

CHARLIE NORWOOD

Has represented Georgia's Tenth Congressional District since 1995.

History 100 Dinner featuring Charlie Norwood Tenth District Congressman

Friday, April 26, 2002
Valdosta – Lowndes Conference Center

We will welcome home Valdosta's native son Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr. as the guest speaker at this year's History 100 Dinner. A Republican representing Georgia's Tenth District, Congressman Norwood has been at the epicenter of many of the recent events in Washington. We look forward to having Charlie with us and expect a very interesting presentation. The April 26th event will take place at the Valdosta-Lowndes Conference Center, off Norman Drive, beginning with a social at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Cost of this event will be \$35 per person. The menu will be announced with the invitations and the caterer will respond to any special dietary considerations. Please give us notice at least 48 hours before the event regarding special diet needs by calling the Museum at 247-4780.

Charlie was born in Valdosta in 1941. He attended Lowndes County Public Schools through his first year at Valdosta High School, after which he transferred Baylor Military High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Charlie received his bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro in 1964 and a Doctorate in Dentistry Sciences from Georgetown University Dental School in Washington, D.C., in 1967. He was elected President of the Student Body at Georgetown in his senior year.

He served as a Captain in the U. S. Army Dental Corps from 1967-69. During his tour, Charlie participated in experimental military dental practices that are now standard procedure for the armed forces. He was one of the first participants in the Army's outreach program that delivered dentists to forward "fire bases" in lieu of transferring patients to rear treatment areas. Charlie also provided some of the first field-based dental treatment of military guard dogs, and assisted in non-dental trauma care in Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH units). In recognition of his service under combat conditions, Charlie was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and two Bronze Stars. After Vietnam, Charlie was assigned to the Dental Corps at Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he served until his discharge in 1969.

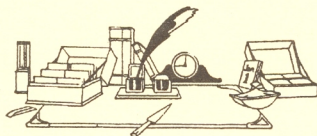
Immediately after discharge he began a private dentistry practice in Augusta. During his dental career, he served as President of both the Georgia Dental Association and the Eastern District Dental Society, was elected as a Delegate to the American Dental Association in 1984-85, and was founder of the Augusta Dental Disaster Society.

Before entering public life, Charlie and his wife Gloria taught Adult Sunday School at Trinity-on-the Hill United Methodist Church in Augusta. Charlie also served on the board of the Augusta Opera Society and was a member of the Augusta Symphony Guild. He is also a member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of the World Wars.

He was elected to Georgia's Tenth District seat in November 1994 as part of the "Republican Revolution" and has continued to serve since that time. Since being sworn into office January 4, 1995, Charlie has served on the Commerce Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. His Commerce Committee subcommittee assignments include Health and Environment, and Energy and Power. In the Education and Workforce Committee, Charlie serves as Vice-Chairman of the Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Rural Health Care Caucus, the Army Caucus, and the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and has served on the Speaker's Task Force on Tritium Production and the Speaker's Working Group on Health Care Reform.

Charlie has been married to the former Gloria Wilkinson of Valdosta since 1962. The Norwood's live on the banks of the Savannah River in Evans, Georgia, are members of Trinity-on-the-Hill United Methodist Church in nearby historic Augusta, and have two sons and two grandchildren.

Albert's Desk



by Albert S. Pendleton, Jr.

THEY ORGANIZED A FOOTBALL TEAM.

In September 1913, *The Valdosta Times* announced that the local high school boys had organized a football team for the fall games, and expected to play some of the surrounding towns. This sounds like the beginning of the Valdosta High School football. The only difference was they called themselves the "Tigers" and played at Magnolia Park, on West Magnolia Street between Johnson and York streets.

The team practiced every day with Turner Rockwell as the Coach and Prof. E. G. Elcan as the Manager. These two felt this team could hold its own with any other high school team. The newspaper suggested that it was probably that Tom Cranford would be the fullback of the team. He had the weight and agility to make him a first class player.

The game was on October 16, 1913 and *The Times* had this to say: "One of the fastest, pluckiest and most interesting football games ever played in Valdosta was pulled off at Magnolia Park yesterday afternoon, when the Valdosta High School eleven met the Moultrie eleven for their first game. Gridiron fans who failed to see this game missed a real treat..."

The game was tied 7-7 and the local opinion was that the Valdosta home team outplayed the Moultrie team. *The Times*, however, said: "...the V. H. S. boys had sufficiently shown that in their veins, the blood of victory was flowing. Coach Rockwell of Valdosta deserves praise for having developed so strong a team. He knows the game from Alpha to Omega, is well versed in the art of coaching, and has succeeded beautifully in giving the Valdosta lads thorough skill in handling the pigskin.

Frank Roberts, at right end, starred for Valdosta. His tackling was outstanding and he kept his eye on the ball at all times. Captain John Stevens, quarterback (always a quiet man) kept a cool head, ran his team well and made a reputation for himself." Other team members especially mentioned were: James Cranford, Harvey Griffin, and Tom Cranford, at right tackle.

In a tough game played October 27, 1913, Valdosta lost to Sparks Collegiate, of Sparks, Georgia. The score was Sparks 12, Valdosta 6.

The Times urged people to go out and see these enjoyable games. Nothing was so upsetting as not having any spectators. Two days before the Sparks game, the *Times* reporter wrote: "Football, without question, is the greatest game of all Athletics." And then the writer goes on to explain the game of football.

The Valdosta Tigers again played Sparks on November 3 and this time beat them, with the score 14 to 0.

On November 14, 1913, Valdosta played Moultrie with better results than the first game's 7-7 tie. Valdosta won this time with the score 20 to 14. Here is the lineup given for this game: Roberts, right end, Tom Cranford, right tackle, Griffin, right guard, Childress, center, Blalock, left guard, Rose, left tackle, McIntyre, left end, Stevens, Captain and quarterback, Pindar, right half back, West Cranford, left half back, James Cranford, full back.



1913 VALDOSTA HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS"

Top Row: Turner Rockwell (Coach), Tom Cranford (R.T.), Will Collier (Sub.), Albert Saunders (L.T.), Osborne Holtendorff (Sub.), Frank Roberts (R.E.), Frank Rose (R.G.)

Second Row: West Cranford (L.H.), Lewis Pindar (R.H.), John Stevens (Q.B. and Captain), Eric McIntyre (L.E.), Carl Blair (Sub.).

Bottom Row: James Cranford (F.B.), Jim Tom Blalock (Sub.).

The newspaper story November 27, 1913, captioned "Valdosta Was Too Much for Brunswick." From *The Times* "With the never-say-die spirit which has been so much in evidence among the Valdosta lads for the past two weeks, the Valdosta Tigers yesterday afternoon defeated the heavy Brunswick High School eleven in one of the greatest exhibitions of football ever seen on the local gridiron, the score being 7 to 6."

"From start to finish the fighting was desperate and the game replete with spectacular features, with forward and double passes and with straight line play. The players on both sides fought like demons, and until after the end of the first half when Capt. Aiken, the visitor's star half back, received a broken collar bone and had to be taken from the game, it looked as though neither team would score. From the spectators point of view, however, it was generally thought that the home team outplayed the visitors. Certainly this was true in the second half."

"The only touchdown was made in the last quarter by Valdosta High School's star fullback, James Cranford, who, after repeated line plunges, succeeded in placing the oval squarely between the uprights. Harvey Griffin kicked the goal. Each player of the local team did well. However, James Cranford, Lewis Pindar, Frank Rose, Tom Cranford and Osborne Holtendorff deserve personal mention. Capt. Stevens, at every stage of the game, ran his team well."

On the night of November 1913, the team toasted their premier coach with a dinner at the Valdes Hotel. They had a joyous evening honoring Turner Rockwell. In between courses, there were speeches by members of the team. Tom Cranford

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Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad Historical Society Convention at LCHS Museum

The Society hosted the 2nd Annual Convention of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad Society, held at the Museum March 16th with more than 40 interested railroaders attending. Mark S. Mosely, President of the GS&F RR Historical Society moderated the meetings.



Fred H. Walker (L), LCHS Trustee; Mary Tunison and James G. Tunison, LCHS Members, stand behind Louie Peeples White (wearing her railroad cap), past LCHS president, Fred and Jim's fathers both were Georgia Southern & Florida engineers.



Aulie Rowell (L), past president of Taylor County Historical Society, Perry, Florida, speaks with Carroll B. Butler (R), author and naval stores historian, Shalimar, Florida.



Seward Daugharty (L), Stockton, GA, with local authors LCHS member Morris Smith (C) and his wife Janice Daugharty (R).

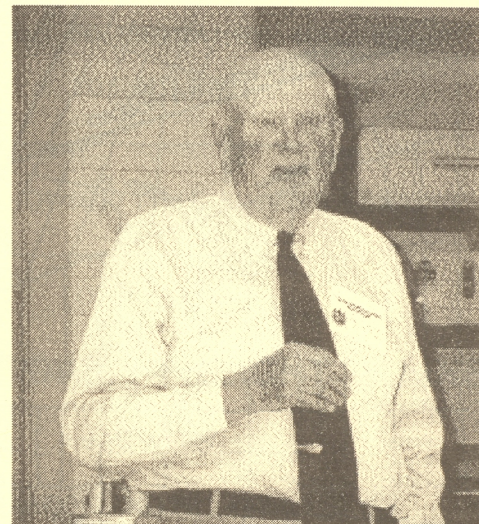
The morning session was highlighted by a Power Point presentation of GS&F and related rail lines through historical photographs collected and narrated by Mark Mosely, prepared by our Curator, Julie Barnes Smith. Larry Brennan, of Jacksonville, Florida gave a quite interesting history of the Atlantic Valdosta and Western Railway, a line later absorbed by the GS&F.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at the Ocean Pond Clubhouse where LCHS member Harley Langdale, Jr. gave an interesting talk on his experiences as a director of the GS&F. After lunch, the group visited the Lake Park Historical Society Museum and had a chance to view a relic of earlier transportation, a remnant of a dugout canoe found at Ocean Pond. They then traveled to Clyattville where Bill Feimster, retired president of Valdosta Southern Railway told the history of that railroad and explained the operation and equipment of the present owner, Valdosta Railway LP.

The afternoon session included a naval stores slide presentation by Carroll B. Butler of Shalimar, Florida and a very knowledgeable discussion of this industry by him. Following this, Allan Wiener of Ocala, Florida gave a detailed history of the railroad's history ending at Palatka, Florida, southern terminus of the GS&F.

Russell Tedder of North Little Rock, Arkansas was the speaker at the banquet held that evening at J. P. Mulldoons. He spoke about the history of the South Georgia Railway and the other short lines with which it connected. Like the GS&F, the South Georgia was eventually absorbed into the Southern Railway. Palatka, Florida was the southernmost point that the Southern Railway System ever reached.

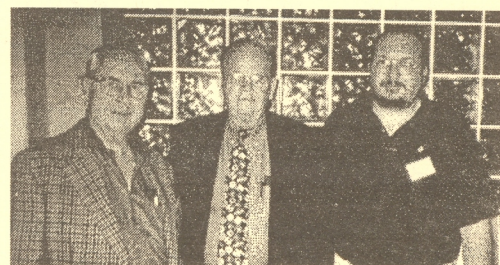
During the meeting, Carroll Butler showed his wonderful collection of naval stores artifacts and displays in the Museum's upper gallery. His definitive book on the industry is *"Treasures of the Longleaf Pines Naval Stores"*. He is working on a photographic history of the naval stores business.



Harley Langdale, Jr., LCHS Life Member, sole surviving director of the Georgia Southern & Florida speaking at the luncheon at Ocean Pond Clubhouse.



Juanita Mixson Cox (L) sits with her mother Katherine Oglesby Mixson (R). Mrs. Mixson's grandfather Zeanus Wise Oglesby and great uncle James Wood Oglesby founded the South Georgia Railway. This road ran from Adel through Quitman to Hampton Springs, Florida. They also operated under the name West Coast Railway from 1904 to 1924.



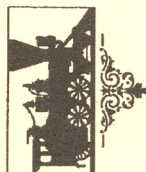
Ed Willis (L), LCHS President, S. Russell Tedder (C), retired railroad executive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and Mark Mosely (R), GS&F RR Historical Society President, Warner Robins at the GS&F Annual Banquet.



RAILROADS SERVING VALDOSTA

ATLANTIC COAST LINE – Brunswick to Montgomery, Alabama
 GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA – Macon to Palatka, Florida
 ATLANTIC VALDOSTA & WESTERN – Valdosta to Jacksonville, Florida
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RAILROADS AND VALDOSTA

The story has often been told about the founding of Valdosta when the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad built its line four miles south of Troupville, the then Lowndes County seat. The citizens picked up and moved to establish a new community on the railroad, naming it Valdosta. On July 4th 1860 the first train arrived in Valdosta on the Atlantic & Gulf line. This was the beginning of a rich railroad history for our city.

Five railroads provided freight and passenger service to Valdosta. While at times they operated under different names, these railroads may be generally recognized as:

Atlantic Coast Line
 Atlantic Valdosta & Western
 Georgia Southern & Florida
 Valdosta Moultrie & Western
 Georgia & Florida Railway.

The Valdosta Street Railway Company provided local streetcar service on Patterson Street between Hill Avenue and Park Avenue. The line on Hill Avenue ran west to Pear Street and their car barn on West Street. Eastward on Hill at Forrest Street it turned and went to the then Fairgrounds, located where Cracking Good Bakery is today. Only the waiting station at Valdosta State University remains to remind us of the streetcars.

ASA Engineering and Surveying, Inc. prepared this map depicting the various railway routes and depots historic to Valdosta. The information used in preparation of this map was furnished from the Society's collections.

Georgia Southern & Florida Railway

This rendering (shown at right) is adapted from an 1895 GS&F promotional brochure.

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A Souvenir
of the

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CORDELE,
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With Savannah, Americus & Montgomery Railway for Albany, Americus, Montgomery, Ocmulgee River Landings, New Orleans, Points in Texas and the Southwest.

TIFTON,
GA.

With Plant System, for Jacksonville, Brunswick, Savannah, Charleston, New York and Eastern Cities.

VALDOSTA,
GA.

With Plant System, for Thomasville, Waycross, Savannah and Points in Southwest Georgia.

JASPER,
FLA.

With Plant System, for Gainesville, Tampa and interior Florida Points.

LAKE CITY,
FLA.

With Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad, for Jacksonville and all interior Florida Points.

PALATKA,
FLA.

With Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railway, East Coast Line and Boats on the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers for Sanford, Tampa, St. Augustine and interior Florida Points.

YATESVILLE,
GA.

With the Southern Railway, for Fort Valley, Atlanta and all points in the West and Northwest.

WOODBURY,
GA.

With the Georgia Midland & Gulf Railroad, for Columbus, Griffin and Points on Columbus Southern Railroad and Apalachicola and Chattahoochee River Landings.

LAGRANGE,
GA.

With the Atlanta & West Point Railroad, for Opelika, Montgomery, New Orleans and Points in Texas and the Southwest; for Atlanta, Newnan and Points in the West the Northwest.

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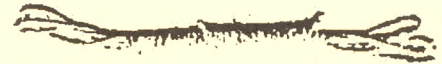
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Trustees are elected to serve for three years, with one third of the members of the board being elected annually. At our May meeting we will vote for seven (7) trustees for the 2002-2005 Class. There are also two (2) vacancies in the 2001-2004 Class to be nominated at the same time. Susan McKey Thomas is chairman of this Nominating Committee. If you have any suggestions, please call her at 242-6944 or call the Museum at 247-4780.

They Organized a Football Team – Continued from page 2

spoke on the results football has had on the high school. Frank Rose spoke on "What We Think of Football." Dr. Howell spoke on "The Fine Points of the Game." Players and teachers expressed gratitude to Coach Rockwell for his most excellent work. Captain John Stevens spoke on "The Team and the Coach." Stevens was a senior and would not be returning to high school. Twelve of the team would.

In March 1914, the team coach, Turner Rockwell, became Sports Editor of *The Valdosta Times*, thus beginning a notable career with this newspaper. A few years later the "Tigers" became the "Wildcats." Not only did the Valdosta High School team name change, but in the twenties, the yearbook was called *The Dosta*. From 1929 through 1941, there was not a yearbook. In 1942, my class revived the yearbook tradition publishing the first of *The Sandspur*, which has continued through now.

My research included *The Valdosta Times*, and the Valdosta High School yearbook of that time, "*V. H. S. 1914*".

Place names...Valdosta

FAIRVIEW

"Fairview" is the most common name for a populated place, according to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

(Source: *National Geographic*, March 2002).

The oldest residential neighborhood in Valdosta is Fairview. At the time Valdosta was founded it was the only Valdosta in the world. Fitting that the residential section of a town the only one of its name be called by the name most common for a populated place in the U.S.A.!

Today, we can no longer claim to be the only Valdosta because there is now another, east of Decatur, Alabama off of U.S. 72 highway.

Museum News

March attendance at the Museum got off to a good start when Moody AFB airmen visited as a part of Moody's Right Start program, an introduction to our community. They were given a thumbnail sketch of our local history and viewed the exhibits. There were many favorable remarks about the interesting things they saw at the museum.

Anita Shelton is chairman of the April 26th "History 100 Dinner" and she is working with the staff to prepare for this annual event. We are anticipating a large attendance to hear Congressman Charlie Norwood, at the new Conference Center off Norman Drive.

We are at the midterm of the grant project, which was funded October 1, 2001 by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Office of Secretary of State. The purpose of the grant is to "Inventory our archives and develop a system that will let us locate documents and photographs with precision; and develop and implement a disaster preparedness plan." The total project cost is estimated at \$24,687. The grant amount is \$5,000 and the LCHS cash match is \$6,987. Plus an in kind match of \$12,700. Renate Milner, Museum Director, is leading the Grant work with the assistance of Angela Purser.

GENDEX, an index of vital records, is now available at the Museum for public use. This resource was developed by South Georgia Regional Library and has been at the Museum for several years, but we now have a computer for the public to search GENDEX themselves. The database contains entries from about 1870 to 1945 and 1980 to the early 1990s. While this source has gaps and is incomplete, it is one of the best tools available for those researching family history. The information is generally restricted to Lowndes and adjacent counties.

In December, Anita Shelton donated a new and powerful DuKane digital projector to the Museum. We are finding it to be very useful. Several PowerPoint presentations have been prepared and used with this projector. It has enabled us to give outstanding pictorial presentations for the *World War II Remembered* reception on December 8, 2001, and a fabulous group of railroad views at the March 2002 annual meeting of the *Georgia Southern & Florida Rail Road Historical Society*. The projector can also be used to project videos on the screen. Thank you, Anita.

A kid's page has been created by Angela Purser of our Museum Staff and is available on the Internet. It is found on our Web site www.valdostamuseum.org, then click on the Kid's Page link. On this page, kids can do a variety of activities, which are seasonal with an historical focus, and bring these to the Museum to receive stickers toward a "Junior Historian" certificate.



COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

Gabard Collection of Social Invitations



An impressive collection of social invitations, spanning a period of more than 50 years, was presented to this society by Dr. William M. Gabard, Professor Emeritus of History and Director Emeritus of International Studies, Valdosta State University, and a former president of this Society. The collection depicts an important overview of social life in the Valdosta community. Julie Smith is currently organizing and cataloging the collection.

MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 26 | (Friday) 7:00 PM | History 100 Dinner
(Valdosta – Lowndes Conference Center, Norman Drive, Valdosta) |
| April 29 | (Monday) 7:00 PM | Sons of Confederate Veterans |
| May 23 | (Thursday) 7:00 PM | Quarterly Meeting
Election of Trustees for Class of 2005 |
| May 27 | Memorial Day (Monday) | MUSEUM CLOSED |

YESTERDAY & TODAY

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