

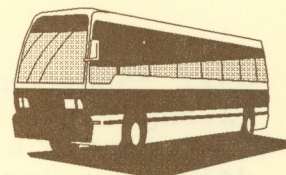
Lowndes County Historical Society

## ANNUAL FALL TOUR

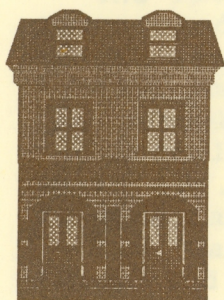
### *A VISIT TO MADISON, FLORIDA*

Saturday, October 22, 1994

*Remember life in the nineteenth century  
Come with us to view historic architecture  
See contemporary uses of restored buildings*



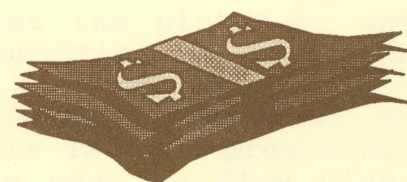
At 9:30 A.M. our **chartered bus** leaves the LCHS Museum to meet our guide, Mrs. Clare Copeland, in Madison at 10:15.



Points of interest include the **First Baptist Church**, built in the 1830s; the **Smith Mansion** (Wardlow-Smith House); the "**Old Hotel**," where we will enjoy a specially-catered lunch; the **Beggs Funeral Home and Museum**, built around 1840; the **Sea Island Cotton Gin**; and the **Four Freedoms Monument**, erected in memory of Captain Colin P. Kelly Jr.

**Cost** for the entire trip will be **\$22.00** per person.

\$10.00	Bus Fare, Madison & return
\$10.00	Lunch at the "Old Hotel"
\$ 2.00	Admission to Smith Mansion



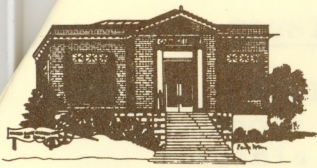
**Reservations:** Call **247-4780**, Daily 2-5 p.m., by October 14.  
(Albert Pendleton, Curator)

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR BUS, LUNCH AND MANSION!!

*Our thanks to*

**Mrs. Clare Copeland and the Madison Historical Society**  
*for assistance in arranging and conducting this tour.*





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## NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT REMINDER -- As of Aug. 27, only  $\frac{1}{4}$  members have renewed their membership. Please send in your renewal right away. We need your support. Single, @25.00 and Family, \$40.00, to Box 434, 31603.

HAPPY FIFTIETH TO VHS CLASS OF '44

by

Albert S. Pendleton

The Valdosta High class of 1944 dedicated their "Sandspur" like this, "These pages we gratefully dedicate to those who are fighting that we may continue with the school life depicted in this annual."

There are photos of military persons, school clubs oriented with the wartime, plus regular clubs and photos of students and activities. The "Sandspur" was dedicated to a lady, teacher and friend we all love, Miss Fredeva Ogletree.

The 1944 class president was Carol Sherwood; vice-president, Albert Jones; and secretary-treasurer, Edwina (Bootsie) Roberts. The class mascot was tiny baby, Howard Bridges, Jr., son of the principal.

"All for Dosta, Dosta for All" was a caption for the Dosta Outlook, the school newspaper, and that year marked the tenth anniversary of the school paper. The Outlook staff was Virginia Howell, editor; Tom Smith (Jr.), assistant editor, Sherla Miller, business manager, John Wiggins, assistant business mgr., and Peggy Reid, advertising manager.

The "Sandspur" editor was Bobbie Jones and assistant editor, Bobby Snow, and business manager, Jackie Talton. This 1944 "Sandspur" annual of VHS was maroon color with "Sandspur" written in sandspur color or sandy beige. One unique feature was a photo of a boy and girl in a country field, snapped waist down, covered with sandspurs. The caption was: "The 'Sandspur' staff hope that the pictures and articles published in these pages will enable memories of your high school days, like sandspurs, to 'stick with you' wherever you go."

School activities: Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Ann McGowan, president; H-Y, John Wiggins, president; and Beta Club, Jackie Talton, president. The VHS Band Director was Aaron Taylor. There was the Glee Club, Hilda Crum, president; Home Economics, Bobby Snow, president; The Land Division of the Victory Corps, Carol Sherwood, president; Sea Service, John Wiggins, president; Air Service, James Oliver, president; Community Service, Frances Mitchell (Jr.), president; and the Marionettes (drama group), Sherla Miller, president. Co-captains of the football team were the well-known and well-liked Glenn O'Neal and Julian LeFiles. Managers were Jimmy Beal, Richard Hemingway (Jr.), and Jeff Hunt (Soph.). Boys' and girls' basketball coaches were Buck Thomas and Mrs. Joe Baroni. Buck was also football coach.

One night the ten top beauty contestants were: Ann McGowan (first place), Judy Corbin, Laura Converse, Elaine Sims Hurt (third place), Grace Hiers, Frances Moxley (Jr.), Esther Landey, Virginia Howell, Betty Caudle, and Cile Ferguson (third place).

Selected as outstanding were: John Wiggins, Sherla Miller, Elaine Sims Hurt, Bobbie Jones, Eula Mae Blackburn, Ann McGowan, Virginia



Howell, Carol Sherwood, Adair Myddelton, and Bobby Snow.

And Who's Who were: Mr. and Miss VHS (most popular): Carol Sherwood and Virginia Howell; most versatile: Bobbie Jones and Carol Sherwood; most athletic: Sherla Miller and Norman Maiden; best looking: Mack Greer and Virginia Copeland; most intellectual: John Wiggins and Bobby Snow; most talented: James Pitts and Bobbie Jones; and most dependable; Hubert Alexander and Jackie Talton.

Graduating seniors, OTHER THAN THE ONES ALREADY MENTIONED, were: Sam Agee, Virginia Allen, Jeane Amos, Lucille Avery, Roy Bailey, Alex Baldwin, Fay Nell Barrett, Lila Barrett, Mariann Bassford, Sarah Booth, Helen Branch, Emily Bridges, Mildred Bullock, Catherine Cagle, Howard Colyer, Katherine Condurelis, Bobby Converse, Virginia Cook, Aleta Corley, "Pete" Cotter, Curtis Cribb, Leslie Culpepper, Robert Curl, Kathleen Curry, Howard Dasher, Glendall Dasher, R. E. Dasher, Lester Dean, Pauline Dickins, Billy Donaldson, Althea Lee Dowling, Berton Dowling, Gwendolyn Dupree, Beverly Ann Duren, Jim Dutton, Laura Eager, Buddy Esterman, Eddie Lee Evans, Betty Force, Mina Sue Freeman, Virginia Freeman, Frances French, Herman Futch, James Garbett, Clementine George, Virginia Hagan, Gordon Hall, Dorris Hallman, Laurie Hiers, Ida Lou Hightower, Douglas Hill, John Holcombe, Lewis Holder, Altheus Holliman, James Hull, Lamar Jackson, Jack Jennings, Beatrice Johnson, Gloria Jones, Margaret Jones, Dexter Kimsey, Myrtle Lambert, Raymond Lloyd, Ouida Lockerman, Florene Malham, Jeanette Malham, Sara Martin, Martha Alice McLendon, Isabel McLeod, Ann Megran, Dorothy Moore, Katherine NeSmith, Leo Nolan, Mable Norman, Martha Parker, Martha Ann Parramore, Billy Pendleton, Lonnie Peterson, Robert Pinkston, Marian Plowden, Janette Proctor, Bryan Register, Pearl Saliba, Stuart Scruggs, Florine Shearer, Billy Sheffield,, Mildred Sheffield, Billy Simpson, Buck Smith, Dorothy Smith, Elizabeth Speer, Johnnie V. Stokes, Dorothy Strozier, Alma Elizabeth Thompson, Harrison Tillman, Anita Toole, Gladys Tyner, Sarah Ulmer, Billy Vallotton, Peyton White, Rosalind Wilkins, Vera Wilson, Evelyn Wisenbaker, Bill Woodruff, Robert Yale, and Frank Youles.

Two hard working groups were: Cheerleaders, "Molly," "Romance," Virginia and Robert -- translated to, Ann McGowan, Hubert Alexander, Virginia Howell and Robert Curl; and many band members with Mojorettes, Martha Register, Mable McElvey and Sherla Miller.

It was warstime for these kids and they pined: "The girl's preference for dolls has changed to a preference for soldiers and the preference of boys for soldiers has changed for a liking for dolls. But there are some things of our likes and beliefs have never changed..." After all, our lives, school, Valdosta and country...it was all worth fighting for.

As mentioned, Buck Thomas was football coach and that's because our Wright Bazemore was away at war himself. The mascot of the team was "Bozy" Thomas, son of Buck.

Please send in the renewal of your LCHS membership. Already we welcome new members: Mrs. Becky Allen, Stockbridge, M/M Roy Cannon, Duluth, The Framing Shop, M/M Lloyd Greer, M/M Ralph Hart, M/M J. E. Norris, M/M Tildon W. Smith, and Mrs. Thomas H. Wall.

We are grateful to LCHS member, Reba W. Paine, for the gift of her just published book, Christopher's Children. It is well researched and interestingly written -- the story of her Wisenbaker family.

Come see me at the Museum, Albert S. Pendleton, Editor

Forgive me! In the story of VHS Class of '44, I left out two of the graduating seniors -- Willie Hendricks and David Miller. ALL OF YOU, HAVE A FINE REUNION!!