

## Looking Back In The News

FEBRUARY 20, 1947

Angus breeders in 12 Northwest Georgia counties, including Chattooga, have come to form the Northwest Georgia Angus Association. J.A. Duff was elected president. Members from the counties included Leroy Massey, William H. Hinchey, and Son of Summerville, Charles W. Lowry and T.L. Lowry, of Summerville, and Tom Grubbs, of Trion.

E.R. Perkins, of Borden, Ga., said he had been looking to buy blood urea for his hay and corn.

The Park Theater in Dickeyville donated \$100 to the Memorial Home-construction.

The Summerville Lions and the Trion Lions were playing a basketball game at Shredwan Gymnasium.

Popular, sacred, quartet and all other records were on sale at the new Radio and Supply Company.

In Society Mrs. Tuttle returned to Canada after visiting friends here, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harlow and Ralph C. Coker.

Jackson Kelllett was in Detroit at the bedside of his critically ill son, Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Floyd, of Lyerly, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Hogz.

High-scoring "let" Stallings and top rebounder Burl Gaylor led the Lyerly team to a one-loss season in the county basketball league. The team will play in the region tournament.

The M-Coal Grocery Store and the ash-boring Harlow Feed Store were both closed for a few days when it was believed to have started in the grocery store. Firefighters stopped the blaze in about an hour.

Harlow Feed Store advertises a sliced bacon was 66¢ a pound at Home Stores, hominy was 10¢ a can and lard cost 33¢ a pound.

FEBRUARY 10, 1942

Whelan read a radio address about the City of Summerville that was broadcast statewide by WSB Radio.

M.M. Hisinger was the new owner of the Summerville Canteen.

In Menlo News: The Rev. and Mrs. D.A. Boozer and Mrs. J.R. W. Sunday in Orange Head; Mrs. J.H. Hogz visited Mrs. Hollis, of Lyerly.

The '94 Sale' was ongoing at Fisher's to Cent Store.

New Gov. Hoover's first state-visit was set to begin since the U.S. entered the war. It was to be broadcast on WSB.

In the Want Ads: An 18K gold ring had little news in it. The one could pick it up if they could identify it properly. A "colored property" which included a five-room house was for sale; G. G. rare farm on road.

Chattooga County men selected for induction in the armed services included: Walter D. Fountain, Daniel Leon Mobbs, Gen. Andrew Brown, Gibson Cooper Mahan, Russell Crouch, Kelly Elmer Bulman and Tom Taylor Cooper.

The attached "vital replacement parts" including pistons, spark plugs, radiator hoses and fan belts. The business was managed by Fred and Frances News. Mrs. Harry L. McGinnis spent Friday in Gordo, Ala. She Smith had been ill for several days. Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Perry returned from a trip to Miami in Palm Beach and Mrs. Bob Howe visited relatives in Centre, Ala. Mrs. Luther Smith was in Atlanta on Saturday.

Katie Hurley (L.) is a fourth generation family member on Southeast First National's Board

## Four Generations Of Bankers Celebrate 40 Years Of Chattooga County Business

towns. COVID has sped up that process.

Barry said, "We have enjoyed being in the county." He said, "The county has been good to us in the grocery business and has been good to us in the banking business, too... We have had 40 years of Chattooga County, which is something of which we are proud."

Katie Hurley (Barry's daughter) makes the fourth-generation family member to serve on the Southeast First National Bank. She is a third-year law student at UGA and is the great niece of Henry and Charles Dawes, who were Comptrollers of the currency who are the bank's federal regulators.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK 1980s CHRISTMAS PARTY Year When Sue, Suzanne Came To Work For The Bank

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THROWBACK TO AN OLD CHRISTMAS PARTY Fay And Sue Hurley Pose In Front Of Bank's Tree



BOARD MEMBERS (L-R), WILL HAIR, LARRY HINSON Fay Hurley And A.J. Strickland Prepare For Pancake Festival



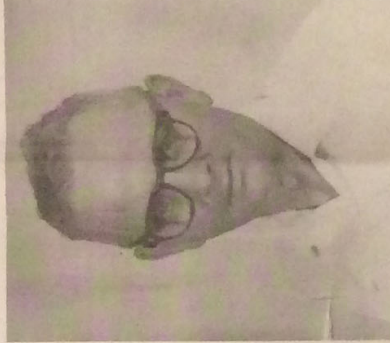
L-R, EDDIE HURLEY, SUZANNE HURLEY-HOWMAN And Barry Hurley Pose At Their Panama City Branch Bank



FIRST NATIONAL BANK SPONSORED A LOCAL Summerville-Trion Rotary Club Event At The Tavern



SUE AND FAY HURLEY WITH HOWARD FINSTER Local Bank Always Supported Annual 'Pancake AT Shows



FIRST FAMILY MEMBER ON THE BOARD It's Barry's Grandfather, T.R. Hurley



LARRY SCHLACHTER POSES WITH SUE HURLEY She Made One Of 13 Female Owned Banks In America