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July 31, 1904 - April 14, 1940

# Converse, Charles. Memorial Book.

Valdosta, Georgia, United States.

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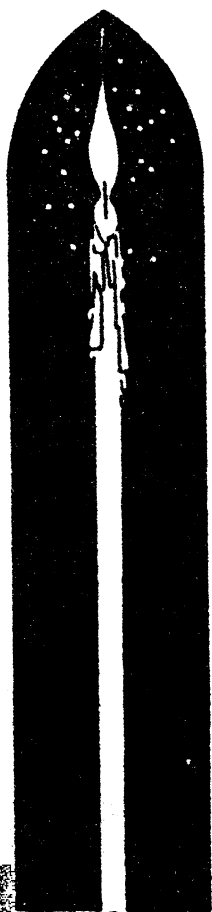
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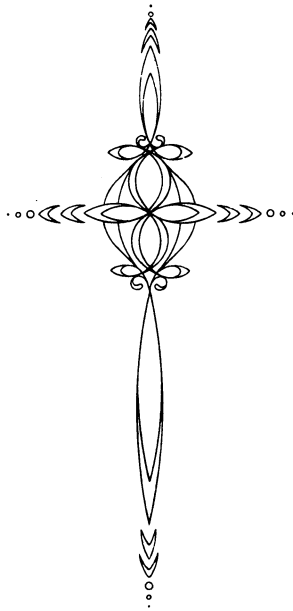
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Memorial

Record



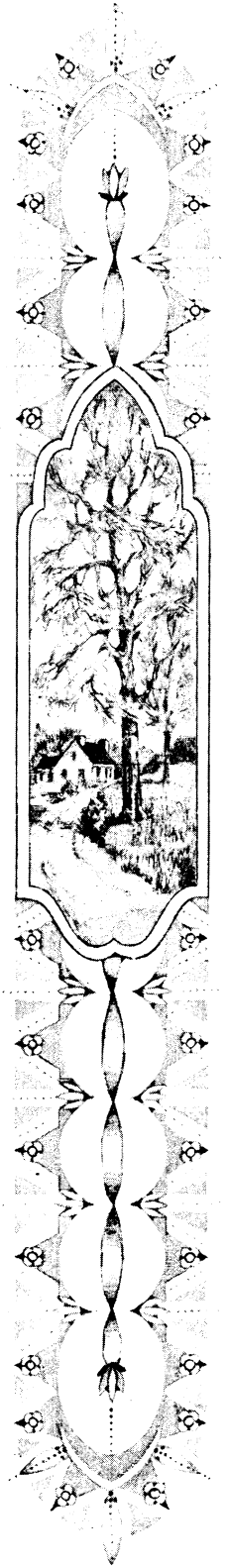
*Dedicated to  
Those We Serve*



JOHN SINEATH  
FUNERAL HOME  
VALDOSTA, GA.

And God shall wipe  
away all tears from  
their eyes, and there  
shall be no more death,  
neither sorrow, nor  
crying, neither shall  
there be any more  
pain.

Revelation 21:4





**T**he Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory of

Charles Albert Connerse

BORN

July 31 - 1904

DATE

Valdosta Ga.

PLACE

ENTERED INTO REST

April 14 - 1940

DATE

Washington D. C.

PLACE

AGE

35

YEARS

8

MONTHS

14

DAYS



# Family Record

FATHER

*Albert Comere*

BORN

DIED

MOTHER

*Emma Clarke Comere*

BORN

DIED

FATHER'S FATHER

BORN

DIED

FATHER'S MOTHER

BORN

DIED

MOTHER'S FATHER

BORN

DIED

MOTHER'S MOTHER

BORN

DIED

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

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OD hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain, ...  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain. ...

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, ...  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above, ...  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love. ...

# SERVICES

Commerce Ancestral Home

HELD AT

Valdosta Ga

April 16, 1940 5 P. M.

DATE

HOUR

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Rev. Admond Eyles

Episcopal minister who  
cristened two youngest children.

PLACE of INTERMENT

Imset Hill

PLACE

Valdosta Ga.

SECTION

Northwest

BLOCK

Converse

LOT

CITY

Valdosta Georgia

COUNTY

Lewis County

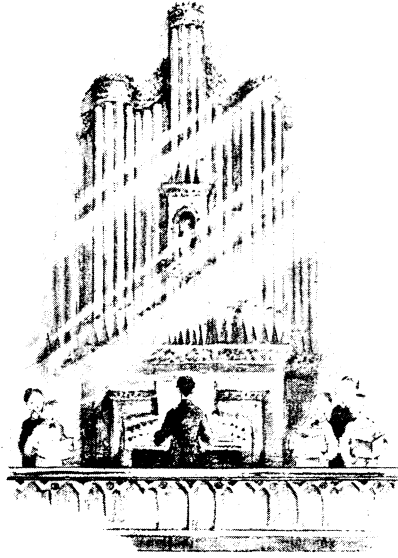
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LAID TO REST

HOUR - DAY - MONTH

April 16, 1940

5.45 P. M.



# Music

Face to Face

sung by male quartet  
(listed below)

Taps played at grave  
by  
Felton Davis Jr.

## SPECIAL SONG SELECTIONS

Mrs. Lloyd Greer at piano

RENDERED BY

John Hinton

RENDERED BY


Emory Bass

RENDERED BY

Alva Milliford

RENDERED BY

Bob Stump

n my father's  
house are  
many mansions.. I go  
to prepare a place for  
you.. I will come again,  
and receive you unto  
myself; that where I  
am, there ye may  
be also. ~

JOHN 14:2,3



# BEARERS

Howard Dasher

Thomas G. Ashby

Grace Caldwell

Harry Peoples

Thomas Converse

George Converse

# Societies Attending

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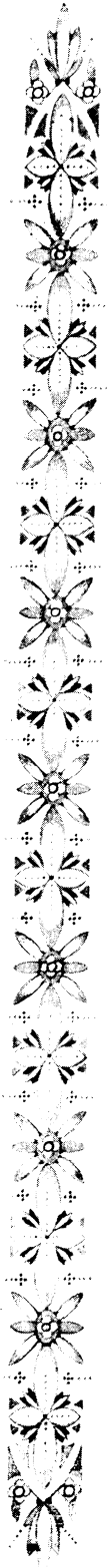
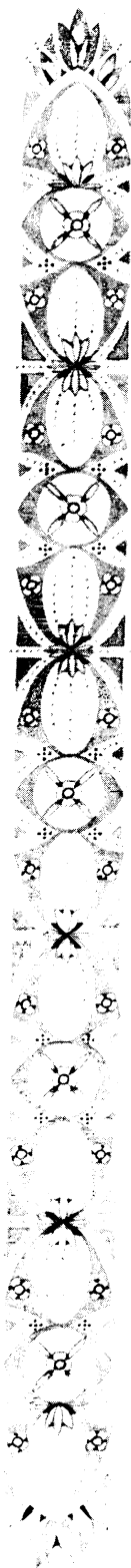
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## Relatives Attending

Laura Trice Converse (wife)  
Ruth Converse Davis (sister)  
Anna Converse Poag (sister)  
J. W. Poag (brother in law)  
Lucile Trice Knapp (sister in law)  
Mattie C. Millis (aunt)  
Arthur Millis (cousin)  
Fanny Millis (wife of Arthur)  
Eula Lane Converse (aunt in law)  
Virginia Converse (cousin in law)  
Marriet Converse King (cousin)  
Annabelle Converse McMillan (cousin)  
Luna Converse (cousin)  
Raymond King (cousin in law)  
Jack Rountree (cousin)  
Tom Converse (cousin)  
Marion Converse (wife of Tom)

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# REGISTER of VISITORS

Mr & Mrs. Howard Dasher

Mrs. W. C. Ashley

Miss Anna Ashley

Mrs. Frank Bird

Mrs. Ruth Bitch

Mrs. M. L. Canverse

Mrs. George Canverse

Mr. Lorraine Canverse

Mrs. W. J. Ingram

Mr & Mrs. Jennie Ashley

Horace Caldwell

Mrs. Elaine Innes Surt

Mr & Mrs. Julian Strickland

Mr & Mrs. Tom G. Ashley

Mr & Mrs. Arthur Willis

Mrs. Mattie C. Willis

Mr & Mrs. Perry Rhodes

Mr. Angus Deane

Mrs. Marcus Baker

Mrs. Harry Shump

Rev. Amos Eyles

## REGISTER of VISITORS

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Tom B. Converse  
Rev. Lay Waswick  
Mr. W. A. Denmark  
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Mrs. Felton Davis  
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Rev. Luther A. Harrell  
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Mrs. L. F. Samuel  
Mrs. Earl McKoy  
Misses Greene  
Mrs. J. C. Ashley  
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Miss Margaret Dasher  
Mrs. M. R. Ansley  
Mr & Mrs Jim Alger  
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Mrs. K. L. Turner

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Mrs. Jamerson  
Prof. D. C. Cox  
Mrs. Lavett Greer  
Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson  
Prof. W. M. Prescott  
Mrs. Sims  
Mrs. Amery Mellon  
Mrs. Carl Tarnedae  
Mrs. Dick Steiners  
Mr. J. M. Golding  
Mr. Mack Register  
Mrs. L. F. Howell  
Mrs. Blanche Rose Basher  
Mrs. J. H. White, Jr.  
Mrs. Redden Parkman  
Mrs. Walter Williams  
Miss Katharine Sneed  
Mrs. Walter Howell

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Mr. B. A. Jenkins  
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Mrs. Robert Pasher  
Mr. D. L. Lucas  
Mrs. J. M. Cook  
Miss Alma McKee  
Miss Elizabeth Coffey  
Mr. Sam D. Register  
Mrs. H. H. Langdale

# REGISTER *of* VISITORS



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Mrs. Herbert Hill Jr & Sr.

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Mrs. Charles Stuart

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Mrs. Peter O. Knight

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Mrs. Fanny Turner

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Mrs. Carter Jones

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Mrs. J. W. Phillips

Mrs. Frank Murphy

Mrs. George Carey

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A heart of praises from  
your wife & children  
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Miss Ellen Poe Greenville, S.C.  
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Mrs. Kate Fenell "  
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Mrs. Carolyn & Walter M<sup>c</sup> Daniel  
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Mrs. D. C. Ashley  
Miss Anna Ashley  
Mr & Mrs J. Y. Bletcher  
Mr & Mrs Henry Rhodes  
Mrs. J. A. Dasher Margaret & James  
Mrs. G. H. Swins & Elaine  
Mrs. Alex Peoples & Harry  
Mr & Mrs G. E. Swinson

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Hebrew Congregation  
The Bridgman Family  
Mrs. J. F. Lewis & Caro  
Mr & Mrs Jack Staten  
Mr & Mrs Walter Williams  
Mr. Charlie Thompson  
Mr & Mrs Horace Caldwell  
Mr & Mrs Raymond King  
Mr & Mrs. I. B. Connerde  
Mr & Mrs D. Ingram & Di.  
Mr & Mrs. C. R. Hawk  
Mr & Mrs Tom Ashley & Cora  
Mr & Mrs Wane Wainer  
Mrs. Martia Griffin  
Mr & Mrs C. A. Andrews Tampa  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church "

## Consul of U. S. To Britain Dies In Washington

Charles Converse Was  
Native of Valdosta; Fu-  
neral Wednesday.

Special to THE CONSTITUTION.  
VALDOSTA, Ga., April 14.—

Charles Converse, 35, native of Valdosta, and for several years American consul in London, died early this morning in the Naval hospital, Washington, D. C., after an illness of several months.

Official memorial services will be held in Washington tomorrow, after which the body will be brought to Valdosta for funeral and interment Wednesday.

Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Laura Trice, daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. John Trice, of Tampa, Fla.; three young children, two daughters and a son; and three sisters, Mrs. J. ~~James~~ Poag, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Ruth Converse Davis, and Mrs. John Herndon, both of New York city.

Mr. Converse was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Converse, Valdosta, prominent pioneer family of south Georgia. After a period of training he served several years as American consul at Cape Town, South Africa, later being transferred to London as consul. He remained there until 1914, and during the panic resulting from the outbreak of war Mr. Converse handled the tremendous task of getting Americans back home.

Several months ago he suffered an attack of influenza and after a partial recuperation came back to the states and the Naval hospital in Washington for treatment.

## CHAS. CONVERSE, VALDOSTAN, DIES AT WASHINGTON

Prominent Member  
Of Consular Corps  
Stricken in England

VALDOSTA, Ga., April 14—

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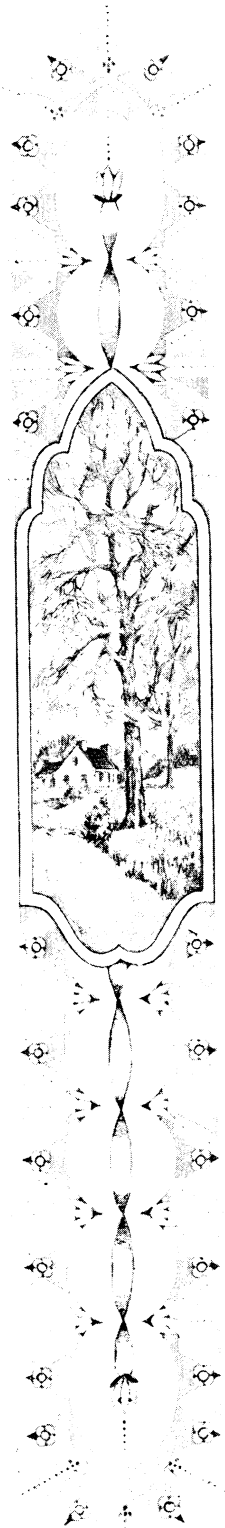
Official memorial services will be held in Washington Monday, after which the body will be brought to Valdosta for funeral and interment on ~~Wednesday~~ the hour yet to be determined.

Survivors are his widow, the former Miss Laura Trice, daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. John Trice, of Tampa, Col. Trice being one of Tampa's prominent Tampa bankers. And three young children, two daughters and a son; three sisters, Mrs. J. ~~James~~ D. Poag, of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Ruth Converse Davis and Mrs. John Herndon, both of New York City, also survive.

Charles Converse was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Converse, of a prominent pioneer family of south Georgia. After a period of training he served several years as American consul at Cape Town, South Africa, later being transferred to London

and during the rush resulting from the outbreak of the war Mr. Converse shared the task of getting Americans back home. Several months ago he suffered an attack of influenza and after a partial recuperation came back to the states and to the Naval Hospital in Washington for treatment, but all efforts to save his life failed.

Valdosta Times



# DEATH CLAIMS C. A. CONVERSE

Native Valdostan, Who Served With U. S. Diplomatic Service, Dies In Washington of Long Illness

## SERVICES TO BE HERE

Charles A. Converse, 36, native of Valdosta but for the past ten years [redacted] in the United States diplomatic service, died at the Naval Hospital in Washington yesterday after an illness of several months.

Over-taxed by the heavy duty of getting Americans home from England, where he was stationed, at the outbreak of the war, Mr. Converse became ill several months ago. After partly recovering he came to Washington for treatment and entered the Naval Hospital. He died from a complication of troubles.

Memorial services were held in Washington today. The body was to be brought to Valdosta by rail, John Sineath going to Nahunta tomorrow morning, to transfer the remains to Valdosta for burial.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 308 North Patterson street where the Converse family resided for many years, at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Converse is survived by his widow, the former Miss Laura Trice, of Tampa; three young children and three sisters, Mrs. John D. Poag, of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Ruth Converse Davis and Mrs. John Herndon, of New York.

Mr. Converse was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Converse, of Valdosta. His family was one of the best known in this section and had a prominent part in the development of this city and section.

Mr. Converse was born in Valdosta and after a period of time spent in business here, took special training and entered the American consular service. He was first stationed at Cape Town, South Africa. Later he was transferred to London. At the outbreak of the war [redacted] Mrs. Converse and the children came to the United States. In August of last year he was given an assignment to Palermo, Italy, but ill health prevented his accepting the place.

George Simpson, long an attorney for the Converse estate, went to Washington to accompany the funeral party back to Valdosta.

## Charles A. Converse, Well Known in Tampa Dies in Washington

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(A.P.)—Charles A. Converse, a foreign service officer since 1929, died today in naval hospital after several months illness. He was 36 and a native of Valdosta, Ga.

Converse served at Capetown and London. [redacted] assignment to Palermo, Italy, but illness prevented him from taking the new post. He returned for treatment about [redacted] weeks ago.

Memorial services will be held tomorrow and the body will be sent to Valdosta for burial Wednesday [redacted].

Converse was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Converse, of Valdosta.

### Well Known in Tampa

Charles A. Converse, foreign service officer who died in a Washington hospital yesterday, is well known in Tampa, having married Miss Laura Trice, of Tampa.

He is survived by his widow and three children, Charles A. Converse, Jr., and Laura and Constance Converse, and three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Davis and Mrs. John Herndon, of New York city, and Mrs. [redacted] Poag, of Greenville, S. C.

*Savannah Morning News*

*Tampa Tribune*

# CONVERSE, NATIVE OF VALDOSTA, DIES

## WAS IN FOREIGN SERVICE

### Influenza Fatal to Former London Consul

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP).—Charles A. Converse, a foreign service officer since 1929, died today in Naval Hospital after several months' illness. He was 36 and a native of Valdosta, Ga.

Converse served at Capetown and London. ~~He was in London for~~ ~~England~~ last August when given an assignment to Palermo, Italy. ~~His~~ illness prevented him from taking the new post. He returned for treatment about three weeks ago.

Memorial services will be held tomorrow and the body will be sent to Valdosta for burial Wednesday.

Survivors include Mrs. Converse, who was the former Miss Laura Trice of Tampa, Fla.; three young children, and three sisters, Mrs. James D. Poag of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Ruth Converse Davis and Mrs. John Herndon of New York.

Converse was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Converse of Valdosta.

He was born in Valdosta, the only son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Albert Converse, Jr., members of a prominent pioneer family of Valdosta and South Georgia.

After a period of training he entered the consular service several years ago and was American consul at Cape Town, South Africa, for a period of years. He was later transferred to the London consulate. At the outbreak of the present war his office was taxed with the responsibility of handling the throng of Americans leaving Europe because of the war. ~~When London was threatened~~ ~~by air raids the consulate was transferred to~~ ~~London~~ and Mr. Converse's family returned to the States. Several months ago he suffered an attack of influenza from which he never fully recovered. He was granted a leave of absence and returned to Washington, D. C., where he entered the Naval Hospital for treatment.

His death brought to a sudden end a brilliant record in the consular service, his advancement having been rapid.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Laura Trice, Tampa, Fla., the daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. John Trice. Colonel Trice was a prominent and pioneer banker of Tampa. Three young children, two girls and a boy, and three sisters survive. The sisters are Mrs. James D. Poag, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. John Herndon and Mrs. Ruth Converse Davis, both of New York city.

Official memorial services for Mr. Converse will be held in Washington Monday afternoon, after which the body will be sent to Valdosta for the funeral and burial. The body will be accompanied by his two sisters, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Herndon, of New York, and Mrs. Ralph Worthington of Washington, D. C. A life-long friend of the family, Col. George Simpson, Valdosta attorney for the Converse estate, left for Washington today and will return with the funeral party, which will reach Valdosta Tuesday morning.



### Converse Funeral Rites Will Be Held Today

Funeral services for Charles A. Converse long in the foreign consular service, who died at Washington Sunday, will be held at Valdosta, Ga., his former home this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Memorial services were held at Washington yesterday attended by Mrs. Converse, the former Laura Trice of Tampa, who had been with her husband during a long illness.

Mr. Converse is survived by his widow and three children, now in Tampa. Mrs. A. R. Knauf, sister of Mrs. Converse, left here last night for Valdosta to attend the funeral, ~~which~~ ~~was~~ ~~conducted~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~Episcopal~~ ~~church~~.

Tampa Times

## IN MEMORIAM

### CHARLES A. CONVERSE

The news of the death of Consul Charles A. Converse in Washington on April 14, 1940, came as a great shock to his colleagues and many other friends in London, where he served during the last five and a half years of his life, except for a month at Manchester just before his last illness.

During that period he handled at one time or another nearly every type of work done at the Consulate General, and acquired a broad background knowledge of this country and its people. His qualities of leadership and self-sacrifice were put to particularly good account during the evacuation of some 12,000 Americans from the United Kingdom in the fall crisis of 1939, when he took a major part in the work of the Emergency Organization of the Embassy.

He will be most remembered in London, however, for his great gift for friendship, and his kindness and thoughtfulness to all with whom he came into contact. He and his wife will also be affectionately remembered for the hospitality of their London home, where their many friends, old and new, found a highly representative example of the best type of American family life.

To his widow and children, his London colleagues and friends wish to extend their deepest sympathy.

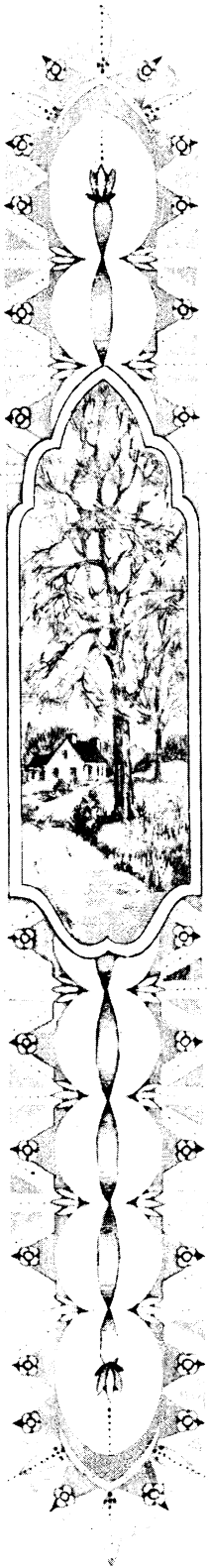
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## LAWRENCEVILLE

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**1923** We regret to announce the death in Washington in April of *Charles Converse*, who was for many years American Consul in London. Following training in the foreign service, he served several years as American Consul at Cape Town, South Africa, later being transferred to London, and upon the outbreak of the War was transferred to Manchester. Many Americans will remember with gratitude his work in handling the tremendous task of getting Americans back home after the outbreak of the War.





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## DEATH OF MR. C. CONVERSE

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### WAS U.S. VICE-CONSUL IN CAPE TOWN

News was received by cable in Cape Town yesterday of the death in Washington of Mr. Charles Converse, who for several years was American vice-consul in Cape Town.

He left here in 1933 on transfer to the American consulate in London. For the past few years he had been American consul in Manchester, England.

He was a leading baseball player in Cape Town.

He was in his early thirties, and leaves a wife and three children. His death will be mourned by a wide circle of Cape Town friends.

Wrote to following on  
April 22 General Beane

24 } Mrs. Deane  
Eleanor Charles  
Pete Glance

25 } Mr. Shaw  
Be Hegg

26 } Dr. Brinson  
Miss Ethel

27 } George Tait  
Uncle Mathis  
Beato & Ruth  
Mansipson

29 }  
30 } Uncle Jack  
Col. Beener

May 23 Tait, Fowler



The last view Charlie  
had of God's earth by Brighton.

Thurs April 5<sup>th</sup>

From Naval Hospital window 1942