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Yesteryears

A CALENDAR FOR 1994



The Dalton's - 1914

Oscar Davis Dalton and wife Emma Mae Ferrell, with six of their ten children, Ferrell, Emily, Vallie, Virginia, Adelma and Lary.

— Gloria Dalton Sorenson

Front Cover

The Race Track at Pine Park Fairgrounds - 1913

On June 13, 1913, motorcyclists from Georgia and Florida stand ready for the race. There were four races: *Four Horsepower - Ten Mile*, won by L.G. Bucker of Savannah in fifteen minutes thirty-four seconds; *Seven Horsepower - Ten Mile*, won by F.G. Schmitz of Fitzgerald in fourteen minutes forty-three seconds; *Single Cylinder - One Mile Standing Start*, won by M.W. Calhoun of Madison, Florida in one minute thirty-two seconds; and the finale a *Seven Horsepower - Five Mile*, won by F.G. Schmitz in six minutes forty-four seconds.

Pine Park was northeast of the present site of Valdosta State University main campus and was generally bounded by Patterson Street, Park Avenue, Williams Street and Moore Street.

A streetcar line was built in 1899 from downtown Valdosta to Pine Park and operated until the early 1920's. A spur of this line led down present Alden Avenue to Remerton.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



Beauties on Parade in a New Packard - 1955

John Williams' Packard dealership was located at 108 South Ashley Street. The lovely ladies are (L-R) Josephine Bogle (Newton); Annette Howell (Turner), driving; and Sandra Shaw (Boardman) — seen in a new 1955 Packard Carribean convertible.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



Bamby Bread Delivery Trucks - 1927

The Pultar Baking Company was situated at 120 North Patterson Street where the very popular "Bamby Bread" was baked and distributed. Fred Pultar was president and his wife, Esca, was vice president. This photograph was made at Brookwood Park.

Mr. Pultar was also a real estate developer and aviation pioneer. He was involved in the development at Twin Lakes and built the Twin Lakes Tavern on U.S. 41, South. Early in the forefront of aviation in Valdosta, he led in the establishment of the Valdosta Municipal Airport.

—L.C.H.S. Collection

December 1993



Mike Robinson and His Commissary - Naylor, Georgia

Mike Robinson, Sr. (1892-1981) was born in Ridgeland, S.C. He came to Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia as a young man with only an extra pair of overalls and a few things in a flour sack.

Engaging in naval stores and farming, he worked over 90,000 pine trees for gum from which was distilled turpentine and rosin. He was regarded as a very successful farmer, raising cotton, tobacco and livestock. Through his hard work and thrift, he accumulated over 1,000 acres of pine forest and farm lands. His large family of fourteen children were all raised and educated in Lowndes County.

Mrs. Clara W. Robinson is standing outside the old commissary building, which she operated with her husband. The commissary was on Robinson's home place, about four miles west of Naylor on the north side of U.S. 84.

— Clara Wright Robinson



January 1994



Catch of the Day

Albert S. Pendleton, Sr. and Winston C. McKey show off part of a large group of bass caught at Cat Head Lake, March 25, 1931. When someone suggested the men have their picture taken, they ran home and dressed in coats and ties. Note, they hold their rods and reels. This photograph appeared in the Rotogravure section of *Atlanta Journal*.

— Albert S. (Andy) Pendleton, III

February 1994

Valdosta Rotary Club



Chartered March 24, 1919



Fiftieth Anniversary - 1969

Front Row, left to right, Mrs. John T. (Sarah) Mathis, Mrs. W.G. (Eugene) Eager and Mrs. Will (Rosa) Strickland whose husbands were charter members of Valdosta Rotary. In the rear are Dr. Bennett Owens, J.F. "Jim" Hanahan, and Turner Rockwell, all of whom served as president.



First President

April 1, 1965, left is Jules J. Newman, Valdosta Rotary's first president. Seen beside him is Emory P. Bass, who joined Rotary in 1921.



Speaking Out

Felton Davis, standing, with George Talley behind and Dr. Charles Hobby and Dr. James Dennard at rear. At forefront of this picture are Tyson McLane, J.P. "Jake" Myddleton and John B. Lastinger.



Wednesday, 1:00 pm

At left is Julian D. McKey. Across the table, Valdosta Wildcat Football Co-Captains (R-L) Jerry Greene, Bobby McCrary, Larry Griner; Dr. Joe B. Crane and Joe Crane, Jr. At the next table (R-L) Turner Rockwell, Christie Patterson, J.H. "Jack" May, and A.L. "Al" Dean.

Also seen are Tom McLeod, Joe Cordova, Dr. Bennett Owens, Carson H. McLane, Jim Garvin, Frank Christian, L.P. "Buck" Thomas and Dr. Bernard Bechtel.



Three Presidents

Dr. S. Walter Martin, John W. Langdale and James L. Respass, III are pictured; all served as Valdosta Rotary President. Martin and Langdale also served as District Governor.



Lunch Time

Left to right, Harold Bennett, Dr. Jesse L. Parrott, J.C. Woodward, and serving is Melanie Price.

— Rotary Scrapbook Collection

March 1994



Baptism, Loch Laurel - 1944

On Easter Sunday, 1944, Dot Noell and Georgia Smith were visiting Loch Laurel Lake in South Lowndes with their dates from Moody Field. One of the men snapped this picture of a baptism. Some of the county churches, usually Church of Christ affiliated, were often given permission to use this lake for their baptismal services. In the photograph, the center string and a rib of the boat appear as a cross. Note the intensity of the young spectators.

— Dorothy Noell Walker

April 1994



At Moody with the Thunderbirds - 1970

USAF Thunderbird pilots are shown kneeling before one of their planes during a visit to Moody AFB. Standing behind them in the second row (L-R): Mrs. T.B. Jones; Mrs. W. Curry; J.P. "Jake" Myddleton; W.P. "Billy" Langdale, Chairman Lowndes County Commissioners; Donald T. "Don" Schutt; Robert "Bob" Hall; Aubrey J. Stump, Valdosta Mayor; and Col. Clarence Parker, Wing Commander 3550th Flying Training Wing. Two other members of the Thunderbird Team are standing in the rear.

— Chamber of Commerce

May 1994

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Twin Lakes Pavilion — Must Be Sunday!

Twin Lakes and Long Pond in South Lowndes County were part of a resort development, started in 1927 by Burton Lee Mank. Other developers included Fred W. Pultar and Paul Lilly, Sr. For many years the Pavilion was the focal point of entertainment and parties for the Valdosta area. It burned in 1961.

— L.C.H.S. Collection

June 1994

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Automobiles On Parade



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1. Buick - Circa 1920

Owned by the Mitchell Smith family, this Buick is pictured in the early 1920's at Florence, Alabama.

— Morris Smith

2. 1924 Nash

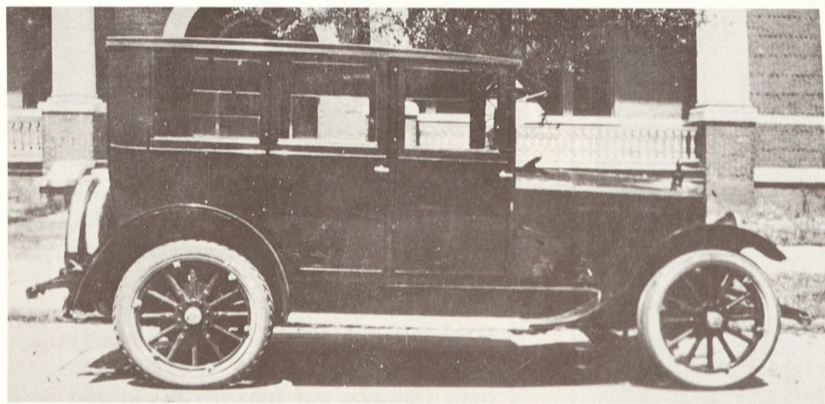
Mitchell Smith at age 2 stands proudly on the running board of his father's new Nash, at Wildwood Plantation near Valdosta.

— Mitchell Smith

3. Ford Model A - Circa 1930

William S. West, Jr. and Thomas Young Ashley discuss the merits of this Ford Model A with "Rumble Seat". This photo was taken at West Motor Company, which was then located at 311 North Patterson Street.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



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4. Essex - Circa 1925

This opulent "Essex" was the family car of Dr. J.W. Sirmans. The photograph was made in front of the 1905 Valdosta High School on West Central Avenue (later Central Grammar School).

— L.C.H.S. Collection



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5. Ford Model T - 1920

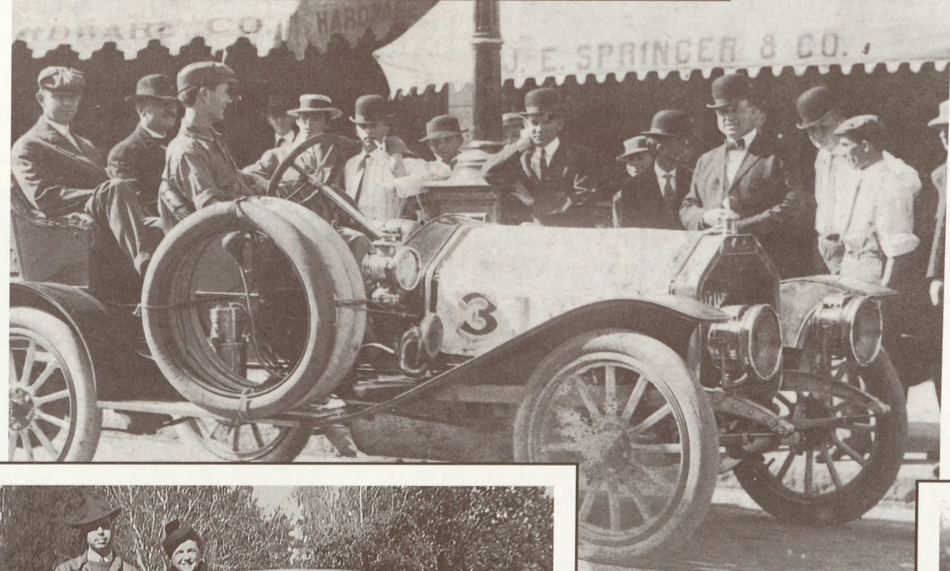
Jackson H. Carter of Lake Park, Georgia in 1941, standing beside his 1920 Ford Model T.

— L.C.H.S. Collection

6. The Georgia Tour - 1909

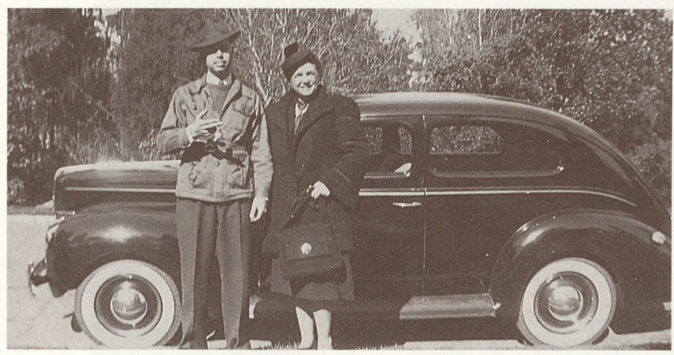
No. 31 was Valdosta's entry in a statewide Tour Race in 1909. The rear seat passengers are E.D. Ferrell (in derby) seated next to George Patterson, lawyer. Tour Races were held in order to publicize the need for better roads during the early years of the automobile.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



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7. 1939 Ford Tudor

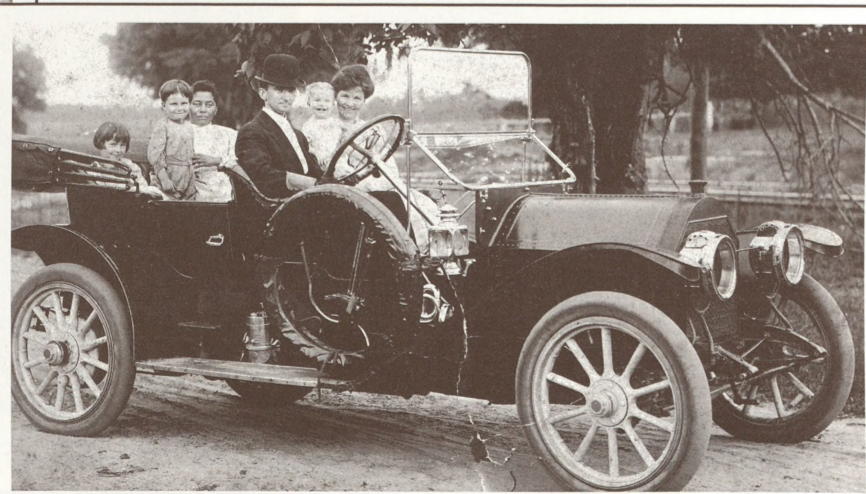
George Shelton, Jr. and his mother Mrs. Eula D. Shelton stand beside his new '39 Ford.

— Jane Twitty Shelton

8. Dr. J.F. Mixson, Sr. & Family - Circa 1911

Enjoying an outing in his new Cadillac is (front seat L-R) Dr. J.F. Mixson, Sr. with Edward Harrison (Harry) Mixson, and Georgia Fowler Mixson, wife and mother. In the rear seat (L-R) is Fredanel Mixson (Miller), Joyce F. Mixson, Jr., and the family nurse, Liza.

— Miriam Mixson Anderson



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The Merchants Bank Directors Circa 1900

Chartered in 1888 by the Lane family, The Merchants Bank of Valdosta became a part of The Citizens and Southern Bank system March 27, 1926. On January 1, 1992, C&S merged with NCNB to become NationsBank.

The directors pictured are: (L-R) Henry Young Tillman, Sr.; E.P.S. Denmark; Mills B. Lane, Sr. (The Citizens and Southern Bank, Savannah); Remer Y. Lane; Edward W. Lane (Atlantic Bank of Jacksonville, Florida); Will R. Strickland; Lowndes W. Shaw and Frank Strickland.

— Meta Shaw Coleman



The Merchants Bank of Valdosta - Circa 1910

The bank building was built in 1889 and stood at the corner of South Patterson Street at Maiden Lane. Later it was remodeled and expanded as the Citizens and Southern National Bank. The present location of the Valdosta Main Office of NationsBank includes this site. Note the Chamber of Commerce was located on the second floor, address 106 Maiden Lane.

— Carl Smith

July 1994



Ox Cart - Circa 1890

Mr. & Mrs. Ivey Wisenbaker of Dasher, Georgia are shown riding their ox cart.

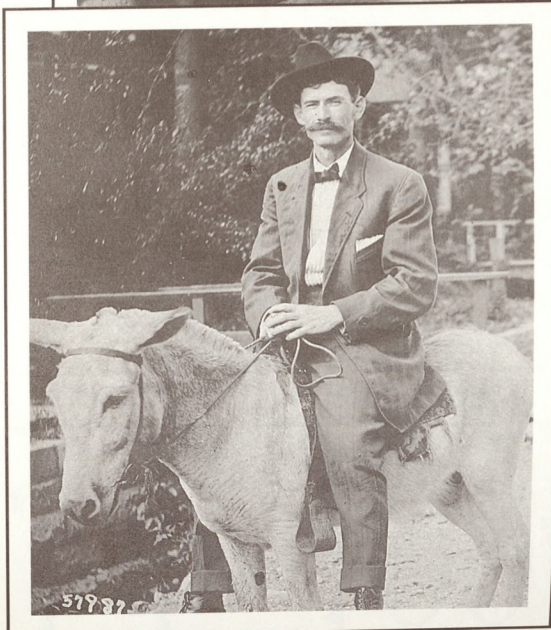
— L.C.H.S. Collection



Hog Farm - Circa 1920

After the boll weevil destroyed the long staple cotton crop, Lowndes County farmers turned to hogs as a principal source of farm income. This photograph shows a group of interested youngsters looking over a robust swine herd on a farm.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



Donkey Rider - Circa 1900

Ivey Wisenbaker is astride his donkey at his Dasher farm.

— L.C.H.S. Collection

August 1994

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"I HAVE A DREAM" - M.L.K., Jr., 1963 28	 29	30	31			



1940 Championship Football Team - Valdosta High School

In the next to the last two games of the 1940 season, a fired-up Valdosta team came from behind to beat Albany 19-6, as 2000 Albany fans watched at Valdosta's Cleveland Field. The final game was with Moultrie when again Valdosta came from behind to win 32-12. Valdosta played Tifton for the SGFA title (in Albany) and won 13-0. Back to Albany, December 20, 1940, Valdosta defeated Cedartown 21-0 for the Georgia State Championship, with all scoring in the last quarter.

Bottom Row: Bill Patillo, DeWitt Rogers, Max Stalvey, Carlso Phillips, *Captain* Glenn Ratliff, ★ Joe Davis, Jim Powell, Paul Love, Bobby McEachren.

Row #2: *Coach* Wright Bazemore, Jack Corbett, James Colson, Dick Davis, Steve Condurelis, *Head Coach* Bobby Hooks, Edward B. Hanly, Jr., Virdo Bagley, Bill Passmore, W.G. "Red" Bullock, Tom Howell, *Coach* Bernard Stone.

Row #3: James "Blimp" Oliver, Earl Nicholson, Bill Hardy, Gordon Sims, Joe Shannon, James "Scat" Shiver, William M. "Knuck" McCrary, Louie "Big Lou" Blanton, Tom Stewart, Frank Youles, Robert Helms.

Row #4: Howard "Buddy" Dasher, Julian McDonald, John Gibson, George Abood, Herbert "Noisy" Ross, Arthur Porter, Julian LeFiles, *Manager* Clarence Paine, *Manager* Frank "BoBo" Southwell, Carl George, *Manager* Newton L. "Buster" Bassford.

Row #5: Roy Blanton, Ferdinand Herndon, Bruce Edwards, Gerald Hallman, Bobby Stone, Earl Wetherington, Howard Hall, Byron Moore, Milton Godwin, Paul Lilly, Robert Lee Jenkins.

★ Died in service for his country, World War II.

— L.C.H.S. Collection

September 1994



The Ritz Theater - August 1954

The Ritz, built in 1928-29 by William S. West, Jr., was for many years the leading movie theater in Valdosta. The marquee here displays the current featured re-release of *Gone With the Wind*, which attracted a large crowd. The building was demolished in 1973. It was situated at 310 North Patterson at Jackson Street.

— Nany Campbell Thornton

October 1994

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Motoring - Circa 1935

James Beck and Anna Richter sit in the front seat of a Ford roadster with Tom Shelton and Elizabeth "Liz" Dasher in the "Rumble Seat".

— Jane Twitty Shelton



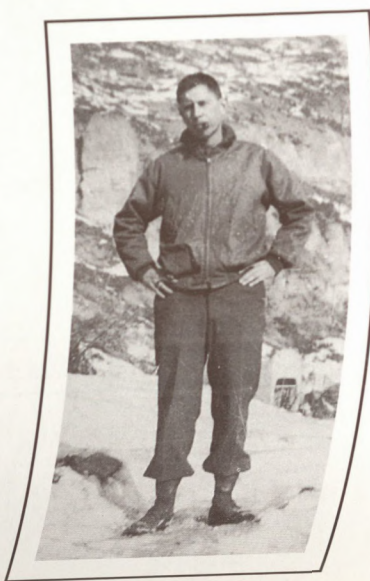
James M. Beck



Washington, D.C. - 1940

Tom Shelton and James Beck take a street stroll in Washington, D.C.

— Jane Twitty Shelton



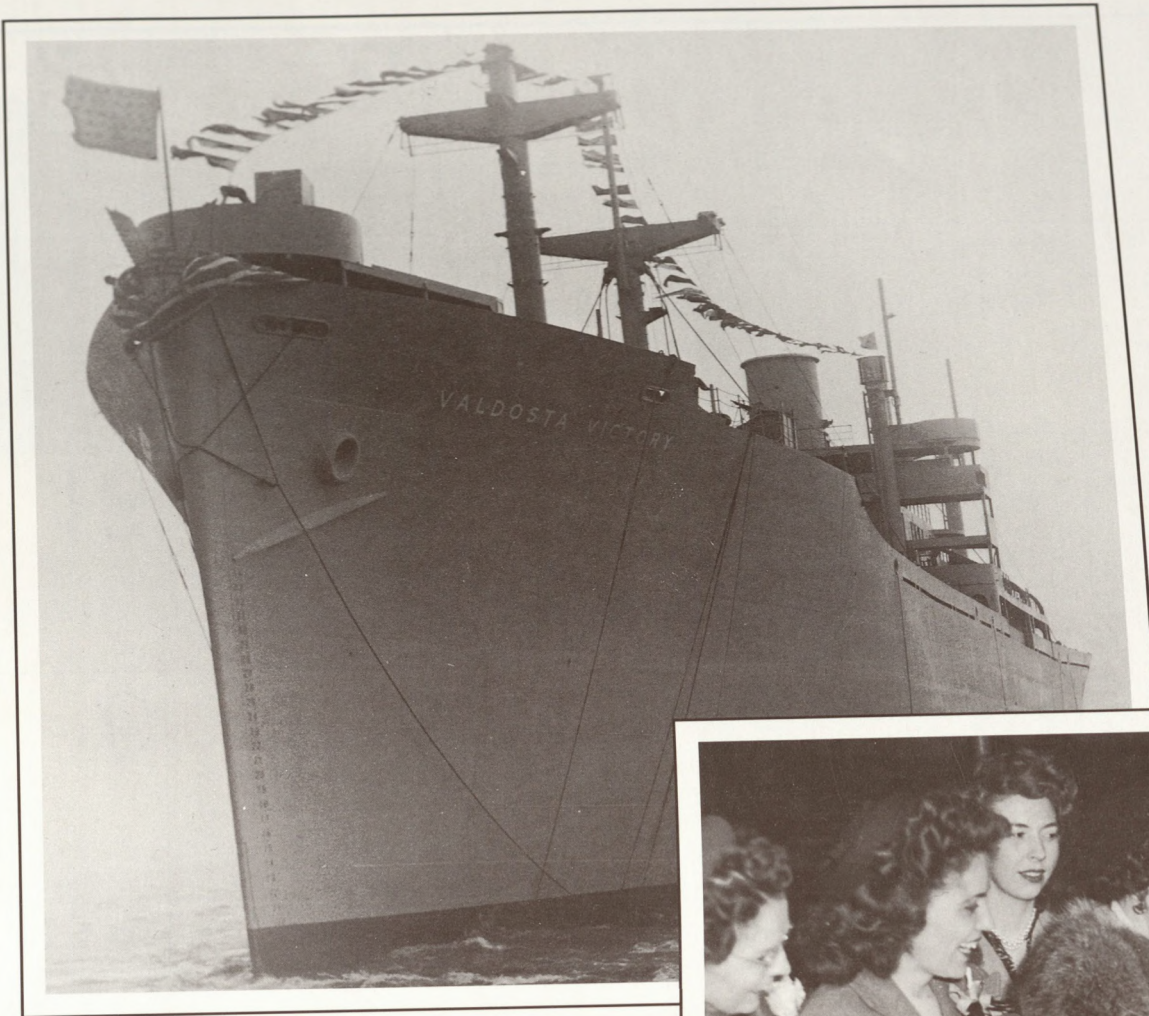
James McEntire Beck was drafted into the U.S. Army in February, 1941. He completed Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant with the 91st Infantry Division. He saw action in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Palisina, Italy on April 23, 1945, while serving as Battalion Operations Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 362nd Infantry Regiment.

Leaving the service in 1946 as a Major, he returned to Valdosta where he engaged in business, being best known as the operator of the successful Ashley Oaks Motel and Restaurant on Ashley Street.

He served three terms as Mayor of Valdosta 1966-70 and 1972-74. Elected to the State Legislature in 1975, he served with distinction until his retirement from office in 1990. The James M. Beck Overpass in south Valdosta was named in his honor.

— Betty Beck Mathis

November 1994



The Valdosta Victory - December 1944

The Valdosta Victory cargo ship was christened December 11, 1944 at the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. George C. McCrary was invited to do the christening because she had five sons in the service. They were: George, Ed, Emmitt, William (Knuck) and Harold. Valdosta was chosen to be honored with a named ship because of a large local sale of war bonds in a recent month.

— L.C.H.S. Collection

Christening - December 11, 1944

Witnessing the scene were Valdostans: (L-R) Lois Corley, Alberta Plemmons, Lucille Bullock, Mary John Plemmons, Edna Earl Plemmons (all of whom worked in government jobs in the Baltimore/Washington area), W.G. "Bill" Eager, Jr., Mrs. George C. McCrary, Mrs. W.G. "Dottie" Eager, Jr. and a gentlemen who was an official with the shipyard company. About 1989, Harold McCrary presented the Lowndes County Historical Society Museum with the handsome wood box which held the christening bottle.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



December 1994



Rice's Cycle Shop - 1947

Guy L. Rice owned and operated Rice's Bicycle Shop at 205 East Central Avenue for many years. Displayed is a group of bicycles with mounted Whizzer motors. In front of the shop, kneeling is Earl Tillman. Rear (L-R), are Leroy Jackson, Sherman Courson, _____, Henry Mathis (later shop owner), Guy L. Rice, _____, Charles Snellgrove, and _____.

— Henry Mathis

January 1995

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Valdosta Bottling Works - Circa 1933

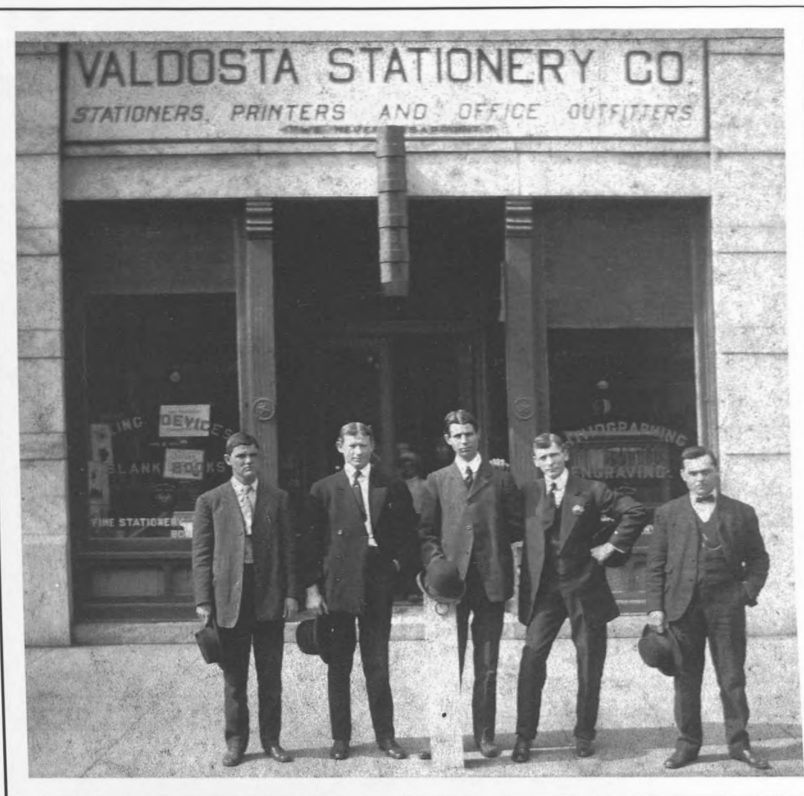
Front Row: J.F. Holmes, Jr., Dick Bennett, E.R. Barber, Sam Burnette, S.L. Mason, Herbert Holmes, Raymond Holmes, Fred Williams, unidentified.

Back Row: Willie Graham, unidentified, "Little William" and three unidentified men.

This building, built in 1925, is located at the corner of South Toombs and West Savannah Avenue.

Valdosta Bottling Works in 1896 became the world's second bottler of *Coca-Cola*. They also bottled their locally popular *Red Race* flavored soft drinks.

— Lindsay Mason



Valdosta Stationery Company - Circa 1905

W.H. Oliver (2nd from left), Jules J. Newman (3rd) and W.L. Ricks (4th) are pictured in front of Valdosta Stationery Co. at 112 S. Patterson Street. The 1908-09 Valdosta City Directory listed W.B. Conoley, President, and E.D. Ferrell, Secretary-Treasurer of this firm. Those identified in this photo were also stockholders.

In 1912, Oliver and Newman along with E.M. Weeks and B.G. Porter reorganized the business as Southern Stationery & Printing Co., which continues to operate at 311 N. Patterson Street.

A hitching post for horses, over which has been placed a derby hat, stands prominently in the forefront of the picture.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



Daugharty's Service Station - Circa 1935

Bobby Daugharty operated a very popular Standard Oil Dealership at the corner of West Hill Avenue and Toombs Street for many years. Later, the station moved across the street to 200 West Hill and operation continues by his son, Robert Daugharty. The Valdes Hotel appears in the background.

— L.C.H.S. Collection



Leaning on Friends - 1942

James "Scat" Shiver, U.S. Navy; Louie "Big Lou" Blanton, U.S. Army Air Corps; and Maxwell Stalvey, U.S. Marine Corps are pictured together in front of the Lowndes County Service Roll.

— George H. "Bouncer" Smith



Over the Mariannas - 1944

★Lt. J. Frank Jarrell, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps and Sgt. George Hubert "Bouncer" Smith, U.S. Army Air Force, make a test hop over the Island of Rota in the Mariannas. "Bouncer", going along for a ride, admits he "cannot fly a kite much less an airplane". Lt. Jarrell was later shot down on a mission from Iwo Jima to Japan, missing in action.

— George H. "Bouncer" Smith

★Died in service for his country, World War II.



Home on Leave - 1943

Private Clarence M. Paine served with the U.S. Army Infantry and saw action in Europe during World War II. Lieutenant Lloyd L. Burns was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force and served both in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operations.

— Morris Smith



Taking a Break - 1941

Staff Sergeant Tom Shelton, U.S. Army, pauses to read a newspaper while on maneuvers in Tennessee.

— T. Davis "Davy" Shelton



War in the Pacific - 1942

A relaxed CWO Tom Shelton pauses outside his sandbagged shelter on Guadalcanal, at the front with the Americal Division.

— T. Davis "Davy" Shelton



Thinking of Home - 1943

William G. "Red" Bullock, U.S. Army, flanked by two unidentified World War II friends are seen "taking a break" in this picture.

— George H. "Bouncer" Smith

Thomas Davis Shelton

1917-1993

Tom Shelton was born January 17, 1917 at Indianola, Lowndes County, Georgia and died May 27, 1993. He was a lifelong resident of this county and an avid historian. He was recognized as a living archive of our local history and heritage.

He was a graduate of Emory at Valdosta and Emory University. Serving his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, he entered in 1941 and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a Chief Warrant Officer. His service included a tour of duty in the South Pacific with the Americal Division.

Married to Jane Twitty, June 17, 1944, they had three children, Jan (Mrs. Norman Danis), T. Davis, Jr. (Davy), and Richard W. (Dicky).

A Charter Member of Lowndes County Historical Society, he served as President 1968-70. He was keenly interested in the Museum and was a leader in many of the Society's activities. For many years he organized and directed the Society's Annual Tour.

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Jane and Tom Shelton



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