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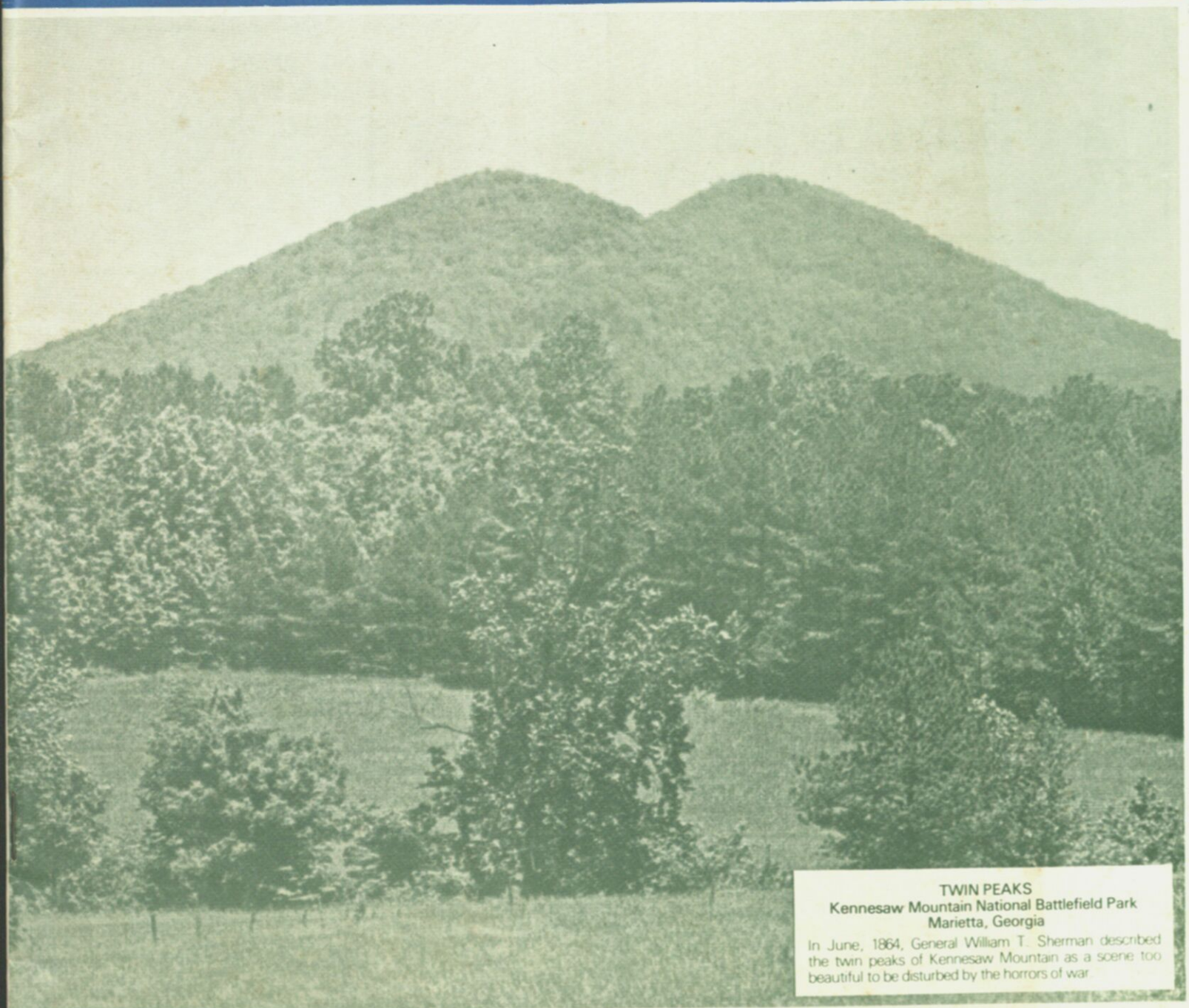
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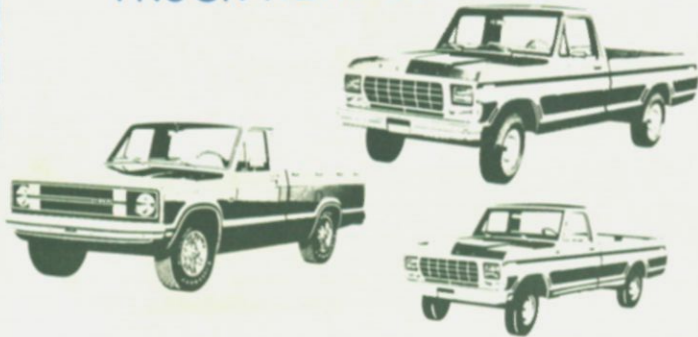
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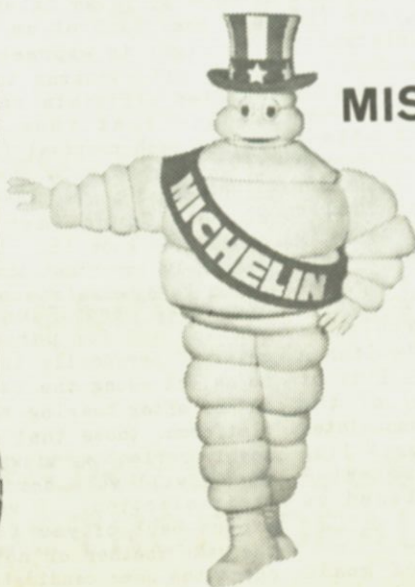
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Mayor Clyde McDonald

Dear Friends,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you as Mayor and Councilman for the past 6 1/2 years. As many of you know, I have decided not to be a candidate for re-election this fall. My decision comes after many months of prayer and thought concerning priorities and goals for my life over the next several years. There are few callings in life higher than that of serving as a public official, but circumstances do arise which take precedence. To be able to serve the City of Kennesaw will always be a highlight of my life.

While not opting for re-election I, along with each of you, have the right to express an opinion as to future goals (directions) for Kennesaw. However, goals must be flexible depending on the many factors involved. Final decisions can only be made after a study of costs versus benefits. If we elected officials did not have to be stewards of the people's money (revenues available to operate the city) and money was infinite, then our job would be easy. All drainage problems would be corrected by piping the problem area; sewer would be made available to everyone regardless of cost; all parks would be well-equipped, and so on. The real world is one where there is

limited resources and infinite projects competing for funding.

I have presented below a list of goals that while not meant to be all inclusive, would provide future city officials adequate possibilities in which to study and make recommendations. These are not in priority order since the adoption of one could change other priorities substantially: (1) Completion of future land use map and its adoption by city council (2) Increase Civic Design Commission to 10 members and revise its duties and responsibilities to work more closely with the Planning Commission (3) Adopt a pension plan for non-elected personnel (4) Establish a civil service system for employees (5) Have a city administrator (6) Move the Police Department to the old city hall (when existing leases expire) and build attach "holding cells". Convert present jail to offices for the Department of Public Works (7) Work closely with the Historical Society in formulating a 5-year plan for developing Kennesaw's historical district (8) Establish a written perpetual list of projects (needs) of the City, with their associated costs. Future budget line items would be selected from this list based on rank.

The above list of goals

Mayor's Report

does not pre-empt the major task of the Mayor and Council which is to develop a budget and to control expenditures.

Elected officials would be greatly aided by a city administrator who would handle day-to-day business of the city and would provide additional data and facts to city officials when requested. It should be the Mayor and Council's responsibility to make laws and set policies. Current department heads have their hands full running their department without doing "extra" work for elected officials. Also, experience has shown that it would be best if Councilmen had a single source to go to for information. In Cobb County only Kennesaw does not have a city manager or city administrator. I am convinced that this position would pay for itself if a well-qualified person were hired.

It is not my intent in this article to try and convince readers that the goals outlined are more important than someone else's. Had I been re-elected I would have fought for each to be considered, but factors may have prevented implementation. It is my intent to say that each of us have the right to express our views and concerns to our elected officials and to expect that they will review each proposal fully. If you agree with some of my proposed goals, then let current Councilmen and candidates know it. It is extremely important that we elect individuals who are concerned about Kennesaw and not out for personal gain. I personally intend to select among the candidates, after hearing their platforms, those that most nearly reflect my views and then I will work hard for their election. I would expect each of you to do the same whether or not we chose the same candidate!

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

by Brenda Burrell

Jack Weeks told me that Oliver Wilbur had to be the tightest person he knew. Oliver's wife tried to get him to take her to dinner the other night. Oliver said he would, but he just wasn't hungry. So she decided to cook dinner. Oliver ate like a horse.



Did you read the article entitled "Phantom Chicken at Plant" in the Marietta Journal, Thursday, July 26? Well, I know who the culprit was. BUDDY MCGRAW, who moved from Cobb County 5 years ago and recently moved back here, said he nearly flipped when he saw the article. About 6 months ago, while working at the Sequoia TVA Plant in Soddy Daisy, Tenn. (just outside Chattanooga), he started drawing cartoons of a Phantom Chicken and Superman. In the cartoons, the two were always competing. If Superman just arrived at the scene of an emergency, the Phantom Chicken had already solved the problem and was gone. If a girl was involved, of course, Phantom Chicken always won out. For 6 months BUDDY drew these cartoons, ran copies of them, placed them all around the plant, then got on the intercom and sounded off with a chicken cackle. He was never caught and people at the plant are still anxiously awaiting their next Phantom Chicken cartoon. (By the way, Girls, BUDDY is unattached, and since he's been out of town for 5 years, would like to meet some nice ladies that aren't looking for a heavy relationship).

Pool Firm Nets Awards

By MARY NELSON
Focus Editor

Aqua-Rama Pools and Patio Furniture does sell pools and patio furniture, but there's a lot more to it than that. This is a family-run business that is more than knee-deep in water.

Bob Shearer and his wife Lee started their company in 1966 with one display pool located on Cobb Parkway and an office in their home. In 1969 they moved to their current location at 565 Powder Springs Road in Marietta. They recently opened a second store in Johnson Ferry Shopping Center in east Cobb.

When the Shearers opened their store on Powder Springs Road, they expanded their business to include patio furniture. Over the past 10 years they have broadened their scope of business even further.

In addition to pools and furniture, they sell spas and hot tubs, and they have the Georgia dealership for Sun-Fun Enclosures — a pool cover with a motorized roof to open and close for a year-round swimming facility. They also have a pool service division, and in the winter months they turn the showroom into a store for pool tables and trampolines.

The Shearers' three children are all actively involved in the company. Their son Craig is in charge of the construction end of the business; their daughter Karen, a graduate accountant, manages both stores; and their daughter Pam, a former state swim champ with the Marietta Marlins, gives swim lessons and Red Cross water safety instruction in their display pool behind the main store.

"1979 has been the best year yet for our company," the Shearers say. "In addition to being better organized and having a greater capacity, there is a greater interest in home entertainment than ever before in our country. With the energy problems what they are, more attention is being given to developing the back yard country club idea, with the emphasis on pools for entertainment as well as beauty."

Aqua-Rama Pools not only has an excellent reputation for honesty and good craftsmanship, but they have won 40 southeast and national awards for outstanding pool design over the past three years. Their first award was presented by Buster Crabbe (Tarzan) and their latest 1978 award by Olympic Gold Medalist Shirley Babashoff.

The decision to purchase a pool



BOB SHEARER
Aqua-Rama Owner

is a major one, and is treated as such by all employees of Aqua-Rama. Within the main store there is a viewing room for prospective customers to give them a slide orientation on different pool sizes, shapes, and landscaping for every budget and every need. A pool is considered a social entertainment area as well as a recreational event, and all of Aqua-Rama's pools are built with this in mind. The most popular pool types are the free-form ones — Kidneys, peanuts, ovals and pears, because they are easier to landscape.

Shearer expressed the importance of the Chamber of Commerce by saying, "what's good for Cobb County is good for me. Every new business that is brought into our county has the potential of helping my business somewhere along the line." Aqua-Rama Pools was instrumental in bringing Fox Pools Corporation to Cobb County, which provides factory and warehouse facilities to his company and, in turn, provides efficient service to his customers.

"My business depends on other Cobb County businesses," he said, "and I can see the need to support all of the Chamber's activities towards bringing new business to Cobb."



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ACWORTH MAYOR

RALPH COOLIDGE

I want to thank the Kennesaw Gazette for the opportunity of allowing the Mayor of Acworth equal time and mention in the magazine as well as let our sister city folks know what's going on our way. And since Wildman and Mayor McDonald always find a way to mention me in their columns, now's my chance.

It has been said that when your name is mentioned in the newspaper, at least you know you are somebody. So Wildman, we don't have a Wildman in Acworth and Clyde, our annexations are getting closer! Now, you two KNOW that you are somebody!

But seriously, we in Acworth have had a busy and productive year thus far. We are changing our electrical system over to the 7200 power which will enable our amperage to be lowered and our power bill

to drop as well as give better service to our citizens. This project has been six to seven years in the making and has been a top priority this year.

Another top priority has been the conclusion of the two sewer projects begun two years ago. These two projects funded by both Federal and State grants are now in operation winding down a long spell of problems.

We have also been able to have a total of eight miles of streets repaved with the help of the county and the D.O.T.

The efforts of this administration toward bringing up the level of professionalism within City Hall is beginning to show and we are proud of what's going on. We hope that you like what you see here in Acworth now and in the future.

You've heard of keeping up with the Joneses, well Acworth is trying to keep up with Kennesaw in at least two respects. I learned a great deal from the formation of the Kennesaw Historical Society and the efforts of building the museum and getting the "General" back to Kennesaw. Now Acworth has formed a Downtown Revitalization Authority program for the improvement of the city. And I understand that a lot of the telephone calls coming through the switchboard asking "What is HEARTH"? are calls from citizens of Kennesaw. You'll be hearing interesting things happening with HEARTH soon.

Kennesaw has it's Trade Days, however, this year Acworth will be having a three-day "Pioneer Days" over the Labor Day weekend. Pioneer Days will be

sponsored by HEARTH with many activities going on over the weekend. We hope that those of you in Kennesaw will attend this first special Pioneer Days as we have attended your Trade Days.

Let me say a little bit about growth in Acworth. In order to maintain a small town atmosphere, growth has to be orderly and in line with a planned usage development program. And since housing is a basis for growth, several projects have been started. Seventy new homes are in the beginning stages of being built with financing by the Farmers Home Administration. The City has just received a federal grant funding 50 units for the elderly, handicapped and disadvantaged. Seventy new homes in the upper brackets will soon be developed as well. This will bring in new families as well as broaden the city's tax base. This year, we've annexed a total of 68 acres and are presently considering another tract of adjoining land with 108 acres. These properties involve residential and commercial zoning making growth and progress definite.

Sister cities must work together and we hope to have some joint projects going on soon. There always remains a place in my heart for the City of Kennesaw and it's citizens. I spent some happy years there and have many friends there.

Oh yes, Clyde, you mentioned something about trading off certain councilmen. Thanks, but no thanks, I think I'll keep mine. And what are you personally doing to add to the growth of Kennesaw? My new citizen of Acworth will arrive in October, let's see what you can do.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

MAYOR RALPH COOLIDGE wants to get a billboard sign put on I-75 reading "Acworth - Home of Larry Nelson". (They'd like to be known for something). Just found out several people are wearing "Where the hell is Acworth?" T-Shirts, but you have to buy them in Kennesaw.

ROD PADGETT, 13, of Blue Ridge, Ga., son of GWEN HAMBY, Kennesaw, had a tonsillectomy performed at Kennestone Hospital last month on Friday the 13th. Would you say that was an unlucky day for you, ROD?



Whee! Ever been up in a city bucket truck? I was getting the photographs for the front cover this month and called JOE GRIFFIS, City Superintendent of Acworth, to see if they had any ready made photos of downtown. Since he only had old ones, he suggested I come up and take it from the bucket truck. Pilot BOBBY BRYANT, Top Lineman for the city, navigated me up, up and over the town (between my squeals of delight). Thanks to JOE & BOBBY for your cooperation and the thrill of my life.

BOBBY WILBANKS & CRAIG ROLLINS of Acworth. I would like to get a photograph of you two cool dudes by your trucks. Is it true y'all could win the "Ugly Truck" award? Get in touch with me at the Gazette.

Thanks to WAYNE ROBINSON (Robinson's Machine & Welding Shop) for welding my muffler and tail pipe together. First part of the month while right in the middle of the magazine rack distribution, they came apart and talk about a racket. WAYNE fixed it in no time and wouldn't take any pay. He said, "We gotta keep that Gazette moving."

News Break: R. KEMP draws mud! (Did you see the movie?)

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Orion (Elvis sound alike) stirred up more interest the first time "Honey" was played than any record we ever played on WBIE.

Did you know that Mae Axton, that wrote Heart-break Hotel, is Hoyt Axton's mother?

Recently, Mercury Recording Artist, Johnny Russell, told me, "I'm not gonna be living with that teenager much longer." (He was speaking of his teenage bride of 2 years, Beverly Heckel). My mouth dropped open and I asked what had happened. He chuckled and said, "Beverly's having a birthday. She'll be 20 years old soon."

I've heard Don William's fame has gone to his head, and he's pretty hard to get along with since he's become a big star.

Dolly Parton said she was intimidated into signing a management contract with her former singing partner, Porter Wagoner. She said she signed the contract only after what she called "a long continued course of mental intimidation" by Wagoner. Miss Parton was responding to a three-million dollar damage suit Wagoner has filed against her. (I heard that Dolly said even if Porter won the suit against her, she wouldn't come out flat-busted).



1979 KENNESAW SOFTBALL

The Kennesaw Girls Softball League, 13-14 year old division, were No. 1 in the district with 17 wins and 2 losses this year. All girls are students of Awtrey Middle School and North Cobb High. The coaching staff was on a voluntary basis. Several of the Staretts were chosen for the All-Star Team. Hats off to Team Mother, Dot Conner (who has 6 children at home) and did a

fantastic job.

1st Row sitting L to R: Danita Shipp, Denise Bugg, Tonya Priest, Michele Morris, 2nd Row L to R: Kelly King, Cindy Maples, Janice Russell, Amy Watkins, Donna Johnson, 3rd Row Standing L to R: Kim Thaggart, Valerie Conner, Lisa Smith & Beverly Conner. Keith Priest, Coach; Dot Conner, Team Mother; Bobby Wimpey, Coach

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Recently overheard a customer tell her husband "I'm going to walk over into this section. If I'm not back in 10 minutes, come look for me."

I was aware I couldn't write but didn't know the Gazette Editor couldn't read. "Silver" should have been "Silent" in my last column.

(From the typesetter who just typed the above...If you can't write (which you can't), how am I expected to read it?)



I wondered why Ernest Barrett was grinning so on the cover of the last Gazette...then I took a look at my Cobb tax bills.

And in relation to the Mayors "Co-habitation" Ken-Acworth's Garbage Dump....I thought they had already established it on Lewis St. next to the Hardward Store, as everybody within a 20 mile radius dumps there.

This hot weather really reminds you of thirst quenching ads like, "When you're out of Schlitz, you're out of girls."

I think it's a scandle to the Jaybirds when the most important historic relic in Georgia (the General) is discontinued from the imprint selection on checks. (A Yankee Bank?)

Some of the girls were attempting to instruct me in how to play cards (Strip Mining or Sunset Strip or something like that), but I guess I'll never learn... I'd always thought a straight flush was when you didn't have to jiggle the handle afterwards.

The Mayor shouldn't feel overly reluctant about his lengthy reports. They do serve a good purpose. They've saved me oodles on sleeping tablet money.

to all customers of

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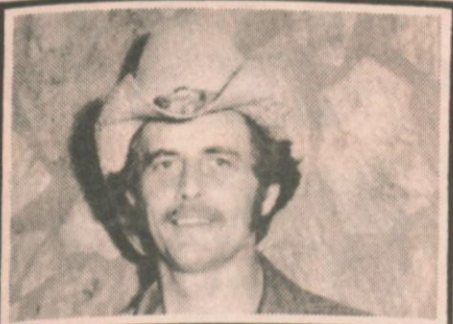
I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have patronized the shop, and have made it the success it is in so short a time.

My husband's company has just transferred us to the Chicago area for 3 years, and for this reason with much regret, I have sold the shop . . . But I am very pleased to say that Linda Pendry, will be the new owner. Linda is my co-worker, whom I've truly enjoyed working with and feel very confident in her work and ability. I know she will continue giving top quality work at reasonable prices and run the shop in the same fashion. Please drop in this month and say goodbye.

Maryann Griffin
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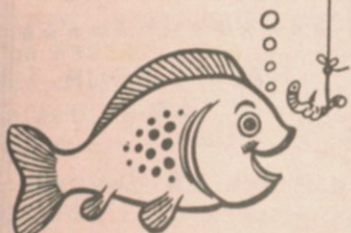
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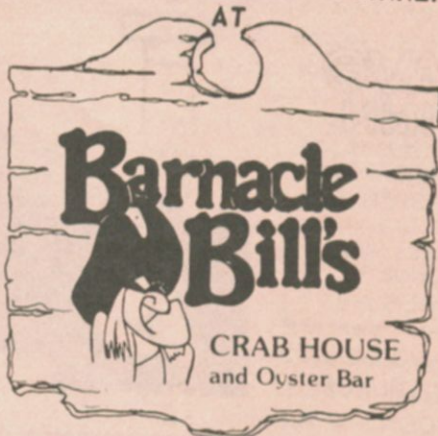
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The largest ever parade will officially open the festivities starting from Kenworth Park promptly at 11:00 A.M. leading all the good merrymakers through the heart of Acworth and ending at Acworth Beach where all the entertainment will be scheduled. From early morning, 9:00 will start the First Annual Pioneer Days Bicycle Race, till the last dancer at the Pioneer Disco Dance or the Square Dance drops, there will be a constant stream of demonstrations, displays, and contests.

Something for every age group is the general theme for this three days of rest and relaxation. Some of the events confirmed are: carnival rides, spacewalk, flea markets galore (in-

stead of holding that garage sale at home that weekend, bring your items and rent a booth where you will have a guaranteed crowd of perhaps 25,000 perspective customers), arts and crafts displays and sales, skydivers, boat rides, fishing contest, fireworks, model contest, produce judging, Miss and Mr. Pioneer Pageant, old time costume contest, Kim Brothers karate demonstration, mobilehome display, flower contests, recreation vehicle display, Acworth vs Kennesaw Officials softball game, muzzle loading shoot, antique auto show, tug o'war, bake sales, sandcastle building contest, swimming races, historical Acworth tour, three mile road race, helicopter rides, barbeque chicken, greased pole climb, frisbee contest, coke-n-dogs booths, pioneer jail, silver dollar roundup, Dunk the Dignitaries, homemade furniture, china dolls exhibit, Kennesaw Mountain Boys, western gear display, Carol Ann Ethridge singing, pony rides, Acworth School of Dance shows, the Jewel Tones, Acworth prints and photos, Dianne and the Echoes, Krystal Kritters, Miss Cobb County, Southern Keyboards, Georgia Tech Water Skiing Club exhibition, Due West Raiders, box social, HEARTH contest, photography contest, Lake City Cloggers, Kennesaw Classical Guitar Ensemble, Clarence the Clown, gospel singing, bands and more bands, picture taking, Shriners galore, farm exhibits, turtle races, baloon rides, pet show, hayride, frog jumping contest, horse shoe pitcing contest, voter registra-

tion, Pioneer Days T-Shirts, power lifting contest, Disco Music Sound, ice cream spree, YMCA gymnastics, watermelon eating contest, and many, many other things for young and old. Every contest will have winners and prizes!!!

Sunday afternoon will be a day for the family. After church, come to the beach prepared to bid on your favorite ladies box social lunch at 1:30 P.M. And if you lose the bid, eat barbeque with Acworth's finest and lay back to an afternoon of relaxation and listening to fine music provided by bands, choirs, gospel groups, bluegrass, and individual performers.

Let the kids build castles in the sand, race turtles, swim, dive, run, play till evening. Just at sunset, gather at The Cross and take part in an aspiring Vespers Service to give credit to Him who makes all things possible.

Monday (Labor Day) will dawn to the thumping of thousands of feet running the annual foot race starting again at Kenworth Park at 10:00 A.M.. The festivities will increase all day long culminating in the afternoon with the declaration of LARRY NELSON APPRECIATION DAY.

After meeting your local, state, county and national government officials, take a trip into fantasy by watching the most stupendous fireworks display ever brought to the shores of Lake Acworth to close a glorious weekend celebration.

LARRY NELSON-COBB COUNTY'S OWN GOLF HERO

by Brenda Burrell

For all you golf enthusiasts out there who keep telling me you want a story on Larry Nelson - I finally found him in town and got him still long enough for an interview.

in two consecutive weeks, and perhaps the first time in history the same person has had two in a row. I asked Larry if he was terribly nervous thinking about the difference in \$54,000 for 1st place and \$32,000 for 2nd and he stated, "I never think about the money during the game. The difference of \$22,000 doesn't bother me at all, and no, I don't get nervous. Sometimes I feel a little anticipation on the last round, the last day."

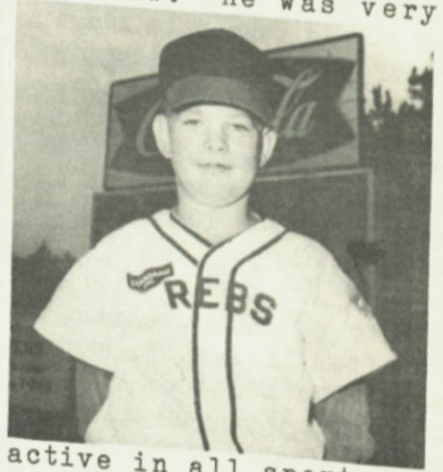
Born in Sand Mountain, Ala., a small town near Chattanooga, Tenn., 31 years ago, Larry moved with his family to Kennesaw when he was very young. His parents, Vernon & Rudell, had three sons, Tommy Lamar Rains, Larry and the youngest, Ricky Nelson (bet he gets a lot of comments about his name).



It's difficult to know where Larry's home is if you listen to the sportscasters. One time they'll say Kennesaw, next time Acworth. He told me he claims both towns. Even though the family had a rural route address in Kennesaw, he had to attend Acworth Elementary, yet he



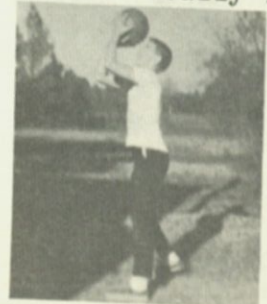
played Little League and Colt League baseball in Kennesaw. He was very



active in all sports at North Cobb High School, except track (his least favorite was football), and received a baseball and basketball scholarship to Southern Tech.

Larry stated that his father, Vern, was always stern with the boys about sports. He told them if they were not as good as anybody else, they'd have to work harder. "He was fairly critical of everything we did, pointing out things we did wrong, and I think it helped us to improve," Larry said. "Probably in front of people, when we weren't around, he was complimentary, but he was more of a critic than a bragger to our faces."

I asked Larry what other type things he enjoyed as a child and he replied, "We used to play HORSE basketball a lot around the house, and I really loved



I felt fortunate indeed, since Larry had just won the Western Open (a mere \$54,000 for 1st place), defeating Ben Crenshaw on the first hole in a sudden death playoff, which maintained his position among the top 10 money winners in 1979. This was Larry's second sudden death playoff

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Marcie Hubbard's mother, Marcella, recalls the time when her brother George French (now a member of Merle Haggard's band) and Buck Owens were neighbors in Bakersfield, California. Marcella remembers sitting in on practice sessions when her brother was a member of Owens band. They used to practice their music in the backyard.

So, when she accompanied the clogging group to Lanierland, she got a chance firsthand to reminisce with Buck Owens about those "good ole days".

Marcella said Owens recognized her and remembered those days well, and to the delight of the Little Generals invited them to his dressing room for a picture. Of course, his friend's child, Marcie Hubbard, was the favored dancer posing with him. The conversation with the dancers was quite exciting as the subject of Hee Haw was discussed.

Busy feet of the Little Generals took them to the First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta Wednesday night for the Banquet of the Friendship Force from New Castle, England and Saturday to Lenox Square for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce annual "Stay and See America in Georgia."

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The Nelsons lived in Detroit, Michigan for about 6 or 8 months. This photo was made by a photographer that traveled with the pony taking pictures of children sitting on him.

"Another thing I loved to do was play marbles. I



HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



HURLEY SIMMONS has a proposal for President Carter in reference to "Energy Conservation". He says "Raise those ladies dresses up above the knees again and you can save on air conditioning costs." (But if this causes the men to get steamed up, the purpose would be defeated. Had you thought of that, HURLEY?)



Does anyone remember this face? HARRY GAINES, son of MRS. PAUL GAINES of Kennesaw, grew up here, but left in 1948 and has since been living in Tennessee. He's a confirmed bachelor and comes down about once a month. This should bring back memories to the SCROGGS BOYS, HARVEL HILLHOUSE & DILLARD CHANDLER, among others.

Saw Harry Galt in the Shanty House Restaurant on August 1. It was his 55th Wedding Anniversary. Harry said he had a wonderful marriage even if it was all with the same woman.

The Kennesaw Gazette gets around. The following is an excerpt from a letter written to "WILDMAN" from DAVID COLE of Nashville, Tenn. (WILDMAN sends several hundred copies of the Gazette all over the United States each month). "Thanks for sending the Kennesaw Magazine. I liked the Mayor's article on Historic Preservation. You should be happy to live in a town that cares about its past."

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didn't care much for playing 'bullseye'. I liked the kind where you drew a big circle and just kept shooting till you missed. You know, you either played 'For Keeps' or 'Not For Keeps', used to win everybody's marbles. We had a tub full, but Mama made us give them back."



Larry recalled when they used to have what they called "May Day" at school, and in the first grade he dressed as "Uncle Sam" for the occasion.

Larry met his future wife, Gayle, in church when she was in the third grade. They were childhood sweethearts and dated all through high school. He



was drafted in the service during Gayle's senior year

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and they married 7 days after she graduated.

It's a well publicized and unusual fact that Larry Nelson had never played golf until he was 21 years old. While stationed in Viet Nam during the last 6 months of his hitch, he was trying to decide what type sport he could get involved in when he got out. The baseball organization had little to offer after age 19. They had mostly city teams, makeshift teams. An army buddy that kept talking about golf all the time influenced him to go into that field.

He started hitting balls at the driving range at Par 56 Golf Course in Marietta and other smaller courses, then from 1970-72 he worked as an assistant at Pinetree Golf course in Kennesaw, which gave him free access to the grounds. He stated that Bert Seagraves at Pinetree had helped him a lot. Larry's father, Vern, took up golf about 4 years ago and his younger brother Ricky started playing after Larry started.

Being rather uninformed about the golf world, I asked Larry if he could tell us what stages or steps you have to go through to get where he is and how the amount of money is determined, etc. He stated that the amount of money in a tournament doesn't make it more exclusive. For example, the West Chester \$400,000 is just as easy to get into as the Magnolia Classic which is a \$50,000 tournament.

The first prize is always 18% of the total purse. Larry will play at 20 tournaments this year with a total purse of \$300,000 or

HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

WANDA & CHARLES T. COPELAND of Woodland Dr., Kennesaw are proud parents of a baby boy, CHARLES CHRISTOPHER, born July 31st.

I'm beginning to feel paranoid. My car has been hit 3 times in the last 2 months. Each time it was parked and twice I was sitting in it. And who else could break open a fortune cookie at a Chinese restaurant with no fortune inside? Jeepers, Creepers!

GLENNA MARTIN, co-owner of the new G & G Variety Store in Kennesaw, was having fun at a local skating rink until she fell and fractured her arm, and had to go to Kennestone Hospital to have it set. Both sons were there two weeks before. One had his toe operated on and the other had his arm operated on. Be careful, BUTCH, looks like it may be your turn next.



I've finally got some help! SANDRA "RED" ELLIOTT will become a familiar face around the Cobb and Cherokee areas, as a sales representative for the Gazette. So far, she's doing a great job, but could probably use a little boosting, so all you Gazette lovers out there make her feel welcome when you see her. Welcome aboard, "RED". We're proud to have you.

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In the 5 1/2 years since Larry has been on the big tour, he's won over \$560,000 and this has been his best year with winnings of \$234,000 and the year is only half over.

Larry says the most difficult thing about his profession is trying to figure a way to keep part of the money. The government takes about 50% and he'd like to have some left when he retires. (If things continue to go well, he plans to retire at age 40). About 4 years ago, Larry employed a Dallas, Texas C.P.A. to help him set up a program on financial planning and investments. "Playing golf is different than other occupations," he says. "Nothing is guaranteed. You start off each year with zero and you know your living expenses are going to cost you \$50,000 for the year, so you've got to figure some way of meeting your expenses and be able to put some back for retirement."

You've probably noticed in interviews how Larry always says "We won - We did this or that". He's speaking of his wife, Gayle, who is completely supportive of him and travels, along with their two sons, Andrew Benjamin 2 years and 9 months, and Joshua Evan 9 months, everywhere. Larry says it gets more and more hectic with more winnings, flying from one place to the next, living out of

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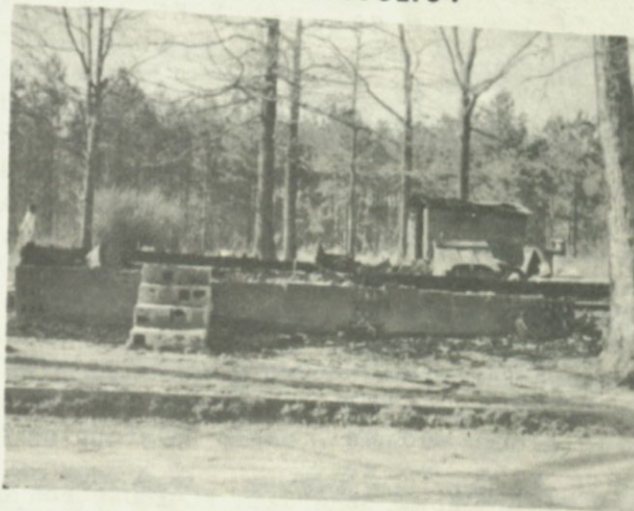
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it has 'Larry Nelson, Kennesaw', I get it or 'Larry Nelson, Acworth' and I think people remember you because you grew up together. I don't think it would make any difference whether I'd won a tournament or not. We've visited some beautiful places, among our favorites are Pebble Beach, Calif. and Pine Hurst, N. C., but we're always anxious to get back home."

Larry will be in 33 tournaments this year, 3 overseas in Japan. We certainly appreciate him deviding his fame between Acworth and Kennesaw.



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suitcases and he considers being home a real vacation.



I asked Larry how he'd kept his fame and fortune from going to his head and he said, "I don't view myself near as successful as a lot of people do. I've still got goals and am striving to do better. I think if you ever get to the point that you think you're good, you've lost something. I have heard of people saying, I haven't talked to Larry in a couple of weeks. I used to talk to him all the time, before he became successful. Or maybe they think you've changed. You haven't really changed. It's just the way people look at you. I still like all the same things. I'd love to go fishing or even play a game of marbles, but I just don't have time anymore."

In all his extensive traveling, and knowing he could live anywhere in the U. S., I asked Larry why he decided to buy a home in Acworth. "I love a small town. We lived in a condominium at Pinetree until Joshua came along and we needed more room, so we bought a 4 bedroom home on Lake Allatoona. When you grow up with a town it grows up with you. It's as much a part of you as family. You know, I can get mail with my name on it and no street address. If

**HEAR YE,
HEAR YE.** 
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

JOHNNY LONG has a sure cure for any static he might get when he comes home a little late at night. He says, "If you got something to say, write it on the wall. I'll read it in the morning." (JOHNNY, does that really work?)

BOYD & ARLENE HAGAMAN & daughter JILL vacationed recently in Cadillac, Mich. The HAGAMAN'S bought 16 acres there several years ago and have since built their own little "Home away from Home" which they have visited every summer for the past 8 or 9 years. I think BOYD has the building fever. Not only does he have the upholstery business here, but by the 1st week in August should have completed a 24 unit Mini-warehouse in Kennesaw.



RANDY MCCARTY, Acworth resident, can be seen around Cobb with his dog "Fluff" riding on front of his Honda. So far, RANDY hasn't been stopped for not making Fluff wear a helmet. RANDY wants to know if anyone out there knows where he can purchase a helmet for his dog. He says after this goes to press every policeman in Cobb will probably be stopping him.

JACK ELLISON, son of ROBERT & BETTY ELLISON, celebrated his 16th birthday on July 14 with a party which included a hayride to Marietta and dancing at his house. Happy Birthday, JACK.

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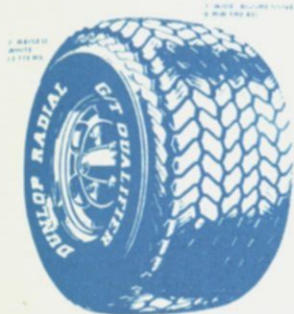


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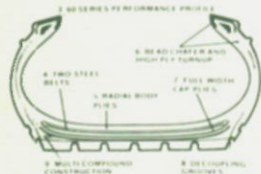
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ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS FOR AUGUST

by Brenda Whitaker,
Clairvoyant



LEO July 23 - August 22
The full moon on the 8th brings promises of romance, but communications can break down until after the 11th. Curb extravagance on the 22nd, it's fine to be the star, but try not to steal the whole show.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
Your normal good judgement may falter until after the 11th, don't be a sucker for a good line on the 9th, but you may be dishing out the lines on the 23rd.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Nothing concerning partnerships can go wrong on the 12th, use it to your advantage. If you over indulge on the 25th, don't chide yourself, relax and enjoy it.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
The delays and frustrations of the last five months should finally be over. Romance takes off again on the 13th, and you should feel totally in control of yourself by the 28th.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 20
Dreams may come true on the 3rd. Give in to romantic impulses on the 15th. Your silver tongue brings you fortunate results on the 30th.

CAPRICORN Dec. 21 - Jan. 19
Use your executive abilities wisely on the 5th. Curb desire for luxuries on the 8th. Lend your energies to cooperative efforts in business and pleasure on the 18th.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Add a dash of practicality to your highly creative and idealistic nature on the 8th. But on the 22nd give in to wildy extravagant romantic urges.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 19
Good luck is with you on the 3rd, especially concerning your career. Follow hunches on the 9th. The 23rd is conducive to romance.

ARIES March 20 - April 19
Let off steam on the 12th, but don't go overboard or you'll look foolish. Listen to the romantic side of your nature rather than the aggressive side on the 25th.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20
Listen to your partner in business or romance on the 1st and 28th, but heed your own mind the 13th and 14th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20
Don't expect to be able to leap from tall buildings until after the 11th. Mental abilities are at a peak on the 15th if you don't let yourself become too nervous. Opportunity knocks on the 30th.

CANCER June 21 - July 22
You should feel on top of the world the 3rd. Someone will try to charm you on the 5th, be receptive. Don't let moodiness spoil the 18th.

Aside from being an astrologer, Mrs. Whitaker is also clairvoyant, does private counseling, and teaches meditation and mind control. For information call 434-1890.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE. 
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Happy Birthday to my new brother-in-law, Allan Wooten August 25th and his sister, Susan Wooten, August 23rd.

Our deepest condolences go out to DR. JIM HARRISON of Acworth, whose father, J. T. HARRISON, SR. of Whigham, Ga., passed away recently.

Notice: C. L. BLACK GROCERY AND FAST FOOD SERVICE will be closed from August 13th thru August 19th.

Letters To The Editor!

Dear Brenda,

I've been following the Gazette since it began about 1 1/2 yrs. ago. I think y'all are doing a helluva job and I look forward to it every month.

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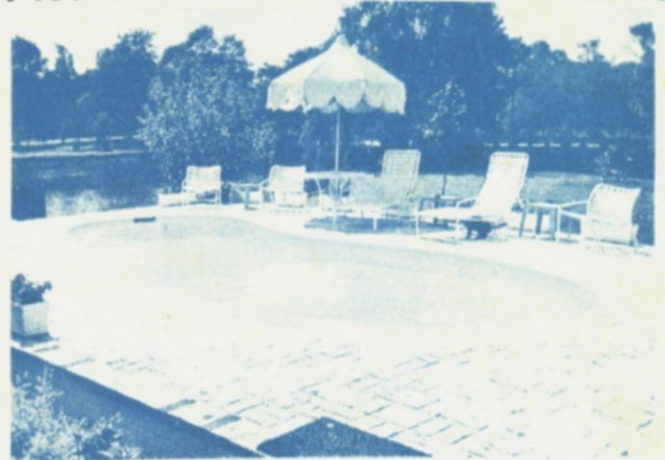
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