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# Valdosta Area Black Achievers In Public Service



1988



## **HUDSON-DOCKETT HOMES**

807 S. Fry Street  
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

A Public Housing Project operated under Valdosta Housing Authority was named in memory of Chauncey Hudson and James Dockett.

The first tenants moved in on August 15, 1952.

There are 270 apartments. Each apartment consists of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 bedrooms.

Reynolds M. Jones is Executive Director of Valdosta Housing Authority.

Eva C. Screen is Project Manager of Hudson-Dockett Homes.

## FOREWARD

The Sunday School of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church is pleased to issue this first edition of the Calendar of Valdosta Black Achievers. This year's calendar pays tribute to the achievements of Blacks in government and those who have made significant contributions to the community.

It can hardly be expected that this calendar might offer a complete picture of Black Achievers in Public Service in the Valdosta area. At its best, this calendar can present only a few glimpses of some of the individuals who have given invaluable service.

This year's calendar, like our future calendars, will highlight the accomplishments of more Black Achievers in religion, civic, business, education, and other professional endeavors.

Inasmuch as these events will soon fade from our memory, let us carry with us a record of some of the events which transpired in the Valdosta area. As you slowly turn the pages of the first annual calendar of Black Achievers and magnify your thoughts of our rich heritage, we dedicate the Nineteen Eighty-eight Calendar to those individuals who have dared to leave their footprints on the sands of time.





## RUTH KIMBAL COUNCIL

Ruth Kimball Council was the first Black elected in 1974 to the Valdosta City Council. She served 2 years and was re-elected to the City Council in 1976 to serve a 4 year term.

In 1975; Mrs. Council organized the Valdosta Housing Task Force and served as Secretary during 1975-76. She was elected Mayor Pro-tem of the City of Valdosta in 1980.

In recognition of her distinguished work in the field of education, Mrs. Council was the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 1968, she was elected as "Georgia Teacher and Education Association Teacher of the Year"; and, in 1972-73, the Valdosta Association of Educators elected her "Teacher of the Year."

She was honored as the First Runner-Up "State Teacher of the Year" and as "Outstanding Educator Woman and Citizen." In 1980, the citizens of Valdosta honored Mrs. Council for outstanding community service. She was featured on HBO Movie "As Summers Die" with Betty Davis, Jamie Lee Curtis, and other stars.

Mrs. Council retired in June 1987 after 30 successful years of service. She served as elementary teacher for 16 years, Curriculum Director for 5 years, and Principal of the Pinevale-Lomax Elementary School for 9 years.

In 1973-74, Mrs. Council was elected President of Valdosta Association of Educators and was a member of the National Education Association. She was a member of the Georgia Association of Instructional Supervisors and the Georgia State Department of Education Textbook Committee.

Additional memberships and professional activities include participant in Leadership Georgia, Georgia Volunteer Service of Advisory Council, Title IV State Advisory Committee, American Cancer Society, Valdosta Mental Health Advisory Board, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of University Women, State Crime Commission, Professional Practice Commission and a member of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Council is a native of Valdosta and is married to Ralph Council, Assistant Superintendent of Lowndes County Schools. They have two daughters: Yvette and Lynette. She is the daughter of Mrs. Viola Williams.

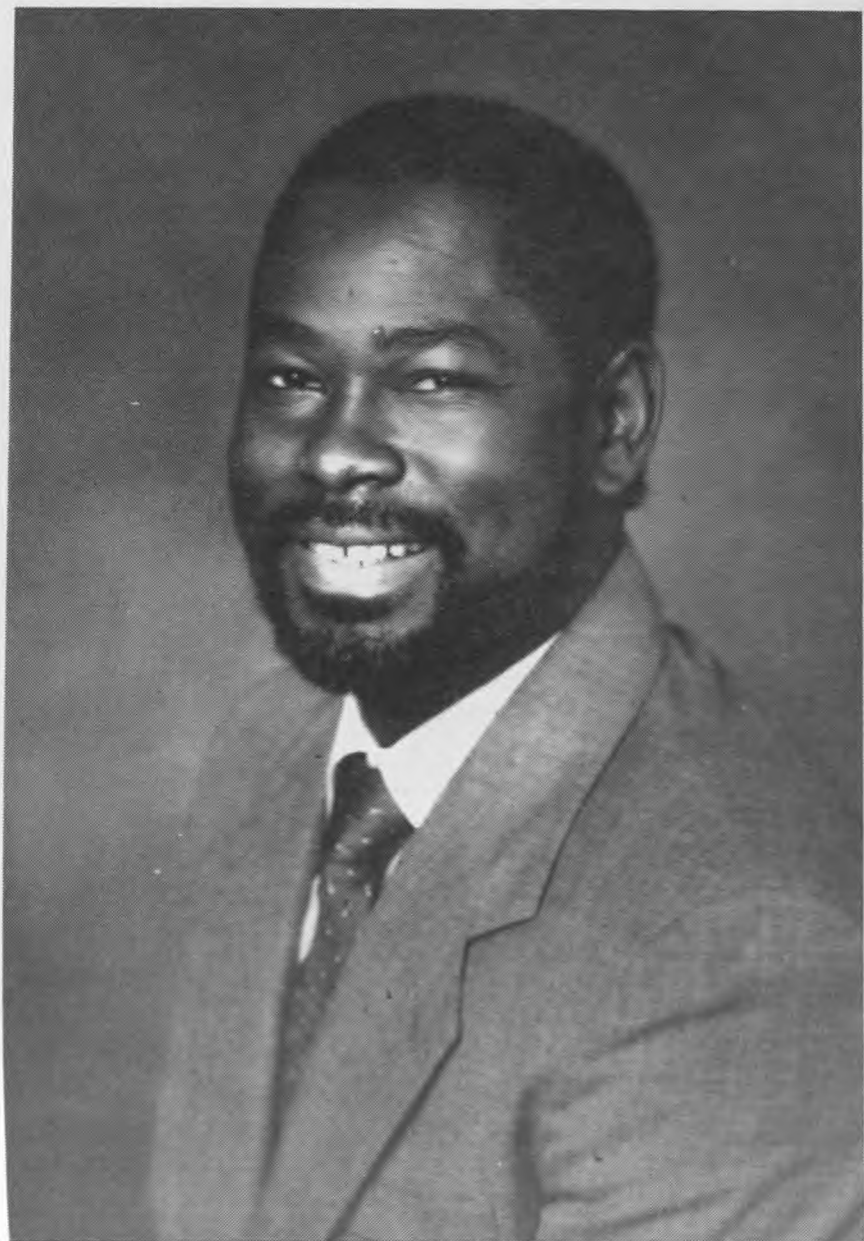
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JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY AGNES McCRAY E. T. TOWNSEND	2
3 HULIE BAILEY	4	5	6 CHERYL COLLIER	7 JAVONIA BELL	8	9 BRANDISHA HAYNES
10	11 MARY JOHNS MAURICE JEFFREY WILLIE HUBBARD, JR	12	13 IMANI MACK	14	15 MARTIN L. KING, JR	16
17 ELOISE B. PRIDE	18 TAMEKA CASTLEBERRY	19 JOSIE B. THOMAS	20 ANTHONY HEZEKIAH, SR.	21	22	23
24 COREY GOSS	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	ELIZABETH McMILLAN DARRAL MITCHELL	ESSENCE CLUB (organized 1980)			VERLON L. WARD, SR.	YVETTE CARTER







## WILLIE H. HOUSEAL

Willie H. Houseal is a native of Valdosta, Georgia. He graduated from Pinevale High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Leo College, St. Leo, Florida. Mr. Houseal was a Cum laude graduate in the field of Sociology. In 1979, he earned his Master of Arts degree from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California, and completed three sequences of his Doctoral Coursework in Public Administration program at Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He continued his educational endeavors at Valdosta State College where he completed the Teacher Training Program in 1985. For the past five years Mr. Houseal has been employed by the Lowndes County School System as a Chapter II Instructor at the Georgia Sheriff Boys' Ranch.

Mr. Houseal has served as District #1 Councilman since February 1985 and was re-elected to serve a 4 year term in 1986. He is currently Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Valdosta.

Councilman Houseal is the recipient of many awards and honors. In 1983, he was awarded the "Outstanding Young American's Award" from the Jaycees, the 1984 "Black Heritage Award" from Moody Air Force Base, and was elected "Outstanding Citizen" by the Beauty Culturalist League in 1984.

He is very active in numerous local and statewide organizations. He is an alternate delegate for Lowndes County Democratic Party. He is a member of the National Education Association, National Reading Association, Georgia Education Association, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Valdosta State Minority Advisory Committee, Minority Business Association, Prince Hall Masonic Lodge Number 19, and River Street Church of Christ.

Mr. Houseal is married to Cleopatra and they have three children: Willie Jr., Yorshia, and Terry.

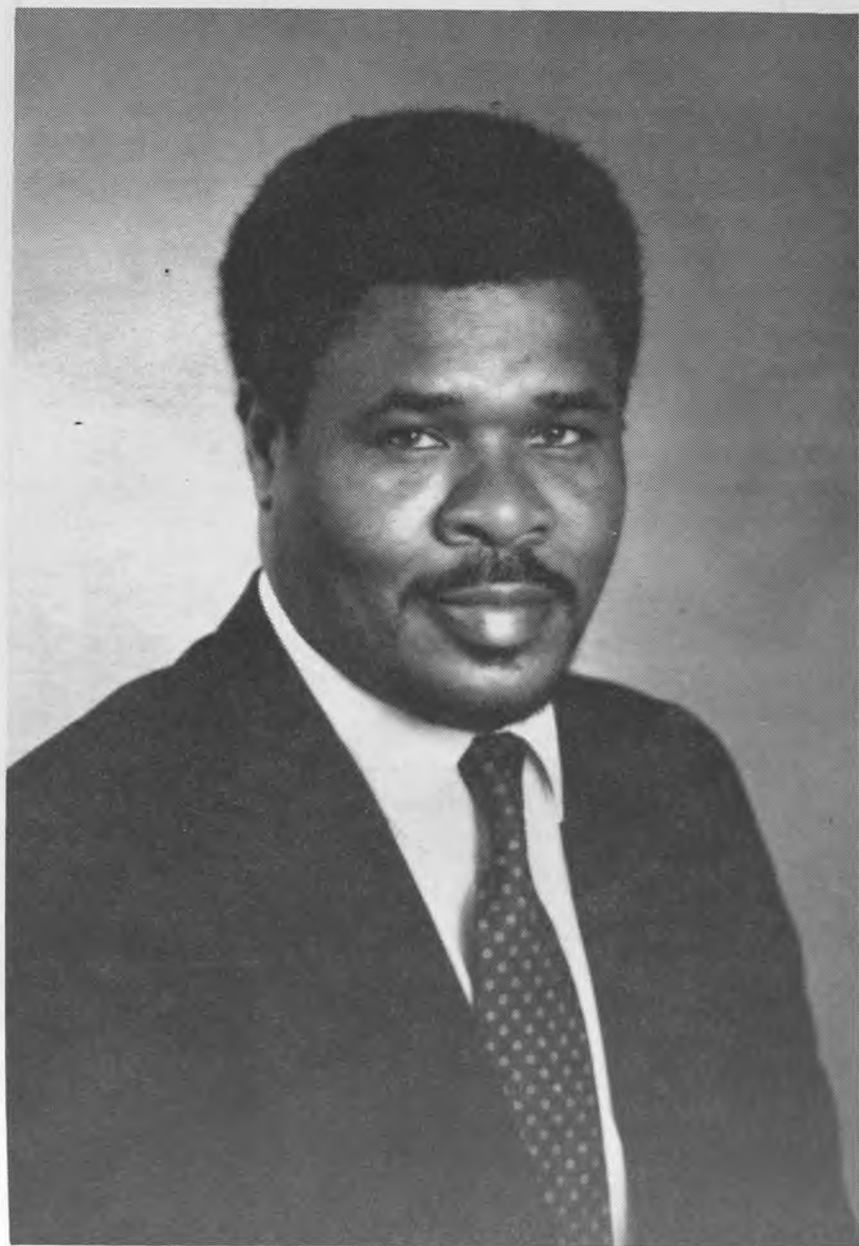
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FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 MS. WILLIE MAYNARD	2 CHYJUAN AUSTIN JOHN H. SHARPE	3	4	5 MINNIE L. RILEY	6 CARRIE LISSIMORE
7	8 WHITNEY DURRAH	9	10 MARILYN JOHNSON ANTHONY HEZEKIAH, JR.	11 BARBARA TREADWELL	12 LUNFORD YOUNG	13 WILLIE J. GOSS
14 VALENTINE'S DAY  WARREN RICKS NIKKI JACKSON	15 TERRI GILLEY LaVICTOR JACKSON	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY  KEVIN GOSS	18 BRENDA JOHNSON	19 EMMALINE JONES	20 MS. AGNES BROWN
21	22	23 JACQUELINE MOORE	24 HENRIETTA GIBSON VERA JENKINS	25	26	27 JOY O'NEAL ROSA HUGHES
28	29					





## **JOSEPH ALEXANDER "SONNY" VICKERS**

Joseph Alexander "Sonny" Vickers was born in Valdosta, Georgia, where he received his elementary and high school education.

He is an active member of the River Street Church of Christ. Vickers was honored at Macedonia Baptist Church as the "Man of the Year" in 1975.

He is married to Arvera Vickers and they have five sons and five daughters: Brenda, Jacquita, Bridgett, Calvin, Kimberly, Melvin, Steve, Jeff, Derrick, and Sheila.

Councilman Vickers was elected to the Valdosta City Council for a one year term in 1985. He was re-elected to the Valdosta City Council for a 4 year term in 1986.

In 1963, he helped to organize the Black Community Action Group, founded the Valdosta Youth Voters League in 1968, served as Co-Chairperson of the Valdosta Housing Task Force during 1974, organized the 3rd District Community Association, and is the Vice President of Habitat for Humanity. He is a member of Concerned Citizens Association #1, National Association for Advancement of Colored People, Legislative Black Caucus, and Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials.

He has owned and operated several business enterprises between 1968 and 1985. His business and occupational ventures include a grocery store, bus service, service center, Assistant Plant Manager at Chemical Specialties, and is currently the owner and operator of Vickers' Motors in Valdosta.



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MARCH

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 HENRY BRYANT MR. & MRS. C. SMITH (wed. anniversary)	4 TOBY WRIGHT	5
6 EDITHA LESTER CLINKSCALES	7	8	9	10	11 DESIREAR SHROTSIRE	12 EARLEEN ROSTER R. C. JOHNSON
13	14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  LUCILLE HOPKINS NORMAN TYEUS	18	19
20 TRACY A. HUBBARD KAYRE ROBERTS CLAYDON BARRON	21 RICKY CURTIS	22 MINCEY MACK	23	24	25 JERMAINE MACK ALVIN BAUKNIGHT	26
27 PALM SUNDAY	28	29	30	31		





## **BUNNIS C. WILLIAMS**

Bunnis C. Williams is a native of Valdosta. He attended South Street Elementary School and graduated from Pinevale High School. He received the B.S. degree in Sociology and the M.ED. degree in Guidance and Counseling from Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida. He is currently pursuing advanced studies at Valdosta State College. He was elected Lowndes County Teacher of the Year in 1967. In 1985, he was elected to the Valdosta City Council for one year and was re-elected to serve a 4 year term in 1986.

Councilman Williams is actively involved in numerous local and statewide organizations. He is a member of the Florida A & M University Alumni Association, Lowndes Association of Educators, Georgia Association of Educators, National Education Association, and Georgia Association of School Counselors. He is also a member of the Valdosta State College Minority Advisement Council, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Joint Center for Political Studies, Transportation Committee, and the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee.

In recognition of his community service, Mr. Williams was selected "Legionnaire of the Year" in 1980-81.

Mr. Williams is a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He and his wife, Alma, have one son, Shannon and one daughter, Shelbra.

He is employed by the Lowndes County Board of Education as Director of Guidance Services at Lowndes High School.

1988

APRIL

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 GOOD FRIDAY TERENCE GILLEY	2 PASSOVER
3 JANICE JACKSON KETURAH JOHNSON	4 LASHARON WALKER MR. & MS. S. DENNIS (wed. anniversary)	5 LEWIS N. ANDERSON MR. & MS. N. JOHNS (wed. anniversary)	6 MR. & MS. F. WILSON (wed. anniversary)	7 WILLIE BATCHELOR	8	9 DAVID MOORE
10 JEAN BRYANT	11	12 MR. & MS H. JOHNSON (wed. anniversary)	13	14 VERLON L. WARD, JR	15 TARUREAN NEWTON LOLITA MOORE	16 MAGGIE HOLMES MAGDALENE HOLMES
17	18	19	20 JAMES DURRAH	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 MS. WILLIE JOHNSON	28 DANIKA SHROTHSHIRE	29 BESSIE GIVENS	30





## JUANITA McCRAE MILLER

Juanita McCrae Miller was born in Berrien County, GA, the daughter of the late Roosevelt and Lula Baker McCrae. She obtained her elementary and high school education in the public schools in Valdosta. She matriculated at Morris Brown College where she received the AB degree in 1955. She attended French Institutes at Savannah State College, Summer 1959. She continued her educational training at Atlanta University where she received the MA degree in 1969.

Mrs. Miller's unique leadership role has earned her many religious, civic, and educational awards and much recognition. She is a member of several professional associations and is one of the founders and president of Camp RELITSO.

She was elected "Teacher of the Year" in 1968 and again in 1974. She was named STAR Teacher three times: 1975, 1977, and 1978 in Lowndes County.

In recognition of her distinguished community service, she received the "Outstanding Humanitarian Award" in 1979 and the "Outstanding Service Award" in 1982 and 1987.

Mrs. Miller is president of the Valdosta District Missionary Society. As president of the society, she has led the organization to new levels of effectiveness and visibility. She has served as president of the Valdosta District Young People Department. In 1977, she received the "Outstanding Missionary Award", "Religious Education Award" in 1978, and the "Outstanding Christian Award" in 1982.

Mrs. Miller is a charter member of the Valdosta Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She received the "Delta Sigma Theta Roset Award" in 1978 and the "Charter Member Award" in 1979.

Mrs. Miller retired from the Lowndes County School System in June 1985. She gave 30 years of dedicated service to youth in Cook and Lowndes Counties.

Mrs. Miller is married to Elmer Miller and is the mother of Janice and Tyrone.

1988

MAY

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ANNIE W. HOWARD	3	4 JULIA BATCHELOR	5	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY BRITTNEY S. WIGGS JUNE JONES	9	10 LULA M. THOMAS	11 REV. SIMS LEWIS CARL GILLEY MARY FRANCES BROWN	12 LILLIAN JOHNSON	13	14
15 NORMAN JOHNS	16 MARK JONES ANNIE PHEE SMITH	17	18 JESSE JONES	19 LYNN MOORE COREATHA BRYANT	20 BRIAN K. JONES	21
22	23 JOHN W. SAUNDERS	24 ANDREA ZANDERS	25	26	27 DORIS BRINSON	28 BESSIE MITCHELL JOHNNY W. GOSS, JR.
29 ALFRED COLLIER	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				





## MACEO A. HORNE

Maceo A. Horne is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maceo A. Horne, Sr., and a native of Quitman, Georgia. He attended the public schools in Quitman where he graduated from Brooks County High School. He received the B.S. degree from Savannah State College and the Masters degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was inducted into the Army on June 16, 1945 and served at 20 stations during his 17 months, which included Germany, where he learned seven Dutch dialects. In addition to his gifts for languages, he is a naturally talented musician which he inherited from his late father who was a Baptist minister and a French horn player.

Horne has been involved in the educational systems in Valdosta and Lowndes County since 1959. He was employed by the county system for 10 years as principal of the now closed Weatherington-Robinson Elementary School. He served 16 years as an Administrator in the Valdosta City School system, including one year at South Street Elementary and eleven years as principal of Leila Ellis Elementary School, two years as principal at Southeast Elementary School and two years as principal at Valdosta Junior High School.

Mr. Horne was affiliated with several professional organizations — National Education Association, Georgia Association of Educators, Valdosta Association of Educators, Phi Delta Kappa and Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals.

He retired from the city school system in June 1985. Horne was elected by popular vote to serve a four year term on the Valdosta City Board of Education in 1986.

He is married to the former Cherry Williams, a Michigan native reared in Vidalia.

1988

JUNE

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 YOLANDA GOSS	2	3	4 JOANN JONES TYQUANDA K. HEZEKIAH
5	6 VANESSA HUBBARD MAUDE CLARK ELMER MILLER JOHN MILES	7	8 RICHARD JONES, JR.	9 WILLIAM J. JOHNSON	10 ADDIE MAE PILGRIM LaTONYA GOSS	11
12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16 CARRIE BROWN	17 KWAIN WILSON	18
19 FATHER'S DAY  EUGENE BENJAMIN	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 MARY STEVENS	27	28	29 MR. & MS. H. HARDEN (wed. anniversary)	30		





Ethel Jones Greer is the daughter of the late Willie Sherman Jones and Fannie Jackson Jones McLeary. She is a Valdosta native and is married to Mulford W. Greer. She is the mother of two children, grandmother of two and great-grandmother of three.

She is a stocky woman with the "patience of Job and the tenacity of a bulldog." She gets things done and always includes other people in her community activities. "She can identify more real problems in a day than 20 committees can in six months and can come up with practical solutions equally as quick. And she doesn't charge the city nor her neighbors a red cent for her services" (Valdosta Times 9/28/78).

She began her civic work in 1952 in New York City and returned to Valdosta in 1969 and became involved in making her community a better place to live. In fact, since her return in 1969, Mrs. Greer has had a part in several projects such as recreation, United Way, the county-city school consolidation study of a few years ago, anti-poverty program and many other activities.

In doing so, she was only continuing civic work that began about 1952 in New York City when she looked out the window of the apartment where she lived and worked as a seamstress and decided the vacant quadrangle between the apartments would be a good place for a playground. She got her playground then. Nearly 20 years later, and over a thousand miles to the south, she helped her neighborhood get another playground.

Mrs. Greer is the founder of Greer Park. She is a member of St. Timothy A.M.E. Church in Valdosta. Through her church, she is a member of the Auxiliary Board Number 1, Willing Workers, Floral Club, the Concerned Citizens Community Association Number 1, Clients Council and Neighborhood Number 5.

She attends city council meetings and brings people with her. Mrs. Greer serves on the EOA sponsored Community Action Committee, City Recreation Advisory Board and Legal Aid.

The Greers live at the intersection of Perkins Lane and Queen Street. Mrs. Greer retired from her paying job as a seamstress, but she has never retired from volunteer jobs.

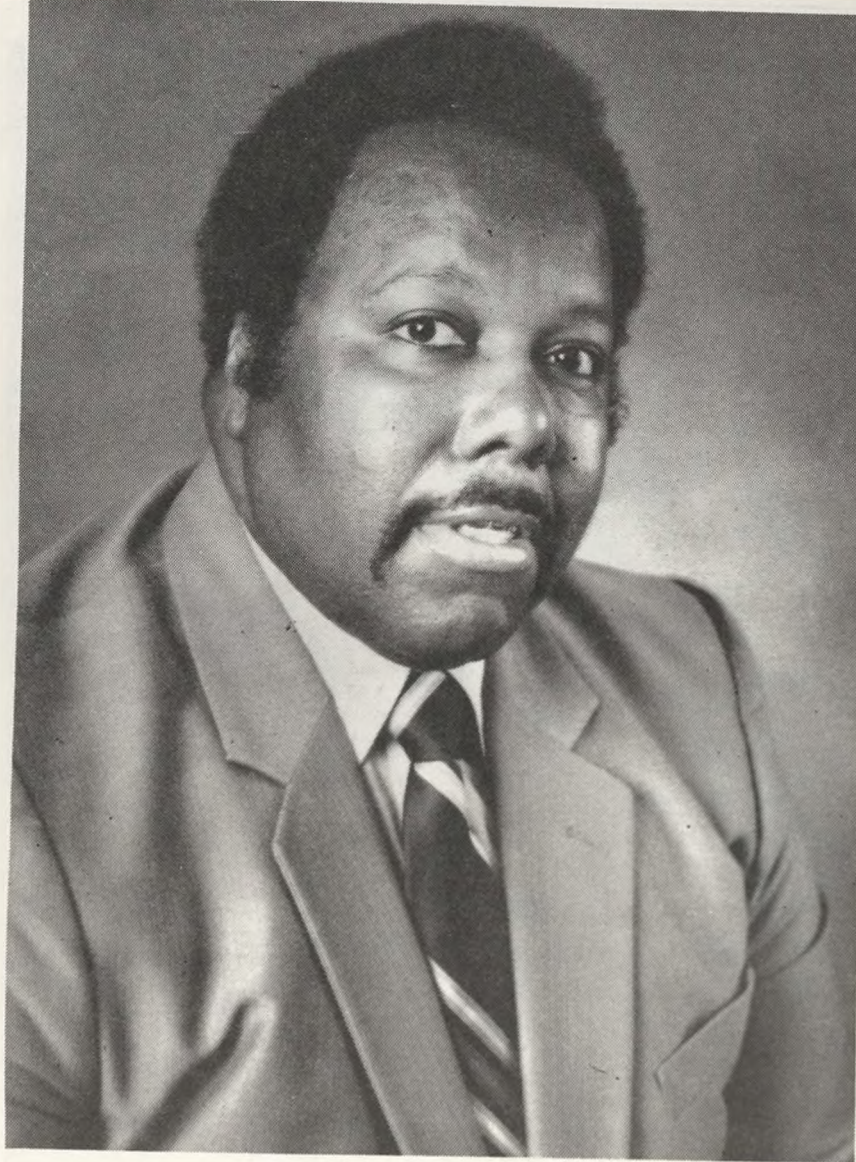
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JULY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					SHARON BRINSON	JOSEPH VICKERS (sonny)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	INDEPENDENCE DAY		MARJORIE NELSON	GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS	LUNSFORD JONES HEAD FAMILY REUNION	RUTH COUNCIL
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		WILLIE D. HAYNES HATTIE COX WMS. SHARON D. CARTER	MARY WINSTON SHENA SMALL ROSA SCOTT			ADIAS AUSTIN
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
LOUISE ANDERSON BETHEL C.M.E. SR. CHOIR ANNIVERSARY (3 P.M.)			FRANKIE SHERRY, JR		LaTRON CARTER VALEIRE WARD STAFFORD & WRIGHT (family reunion)	WILLIE HOUSEAL STAFFORD WRIGHT (family reunion)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	ETHEL JONES	BETTY WILSON	BRANDI D. WOOD	AMANDA J. BROWN	BARBARA GOSS	GLADYS A. GOSS HENRY HARDEN, JR
WILBUR A. CASTLEBERRY						





**CLAYDON HAYWARD BARRON**

Claydon Hayward Barron is the son of the Rev. Hayward Barron and the late Pearl Holmes Barron. His upbringing and all of his accomplishments have been achieved here in Valdosta. He attended school in the Valdosta City School System and graduated from Pinevale High School



He is married to the former Mary Alford and has a daughter, Lawanna Renee. The family attends St. James Missionary Baptist Church where they are active members. He also serves on the Trustee Board and is the church treasurer.

Mr. Barron has worked with the Southside Recreation Center, Boy Scouts of America and has been selected as a nominee for Man of the Year at Camp RELITSO.

He is affiliated with the York Rite Masons, State of Georgia. As Worshipful Master of Eureka Lodge, #679, he has laid the cornerstone at the following churches: Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, Valdosta; First Elizabeth Baptist Church, Brooks County; and New Prospect Baptist Church, Stockton. His involvement on the Valdosta District consists of working with the Youth Department providing scholarships through oratorical contests for its members, Chairman of the Building Fund, District Deputy for District #19 for the State of Georgia, Grand Junior Warden for the State of Georgia, District Deputy for Royal Arch Chapter, Secretary of Knights of Templar, Past Eminent Commander and a member of the Shriners. He has coordinated with state and local officials to host the State of Georgia's 114th and 123rd Grand Lodge Sessions held in Valdosta in 1977 and 1986, respectively.

In 1972, Mr. Barron was appointed to the unexpired term of Attorney Reuben Yancey to serve the remaining four years as a member of the Valdosta City Board of Education. He was the first Black to serve in Valdosta in the capacity of an appointed or elected official. He lost by 13 votes when he ran for the next term. However, at the next city election, he won an elective six year term. As a member of the Valdosta City Board of Education, he served on numerous committees.

He is employed with the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, the largest Black owned Insurance Company in the United States, as a District Manager. He has attained numerous certificates of merit as an agent, staff manager, and district manager. He attended the 481st School of the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association. He has earned the Life Underwriter Training Council certificate and has done extensive training for the Certified Life Underwriter diploma. Being one of the top 10 managers in the company's system, he has won two national trips. He is a member of the Valdosta Life Underwriting Association.

1988

AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 REV. W. F. WADE POCAHONTAS COLLIER	3	4 EARL D. GOSS, JR.	5	6 RICHARD JONES, SR BUNNIS WILLIAMS MR. & MS. JEROME JOHNSON wed anniversary
7 MR. & MS C. PAYTON wed. anniversary	8 RENEE' JOHNS MR. & MS. JIM WMS. (wed. anniversary)	9 RENEE' JOHNS	10 MARIE BAILEY MACEO HORNE CLAUDE HOLMES	11 JOSIE S. HUNTER	12	13 TRAMONTE THOMAS
14 JANICE MILLER GREGORY ROBERTS	15 GLORIA G. HUBBARD SAM JONES	16 LATICIA M. MARABLE	17	18	19 CHARLES PAYTON DENNIS CASTLEBERRY SR.	20
21 TEKEYA BEA FRANK WILSON	22	23 PATRICIA TUCKER	24 LINDA G. BRINSON	25 GRADY CHISHOLM, JR.	26 KIEV McCRAY	27 VELMA MILES
28	29	30	31			





## JACQUELINE COOPER DUNBAR BROWN

Jacqueline Cooper Dunbar Brown was born April 9, 1943 in Valdosta (Lowndes County), Georgia to the late Willie Cooper and Viola Stoney Cooper. The youngest of two children, she has one sister, Vivian Cooper Folsom.

In 1962, Jacqueline married Tom Dunbar. They had two children. Jacqueline married Larry Brown in 1968. They had three children. Jacqueline has one grandchild.

Jacqueline attended Magnolia Elementary, Lomax Junior High and Pinevale High School, all located in Valdosta.

She graduated from the Pinellas School of Practical Nursing in St. Petersburg, Florida. She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse from 1971 to 1973 at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

She resumed her education at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, which she attended from 1976 to 1981, and received both an Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Arts Degree in General Education. During this time, Jacqueline also worked for the Brevard County School System in Special Education, and continued to do so following her graduation in 1983.

Jacqueline worked at the New Hope Day Care/Kindergarten and The Care House in Valdosta, Georgia from 1983 to 1985. She began serving on the Valdosta City Public School Board in 1986, and will continue in that capacity until 1990.

She is a member of Evangel Temple Church, Georgia Black Elected Officials, Georgia Housing Coalition, Georgia School Board Association, Lowndes Association of Mental Health, Lowndes Association for Retarded Citizens, Lowndes County Council on Child Abuse, The Third District Educational Advisory Committee, Valdosta/Lowndes County Civic Round Table and the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Jacqueline is presently enrolled at Valdosta State College as a Junior majoring in Education.

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SEPTEMBER

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					BETTY ANDERSON STEPHANIE BACHELOR	THEREA M. BRINSON
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LABOR DAY		ETHEL GREER		SONJA U. MARABLE	MR. & MS. T. AUSTIN (wed. anniversary)	EDDIE JOINER
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		CHRISTINE PHILLIPS BARBARA J. KING	VIOLET RAYFORD			LOUISE BODDIE
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				ANNIE EDWARDS ALPHONSO L. GOSS	"TC" TONY CARTER RODERICK ORR	SYLVIA MARABLE BRENDA JACKSON
25	26	27	28	29	30	
JOSEPHINE DURRAH		EMMA MILES MRS. JOHNIE CARTER	JULIUS J. BROWN	RHONDA PAYTON CATHERINE WALDEN		





## ERNEST THOMAS TOWNSEND

Ernest Thomas Townsend was born in Eclectic, Alabama (Elmore County) to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend. He is eighth of fifteen children. Mr. Townsend was married 41 years to the late Mrs. Robbie L. Townsend. He has one daughter, Mrs. Willie Maynard, three grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

He graduated in 1926 from Talladega College High School and earned the B.S. degree from Talladega College in 1930 where he majored in Business Administration and minored in Science Education.

Mr. Townsend was appointed to serve 4 years as the first Black Voters Registrar in the Valdosta Lowndes County Area.

His employment include 4 years as Classroom Teacher, 4 years as Adult Education Teacher, and 34 years as School Administrator. He was elected as the 1964 "Lowndes County Teacher of the Year."

Mr. Townsend has held numerous leadership positions and memberships in religious, fraternal, and civic organizations. Namely: Trustee of Camp Relitso, Chairman Pro-tem of the Saint Paul A.M.E. Steward Board, Treasurer of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, President of Valdosta District Lay Organization, former Director of the Young People's Division, and Teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class.

Mr. Townsend decided early in life that: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Retired Teachers Association, and the Talladega Alumni Association.

1988

OCTOBER

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 CARLA MURPHY VALENCIA BRINSON MITCHELL
2 APRIL Y. BARNES	3 SHAMEKIA GOSS LASHA CARTER IRA LEE CARMICHAEL	4	5	6	7	8 SHERRY MATCHETT MINNIE MORRISON
9	10	11	12 ELLA CASTLEBERRY	13	14 TYRONE MILLER JOHN R. GOSS MRS. ANNIE FISHER	15
16 JUANITA MILLER GREGORY JONES	17 TERRY COLLIER	18	19	20 JOHNNY W. GOSS, SR KIMBERLY WILLIAMS	21	22 BEVERLY HARDEN
MARY OWENS BETHEL C.M.E. — STEWARDESS BD. 6PM ST. JOHN A.M.E. — WOMEN DAY	23 CHERE W. HAYNES	24	25	26	27	28 29
30 EURIKA GOSS DARYL JACKSON IMOGENE HEZEKIAH	31 HALLOWEEN GLORIA CASTLEBERRY	DENNIS CASTLEBERRY SR.				





## MINNIE ANDERSON MARTIN

Mrs. Minnie Anderson Martin, a native of Valdosta, Georgia, is the daughter of Mr. Ulyses Anderson and the late Mrs. Willie B. Anderson. She has four brothers and four sisters.

She attended Valdosta Public schools, and graduated from Pinevale High School. She furthered her education by attending Newark State College, Edison Vocational School, and is now attending Valdosta Technical School in Valdosta, Georgia.

She is the director of Martin's Daycare Learning Center. She is also the soloist of Harrington Funeral Home, Valdosta, Georgia. Her previous employment includes Gulf Life Insurance, Langdale Ford Co., Harvey's Supermarket, Georgia Clients Council, State Chairperson for Vista Volunteers and Martin's Insurance Company.

Mrs. Martin is a gospel singer in her own right with several gospel recordings credited to her. In 1961, she united with the world famous Back Home Choir and The Banks Brothers. She traveled extensively throughout the country spreading the gospel in song. In 1972, she returned to Valdosta, Georgia and continued singing praises and serving her community.

She was elected by popular vote, in 1986, to her first term on the Valdosta City Board of Education. Mrs. Martin is serving her second term on the Board.

Mrs. Martin is the wife of John H. Martin, and they have one daughter, Jairus Alishia Vileon Martin.

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		1	2	3 ELIZABETH FOSTER	4 KOLONDA ORR	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12
13	14	15 CHRIS GRIFFIN	16	17	18 EARNESTINE PAYTON	19 MARY TAYLOR
20	21 WONNIE GOSS ROBERT JONES	22 MRS. INEZ ROBINSON	23 GRACE BREEDEN	24 THANKSGIVING DAY	25	26
27 DANNY CARTER MR. & MS. EARL K. MARABLE (wed anniversary)	28 DeRON JOHNSON CARLA PAYTON CHARLES PAYTON	29	30 SHIRLEY M. JOHNSON			





## **ALVIN PAYTON, SR.**

Alvin Payton, Sr., born in Lowndes County, Georgia, and educated in the public school system, has served the community in several different capacities. He was elected Lowndes County Commissioner District #1 in 1985 to serve a 4 year term.

He is actively involved in a leadership capacity in numerous local and statewide organizations. He served as a member of the Governor's Council, 1975-87; Jury Commission, 1982-86; Area Planning Development Executive Board, 1983-87; Boys and Girls' Club Board of Directors, 1983-87; Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, 1985-89; National Association of Advancement of Colored People, 1980-87.

Since becoming a Commissioner, Payton serves on the Tax and Finance Committee, 1985-89; and the Transportation Committee, 1985-89.

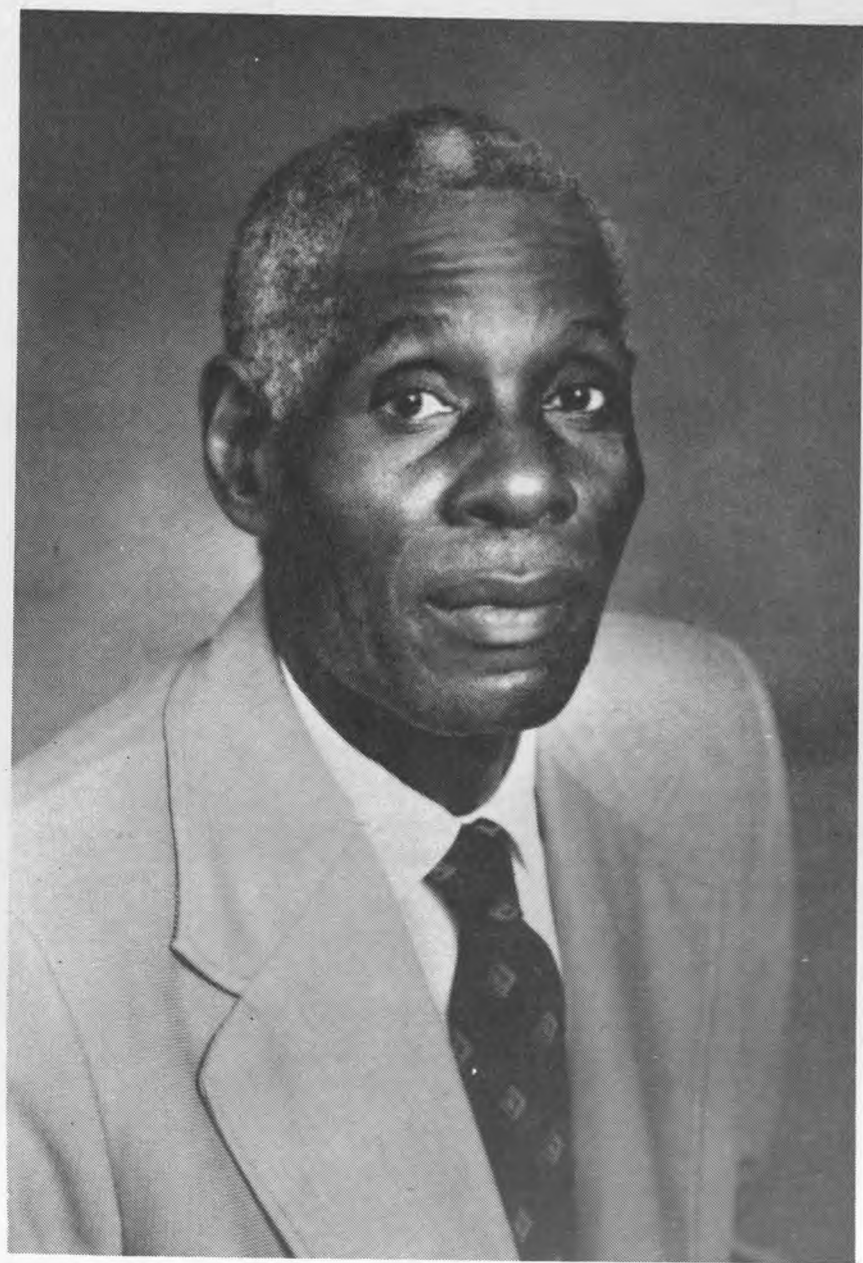
He is the owner of Payton Floor Covering Company. Mr. Payton is a member of Payton A.M.E. Church where he serves on the Steward Board and as Class Leader. He is married to Claudia Fountain Payton and they have 7 children.

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DECEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					LENORE JOHNSON SHERMEKA D. NELSON	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LUCILLE JOHNSON GRACIE BELL GOSS	LEOLA BAUKNIGHT DARREL JOHNSON		MAGGIE ROBERSON	EARL DALE GOSS, SR ELIZABETH MOORE		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MARGARET GRAHAM	PRESTON RILEY CHARLETTE FLUCAS					BETTY O'NEAL
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	CECIL WRIGHT	MRS. IVEY TUCKER				WILLIE C. WHITE
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY  CHRISTOPHER GOSS		GRADY H. CHISHOLM, SR.	JERRY MACK	ALVIN PAYTON		SANDRA G. LEWIS



WALTER S. ...  
1975



## REVEREND WILLIE FRANK WADE

Rev. W.F. Wade is a Master Barber and the owner and operator of Wade's Barber Shop in Valdosta, Georgia. He was born in Valdosta. Rev. Wade has been married to Mrs. Betty F. Wade for 41 years. They have one son, Lawrence D. Wade, who is currently attending Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Wade received a diploma from Dasher High School in Valdosta, Ga., attended the Nashville Christian Institute in Nashville, TN, Bryant Theological Seminary in Fitzgerald, GA, Small Business School in Jacksonville, FL, Valdosta Technical Institute and Georgia Barber College in Atlanta, GA. He served in the United States Navy with the 5th and 7th U.S. Pacific Fleet 5 Battle Star as a machine-gunner in the invasion of Okinawa and landed with the regular Army in the vicinity of Sasebo and Nagasaki during the occupation of Japan.

Since becoming an ordained preacher in the early 1970's, his ministry positions have included: Assistant Pastor of Mt. Calvary County Church, Silver Run Baptist Church and St. James Baptist Church in Madison, FL. He also pastored in the St. Matthews Mission where he worked with Valdosta's homeless for five years.

Rev. Wade has overseen, promoted and aided in numerous community projects; he was Director of the Neighborhood Association (1972-1985) where he directed distribution of free clothes for needy children and aided in the dispensing of free food at the Hudson Dockett Community Center (1973-1979), directed "Rainy Day Ride" which provided free rides for the poor and the elderly (1972-1976), and promoted the voter registration drive (1973-1975). In addition to his community service programs he is an active member of the Neighborhood Christian Center and the Ministerial Alliance of Valdosta.

"Black on Black Crime" in Valdosta is Rev. Wade's current community project. The program is aimed at replacing crime with self-love, racial pride and mutual respect in the Black community. Rev. Wade would like to thank God, the church and a myriad of special friends for cooperating with his endeavors.

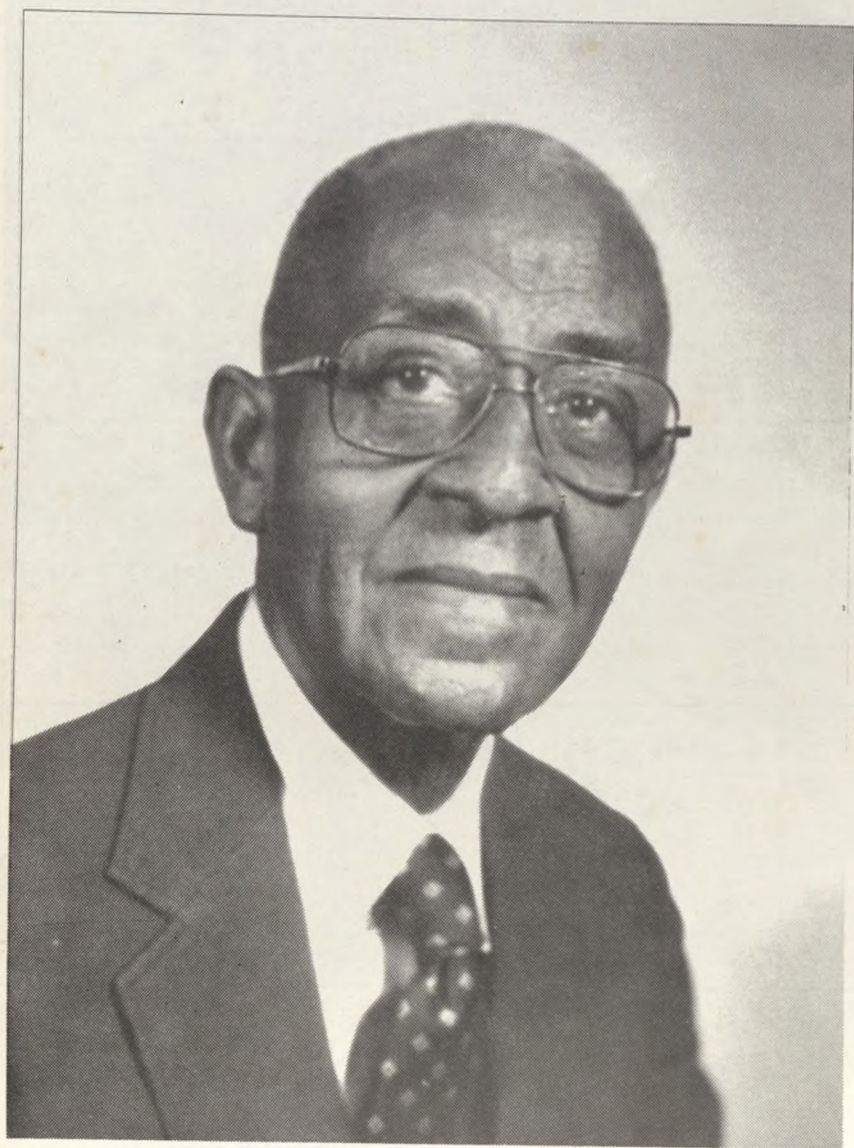
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JANUARY

1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 MARTIN L. KING, JR	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





FRANK J. [unclear]  
1972



## JOHN W. SAUNDERS

John attended the public schools in Peach County, Georgia and graduated from Fort Valley Industrial High School. He earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Georgia State College (Savannah State) and completed post-graduate work at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

His career as an educator began in Macon County, Georgia where he served as teacher and administrator. Later, he transferred to Brooks County, where he served as Vocational Agriculture teacher. He was employed as Lowndes County Extension Agent until his retirement in 1975.

His fruitful labor of love is reflected in the lives of those he served. He worked long and hard to help farmers, adults and youth to improve their living conditions whereby they could achieve a wholesome and satisfying life style.

John worked with 4-H Clubs and many other organizations in the community. He was instrumental in starting the Ham and Egg Show in Lowndes County which continues to function. He was recipient of numerous religious, civic and educational awards.

He was a viable member of Macedonia First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and chairman of the Trustee Board. John was dedicated and committed to service. His favorite quote was, "He who would be great among you, let him serve." He was indeed an humble servant and true leader.

We dare you to use the talents you have. You will find yourself growing stronger physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. You can multiply your daring a hundred fold by sharing its fruits. You give your life away and behold! A richer life comes back to you. This principle works through all of life.

Our most valuable possessions are those which can be shared without lessening: those which, when shared, multiply. Our least valuable possessions are those which when divided are diminished.

**The photos of the following individuals were taken by photographer ARNOLD RANSOM.**

Mrs. Ruth Council  
Mr. Willie Houseal  
Mr. Joseph Vickers  
Mr. Bunnis Williams  
Mrs. Juanita Miller  
Mr. Maceo Horne  
Mrs. Ethel Greer  
Mr. Claydon Barron  
Mr. Ernest Townsend  
Mr. Alvin Payton, Sr.  
Rev. Willie Wade

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