, after a 38 months active service overseas in the southwest Pacific theater of operations.

DALTON WILKS, WOUNDED, IN DAYTONA HOSPITAL. Daytona Beach, Fla. April 4: T-4 Dalton Wilks, formerly of Folkston, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center at Daytona Beach. The son of Dalton Wilks, he entered the Army in March, 1941 and has served two years in the European Theater, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. VIRGIL COLSON IS PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMANY. Lt. John Virgil Colson, a B-24 Liberator pilot, who was reported by the War Department as missing in action over Germany on November 30, 1944, is now known to be a prisoner of the Germans. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Colson, Waycross, have received a direct message from him revealing that he is in a Nazi prison camp. The War Department has confirmed that he is a prisoner. His message discloses that he is getting along very well and that his wounds have almost healed. It is the first indication received that he had been wounded. He has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, for action accomplished with distinction in missions over enemy-occupied Europe. ALDRIDGE – PROCTOR WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Jackie Aldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Aldridge, to Marion Proctor of Blackshear, was announced this week The ceremony took place March 31. They will make their home in Blackshear,

## April 20, 1945

CHARLTON MOURNS PASSING OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. Last Thursday afternoon, just as the final paper of the week's issue was being mailed, the shocking news reached the Herald office that our beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt had passed away at Warm Springs, Ga.

BELOVED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DIED. The news came as a deep shock to the people of Folkston and the country and citizens in every walk of life expressed their sorrow at the passing of a great and beloved leader. No event in recent years has had such a profound impact upon the public consciousness. The long and colorful public career of Franklin Delano Roosevelt came to an abrupt end just as the nation's thirtyfirst president seemingly was about to see the fruition of his plans for bringing lasting peace to a war-ridden world. He was 63 years old last January 30. The president's death came unexpectedly at 4:35 P.M., E.W.T. last Thursday April 12, two and a half hours after he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Three hours later, Vice President Harry S. Truman was sworn in by Chief Justice Stone of the U.S. Supreme Court, to succeed him as President of the United States. The death of President Roosevelt has been more deeply and generally mourned by the people of Charlton County than has the passing of any other public figure in the history of the county. The Folkston public schools were dismissed at 11:00 Friday morning for the remainder of the weekend in honor of the dead president. Saturday afternoon every place of business in Folkston was closed between three and five o'clock while funeral services were being held for the president in the famous East Room of the White House. Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock interment took place in the family cemetery at Hyde Park. New York with simple ceremonies marking the commitment of his body to the earth. Brief tributes were paid to the departed leader by the pastors of the local Methodist and Baptist Churches at the regular Sunday morning services.

HIGH SCHOOL QUARTET SINGS IN JACKSONVILLE. The Folkston High School quartet, composed of Dorothy Mizell, Jean Pickren, Vivian Wright and Margie Solomon, with Mrs. R.R. Renfroe as director, sang at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville Tuesday night in response to an invitation.

VIRGINIA MAN KILLED AT MATTOX CROSSING. Frank Adams, 56, of Bristol, Virginia died in a Waycross hospital Sunday of injuries sustained when his vegetable and fruit truck overturned on the curve at Mattox Crossing Saturday night. Another occupant of the truck was injured.

EDWARD JACOBS DISCHARGED. Edward D. Jacobs was honorably discharged from the Army at Fort McPherson Separation Center, after serving four months. At the time of his discharge, he was serving as a private in a trainee group at Fort Bragg. Before entering the service he was employed by William Bailey at Folkston.

MR. A.C. "TEET" CREWS DIED. Mr. A.C. "Teet" Crews, widely known citizen of Winokur, died Wednesday after a long illness. The last five years he has suffered from a cancer which is ascribed as the cause of his death. He was about fifty years old and was a brother of S.A. Crews of Winokur. Mr. Crews recently sold his farm and was making his home in Winokur. Survivors include his wife and one son, Donald Crews.

Funeral services and interment took place Thursday, details of which were not available. AGENT H.C. PAGE RETIRES FROM A.C.L. R.R. After nearly forty years continuous service as the Folkston agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, H.C. Page last week went on the permanent retirement list, arrangements having been completed for his retirement under provisions of the railroad retirement act. W.L. Barefoot of Waycross succeeds him as the Coast Line's local agent. Entering the service of the Atlantic Coast Line 42 years ago at Fayetteville, N.C., he came to Folkston on June 4, 1906 and has served continuously since that time as the local agent. A native of Dillon, S.C. he spent most of his youth in Robeson County, N.C. He will remain a resident of Folkston. LAMAR GIBSON TO RECEIVE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD. Lamar Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gibson, the first Eagle Scout to ever gualify for this coveted rank in the Camden District, will appear before the Court of Honor on April 27th at 8:00 p.m. in the Folkston School Building, it was announced this week by Scoutmaster William S. Smith. The highest rank of Scouting is that of an Eagle Scout and only two percent of the boys of America ever reach this coveted rank, which makes young Gibson's record an outstanding achievement.

BRYANT HOME AT TRADERS HILL DESTROYED BY FIRE. Pvt. George Neal Bryant has returned to his post at Fort Mead, Maryland after spending a ten day emergency leave here with his wife and family. Their home at Traders Hill was destroyed by fire on March 30.

A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR EVERY BABY IN THE USA. To give effect to the President's Child Health Day on April 9th, many state health department's Bureaus of Vital Statistics, particularly in the south, will carry out intensive birth registration campaigns. These two agencies are joint sponsors of this year's observance of Child Health Day on May Ist. One out of every thirteen babies born each year is not registered. Of the bumper crop of ten million infants born since Pearl Harbor, over 700,000 have not yet received their first "citizenship papers".

### April 27, 1945

CITY INSTALLS WATER METERS. Water meters purchased several months ago by Folkston city officials are this week being installed. Mayor Passieu announces the city's water system will be placed on a strict meter basis as soon as this work is completed. The meters are being installed at a cost of \$12.50 each to the consumer. LONNIE WAINWRIGHT AWARDED BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pfc Lonnie D. Wainwright, Field Artillery, US Army, of Winokur, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and courage under fire during the fighting near Bastogne, Belgium. Previous to entering the service the young man made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Zoie Pace of Winokur. He attended school in Folkston and had many friends here who will congratulate him upon the fine record he has made in the service of his country. JOSEPH VANDELL CHANCEY MISSING IN ACTION IN EUROPE. According to information given the Herald a War Department message was received Wednesday announcing that Joseph Vandell Chancey, son of Alvin M. Chancey, of St. Marys, is reported missing in action in the European Theater. Young Chancey has been serving in the US Navy and is the grandson of W.L. Chancey of Charlton County.

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### May 4, 1945

HITLER DEAD. BERLIN FALLS. WAR IN EUROPE NEARING ITS CLOSE. Adolph Hitler, depraved pervert who plunged the world into history's bloodiest, most brutal war, is dead. The German capitol has been captured by the Red Army and the war in Europe is moving rapidly to a close in the final days of this week. Hitler was reported by the Germans as killed in battle, other sources say he committed suicide and a third reported he died in a hospital from hemorrhage of the brain. Although his body has not been produced the Allied leaders are convinced he is dead. The death of Hitler came only a few days after the execution of Benito Mussolini, ex-Italian leader, his partner in crime, who was shot by Italian partisans. A German army of nearly a million men has surrendered in northern Italy and southwestern Austria, ending the war in that sector. General Eisenhower has ordered the Allied Armies to fight on until the last ember of Nazi resistance has been crushed out, which is expected to come soon.

TWO ARE ELECTED TO TEACH IN NEW SCHOOL YEAR. At the Board of Education meeting last week two more teachers were elected for 1945-46: Mrs. D.R. Brown and Mrs. Fannye R. Norman.

MRS. EMMA W. KETCHUM DIED. Mrs. Emma W. Ketchum, 74, a former resident of St. George, who has been making her home in Washington D.C. passed away Saturday at her home in Chevy Chase, Maryland after a brief illness. The remains reached St. George Tuesday where interment took place in St. George Cemetery, with commitment services at the gravesite, funeral rites having been held in Washington. She was the widow of a former member of the Macon Telegraph editorial staff who moved to St. George following his retirement. Immediate survivors include two daughters, Miss Miriam Ketchum and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins. A number of Folkston friends attended the burial service at St. George.

#### May 11, 1945

GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY HAS ENDED IN EUROPE. BLOODY CONFLICT HAS COST AT LEAST 40 MILLION CASUALTIES. The greatest war in history ended Monday with the unconditional surrender of Germany. The surrender of all German fighting forces was officially announced at 9 A.M. Tuesday in a radio address by President Truman, followed a short while later by Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain. Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia withheld his announcement of the war's end until Wednesday morning. Joy at the news was tempered only by the realization that the war against Japan remains to be won, with many casualties a possibility of the fighting still to come. The final Articles of Capitulation were ratified Tuesday in war-wrecked Berlin, a ruined capitol symbolic of the fall of the Third Reich.

CHURCH BELLS AND SIRENS PROCLAIM VICTORY IN EUROPE. The sounding of Folkston's fire alarm and the ringing of church bells at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning brought the glad tidings to the people of this community that President Truman had officially proclaimed complete and final victory in the European Theater of the bloodiest, most terrible war in human history. The doors of both the local churches were immediately opened and at the conclusion of the President's broadcast many of our people went to the churches to offer prayers and attend brief services. The "Day of Victory" was quietly observed here as a partial holiday. Many places of business closed their doors, soon after the official announcement was received, for the remainder of the day.

JASPER S. MORGAN IN TRAINING FOR US NAVY. Jasper Shelder Morgan, 31, husband of Mrs. Laura M. Morgan, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the US Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

AVNER HOLT KILLED IN ACTION. Avner W. Holt, 19, son of Mr. Joe Holt of the Corn House Creek Community, has been killed in battle, his parents were advised in a War Department message received last Friday. The young soldier lost his life in the invasion of Negros Island in the Philippines on April 17th. He was one of the county's most promising and highly regarded young men and the news of his death has brought deep sorrow to a wide circle of friends. A graduate of St. George High School in the class of 1943 he enlisted in a paratroop unit of the Infantry in February 1944. In the rigid paratroop examination he stood 7th in a group of more than 700 men. He received his training at Fort Benning and had been overseas but two months when he lost his life in the service of his country.

LUCIAN FULTON KILLED IN ACCIDENT. Lucian Fulton, an aged Negro of the Traders Hill district, died Saturday in the McCoy Hospital as a result of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile Friday near Traders Hill. According to reports, he was lying in the middle of the road, asleep, after falling off a horse he was riding. The accident occurred about 10:30 Friday night. Ivey Buie, at home on leave from the Navy, was the driver of the car which struck the aged man. A coroner's inquest was held Monday with Judge W.E. Banks presiding. Buie told the jury that he did not see the man lying in the road until it was too late to stop. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Fulton was about sixty years old. He was regarded as a hard-working, law-abiding, reliable man.

# May 18, 1945

NEW CITY CLERK FOR FOLKSTON. Mrs. Gertrude W. Johnson this week tendered her resignation as Folkston's City Clerk, effective immediately. Mrs. Mae J. McKendree has been named to succeed her.

ST. GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. The closing exercises of St. George High School at to be held May 24th at 9:00 P.M. it was announced by Joe T. Lee, school principal. Three members of the graduating class will get their diplomas at this time: Ralph Moore, Valedictorian, Louise Bell and Doyle Canaday. The class motto is "On the Youth of Today Rests the Democracy of Tomorrow". Class colors are blue and silver and the class flower is the gladiolus.

CARD OF THANKS. In memory of our dearly beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Flora Stokes, we wish to thank our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement. --R.J. STOKES AND CHILDREN

CHARLTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION.. Quinton Lamar Gibson, age 16, who will graduate on May 28th has won one of the top places in a program entered into by 14,491 pupils from 3,711 schools throughout the U.S. All entrants were given a test on April 16 prepared by the College Entrance Exam Board and Lamar won Honorable Mention.

MR. BERT CREWS DIED. Mr. Bert Crews, age about 50, member of a well known Charlton County family, died at his home in the Uptonville district last Wednesday after an extended illness. He was a veteran of World War One and had been in declining health for the past two or three years. Funeral services were held at Grace Chapel Church with burial in Grace Chapel Cemetery. He is survived by his wife; four sons, L.B. Crews, Paul Crews, Columbus Crews and Theodore Crews; four daughters, Mrs. Barbara Murray, Miss Annie Isabel and Naomi Crews, [Amy]; five brothers Will Crews, Eden Crews, R.B. Crews, Arch Crews and Rufus Crews; four sisters, Mrs. Sarah Crews, Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Allie Crews and Mrs. Mary Ann Kirkland.

CANDLER LITTLEFIELD HOME ON LEAVE. Captain Warren Candler Littlefield, fighter bomber pilot of the US 9th Air Force has returned to his home in Folkston for a 30 day leave after serving for the past 12 months in the air war against Germany during which he made an outstanding record.

RONNIE BRADLEY, 12 YEARS OLD, DROWNED. Ronnie Bradley, 12 year old St. George boy, lost his life when he was accidentally drowned while wading in the St. Marys River with three companions near the railroad bridge Saturday. He could not swim. He stepped off into water over his head and his companions were unable to rescue him. The Bradley boy's father lives in Jacksonville, his mother is dead. He made his home in St. George with his grandmother.

SUE DEE WAINWRIGHT GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE. Miss Sue Dee Wainwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Wainwright, who has been attending Andrew College, has completed her studies and was a member of the 1945 graduating class. She received her diploma Monday.

CHARLTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. The 1945 graduating class of Charlton County High School was made up of 36 young people. They are Ola Pearl Altman, Betty Jean Barnes, James Leonard Carter, Bessie Crews, Clarice Crews, Ethel Crews, Lillian Pearl Crews, George Alton Dinkins, Quinton Lamar Gibson, Talmadge Lenelle Guy, J.S. Haddock, Jr., Kenneth L. Harrison, Juanita Ann Hathaway, Henry Arthur Hendrix, Betty Willene Higginbotham, Doris Huling, Cathleen Johns, Tommy Hugh McLean, Dorothy Dix Mizell, Madria Inez Mizell, Gladys Mae Nazworth, Jean Devonne Pickren, Marion Elizabeth Pearce, Barbara Neal Prevatt, Mary Ola Prevatt, Myra Lea Thompson, Eunice Thrift, George Brunson Thrift, Mack David Thrift, Jr., Winona Tomlinson, Margie Inez Solomon, Betty Marie Southwell, Ruby Irene Woolard, Thelma Myrtle Woolard, Carroll Wright, Jr.

IRA ROGERS, JR. RECOVERING IN JACKSONVILLE HOSPITAL. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogers visited their son, Ira Rogers, Jr., who is in the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville recovering from wounds received in the Invasion of Iwo Jima.

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### June 1, 1945

LAMAR WAINWRIGHT GRADUATED FROM SEMINARY. Elmer Lamar Wainwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Wainwright, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. on May 21st after making an Outstanding record in his studies at that institution.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. At the graduation ceremonies at Charlton County High School, Lamar Gibson, class president and honor student, made the valedictory address. Class honors were presented to: Scholastic, Lamar Gibson; Best All Around Boy, Alton Dinkins; Best All Around Girl, Betty Barnes; Conduct, Bessie Crews and

## Activities, Betty Southwell.

PRISONER OF WAR, EDWARD CRAWFORD, COMES HOME. Cpl. Edward Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford, of St George, reached his home Tuesday after being held in a German prisoner-of-war camp for the past 26 months. He was one of the first from Charlton County to be reported held as a prisoner. He was released in the final days of the fighting and had to march 80 miles with a group of other American prisoners before reaching the American lines.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Calvary Baptist Church, recently organized at Homeland, will occupy its new home the first Sunday in June when all-day services will be held to mark the event, it is announced by Rev. E.M. Batton, pastor. The churchís new home is located on US Highway No. One, being the place known as the Pottery Plant, which has been rebuilt.

### June 8, 1945

TWO WILDLIFE OFFICERS KILLED. A coronerís jury Monday returned a verdict of iDeath from gunshot wounds inflicted by parties unknownî in the Okefenokee mystery slaying of Bryant Crews, 37, and Joe Martin, 39, Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge Wardens, whose buckshot-ridden bodies were found early Sunday near Cane Creek, on the northern fringe of the Okefenokee Swamp. The two men had gone to Cane Creek to investigate trespassers who had been burning woods on the federal refuge property. Oliver Thrift, 64 year old barefoot swamp native, arrested late Tuesday has confessed the killing of Crews and Martin. He already has a case pending against him for the larceny of beehives from a neighbor. Crews is survived by a number of brothers and sisters, among his sisters being Mrs. Owen Prescott, Mrs. Claude Prescott and Mrs. Everett Prescott. Funeral services for Crews were held at High Bluff Church, with burial in the High Bluff Cemetery.

LECKIES TO MOVE TO TIFTON. Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Leckie will move to Tifton to live for the next year. They will occupy the home of their son Professor Norman Leckie who will leave soon for South America for a year.

VIVIAN ELISE WRIGHT DIED. The entire community was shocked and grief-stricken on the passing of one of its most popular young girls, Vivian Elise Wright, age 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Wright, who died Wednesday in a Waycross hospital. As a talented singer, she was a member of the Folkston High School quartet. She also won solo honors at state meets. She was a soloist at First Baptist Church, of which she was an active member and a leader among the young people. She sang over Radio Station WJAX and was to appear this week over Station WAYX. She was stricken with an attack of acute appendicitis Wednesday of last week and was taken to a Waycross hospital. She underwent an operation Friday but peritonitis developed and the end came early Wednesday. Besides her father and mother, survivors include two brothers, Carroll Wright, Jr., 17, and Lester Edwin, a baby; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Wright; an uncle, Wilbur Wright; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. J.P. Garrison; an aunt Mrs. Carrie McLeod and an uncle, Earl Garrison as well as numerous other relatives. The funeral was held at Folkston Baptist Church.

PVT. JEFF LLOYD WOUNDED IN GERMANY. Pfc Jeff D. Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lloyd, was awarded a Purple Heart at the 108th General Hospital in France for a wound received at Ossenberg, Germany on March Ist. He is a member of Company L, 47th Infantry, 9th Division, Ist Army.

### June 15, 1945

ENOCH JEFFERSON ROBERTS DIED. Enoch Jefferson Roberts, 88, retired lumber man and naval stores operator, died Monday at the home of his son, Dr. Earl H. Roberts of Jacksonville Beach. A native of The Bend section of Charlton County he was for many years one of the county's leading citizens. In recent years he made his home in Lawtey, Fla. Survivors include five sons, L.E. Roberts, Jack Roberts, John Roberts, George Roberts and Dr. Earl Roberts; four daughters, Mrs. Mamie Oliver, Mrs. Effie Minor, Mrs. Pauline Torode and Mrs. Joe Andrews. Funeral services were held at Boone Creek Cemetery near the old home place.

LIONS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS. J.B. Hinson was named to head the Folkston Lions Club in the annual election of officers at the meeting Monday night at Braggís CafÈ. Other officers elected were C.J. Passieu, First Vice President; J.B. Southwell, 2nd Vice President; R.H. Bragg, 3rd Vice President; William S. Smith, Tail Twister; F.J. Gilbert, Lion Tamer; C.H. Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; R.W. Harrison and Dr. W.R. McCoy were named to serve on the Board of Directors, along with W.W. Pickren and H.R. Johnson. SGT. CLARK HOME ON LEAVE. Sgt. L.G. Clark, who has been stationed in England where he served in the Army Air Force for more than two years, arrived at his home here this week to spend a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Sibbie Clark. He has received a Purple Heart Award for wounds received in combat in the early stages of the European bombing operation.

McCOY HOSPITAL IS NOW AIR-CONDITIONED. A modern air-conditioning unit has been installed by Dr. W.R. McCoy in the local hospital building, adding greatly to the comfort to the patients during the summer months. The unit provides a constant supply of fresh, pre-cooled air throughout the building.

FOLKSTON SEAFOOD AND POULTRY MARKET. The opening of the Folkston Seafood and Poultry Market was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lane, under whose management the new concern is being operated. It is located in the Wade Block Building, formerly occupied by the shoe shop.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR NEW SCHOOL TERM. At the recent Board of Education meeting, the following teachers were elected for the 1945-46 term: Folkston, John H. Greene, Supervising Principal; Moniac, H.D. Overman, Principal, Mrs. H.D. Overman and Mrs. Irene Thrift; Uptonville, Mrs. Clora Lee Conner.

TWO SERVICEMEN TO GET DISCHARGES. Sgt. Elliott W. Allen and Pfc Homer Allen, combat veterans of the war in the Pacific Area, are soon to get Honorable Discharges from the service under the point system, according to information received here this week.

CLERK FOR COUNTY AGENT; LEGION DENIED USE OF PARK. At the County Commissioners meeting last week, it was decided to supplement the salary of a clerk for the Extension Agent at \$35.00 per month, in order that a full time clerk could be had. The Board also agreed to cancel the agreement with the local American Legion extending them the use of the property known as Hursey Park.

### June 22, 1945

COLA DRINKS IN SHORT SUPPLY. The supply of Coca-Cola and other bottled soft drinks will be further curtailed in the Folkston area due to the reduction in sugar supplies. The OPA has announced that the allotment of sugar for industrial users will be cut to fifty percent of the sugar used in the third quarter of 1941. This will be effective July lst.

PAUL LEWIS HOME ON LEAVE. Storekeeper 3rd Class Paul Lewis, who has been on active duty in the Navy with the Pacific Ocean Operations for the past several months, arrived here this week to spend a thirty day leave with his brother, C.H. Lewis and family. He has been serving on the USS Pinckney, a hospital evacuation ship and has taken part in several campaigns including the Invasion of Iwo Jima.

SGT. ALLEN DISCHARGED. Sgt. Elliott W. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Allen, arrived in Folkston this week to resume his civilian status after being honorably discharged from the Armed Forces at Fort McPherson Separation Center under the point system. So far as is known he is the first Charlton County soldier to complete in full his obligation in the armed forces.

FOLKSTON WATER METERS. The work of installing water meters having been completed, Folkston city officials announced that all future charges for water service will be on a strict meter basis, with customers paying for water actually consumed.

## June 29, 1945

MR. DAVID R. WASDIN DIED. David R. Wasdin, Charlton Countyis oldest and most widely known citizen, died Wednesday of last week at his home in Winokur in his 92nd year, after an illness due to the infirmities of age. A native of West Florida, he came to Charlton County in young manhood and resided in this county for more than sixty years. Many years ago he served as this countyis Representative to the General Assembly of Georgia. He has been a member of Corinth Primitive Baptist Church since July 8, 1882, being one of the churchis charter members. He was ordained as Deacon in December, 1882. He assisted in the building and upkeep of the original Corinth Church building as well as the present church and was an active church member throughout his long life. He made his home with his son, L.T. Wasdin, Winokur, where he died. Funeral services were held at Corinth Church with burial in the Corinth Cemetery. Survivors include six sons, W.E. Wasdin, L.H. Wasdin, W.L. Wasdin, L.T. Wasdin, G.C. Wasdin and J.G. Wasdin; two daughters, Mrs. J.D. Herrin and Mrs. F.M. Mizell; 30 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

LIONS CLUB TO SPONSOR BASEBALL TEAM. The Folkston Lions Club, meeting this week at the Kozy Kabin Kafe, approved a proposal to sponsor a baseball team for Folkston. A committee composed of C.J. Passieu, Theo Dinkins, W.R. McCoy and F.J. Gilbert was named to complete the details of organizing the team.

CONVICT KILLED BY GUARD AT LOCAL CAMP. Charlie Frank Smith, 49 year old Negro convict, was shot and instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by Herman Sauls, a guard, as Smith advanced upon Willie Frank Chambers, a fellow convict, with an axe, threatening to kill him. This took place on the St. George Road where the convict crew was at work. Smith was serving a life sentence for murder.

VIRGIL COLSON, FORMER PRISONER OF WAR, AT HOME. Lt. Virgil Colson, Air War Hero that was shot down over Germany, is back in Waycross, hale and hearty. He was a prisoner in a Nazi war camp and has been liberated.

VICTORY SHIP TO BE NAMED FOR WAYCROSS. One of the Maritimeis new Victory Ships will be named for Waycross, Mayor Sam Wright announced. The 445 foot ship with a dead weight tonnage of 10,800 tons will be launched by the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard in Baltimore about July 21. The name of the ship will be ISS Waycross Victory.

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### July 6, 1945

SNOOKS JONES HOME ON LEAVE. Everette "Snooks" Jones veteran of more than 14 months in the European theater is spending a 30-day leave here with his family. He has been stationed in Paris.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON GILBERT SPENCE, KILLED IN ACTION. The death in action in the Pacific Area of Gilbert Spence, son of Mrs. Spence of Homeland, reported several weeks ago, has been confirmed by an official War Department message received by the local Red Cross chapter. Details concerning the young soldier's death in action were not available but it is believed he was killed in the Invasion of Okinawa. Young Spence, about 21 years old, was born and reared in this community. Besides his mother, he is survived by several brothers and other relatives. NEW METHODIST PASTOR. The Okefenokee Mission, composed of the Methodist Churches at St. George, Homeland, Traders Hill and Cornhouse, without a regular pastor for the past several months, will be served in the future by Rev. Kermit Clayton, who has been appointed to take over the work.

CAPT. McHAN HOSTS BARBEQUE DINNER AND SUPPER. Capt. W.N. McHan and his organization at the local convict camp were hosts at an old fashioned Fourth of July barbeque dinner Wednesday. The event was divided into two sections of about 35 citizens of the county invited to dinner at the noon hour and an equal number for supper. DEVOY BROOKS AND NORMAN CHESSER VISITING HOME FOLKS. Two local soldiers, who were wounded in action, Pvt. Devoy Brooks and Sgt. Norman Chesser, were visiting their families here. Pvt. Brooks, grandson of Mr. P.G. Brooks, has suffered wounds in the foot and leg and Sgt. Chesser, brother of Morgan Chesser sustained a serious head wound, losing the sight in one eye. Both were wounded in the heavy fighting which preceded the crossing of the Rhine River. At the conclusion of their visit they will return for further hospital treatment before being released from service.

### July 13, 1945

COCKRELL - SANDERS WEDDING. An event of much interest to friends here was the marriage of Miss Eleanor Cockrell, daughter of S.T. Cockrell, to Sgt. Raymond Sanders of US Army Air Force stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado, which took place July 6th at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. F.J. Gilbert officiating. Sgt. Sanders was a teacher in the Vermont State Teachers College before entering the armed services. OTIS CARTER DIED. Otis Carter, age 48, died last Friday at his home in the Racepond community after an extended illness from a brain ailment. Besides his father, Raiford Carter and stepmother, survivors include his wife; three sons, J.V. Carter, Marvin Carter and Keith Carter; one sister, Mrs. Joe Corbett and one brother, Owen Carter. Funeral services were held at Sand Hill Cemetery.

NOBLES - HOWARD WEDDING. A marriage that will be of much interest to their friends is that of Mrs. Eva Catherine Nobles to Mr. George C. Howard, both of St. George, which took place July 10 in St. George with Rev. K.E. Clayton, Methodist pastor, officiating. An unusual feature of the marriage is the fact that the bride and groom are the same age, both being 68 years old, with only three days difference in their

birthrates. They have resided in St. George for many years.

BROTHERS MEET IN CALIFORNIA. Pvt. Lee Spradley, now stationed at Fort Ord, California, writes the Herald that he has recently had the pleasure of a visit with his brother B.M.2nd Class J.D. Spradley who has just returned after three years service in the southwest Pacific. The brothers had not met since entering the service and the reunion was a pleasant event for both.

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK. Work on Camden County's new Crooked River State Park is progressing rapidly. Work has been started on boat docks along the Crooked River waterfront section of the park which contains about 500 acres of wooded land along Crooked River, which was given to the state some time ago by Camden County for development into a state park.

MRS. ADA CHASE POSTMA DIED. Mrs. Ada Chase Postma, 69, wife of T.J. Postma, was found dead in bed Monday at her house in the Uptonville community. Mr. and Mrs. Postma recently returned to Charlton County after making their home in Alabama for several months. Beside her husband, she is survived by one son, R.T. Postma of the US Navy; one brother, Horace Chase; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Sabin and Mrs. J.H. McMasters. Funeral services were held at Grace Chapel and interment followed in Bethel Cemetery.

BRUNSON THRIFT INJURED AT SHIPYARDS. Brunson Thrift, son of Postmaster M.D. Thrift, of Winokur, was seriously injured as the result of a fall at the Brunswick shipyard Saturday. Details of the accident were not available but it is said that the young man fell from a height of about 35 feet.

FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR FOLKSTON. Folkston's first traffic lights are soon to be installed, announced Mayor C.J. Passieu. The lights are to be installed at the Main Street corner where U.S. Highway One intersects the street from the north and at the intersection of Kingsland Road with the highway near the school building. The equipment has already been received and is soon to be installed by the line crews of the Ga. Power and Light Co.

LIONS BASEBALL TEAM PLAY FIRST GAME. Playing their first game since their recent organization under the sponsorship of the Lions Club, Folkston Lions Baseball Team lost to the Alma Independents at a game in Waycross Thursday, the score being 7 to 4.

PLAYER - RESEIGNE WEDDING. First Baptist Church of Folkston was the setting for the wedding of Miss Bobbie Ruth Player, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Player, and Captain Samuel Reseigne of the US Army and Springfield, Mass. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reseigne of Springfield, Mass. and graduated from Classical High School. He attended Mass. Military Academy at Cambridge. Mrs. Reseigne is a graduate of the Umatilla High School, Umatilla, Fla. and attended Wesleyan College.

# July 20, 1945

LIONS CLUB PAYS FOR TEAM'S UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT. The Folkston Lions Club, sponsor for Folkston's recently organized baseball team, Tuesday completed the purchase of sixteen complete uniforms and all necessary playing equipment for use of the team.

JACK MAYS COMPLETES RADIO SCHOOL. Jack Mays, son of Mrs. Naomi Mays, has just completed a training course in the Navy Radio School at Bainbridge, Maryland, where on final examination he stood 4th in a class of 200, with an average of 98.3. He

has been transferred to a naval base in Shoemaker, California for further duty as a radio man.

BAREFOOT FAMILY MOVES HERE. W.L. Barefoot, Sr., who recently succeeded H.C. Page as the Folkston agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has this week moved his family to Folkston from Waycross, their former home, and they are being cordially welcomed as residents of this city. The family, which consists of Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot, two daughters and young grandson are comfortably located in the home known as the Rosa Robinson residence on Magnolia Street. The building has recently been remodeled and placed in first class repair.

HAROLD WHITE VISITS HOME FOLKS. Petty Officer Harold White, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. White, arrived here this week to spend a 26 day leave with his parents after serving for many months aboard a warship in the Pacific Ocean Operations, during which time he has covered a distance of more than 160,000 miles. Among the naval engagements in which young White has taken part include the landing operations in the Marshall Islands, Guam, Saipan, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa which has carried the armed forces of the U.S. to the front door of Japan. This is Harold's first visit home in nearly two years.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR NEW TERM. At the Board of Education meeting last week the following were elected for the 1945-46 term: Miss Ester Strong, Folkston and Miss Sallie M. Arnold and Miss Onice Davis at St. George.

PAGE - PACETTI WEDDING. Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Jewell Gladys Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Page to Mr. Louis David Pacetti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pacetti of Kingsland, the ceremony taking place at First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick on July 14th. The bride is employed by the State Board of Health with headquarters in Waycross. The groom is the owner and operator of a boat on Cumberland River.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR JOHNSON FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of Sylacauga, Ala. announce the birth of a baby girl born July 12th. The baby has been named Judith Mable. The mother will be remembered as Miss Mable Askew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Askew.

HARRY WILDES HOME ON LEAVE. Sgt. Harry C. Wildes of the Army Air Corps who has been stationed for the past 13 months in India arrived here this week to spend a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wildes. He took part in a total of 76 bombing missions against enemy-occupied territory. He is a turret gunner.

SGT. NELLE PEARRE HOME AFTER DISCHARGE FROM WACS. Sgt. Nelle Pearre of the Women's Army Corps arrived in Folkston this week, having received an honorable discharge from the service after two years, seven and a half months of active duty. MRS. J.W. SPENCER DIED. Mrs. J.W. Spencer, age 72, a former resident of St. George, died July 23rd at the State Hospital in Milledgeville after an extended illness.

She was a member of the St. George Baptist Church and is survived by one brother, S.T. Cockrell. The body was brought here for funeral service and interment. Final rites were conducted at the graveside in the Folkston Cemetery.

KENNETH HARRISON ENLISTS IN MERCHANT MARINES. Kenneth L. Harrison, son of Editor and Mrs. R. Ward Harrison, has enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marine Service and left this week for St. Petersburg, Fla. for basic training.

CPL. FRAGALE HONORABLY DISCHARGED. Cpl. Anthony Fragale, husband of the former Miss Airie Crawford of Moniac has been honorably discharged from the U.S.

Army at the Convalescent Hospital, Miami Beach, Fla. He has been in the service for over thirty months. His family lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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### August 3, 1945

MRS. LILLIE WHITE HOLTZENDORF DIED. Mrs. Lillie Holtzendorf, age 81, of St. George, one of the county's most widely-known and highly respected women, died Monday in a Waycross hospital after an extended illness due to the infirmities of age. She was the widow of the late George Washington Holtzendorf and was the daughter of the late Rev. John M. White, Methodist minister of the North Georgia Conference and Frances Lyons White. Survivors include one sister, Mrs. S.R. DeJarnette, three nieces and four nephews. Funeral services were held at St. George Methodist Church and interment followed in the St. George Cemetery.

THOMAS H. CREWS HOME ON FURLOUGH. Pfc Thomas H. Crews arrived home Saturday to spend a thirty day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Crews after spending fifteen months in the European Theater of War. He served under General Patton.

TWO TRAFFIC LIGHTS INSTALLED. The City of Folkston has this week installed two traffic lights at the highway intersections in the city. For the present, the lights are being operated as caution signals only.

MESSAGE FROM WALLACE GIBSON, PRISONER-OF-WAR. Wallace E. Gibson, Jr., son of W.E. Gibson, who has been held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese since early 1942, is safe and well at a war prison camp in Japan, according to a message received from him last week. It was the first word received in many months. He advised that he was in a camp near Tokyo and asked the family to write often and send photographs.

FRANKLIN RODDENBERRY HOME ON LEAVE. Franklin Roddenberry reached Folkston Sunday to spend a thirty day leave here with his mother, Mrs. W.L. Matthews after serving 19 months overseas in the European Theater of War. He has been serving with a unit of Military Police. He has had active service in France, Belgium and Germany with the First and Third Armies.

JAMES T. PRESCOTT WILL BE HOME SOON. Pfc James T. Prescott is enroute home from the European Theater of Operations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Prescott, Route One, Winokur.

LAMAR WAINWRIGHT IS HOME ON FURLOUGH. Pfc. Ralph L. Wainwright has returned home after spending seven months in the European Theater of War. After his thirty day furlough is up he will go to Ft. McPherson for reassignment.

CREWS ñ GUTHRIE WEDDING. A marriage that will be of much interest is that of Miss Leila Crews to Mr. G.W. Guthrie last Thursday afternoon in Waycross. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Crews of the Uptonville district and is a popular teacher in the Folkston school. Mr. Guthrie has been a resident of Folkston for the past several months and has been employed as cost clerk at the local convict camp. They are making their home in the Mattox Apartments.

## August 10, 1945

NEW THEATER BUILDING BEGUN. Construction began this week on a modern new picture theater building for Folkston, to be located on the lot adjoining the Old Bank Building occupied by the telephone exchange fronting on Main Street. It is being launched by Theo Dinkins and Frank Walker of Waycross, owner of the property. It will have a frontage of 44 feet on Main Street and extend back 100 feet. RUSSIA, BATTLE-TOUGHENED IN VICTORY OVER GERMANY, WENT TO WAR AGAINST AXIS JAPAN WEDNESDAY. America and her allies applauded and counted on the early doom of the enemy of the Pacific. Russia declared war at the request of the United States, Britain and China as of 5:00 p.m., E.W.T. on August 8th. That was midnight in Russia. President Truman announced the decision in mid-afternoon. JUNIOR RED CROSS SENDS SERVICEMEN KITS. Under the leadership of Mrs. Myrtle Renfroe, the Junior Red Cross unit has just completed and sent to area headquarters in Atlanta an assortment of excellent materials for the comfort and recreation of hospitalized servicemen. The following were included: one crocheted afghan, five decks of cards, eight writing portfolios, ten "Just For Fun" booklets, ten wire coat hangers, twelve ash trays, twenty bridge tallies, twenty score pads, twenty-one navy utility bags, twenty-five Mothers Day cards, thirty Easter cards, forty cross-word puzzles, fifty Christmas cards, fifty library cards and envelopes, fifty memo pads and fifty-four pocket-size books.

AMERICAN LEGION REORGANIZES. At a reorganization meeting this week of Okefenokee Post No. 130, American Legion, Dr. W.D. Thompson was elected Post Commander. Others selected as officers were R.E. Player, J.O. Hannaford, Will Johnson and Dr. A.D. Williams. The local post now has a membership of about fifty members.

GUY GIBSON STATIONED IN HAWAII. William Guy Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Gibson, is now stationed at a submarine base in Hawaii. His wife, the former Annie Belle Lowther, and young daughter Barbara Ann are making their home in Jacksonville while he is serving in the Pacific.

BABY BOY FOR PRESCOTT FAMILY. Paul P. Prescott and Mrs. Prescott announce the birth of a son, Ronald Eugene, on July 27 at Lebanon Hospital, Lebanon, Virginia. Mrs. Mary Prescott and the late Mr. O.M. Prescott are the paternal grandparents. Prescott is serving on the USS Kermit Roosevelt and is at present in the South Pacific area. BABY GIRL FOR CAUDLE FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Louis Caudle announce the birth of a daughter at St. Vincent's Hospital on July 28. She will be named Maxine Margaret.

# August 17, 1945

ALLIED NATIONS REJOICE AS WAR VANISHES FROM THE EARTH. FOLKSTON JOINS IN CELEBRATING CLOSE OF WORLD-WIDE WAR.

Wild rejoicing throughout the allied nations greeted announcement of the unconditional surrender of the Japanese at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Peace Time, Tuesday, August 14, ending history's bloodiest and most costly war after nearly six years of world-wide conflict. Folkston and Charlton County joined in the jubilant celebration, a full holiday being observed here Wednesday with all local stores closed and business almost completely suspended. Normal business activities were resumed Thursday morning with the second day of the long-awaited postwar period. A two day holiday for all federal

employees was ordered by President Truman and this is being observed by the local post office and rural mail carriers. The Citizens Bank also observed a two day holiday. Immediately following President Truman's announcement Tuesday afternoon, Folkston's fire siren was sounded, carried the glad tidings to every part of the community. Church bells rang and members of both the local Baptist and Methodist Churches gathered for services of thanksgiving in the churches.

MR. PETER S. SPRADLEY DIED. Funeral services were held Monday at Corinth Church for Peter S. Spradley, 83, who died Sunday at his residence in Homeland after an illness of two months. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Cora Cooper; ten sons, Oscar, Lee, Harold, of the US Army, J.D. of the US Navy, Ed and Joe, Silas. Gus, Simpson and Sam; five daughters, Mrs. J.M. Boyce, Miss Gladys, Miss Nancy, Miss Lucinda and Miss Corene; 32 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Burial took place in Corinth Cemetery.

NO MORE GAS RATIONING. The rationing of gasoline terminated Wednesday and others will end soon. Now you can drive into a service station and tell an attendant "Fill 'er up, please!". The Office of Price Administration announced Wednesday the immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline as well as canned fruit and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

HERMAN LEE THOMAS WOUNDED. Pfc Herman Lee Thomas of the US Marine Corps who is listed as a resident of Folkston, was reported as Wounded in Action in the Navy Casualty List released this week. He was wounded while taking part in operations in the Pacific Area.

## August 24, 1945

LOCAL POST OFFICE MOVED UP TO SECOND CLASS. Advancement of the Folkston Post Office to second class rating effective July I has been confirmed by officials of the post office department in Washington, Postmaster Edgar F. Allen announced this week. It will be good news to the people of the city and patrons of the office as it puts Folkston in line for a federal building at some future date, as well as free delivery service within the city limits. The stepping up of the Folkston post office to the second class group carries with it a substantial increase in the postmaster's salary, gives the office an additional clerk and places the clerical staff on Civil Service status. Roswald Johnson has been employed as the new clerk. Mrs. J.B. Pearce continues her duties as Chief Clerk.

J.C. PRESCOTT HAD CLOSE CALLS IN WAR. Cpl. J.C. Prescott has written an interesting letter to his sister, Mrs. Mildred Wainwright in Brunswick, about his experiences on the battlefronts of Europe. "I never got a scratch, though I had several close calls," he writes. His gun was knocked out by a direct shell hit. He is at a redeployment camp in France, awaiting orders to return to the U.S. He fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. His unit crossed the Elbe River during the final days of the war.

MR. HENRY FRANK STOKES DIED. Henry Frank Stokes, 75, of Hilliard, died at a Jacksonville hospital last Thursday, following a lengthy illness. He was a native of Charlton County. He had resided in Nassau County for many years. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. F.W. Yarbrough, Mrs. R.L. Canaday and Mrs. W.M. Canaday; one son, C.F. Stokes; four brothers, A.L. Stokes, R.J. Stokes, N.H. Stokes and E.M. Stokes; three sisters, Mrs. W.H. Privett, Mrs. J.L. Hodges and Miss

Lillie Stokes; twenty-five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral services were held at the graveside at Boones Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were under the directions of Giddens Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

LIONS CLUB TO MEET. The Folkston Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Monday night at the community room of the high school. While only routine matters are scheduled, plans for a post-war construction program for the community very likely will be discussed. There are a number of community projects pending, held up awaiting the close of the war.

RUSSIA VS. JAPAN WAS SHORT WAR. Russia's war against Japan was the shortest ever waged between major powers. It lasted just six days, beginning midnight August 9, when Russia's declaration of war took effect.

LONNIE WAINWRIGHT IS HOME FROM WAR. Cpl. Lonnie D. Wainwright has returned from Europe. He is a nephew of Mrs. J.B. Pace of Winokur, with whom he made his home prior to enlisting in the service.

BIG AD: Men wanted for peace time employment. Laborers, Truck Drivers, Tractor Drivers, Crane Operators, to harvest pine stump wood. Permanent work with good wages. Vacations with pay and other attractive features. Apply to Camp Superintendent at our operations near Folkston and St. George.HERCULES POWDER CO., INC. EARLY ST. GEORGE HISTORY, BY T.W. WRENCH.. Perhaps a little information about the early days of St. George might be of interest to your readers. In going through some old papers of mine the past week I ran across a notebook recording the events of the town in its formative stage.

The first step was getting a charter. A committee was appointed at a mass meeting consisting of John Harris, chairman; T.W. Wrench, secretary; D.C. Welch, A.H. McConahie, J.A. DaLee, C.E. Dunn, George Ketchum, J. C. Thompson, Amos Bennett and A.F. Carmichael. This committee met February 9, 1906 at colony headquarters, and formulated a charter which was secured through the legislature.

An election was then called and on September 17, 1906 the first council of the new town met and was organized. The election showed the following officers chosen to serve. Mayor: John Harris; Alderman at large, E.T. Torode; Alderman, A. J. Hickey, First Ward; D.C. Welch, Second Ward; J.U. Free, Third Ward; A.J. McConahie, Fourth Ward; T.W. Wrench, Clerk; J.A. Sage, Treasurer, A.J. Carmichael, Marshal. The body was sworn in by Justice of the Peace J.C. Thompson. The qualified voters taking part in the election were:

First Ward: Ed Anguish, Amos Bennett, John Chester, John D. Chester, F.F. Houston, R.R. Roraback and J.E. White.

Second Ward: S.A. Cross, Arthur Smith, C.E. Stroup, D.C. Welch.

Third Ward: James Clarke, A.T. Campbell, C.E. Dunn, C.F. Dunn, Dunk Davis, W.F. Donovan, F.E. Griffin, Riley Howard, A.J. Hickey, Frank M. Lawson, H.C. Myers, N.J. Norman, Aaron Rhoden, J.C. Thompson, H.D. Thomas, Daniel Stamm, Dr. J.W. Strickland, Jack Sellars, Joe H. Sutton, T.W. Wrench, J.D.E. Williams.

Fourth Ward: O.R. Anderson, J.F. Blake, A.F. Carmical, William D. DaLee, A.A. Day, R.R. Dean, John Harris, N.B. King, John T. Litts, James W. Moore, A.H. McConahie, S.J. Smith, J.A. Sage, E.T. Torode, Roy Terry, Benjamin Warren, James L. Wilkinson. Of the above committee, only John Harris, T.W. Wrench and S.A. Cross are living. Of the voters, most have departed this life but I am not sure how many are among the living today considering the fact that at the time St. George boasted some five or six hundred population. Many had not lived in the state for a year and could not vote. They did however take part in the movement to get a charter for the town.

In the town's records I have in my possession is also a list of all property owners due [to pay] taxes for the first year. In reading of these citizens of long ago, it brings to mind how few of us survived the passing of 38 years. The first white citizen of St. George was N.J. Norman, then the depot agent and telegraph operator, and F.E. Griffin, section master.

### Yours truly, T.W. Wrench.

BABY GIRL FOR NOBLES FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Nobles are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born August 21 at the McCoy Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, ten ounces. Mother and baby are getting along fine.

BABY GIRL FOR WADE FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Merl Wade announce the birth of a baby daughter born August 22 at the McCoy Hospital. The baby girl weighed eight pounds and has been named Carol Frances. Mrs. Wade is the former Miss Janet Wrench. BABY GIRL FOR BIRDSONG FAMILY. A M M 2nd Class and Mrs. George Birdsong announce the birth of a daughter, April Penelope, born August 19 at McCoy Hospital. Mrs. Birdsong is the former Miss Mary Lou Stewart.

## August 31, 1945

LT. LONNIE EMMETT ROBERTS, JR. KILLED. Lt. Lonnie Emmett Roberts, Jr., 25 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Roberts, Sr. of St. George was fatally injured in an accidental crash of a B-29 as the huge bomber was taking off from an air base in the Mariana's Issslands on August 4, according to unofficial information received by the family this week. News of the tragic accident came in a letter received from an army chaplain in which the details of the crash were given. The letter revealed that young Roberts died in a hospital on August 4, about one hour after the accidental crash and was buried on August 5th with full military honors. He was one of the county's most promising and highly regarded young men.

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# September 7, 1945

ORDINATION OF REV. LAMAR WAINWRIGHT. At a called meeting of the Macon Presbytery held at the Eastman Presbyterian Church last Sunday, Rev. E. Lamar Wainwright was admitted into the Presbytery and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in that faith. All the Eastman churches joined in a union service when Mr. Wainwright was installed as full-time pastor of the Eastman church. Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Wainwright, Miss Sue Dee Wainwright and Miss Betty Southwell attended the ordination.

MR. RICHARD SAM COOPER DIED. Richard Sam Cooper, 44, Waycross mechanic, died Friday in a Waycross hospital after a very brief illness. He was the husband of the former Miss Gertrude Hodges, by whom he is survived. Survivors also include his mother, Mrs. W.B. Cooper of Auburn, Tenn. He was a native of Tennessee and was a veteran of World War Two. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was married to Mrs. Hodges nearly three years ago. Funeral services were held at the graveside in

Folkston cemetery. Mincey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. NEW BABY BOY FOR PICKREN FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Verne J. Pickren announce the birth of a son, born September 1st at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville. The baby weighed eight pounds and has been named Porter Tracy Pickren. Mother and baby are reported to be getting along fine.

PEACE TREATY SIGNED. Japan surrendered formally and unconditionally to the Allies Sunday on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, restoring peace to a war-ravaged world. General McArthur served as Master of Ceremonies and signed on behalf of the Allied Nations while Admiral Nimitz signed the document for the United States. FOLKSTON SCHOOLS OPEN. The Folkston Consolidated Schools opened Tuesday morning. The total reached 598 pupils. The following faculty members are on the job. They are: First Grade, Miss Eula Jones, Mrs. Hilda M. Jones; Second Grade, Mrs. Imogene Sears and Miss Geraldine Stokes; Third Grade, Miss Emily Stokes and Mrs. J.W. Johnson; Fourth Grade, Mrs. Jewell Gibson and Mrs. Thelma G. Hannaford; Fifth Grade, Mrs. Georgia L. Brown and Mrs. Leila C. Guthrie; Sixth Grade, Mrs. B.B. Gowen, Mrs. Mary Scott; Seventh Grade, Mrs. Eleanor C. Sanders, Mrs. Kathryn Jones; Eighth Grade, High School, Miss Mayme Askew, principal Jr. High; Mrs. J.D. Roddenberry, principal High School; Mrs. Mildred H. Mizell, Mrs. R.W. Pence and Miss Esther Carter. Mrs. John H. Green will teach private lessons in piano.

THOMPSON - SMITH WEDDING. Miss Myra Lea Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Thompson, and Sgt. Bennie Smith, both of this city, were united in marriage on August 29th with Rev. R.W. Waterman officiating. Sgt. Smith is stationed at the Waycross Army Air Field.

# September 14, 1945

THE OREMC TO MOVE TO CHARLTON COUNTY. The Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation serving Brantley, Camden, Charlton and Nassau Counties, is to move its headquarters from Nahunta to Folkston in order to be near the center of its operations. The Board of County Commissioners at its session Tuesday agreed to purchase and donate to the organization a five acre tract of land as a site for the headquarters plant, to consist of several buildings, to be erected at a cost of more than \$30,000.00.

MR. ERNEST NORMAN GROOMS DIED. Ernest Norman Grooms, 67, native and lifelong resident of Charlton County died Sunday at his home here following a sudden attack. He had been able to be up the day previous and while he suffered from high blood pressure, his sudden passing came as a shock to his family and friends. He was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Member of one of the county's prominent pioneer families he was a son of the late Jesse S. Grooms, Charlton County's last surviving Confederate veteran who died a few years ago. Mr. Grooms was a faithful member of Bethel Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jennie Vickery Grooms; three daughters, Mrs. Beulah Hickox, Mrs. Fleta Mobley and Mrs. Gladys Prevatt; one son, Malcolm D. Grooms of the U.S. Army; one sister, Mrs. Ollie Mattox; two brothers. L.E. Grooms and R.W. Grooms; nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the home and interment took place in Folkston Cemetery with Oxley Funeral Home in charge of burial arrangements.

GROUP PICTURE. Folkston Lions Club Baseball Team picture. Not real good one. Clifford Mizell, Noah Lee Clark, Gene Crews, Guy Purvis, Donovan Wilson, Buck Allen, Pat Michael, Bill McCoy, Ralph Allen, E.M. Mizell, Tim Hall, Dr. Taylor, Coach and Carroll Wright, Jr.

CHARLTON SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY. Three of Charlton County's veterans of the war in Europe were aboard the giant liner, Queen Mary, according to an Army list released for publication. These include Sgt. Walter L. Huling, Jr., Cpl. Lonnie D. Wainwright of Winokur and Pvt. James F. Holt of Toledo. Another Folkston boy, Jim B. Pearce, Jr. arrived aboard the liner, Argentina. GEORGE FLORRNOY WILDES KILLED IN ACCIDENT. Pvt. First Class George Florrnoy Wildes, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Wildes, was instantly killed in a motor vehicle accident in France on August 15, his parents have been advised in an official message from the War Department. Details of the fatal accident were not revealed other than the statement that he was killed when the vehicle he was driving overturned, and that the accident occurred in the line of duty while a celebration of V-J Day was in progress.

NEW TEACHERS AT FOLKSTON; UPTONVILLE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATED WITH FOLKSTON. Mr. Quentin R. Henry reported Tuesday as head of the Commercial Department at the Charlton County High School. He has his AB and MA degree and has had special training and experience in commercial subjects. He will teach bookkeeping, typing, shorthand, English and Commercial Law. His home is in Atlanta. Students in the senior class will be allowed to take the full commercial course. After they finish this course they should be able to hold down a good job. Another new teacher is expected this week. He is Mr. John Bosworth. He will be connected with the high school. He has just been discharged from the Army. Also, Folkston has another new teacher, Miss Clora Lee Conner. She teaches the first grade and comes from Uptonville. All the Uptonville pupils are now coming to Folkston.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR FARM BUREAU. Charlton County Farm Bureau has this week launched a countywide membership campaign and expects to reach a goal of 297 members by the end of September. The local chapter at this time has 95 members. The quota is based on the number of farms in the county as shown by the 1940 census. FIVE ACRES TO BE DONATED TO REA. Citizens appeared before the County Commissioners on behalf of the Lions Club to purchase a five acre tract for REA as an incentive to get them to locate here. It was agreed to purchase this from John C. Allen at a cost of \$800.00 and donate said tract to them.

NEW DAUGHTER FOR GIBSON FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. W. Guy Gibson announce the birth of a baby girl born September 10th at St. Luke's Hospital. The baby has been named Sandra Gale. Mother and baby are getting along fine.

NEW SON FOR BOWEN FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Bowen of Titusville, Fla. announce the birth of a son born September 12th at St. Vincent's Hospital. He has been named Robert Lee. Mother and son are reported to be doing nicely. She is the former Miss Margaret Littlefield.

NEW SON FOR STANLEY FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stanley announce the birth of a baby boy born September 12 at McCoy Hospital. Weight, 6 pounds. Both are reported to be getting along well. She is the former Miss Jewell Johnson. Mr. Stanley is in the Navy, stationed at Norfolk.

NEW TEACHERS. At the recent Board of Education meeting the following teachers were elected: Folkston, Eula Jones; St. George, Mr. George A. Johnson; Mrs. D.R. Brown.

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS. In large ad encouraging farmers to join the Charlton County Farm Bureau, there was a list of paid up members of the group. They were: Harry Johnson, Charles H. Gibson, W.R. Dinkins, J.P. Conner, J.T. Conner, F.L. Murray, Romie Crews, Seab Petty, O.F. Harden, Ralph Davis, W.C. Hopkins, A.L. Thrift, George Crews, R.H. Thrift, Wilma Petty, H.P. McDuffie, C.C. Crews, Harry Chesser, Bud Cantrell, Basil Crews, J.E. Crews, C.J. Altman, Theo Dinkins, L.H. Harden, M.G. White, Rufus Crews, W.M. Crews, J.M. Wilson, J.H. Johnson, O.C. Mizell, J.H. Zarfos, J.O. Sikes, T.W. Wrench, T.B. Jones, J.V. Gowen, Sr., R.E. Player, J.M. Mattox, P.G. Brooks, T.W. Harris, J.P. Mizell, I.L. Rogers, B.M. Prescott, F.L. Burnsed, B.S. Johnson, Tim Wainwright, T.C. Brock, W.W. Pickren, W.L. Reynolds, M.M. Turner, P. O. Stokes, William Mizell, M J. Crews, L.E. Mallard, A.S. McQueen, P.C. Brooks, E.B. Stapleton, G.R. Gowen, Jr., C.H. Lewis, Jim H. Hagan, Dr. W.R. McCoy, L.H. Tucker, T.C. Gowen, Seab Kennison, A.D. Crews, Ed Murray, T.E. Bryant, W.D. Jones, Ralph Knabb, J.C. Howard, O.E. Raynor, John H. Sikes, Charlie Crews, J.R. Dixon, Vandell Bennett, M.J. Chancey, L.H. Higginbotham, Sol P. Mills, M.H. Lloyd, W.D. Crews, C.M. Long, J.C. Allen, J.B. Hinson, R. Ward Harrison, Mrs. B.B. Gowen, Sam Crews, Ivey Crews, Arthur Crews, Albert Gowen, G.R. Gowen, Sr., J.V. Gowen, Jr., Clyde Sands, Willie Hodges, Bruce Thompson, Fred Osterman, Ira Crews.

### September 21, 1945

NEW TEACHER. Another new teacher will report to the Folkston school next Monday. Mrs. Lydia M. Breland from Atlanta. She will teach in the elementary school. BOWEN BABY DIED MONDAY. Robert Lee Bowen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Bowen, died Monday in St. Vincent's Hospital from an undetermined cause. The child was born on September 12th. Funeral rites and interment took place at Folkston Cemetery. Mrs. Bowen is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. J.C. Littlefield. ST. GEORGE AND MONIAC SCHOOLS OPEN. The St. George School opened September 10th with about 100 students enrolled. The following faculty is in charge. George A. Johnson, principal; Mrs. D.R. Brown, Mrs. Fannie R. Norman, Miss Sarah Griner, Miss Sarah Mae Sims, Miss Evelyn Stevens.

The Moniac School opened Monday with about sixty enrolled and with the following faculty: Mrs. Thyra McDuffie Sands, principal; Mr. A.D. Burnsed, Miss Myrtle Chism. Lunchrooms are being operated in all three schools.

BURCH - SPRADLEY WEDDING. A marriage that will be of much interest to their many friends is that of Miss Vernell Burch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Burch to Joel Spradley, son of Mrs. P.S. Spradley which took place September 8th.

#### September 28, 1945

NORMAN - McELVEY WEDDING. The marriage of Mrs. Marie Boyd Norman and John L. McElvey was solemnized in the Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville, on September 21st. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Boyd, Folkston and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McElvey of Quincy, Fla. They will live in Jacksonville. RIDING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED. The practice of riding bicycles on the city sidewalks will be strictly prohibited in the future, according to Mayor C.J. Passieu. The city sidewalks have been made a regular racetrack for bicycles in the past, particularly by thoughtless boys, constituting a dangerous traffic hazard. NEW BABY SON FOR RODGERS FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rodgers announce the birth of a baby boy, born September 22 at McCoy Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, six ounces and has been named Henry Benjamin, Jr.

60TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED AT MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH. The Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, of which Rev. R.H. Littles is pastor, will observe its 60th anniversary with a week's program of services, beginning Monday, October 1 and extending through the following Sunday. This is one of the oldest Negro churches in this section in the state and has been an influence for good in the community it serves. It has a membership of approximately 100.

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# October 5, 1945

RATIONING BOARD TO BE ABOLISHED. Charlton County War Price and Rationing Board, which has directed rationing in this county since the beginning of the program, will close its office here and cease to function effective November Ist. The Board, composed of E.B. Stapleton, chairman; R.E. Player and O.C. Mizell, with Miss Marward Bedell, clerk and Miss Kathleen Stapleton, assistant clerk have handled the program smoothly and efficiently.

UNITED WAR FUND QUOTA SET. Charlton County's quota in the United War Fund if Georgia, has been set at \$1050.00, it was announced this week by Chairman O.E. Raynor who has accepted the responsibility for directing the campaign in this county. FARM BUREAU'S RALLY WAS GREAT SUCCESS. The Charlton County Farm Bureau's countywide rally and barbeque held last week at Homeland Park was a highly successful event. More than 2,000 people attended. The event was scheduled as the concluding event of the Farm Bureau's membership drive. The 4-H Club Field Program held during the afternoon was featured by lively competition. The prize of \$2.00 in merchandise was awarded to all the following winners: Climbing Greasy Pole, John Stewart Conner; Pie Eating Contest, Cecil Carter; Girls Pie Eating Contest, Jeannette Wainwright; 100 Yard Dash, Tim Hall; Girls 100 Yard Dash, Oleta Merle Gibson; Sack Race, 75 yards, Wesley Dixon; Three Legged Race, James Chesser, Herschel Stokes; Girls Three Legged Race, Viola Youmans, Lillian Johnson; Men's 100 Yard Dash, Otis Nobles; Throwing Rolling Pin Contest, Mrs. Thelma Gainey. Judges were C. Crews, Fred Osterman and Willie Prescott. Prizes were awarded by O.E. Raynor.

MRS. THOMPSON, COUNTY NURSE, RESIGNS. Mrs. Jack Thompson, who has been County Nurse for the past several years submitted her resignation this week, effective November Ist, to the Board of County Commissioners. She agreed to continue the clinic on Tuesdays and Fridays until the first of the year or until a successor can be obtained. NEW TEACHERS APPROVED. At the Board of Education meeting last week the following teachers were approved for the Folkston school: Quinton R. Henry, Commercial. St. George, Miss Sara Simms, primary grades and Miss Evelyn Stephens, intermediate grades Moniac, Mrs. Thyra McDuffie Sands, principal and upper grades, Mr. A.D. Burnsed; Miss Myra Chism, primary grades. Mrs. J.A. Barker was approved as the bus driver for the St. George school.

MR. AND MRS. GOWEN RETURN HOME. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gowen returned to their home here this week after spending the past two years in San Diego, Cal. where he was stationed while serving in the U.S. Marines.

WALLACE GIBSON RELEASED FROM PRISONER OF WAR CAMP. W.E. Gibson received a message this week from his son Wallace E. Gibson, stating that he has been liberated from a Jap prison camp and was then on the island of Guam enroute home. He said he was well, in good health and expected to be home soon. He was held prisoner for more than three years.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR ELLIS FAMILY. E.K. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis announce the birth of a baby daughter, Cheryl Karen, at McCoy Hospital on September 27th. The mother is the former Miss Leila Prescott. The maternal grandparents are Mrs. Mary Prescott and the late O.M. Prescott. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis of Alma, Ga.

WATERMAN - LANIER WEDDING. Miss Alice Clara Waterman daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R.W. Waterman became the bride of Lavornor Leveon Lanier, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Lanier of Wewahitchka, Fla. in a ceremony performed October 2nd in First Baptist Church of Folkston. Rev. Waterman, pastor of the church and father of the bride officiated at the ceremony.

THE VILLAGE DEPOT. One sees them in small towns and villages all over America. Little dingy soot-covered depots which have done their part in handling the traffic of a growing nation. Painted gray or brown, yellow or red with big pot-bellied coal burner in the center and a bench or two against the wall, they are an integral part of rural life. In a little room in the corner the station agent has his telegraph ticking and shelves for records. It is often a village ritual to gather at the depot and wait for the 5:15 to bring the papers from the city and the empty cream cans. Uncounted farm lads who have brought products to the depot have watched the trains pull off towards the city and dreamed that some day they would leave on those steel tracks to find life's great adventures. Village depots are more than places of traffic or trade, they are part of the dream that has built a great nation in this western world.

The above picture is out of date. The bus station long ago supplanted the railroad depot as the center of traffic entry in the rural towns of America.

### October 12, 1945

ZELTON CONNER HOME FROM WAR. Zelton Conner, who has been serving in the US Navy is being welcomed home, having received an honorable discharge from the service last week.

LIONS SPONSOR WHITE WAY PROJECT FOR MAIN STREET. Folkston is stepping out in the post-war world with an ambitious street lighting program that will make Main Street through the business district a blaze of light from end to end during the evening hours and give the city a miniature "Great White Way". This is being sponsored by the Folkston Lions Club. It has already been approved by the Folkston city government which is to underwrite installation of the system and its operation. Plans call for the installation of modern fixtures including iron standards, each with a single light globe designed especially for this purpose, the electric current being carried on underground cables. The white way lighting system will extend for three blocks along Main Street, from the Okefenokee Station to the courthouse corner.

CHARLIE ADKINS SERVING ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER. Charles F. Adkins, pharmacist mate USNR, husband of Mrs. Ruth M. Adkins and father of Robert of Folkston is now serving on the USS Bon Homme Richard, an aircraft carrier near the coast of Japan,

which has been assigned duty as part of the U.S. occupation fleet.

L.G. CLARKE HOME FROM WAR. Sgt. L.G. Clarke, son of Mrs. Sibbie Clarke, reached his home here this week after receiving an honorable discharge. He served with the Army Air Force in the European Theater, as a gunner aboard a bombing plane. He was transferred to a ground crew after being wounded in action.

HAROLD BROWNING HOME FROM THE WAR. Harold Browning, recently discharged from the armed services, is making his home here with his mother Mrs. Imogene Sears. He has accepted a position with Allen's Grocery Store.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR PRESCOTT FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Prescott announce the birth of a daughter born October 5 at their home in the Prescott settlement. The baby weighed eight pounds and has been named Jane. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

RETIRES FROM WOOD SALES. To whom it may concern: Due to the scarcity of labor and the increase in the cost of wood, I am forced to retire from the wood business for at least this season. I wish to thank my customers for their patronage. I hope to serve you again when conditions permit my doing so. ---E.L. DOUGLAS

# October 19, 1945

RALPH WRENCH ON HIS WAY HOME FROM WAR. Sgt. Ralph Wrench who has been overseas with the Army Air Force has arrived this week in Boston aboard a liberty ship transport and is expected to reach home today, according to a message received by his parents.

FOUR NAVY MEN RECEIVE DISCHARGES. Four Charlton County residents who have been serving in the Navy have been discharged. Included in the group are Alfred Knowles, Bobbie Lane, Jasper S. Morgan, of Folkston; and Herman Holland Barber of Winokur.

BASEBALL TEAM'S UNIFORMS TO BE COLLECTED. All players on the Lions Baseball Team who have been issued uniforms this past season are asked to turn them in, cleaned up and in good condition, to Dr. Taylor, the team's coach. Dr. Taylor wishes to preserve the uniforms in good shape for the use of next season's team.

THOMAS CREWS IS HOME FROM THE WAR. Sgt. Thomas H. Crews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Crews, is being welcomed home after being discharged from the U.S. Army. COL. McQUEEN OPENS NEW SUBDIVISION. A new residential subdivision with lots for sale to prospective builders of new homes is being opened in Folkston by Judge A.S. McQueen. The tract, containing about ten acres is part of the old [Rosa] Robinson Place.

NEAR REUNION IN PHILIPPINES FOR BROCK BROTHERS. Two brothers, George and Vernon Brock, had a near-reunion in the Philippines recently At one time they were only sixteen miles apart but circumstances were such that their expected meeting failed to materialize.

BERNARD SHIVAR TO BE HOME SOON. Bernard Lathan Shivar, Carpenter's Mate First Class, USNR who served with an underwater demolition team, the Navy's famed group of expert swimmers, who paved the way for invasion of enemy-held beaches, is enroute to his home in Folkston.

MISS MIZELL IS NEW TEACHER AT HIGH SCHOOL. Miss Frances Mizell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Mizell, last week joined the teaching staff of the local school and has been assigned to duty in the high school

HOLLY CHILDREN AT INDUSTRIAL HOME IN BAXLEY. At the last county commissioner's meeting, it was decided to send the three Holly children to the Industrial Home in Baxley and to contribute \$4.00 per month per child for their support. The county already has two children at this orphanage and the contribution will be \$20.00 per month.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR CREEL FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Cody Creel are the proud parents of a baby girl, born October 10 at the McCoy Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds, ten ounces and has been named Judith Elizabeth. Mrs. Creel is the former Miss Marguerite Shivar.

GUY - BYRD WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Guy announce the marriage last Saturday of their daughter, Talmadge Linnelle to Albert B. Byrd of Bolling, Ala., the ceremony being performed by Judge A.S. McQueen, Ordinary at his residence.

## October 26, 1945

FOLKSTON'S WHITE WAY PROGRESSING. The wire cable for Folkston's White Way system, purchased from the government as surplus war material, was shipped from the center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. last Friday. Purchase of the equipment, which is altogether new, having never been unrolled, was handled for the city by Lion R. Ward Harrison. A real bargain was obtained, the cost being approximately 1/3 of the original invoice price. The White Way project is being sponsored by the Folkston Lions Club. MRS. LILLA PAULINE HARDEN DIED. Mrs. Lilla Pauline Harden, age 72, widow of the late Jerome Harden, one of the community's widely-known and beloved women, died Tuesday night at her home near Folkston following a stroke last Wednesday. A native of Tattnall County, she had been a resident of Charlton County for the past 48 years. She was a member of Philadelphia Freewill Baptist Church and took an active interest in church affairs. Survivors include five sons, Henry Harden, Oren Harden, Lewis Harden, Joe Harden of the US Army in Germany, and Bert Harden; one daughter, Mrs. W.E. Colson. Funeral services were held at Philadelphia Church and interment took place in nearby Sardis Cemetery.

VIVIAN WRIGHT MEMORIAL AT BESSIE TIFT. The Vivian Wright Memorial Room at Bessie Tift College was dedicated in impressive ceremonies Sunday with a large delegation representing the Folkston Baptist Church attending the event. A room in the Bessie Tiff College has been beautifully furnished by the Folkston Baptist Church as a memorial of the late Vivian Wright, as a tribute to her devotion to church work. The room is being occupied this term by a Folkston girl, Miss Jean Pickren.

WALLACE GIBSON HOME AT LAST. Chief Petty Office Wallace E. Gibson, Jr., US Navy, son of W.E. Gibson, is once again at home with his family and friends after enduring the suffering and hardships of a Japanese War Prison Camp for forty-one months. He is perhaps one of the happiest veterans yet to return from the Pacific War Theater.

FIVE WILDES BROTHERS SERVED IN WAR. The five Wildes brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wildes, probably hold the family group record for Charlton County, to serve in the armed forces. Three of the brothers served in the Navy while one, Harry, was attached to the Army Air Corps. Lawrence served in the Second Armored Division in Europe. Chief Petty Officer Floyd Wildes was in the Navy as was Ansel Wildes and Julian Wildes.

ASKEW - ETZLEY WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Askew of Miami Beach, Fla. announce

the marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Freddie Lewis Etzley of the US Navy at the Baptist Pastorium in Folkston on October 16th. Rev. R.W. Waterman performed the ceremony.

WILTON STOKES IS HOME FROM THE WAR. Sgt. Wilton Stokes arrived at home this week with a discharge from the Army and is being welcomed by his many friends.

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### November 2, 1945

BRAND NEW FORD ON DISPLAY. The first new automobile to be shown in Folkston since the beginning of the war is being displayed this week in the showrooms of the Folkston Motor Co. The handsome new model Ford went on display here last Friday and has attracted the admiring attention of large numbers of prospective buyers, according to G.R. Gowen, Jr., owner and manager of the local concern.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL A SUCCESS. The Halloween Carnival at the high school Friday night was a real success, in the amount attending and the money collected. \$785.13 was made at the carnival. Plans now are to spend this on the library, the science lab and the home economics department. The library and science lab are the two departments the Accrediting Commission said must be improved if we are to stay an Accredited High School.

NEW HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Several new residences are under construction in Folkston. Theo Dinkins is building a new home on Main Street near the Tillman home. Work is underway on four small homes to be built by Judge A.S. McQueen In his new subdivision recently opened. Construction is in the final stages on the new residence of R.B. Stroup.

MRS. MARY E. TODD DANIELS DIED. Mrs. Mary E. Daniels, who was perhaps Charlton County's oldest resident, passed away at the home of her grandson, Frank Todd at Racepond on October 23rd, following a long illness due to the infirmities of her advanced years. Authentic family records establish Mrs. Daniels as having reached the remarkable age of 105 years. Survivors include four sons, Jake Daniels, Robert Daniels, George Daniels and Eddie Todd; one daughter, Mrs. Aggie Johns; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, John Todd and one sister, Mrs. Emma Harrell. Funeral services were conducted at the Racepond Church and interment took place in Sardis Cemetery.

NEW BUILDING FOR JOHNSON BROTHERS. Johnson Brothers is assembling material on the site for the early construction of the large new business building to be located on the tract known as the Bank Cafe property and adjoining the old cafe building. The building is to be a two-story structure and its location at the intersection of Main Street and the new route of US Highway One makes it one of the most desirable business sites in this city.

SERVICEMEN COMING HOME. Among Charlton County's servicemen arriving home this week were: Ralph Wrench, Louie Passieu, Charles Adkins and A.J. Hopkins, Jr. ST. GEORGE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL. The Halloween Carnival held at St. George school Wednesday evening was a successful event. A total of \$483.05 was realized for the school's improvement fund. In the popularity contest, Juanita Raulerson won first place and Burnell Thompson, second place for the high school group. Shirley Rhoden

won first place and Lillian Dixon won second place in the grammar school ABE MATTOX VISITS HERE. Abe Mattox arrived here this week to spend a short while with Folkston friends and relatives. He has been employed at the atomic bomb project in Tennessee, according to reports.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR MIZELL FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mizell announce the birth of a seven pound baby girl born Sunday night at the McCoy Hospital. The baby has been named Hilda Grace. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely. MISS SOUTHWELL TO BE MARRIED. Miss Rosalie Southwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Southwell, left last Friday for Berkeley, California where she will meet Ensign R.L. O'Neal of Uvalda, Ga. who has just returned from naval duty in the Pacific. They are to be married there. Miss Southwell was accompanied by her sister, Miss Bettye Southwell and Miss Eloise O'Neal, sister of Ensign O'Neal.

## November 9, 1945

SPECIAL ARMISTICE DAY PLANS. Plans are complete for the special Armistice Day program to be held Sunday afternoon, November 11th in the school auditorium. Principal Greene says he is anxious to have as many of the boys and girls who have served and are now at home, and the families of those who have not yet been able to come home, present for the occasion.

MEMBER OF FOLKSTON'S FIRST FAMILY PASSES AT GAINESVILLE, FLA. Mrs. Leonilla Baker, 81, a native of Folkston and whose father, John R. Bachlott, built the first residence to be erected in this city, died at her home in Gainesville last Friday. Mrs. Baker who had spent her girlhood days here had resided in Gainesville since 1905. The Bachlott family constituted Folkston's first settlers, Mr. Bachlott having built his home on the site where the county courthouse now stands about 1883. With the coming of the railroad shortly afterwards Folkston quickly developed into the county's chief town, much of Centrevillage being transferred to the new site on the railroad. Mr. Bachlott donated the land for the city's original cemetery and he and his wife are buried there. Mrs. Baker was the widow of the late P.H. Baker who had large turpentine and farming interests in the Gainesville section of Florida. Funeral services were held in Gainesville with Rev. Jack Anderson, Methodist minister officiating. The body was brought to Folkston where committal services were held with Rev. F. J. Gilbert, Methodist pastor, officiating. Mrs. Baker was a member of the First Methodist Church of Gainesville. Survivors include two sons, R.B. Baker and H.L. Baker; one daughter, Mrs. E.A. Taylor and one sister, Mrs. L.A. Love.

ROBERT HARRISON TO BE HOME SOON. A message was received this week advising Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Harrison that their son, Robert W. Harrison, Jr. had sailed from Italy and was expected to reach home by Thanksgiving Day. Robert has not been home since volunteering for duty, having been ordered overseas immediately after completing his basic training.

NEW BASKETBALL COACH. George N. Birdsong is the new basketball coach of the Charlton County High School. He is also to drive one of the school buses and help put on a physical education program. He also is interested in getting the Manual Arts Department in shape so that courses can be given to students in this field. He is now working on a schedule of games for both boys and girls teams. The school is fortunate to have this young man on its staff.

SERVICEMEN COMING HOME. Charlton County servicemen in increasing numbers

are returning from the war's battlefronts. Among the group reaching home the past few days are: Franklin Roddenberry, Edwin Stokes, Louie Gowen, J.M. Vickers, Charles F. Adkins, Emory Westberry, S.M. Altman, Jr., J.R. Thrift.

NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Among the construction now underway in Folkston is a new home being built by Gilbert M. Mizell located on US Highway One just north of the residence of S.M. Mills. Work commenced last week and rapid progress is being made.

THOMPSON - WILDES. Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn to Floyd C. Wildes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wildes. The wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage on November 3rd with Rev. F.J. Gilbert officiating.

## November 16, 1945

RICHARD MAYS HOME FROM THE WAR. Pfc Richard Mays, son of Mrs. Naomi Mays, reached his home here this week after sixteen months overseas service with the 14th Air Force in China. Richard was assigned to duty as a radar operator at an army air base in the interior of China, which was frequently bombed by the Japs. He completed his radar training in Florida before being assigned overseas. He had some interesting and exciting experiences in China, but is glad to be home again. He is being welcomed by his friends.

MR. ARTHUR E. NAZWORTH DIED. Injuries sustained when he was run over by a truck near his home at Winokur two weeks ago proved fatal to Arthur E. Nazworth who passed away in a Waycross hospital last Friday. George Nazworth, a brother, and one of the young sons who also suffered painful injuries in the accident, is reported to be making favorable progress. The accident occurred when Brunson Thrift, son of postmaster M.D. Thrift, and a nephew of the deceased, driver of a truck, apparently lost control of the vehicle which left the road and ran over the three men walking along the highway. The deceased, a native and lifelong resident of Charlton County, was a veteran of World War One. Funeral services were held at Sardis Cemetery. Besides his wife, survivors include six sons, Edward and Roland of the US Army, Eugene, Frank, A.L. and Norris; four daughters, Misses Louise, Estelle, Erline and Bonnie Fay Nazworth; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Nazworth; three brothers, Corbett Nazworth, George Nazworth and Roy Nazworth and two sisters, Mrs. George Carter and Mrs. Harry Evens.

BRAND NEW CHEVROLET ON DISPLAY. The 1946 Chevrolet will be on display this Saturday in the showrooms of the Passieu Chevrolet Co. Mr. Passieu has repainted and redecorated the showroom in order to provide a fitting setting to display a new Chevrolet. He invites the public to come in and see what the Chevrolet has to offer them in motor transport.

ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM. The county's war dead were honored in a program for Armistice Day last week. The roll call of Charlton County's honored war dead was read by Supt. William S. Smith of the county schools and included the following group of young men who gave their lives on behalf of their country: Osward (Buddie) Crews, Douglas R. Brown, Wordie Leckie, of the Canadian Air Force, John White, Lee Petty, Eugene Pearce, Clayton Gowen, Donald Kendrick, Avener Holt, Gilbert Spence, Clyde Green, Albert B. Crews, S.F. Wildes and Lonnie Emmett Roberts.

MR. W.J. JONES DIED. The people of Folkston were deeply shocked and grieved by

the news of the sudden death of W.J. Jones, age 70, retired merchant and resident of the city for 35 years, which occurred Thursday morning at his home. Mrs. Jones, a teacher in the local school, found her husband dead when she returned home for the noon lunch hour. Death had resulted from a sudden heart attack. A native of Ridgeland, S.C. Mr. Jones was formerly an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Upon his retirement from the railroad he entered the mercantile business here in which he was engaged for several years, retiring because of ill health. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hilda Mattox Jones, a daughter, Mrs. Jane Hudson, a son Dudley M. Jones and one brother, Berry Jones. Funeral plans are incomplete at press time.

REV. GILBERT RETURNS TO FOLKSTON. Rev. F.J. Gilbert, pastor of Folkston Methodist Church for the past two years, was assigned to serve as pastor of the local church for the third year, at the annual meeting of the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church in Waycross last week.

SERVICEMEN RETURN FROM WAR. Two of Charlton County's war veterans who have recently returned from the war are Robert Chesser and Barney Nelson, both of the Traders Hill community.

MARTIN - WINDHAM. A pretty home wedding was an event of the past week in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Naomi Mays, when Miss Odella Arlena Martin was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Sgt. Fred M. Windham of Jesup, by Rev. R.W. Waterman, pastor of the Baptist Church. Immediately after taking the vows the happy young couple left for Jesup where they were entertained by the mother of the groom. From there they took a bridal trip to Memphis, Tenn. These happy young people are both employees of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad as operators where they met prior to the groom's entry into the service of his country. A notable and important feature of the marriage is the groom's foresight in saving to build their own home in Jesup when released from the service. The bride matching him to furnish the home as she wishes it to be furnished. Property for this purpose has already been secured and ready for the building through the thoughtfulness of the groom. ---Written by T.W. Wrench who has known the bride all her life, at the request of her grandmother.

SOUTHWELL - O'NEAL. Miss Rosalie Southwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Southwell became the bride of Ensign Robert Lester O'Neal, Jr. USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. O'Neal of Uvalda at a ceremony November 4th at the First Baptist Church in Everett, Washington, Rev. Arthur Rewis performing the double ring ceremony. After the ceremony the couple left for Seattle, Washington where they spent their honeymoon. WOOLARD - BRADLEY. News has been received of the recent marriage of Miss Thelma Woolard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Woolard, to Rev. J. Lory Bradley, formerly of this city, which took place at Valdosta.. Previous to her marriage the bride has been attending the business school in Jacksonville and it is understood the couple are making their home in that city.

#### November 23, 1945

W.J. JONES FUNERAL. Funeral services for W.J. Jones who died suddenly at his home last Thursday, were held Sunday from the residence. Interment took place in Folkston Cemetery.

SERVICEMEN RETURNING HOME FROM WAR. The following are a few of Charlton County's war veterans who have been released from service in the past few days: Baynard Gowen, Fred M. Crews, James F. Holt and Clarence O'Quinn.

NEW HOME BEING BUILT. Construction was begun this week on the new home of C.H. Lewis to be located in the eastern section of the city. The is only one of a number of new homes now being built in Folkston.

NEW BABY BOY FOR BROCK FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brock announce the birth of a fine baby boy born November 16th. The new arrival has been named Tony Eugene. Mr. Brock is serving with the Army Occupation Forces in Korea.

NEW BABY BOY FOR GIBSON FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gibson announce the birth of a baby boy born November 18th at the McCoy Hospital. The baby weighed 8 ° pounds and has been named Walter Charles.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR CARTER FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter announce the birth of a daughter born November 19th at McCoy Hospital. Weight 8 pounds, one ounce. The baby has been named Phyllis Ann. Mother and child both reported to be doing nicely.

## November 30, 1945

MR. SAMUEL ALLEN PETTY DIED. Funeral services for Samuel Allen Petty, 70, who died Friday at the home of his son Parker Petty in Jacksonville were held at Philadelphia Baptist Church with interment following in nearby Sardis Cemetery under direction of Estes-Kraus Funeral Home. His death came as a result of a sudden attack. He was a native of Charlton County and has been a resident of Jacksonville for about a year, going there from Doctor's Inlet, Fla. where he had resided for many years. Besides his son he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Petty; two daughters, Mrs. G.L. McClain and Mrs. J.W. Thompson; three sisters, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. Elbert Hodges; a brother, Harry Petty and two grandchildren.

FRANCIS MURRAY IS HOME FROM THE WAR. A wounded veteran of the war in the Pacific, Carlton Francis Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murray, recently returned home after receiving his discharge from the service.

SERVICEMEN COME HOME. Flight Officer Louie Passieu returned to his home here this week after being discharged from the service. Another local man released from the armed services is Radioman J.A. Hathaway, Jr. Both returned veterans are being welcomed home by their friends.

NEW HOME FOR STROUP FAMILY. The attractive new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stroup has been completed and Mr. and Mrs. Stroup and little daughter Peggy moved into their new residence this week.

FOLKSTON CITY ELECTION. Folkston's annual city election is scheduled to be held December 4th, when two members of the council are to be named to fill the terms of councilmen John B. Southwell and Theo Dinkins, expiring January 1, 1946. Mrs. Mae J. McKendree, serving by appointment as City Clerk will be formally elected for a two year term without opposition. Folkston's city government which is to continue in office for the ensuing year is composed of C.J. Passieu, Mayor, William Mizell, E.B. Stapleton, Russell Johnson, J.B. Southwell and Theo Dinkins, Councilmen; Mrs. McKendree, city clerk; George R. Gowen, Jr., city attorney; R.E. Player, chief of police.

MRS. WILDES RESIGNS FROM DRAFT BOARD. Mrs. Floyd Wildes has tendered her resignation as Clerk of Charlton County's local Draft Board and Miss Eunice Thrift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Thrift, has been named as her successor. The Board's office will remain in its present quarters on the second floor of the Folkston Pharmacy Building.

CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN. The annual Christmas Seal sale, proceeds of which are used in the fight against Tuberculosis, is being directed locally this season by Mrs. William S. Smith, county chairman. Seals will be mailed out to the regular contributors and others will be available at business houses.

LT. PURVIS VISITS FAMILY. Lt. Devant Purvis, a patient at the Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta for the past several months, is home on leave while awaiting discharge from the Army Air Force.

NEW BABY BOY FOR MAJORS FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Majors announce the birth of a baby boy born November 21 at McCoy Hospital. He has been named Charles Henry. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

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### December 7, 1945

DRAFT BOARD DESIGNATED AS OFFICIAL VETERANS CENTER. Designation of Selective Service local board of Charlton County as an official veterans information center was announced this week by W.L. Thomas, chairman of the board. He pointed out that persons who left positions to enter the armed forces are entitled to reinstatement in their old jobs when they return. He explained it is part of the local board's function to assist the veteran in asserting his re-employment rights. MRS. JOHNSON RESIGNS AS COUNTY CLERK. Mrs. Gertrude W. Johnson, who has served as Clerk of the County Commissioners since the death of former clerk O.F. Wilson, tendered her resignation at the monthly meeting Tuesday, to be effective as soon as possible. She resigned so she can give more of her time to the family business at the Johnson Brothers store.

CENTRAL DIXIE HIGHWAY PIONEERS. As one by one the pioneer highway builders pass on, the paved highways in Georgia are a monument to their vision and enterprise. In passing we should doff our hats to the memory of great Georgians. One incident that made the headlines while the grading of the highway was in progress was a trip over the route from Douglas to Jacksonville made by J.C. Brewer of Douglas who made a non-stop trip in his Ford in the record time of a fraction of over thirty miles per hour. He was considered a very reckless driver and it was feared his daring would prove to be his end. I shall ever remember the encouragement and aid given this highway movement [Central Dixie Highway] by our departed friends and their loyalty to a cause they thought would make Georgia a better state.

### ---T.W. WRENCH

FOLKSTON CITY ELECTION. In Folkston's annual city election this week the city officials were chosen for next year: Mayor C.J. Passieu, councilmen E.B. Stapleton, Russell Johnson and three re-elected members, William Mizell, Theo Dinkins and J.B. Southwell. These three were elected without opposition. The election was conducted by Judge W.E. Banks as manager with G.R. Gowen, Sr. and Mrs. W.H. Robinson as clerks. Due to lack of opposition, very few votes were cast.

LIONS CLUB FAVOR TEACHERS' RAISE. The Lions Clubs of Georgia are sponsoring a movement to increase the pay of Georgia teachers, the proposal having been launched at the recent state meeting of the organization. The Folkston Lions Club, at its last meeting, went on record as favoring the proposed salary increase for teachers. MORE SERVICE MEN HOME FROM WAR. Another group of Folkston boys have returned from the War to their homes during the past week. These include Everett Jones, Jimmie Conner and John A. Mills.

NEW BABY GIRL FOR LIPETZSKY FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Lipetzsky announce the birth of a baby girl born last Friday at McCoy Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Rosanne. Mrs. Lipetzsky is the former Miss Jackie Sikes. MORGAN - STEPHEN WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Morgan announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Claude Stephen, which was an event of November 22. Mr. Stephen is the son of Mrs. W.L. Stephen of Trenton, Ga. The young couple is making their home in Folkston.

## December 14, 1945

COURTHOUSE TO GET GAS HEATERS. The Charlton County Commissioners this week authorized the purchase and installation of butane heating equipment for the county court house. Contract for the purchase and installation of the equipment was awarded to Southern Gas Co. of Blackshear. It will consist of two tanks and fifteen heaters and will cost \$865.00

SERVICEMEN HOME FROM THE WAR. Among the veterans who have returned during the past week after being discharged from service are the following: Robert W. Harrison, Jr., Douglas Mills, Harold White, Alton Mizell, Fred Robinson, Ray Gibson, Hugh D. Higginbotham, James L. Askew, Malcolm A. Grooms, Abram H. Stewart of Savannah, Harry Harvey and Billy Cooper.

J.M. VICKERS BACK AT HERCULES STORE. Mr. J.M. Vickers has resumed his duties as manager of the Hercules Store here after being released from the armed services.

# December 21, 1945

MORE SERVICEMEN HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. Army and Navy officials announced this week that special efforts are being made at separation centers to get as many of the war veterans as possible to their homes in time to spend the holidays with their families. Many veterans who have recently returned from overseas will fail to get home until early in the new year due to overtaxed railroad facilities and lack of clerical help at separation centers. Among those who are expected to return this week from the service are the following: Kirby R. Jones, Bill Bruschke, George W. Nipper and Edward Burnsed of Moniac, Thornton Brown, J.W. Buchanan, E.B. Stapleton, Jr. and William A. McQueen.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS. At their regular meeting this week Folkston Lodge No. 193 F.&A.M. named a complete staff of new officers to serve during the coming year. Among those selected are E.B. Stapleton, C.J. Passieu, L.D. Majors, C.H. Lewis, J.P. Conner, J. Troy Conner, Zelton Conner, L.E. Mallard, W.L. Thomas, William Mizell and C.P. Stapleton.JAMES NAZWORTH TO RESUME BOXING CAREER. James Edgar Nazworth, ships cook 3rd class of Winokur, who was active in southern Georgia boxing circles prior to his induction in the Navy, was discharged last week. He plans to resume his boxing ambition and his first attempt will be the Golden Gloves Tournament to be held in Jacksonville late this month. He is the son of Mrs. J.A. Nazworth.

DR. WILLIAMS OPENS NEW CLINIC. The completion of a modern new clinic and office building by Dr. A.D. Williams adjacent to his home adds greatly to the medical facilities

available to the people of Folkston. His new office opened this week. Dr. Williams is Folkston's oldest physician in length of service, having located here in 1908, shortly after completing his medical education. He practiced medicine in Evansville, Indiana about a year and a half prior to locating here. He was a medical officer in World War One in which he attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. He also served in the Spanish-American War and the Boxer Uprising in China in his young manhood.

L.A. DAVIS, FORMER RESIDENT, INJURED. L.A. Davis, owner of a public accounting business on the fifth floor of the Bunn Building in Waycross, who is a former resident of Moniac, was painfully injured when he accidentally stepped into the elevator shaft of the building. He fell from the first floor to the basement and was taken to a Waycross hospital for treatment.

JACK MAYS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. Radioman 3rd class Jack Mays arrived this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Naomi Mays. The ship on which he has been serving has been decommissioned at Philadelphia. He will report to Macon, Ga. for reassignment.

QUICK - JONES WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Charlene Quick of Waycross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Quick, to Johnny W. Jones of Waycross, which took place December 10th will be of much interest to their friends here.

CHRISTMAS ADS IN COUNTY PAPER. The following individuals and businesses had Christmas ads in this issue of the Herald: E.H. Wright Service Station, William S. Smith, School Supt., Haddock's Dry Cleaners, Gay's Grocery, B.W. Kennison, McNess Dealer, A.S. McQueen, Ordinary; Dr. and Mrs. W.R. McCoy; W.R. Allen and Son Meats and Groceries; Stroup's Sinclair Station; Carl E. Lane Seafood and Poultry; B.A. Altman and Son, Folkston Shoe Shop; City Service Station; Okefenokee Station, Pack Stokes, Manager; The Citizens Bank; J.A. Prevatt Grocery; Suwannee Store, C.H. Lewis Manager; Folkston Grain and Grocery; John S. Tyson, Jr.; Johnson Brothers, E.H. and B.S. Johnson; Southwell Hopkins Oil Co.; Pickren Service Station; Folkston CafÈ; Folkston Motor Co.; J.C. Nicks, Plumbing and Electrical Work; Folkston Pharmacy; Kozy Kabin Kafe; Stapleton Pharmacy, Passieu Chevrolet Co.; Folkston Ice and Cold Storage Co.; J.O. Sikes, Sheriff; L.E. Mallard; Bud Cantrell; Layton's Barber Shop and Gowen Brothers.

December 28, 1945

TIRE RATIONING TO END JANUARY 1st. ONLY SUGAR REMAINS. Tire rationing will end at 12:01 A.M. on January I, Price Administrator Chester Bowles has announced. He said tire rationing can be terminated then because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been most acute, has increased steadily the past two months. Tire rationing began in January 1942. Inventories have been frozen since the day after Pearl Harbor. Only sugar is now on the list of rationed commodities. LEWIS - WILDES WEDDING. An event of the holidays was the marriage of Miss Doris Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Lewis, and Julian Wildes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wildes. The marriage ceremony took place Tuesday in the home of Judge A.S. McQueen with Judge McQueen officiating.

McKENDREE - SHIVAR WEDDING. An interesting event of the holidays was the marriage of Miss Leah McKendree of Camden County and Bernard Shivar, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Shivar which took place last Friday at the home of Judge A.S. McQueen who performed the ceremony.

TWO WOUNDED SOLDIERS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. Two of Charlton County's seriously wounded war veterans who are still under treatment in Army hospitals are home on thirty days leave. They are Pfc Donald Roddenberry and Pfc Devoy Brooks, both having suffered serious wounds on the European battlefields. Young Roddenberry is visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Bob Jones and was wounded in the Normandy Invasion. Pfc Brooks was severely wounded in the foot in Germany when he drove a jeep over a land mine. He is spending the holidays with his grandfather, P.C. Brooks.

RUDOLPH NORWOOD HOME FROM WAR. Rudolph Norwood has returned after serving overseas in France and Germany. He is being cordially welcomed home. MISS TYSON FLEW HOME FOR HOLIDAYS. Miss Betty Tyson, student nurse at the Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, spent the weekend with her parents. Due to the brief time she had for a holiday visit, Miss Tyson made the trip by plane.

TWO NAVY SERVICEMEN ARE HOME FROM THE WAR. Harry Chesser Jr. has reached his home here after being discharged from the Navy. He served in the Pacific. Another Navy man is expected home soon, Newton W. Roddenberry, son of Mrs. Gad Roddenberry of the Traders Hill District.