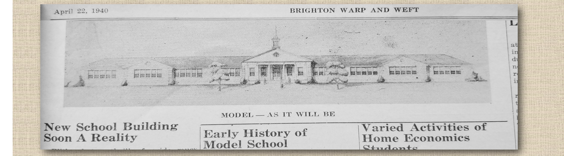
- THE GREAT PARTNERSHIP -


MODEL — AS IT WILL BE

New School Building Soon A Reality

Early History of Model School

Varied Activities of Home Economics Students

MODEL SCHOOL

BRIGHTON MILLS

SCHOOL NEWS

Model's Literary Winners In The District Meet

Model Gets Cinder Track

— MODEL SCHOOL —

THE "NEW" MODEL SCHOOL was only ten years old in 1939 when it was completely destroyed by fire. Only a hull of its exterior brick walls were left standing. The local community, along with the assistance of Brighton Mills, wasted no time in rebuilding the school. Teachers and students took up temporary quarters in several of the Mill's empty worker houses along with the entire upstairs section of its Britton Brothers Store.

ABOVE IS A COPY FROM A "SCHOOL NEWS" page of a 1940 Warp and Weft, magazine. It shows an architectural sketch of the proposed building, which was to be built within the same brick walls left from the old burned-out building. Within a few months the new building was finished, and Model School was back in full operation at the beginning of the 1940-41 school year.

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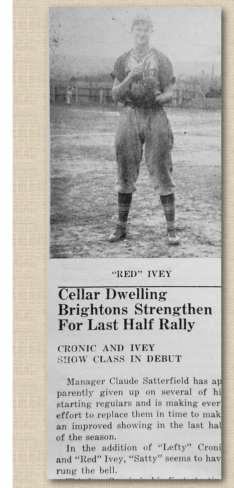
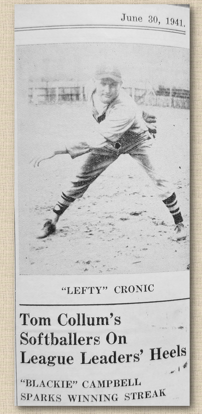

"RIP" IVEY

Cellar Dwelling Brightons Strengthen For Last Half Rally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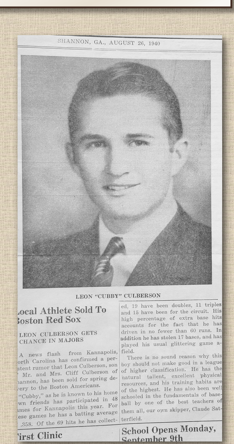
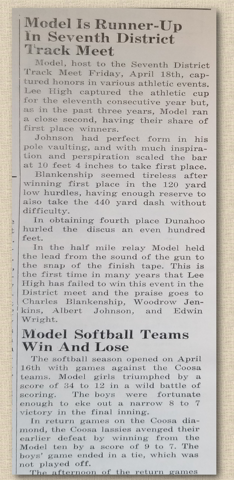
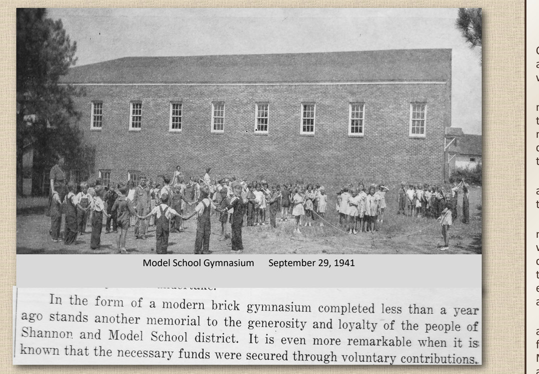
"LEFTY" CRONIC

Tom Collum's Softballers On League Leaders' Heels


SHANNON, GA., AUGUST 26, 1940


Model Is Runner-Up In Seventh District Track Meet

Model Softball Teams Win And Lose


Model School Gymnasium September 29, 1941

In the form of a modern brick gymnasium completed less than a year ago stands another memorial to the generosity and loyalty of the people of Shannon and Model School district. It is even more remarkable when it is known that the necessary funds were secured through voluntary contributions.

THE MODEL / BRIGHTON CONNECTION

BRIGHTON MILLS CAME TO SHANNON IN in 1925. The mills' manager and CEO, at that time, was Mr. Julian K. Morrison. The mill, waterworks, railroad spur and workers village were all quickly constructed, and by the end of 1926 the mill was up and running.

BRIGHTON'S AFFILIATION WITH MODEL SCHOOL began in 1929 when it donated a 14-acre tract of its company land to Model School for a new campus and the building of a new school. Then in 1936 a new principal came to Model by the name of Randall H. Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Minor took up residence in Model's on-campus principal's home, where they would continue to live until 1958 at which time Mr. Miner became Dr. Minor and the President of Rome's Shorter College.

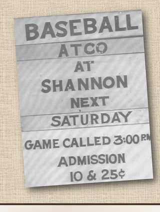
THE MODEL / BRIGHTON PARTNERSHIP became much stronger when Mr. Minor and Mr. Morrison teamed up. These two great leaders shared one common goal. And, that was to develop one great community for the benefit of all the people in the Shannon Area.

MR. MINOR BECAME THE POTOGRAPHER for the BRIGHTON WARP and WEFT magazine, and it was told that he was paid more by the Mill for that work than he was paid by the school board for being principal! Morrison's "Brighton Family" included all the mill's employees and there families along with Model's students, teachers and staff. The many benefits given the Brighton Family were available to everyone of its members, along with medical care from the company's clinic being available to everyone.

MR. MORRISON SAW TO IT that the whole community, especially its sports and school programs, was provided adequate facilities in which to meet, play and fellowship… such as: a stadium for textile league baseball and a football field for Model School, a log cabin for the Boy Scouts, the principal's house, a cafeteria and a movie theater at Model School, etc. etc.

Brighton Mills Team from 1934

— BRIGHTON MILLS —



BASEBALL WAS ALL THE RAGE in the early years of Brighton Mills. As a member of the Northwest Georgia Textile League the Shannon team played other leagues down to a championship each season. Many members of these teams went on to play in "The Majors".

To the left is the Claude Satterfield Baseball Stadium, which was located in what is today's "Shag Williams Park".

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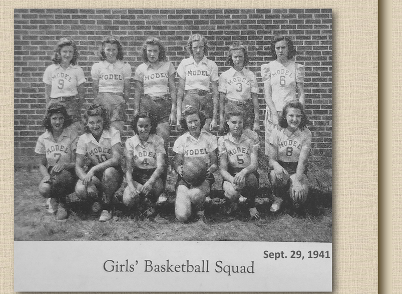
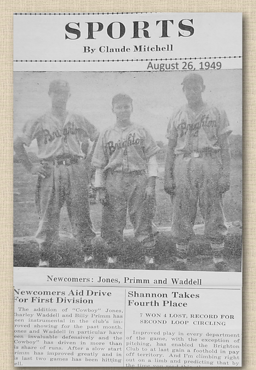
ROOKIES CULBERSON, STO…

Cream Of The Rookie Crop


Girls' Basketball Squad Sept. 29, 1941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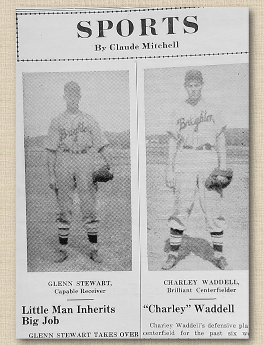
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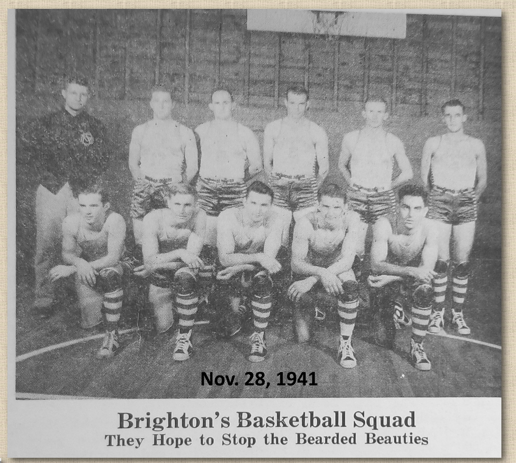
Little Man Inherits Big Job

"Charley" Waddell

MODEL SCHOOL FACULTY September 29, 1941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Brighton's Basketball Squad

They Hope to Stop the Bearded Beauties

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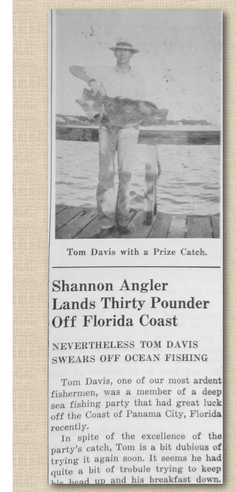
Hunting Season Gets Perfect Day For Opener

BRIGHTON BASKETEERS

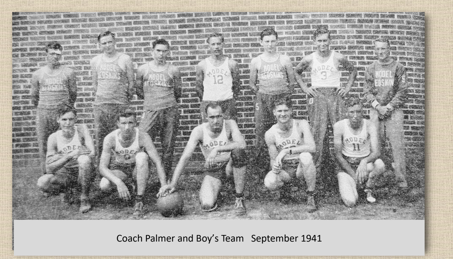
Fall And Winter Sports

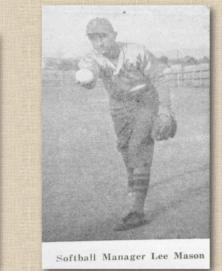
Tennessee Leads Pack In S. E. C. Race

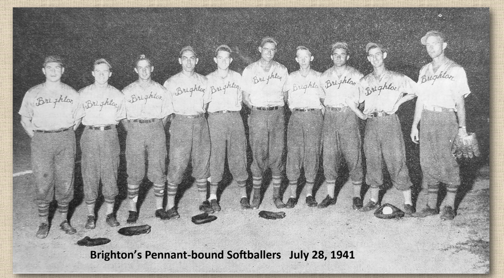
1941 BASEBALL TEAM


Shannon Angler Lands Thirty Pounder Off Florida Coast

Girls' Basketball Squad September 29, 1941


Coach Palmer and Boy's Team September 1941


Softball Manager Lee Mason


Brighton's Pennant-bound Softballers July 28, 1941

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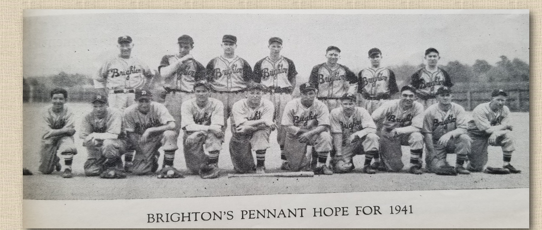
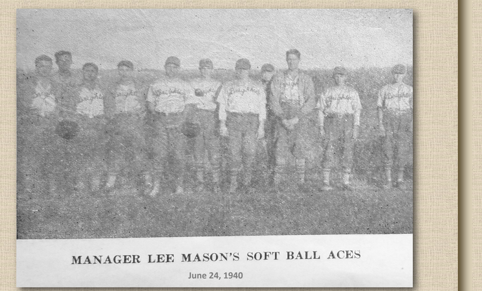

BRIGHTON'S PENNANT HOPE FOR 1941

1941 BASEBALL TEAM


MANAGER LEE MASON'S SOFT BALL ACES

June 23, 1941

- WWII -

DECEMBER THE SEVENTH, 1941

"A Day That Will Live In Infamy"… FDR

THIS DAY WAS ONE OF SHOCK AND AWE… and one that would bring drastic changes to the "Brighton Family" (Model School and Brighton Mills) and how they lived, worked and played. Hundreds of Brighton Workers, along with many Model Students, wet off to war. Fifteen of those would never return.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES TOOK A BACK SEAT to the Nation's all-out efforts of winning The War. The Mill went into wartime production with many women taking up the slack by working in the place of their soldiering husbands. Shannon's baseball team would drop out of the textile league due to many of its players fighting the War. Model's graduating classes became smaller.

THE WAR RAGED ON for some four years. Then one September Day in 1945 the big siren, "whistle" atop the mill went into a continuous wail. People, all around, came out of their houses and work places to find out the good news… "The War is Over. Our Boys will be coming home!"

Brighton WARP and WEFT

DAY NURSERY CONTEMPLATED FOR SHANNON

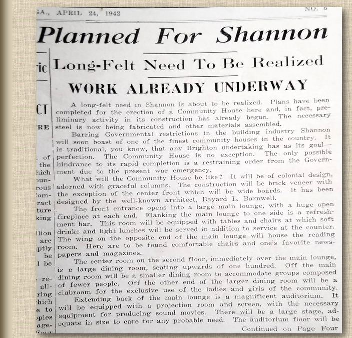
Survey Under Way To Explore Need

PLANT GARDENS FOR DEFENSE

Food Will Help Win the War

Civilian Defense Organization Underway

Will It Help to Win the War?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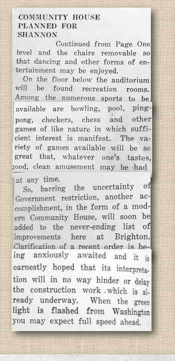
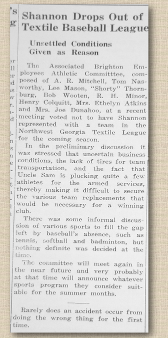
Planned For Shannon

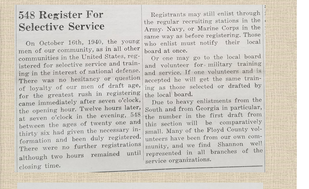
Long-Felt Need To Be Realized

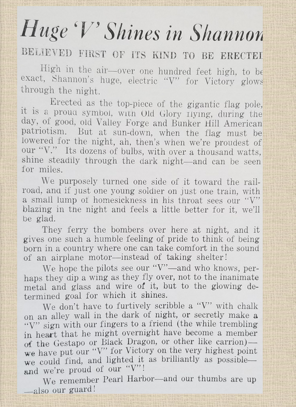
WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

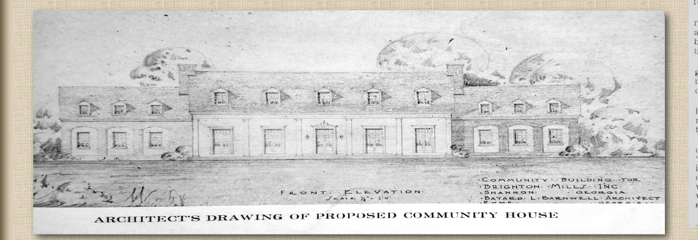
A long-felt need in Shannon is about to be realized. Plans have been completed for the erection of a Community House here and, in fact, pre-


COMMUNITY HOUSE PLANNED FOR SHANNON






Huge "V" Shines in Shannon


ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY HOUSE