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**Big Shanty Bass Masters** Club meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Save Inn. Vistors welcome. Membership available.

Lil' General Cloggers -Mondays, 5:00 - 8:00, Smathers, Olivia 428-3914.

North Cobb Band Booster Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Band Room at North Cobb 7:30 p.m.

Big Shanty Women's Club meets 1st Tues., 8:00 p.m., members homes.

Optimist Club will meet at the Save Inn Restaurant in Kennesaw at 7:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

Kennesaw Business Association meets 2nd Thurs., 8:00 p.m.

Big Shanty Garden Club meets 1st Mon., 8:00 p.m., members homes.

Kennesaw Jaycees meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 8:00 p.m. For further information call 422-6908.

Kennesaw Jaycettes meet 4th Mon., 8:00 p.m.

Square Dancing -Southern Swingers, 1st & 3rd Fri., 7 - 11 p.m., Mon. 8:30 - 10:30, Pat Hayes, 428-4682

Senior Kennesaw Citizens meet each Tues., Wed. & Thurs. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. New members age 60 or above are encouraged. welcome. Vistors Wilbanks, Geneva 424-8274.

Pine Mountain Middle School will have a skating party at Big Shanty Skating Rink -Feb. 13.

PTA meeting at Pine Mountain Middle School Feb. 21st. The Choral Group will present a preformance.

meeting in Macon -Feb. 8, 9, & 10.

Jaycees are seeking young men between the ages of 18 and 35 for membership. Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month, on the 3rd floor above the hardware store in Kennesaw. If interested, please call Roland Stokes at 422-4705. General membership meeting Feb. 19

Clinic on Rules of Boy's baseball for Kennesaw will be held Thursday, Feb. 28th at Kennesaw City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the Public.

Registration for Kennesaw Boy's Baseball Association will be held at Adams Park March 1, 8, & 15, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration fees are as follows: T.ball.\$12.00 Mustang-\$15.00, Bronco-\$17.50, Pony-\$25.00, Colt-\$25.00. Any registration after March 15th will be additional \$5.00. For further information call Marlene Biggs at 422-5772.

Jaycees State Board Library Phone-A-Story: Dial 422-1551 and listen to a story/nursery rhyme, fairy and folk tales. A new story each week. Call anytime.

> Kennesaw Historical Society meets 4th Thurs. of each month at 7:30 Clyde Call McDonald at 428-2357.

Boy Scout Troop No. 133 meets at Adams Park 7:30 p.m. every Tues., Scout Master Jerry Broz, 926-1733.

Kennesaw City Council meets 1st and 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Kennesaw Zoning Board meets 2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m. City Hall.

Kennesaw Elementary presents · "People Mover" program, Thurs. Feb. 21st at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets: \$1.50 Students; \$1.75 Adults; \$6.50 Family - For further information call 422-2539.

Study Course on Nature of Middle School Child at Pine Mountain School -Feb. 12.





By Norman Medford

There is an old proverb that has been in existence for centuries. It goes this way - "For a swift arrow pull hard on the string." Actually there is no other way to shoot a swift arrow.

There are few things of real inportance in life that are not accomplished without the "hard pull."

The geologist will tell you that it takes a million years to make a ruby. Imagine - a million years this beautiful gem is in the formative

If a ruby could be made overnight it would have little value. So it is true with most everything we do. The real and sincere efforts of people are most always recognized. The "hard pull" of accomplishments is what makes them important! OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: "OUR GREATEST REWARDS COME FROM THE DIFFICULT TASKS WE ACCOMPLISH."

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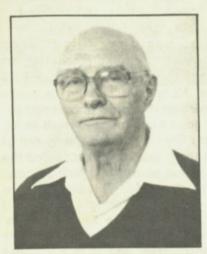
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### History of Kennesaw — Part II



MARK H. SMITH

A HISTORY OF BIG SHANTY \* KENNESAW \*

PART TWO

The 1830's was a time of great interest in the building of railroads, transporation here to fore being mostly by means of navigable rivers and canals that could be conveniently constructed. Railroads had been built or were in process of being built at both ends of the Cherokee Territory. Therefore the first settlers in the area as well as the Georgia Legislature were concerned about a line to connect the Tennessee River with the lines being built west and north of Madison and Macon. A meeting was held in Marietta in 1835 at the home of William Green (then a log house) to discuss the feasibility of building a railroad through Cobb County. It was presided over by James Anderson with Napoleon Green as secretary and the principal speaker was George D. Rice. These men were leaders in the community and the meeting was well attended by the people of the surrounding area. As a result of this meeting the Legislature was asked to take some action in the matter.

On December 21, 1835, the Georgia Legislature authorized the building of a railroad from Ross's Landing on the Tennessee River (now Chattanooga) to a point on the banks of the Chattahoochee River where it would connect with the lines being built from Macon and Madison. The road was later extended some six or eight miles further to what was then called Terminus, later Marthasville, and now the City of Atlanta. There it connected with the Georgia Railroad, coming form Madison through Decatur, and the Macon-Forsythe road, later known as the Central of Georgia and now owned and controlled by the Southern Railway System. At the farther end of the projected line, right of way and some adjacent property was obtained to the Tennessee River. which was over the line in the state of Tennessee, therefore the State of Georgia was the owner of some choice property in the City

of Chattanooga.

The sum of \$60,000 dollars was appropriated by the Georgia Legislature for a survey which was begun on July 4th, 1837 under the supervision of Colonel Stephen H. Long, U.S. Army. By March, 1838, nearly five hundred men were employed in grading and building culverts and trestles. By the fall of 1838, nearly one hundred miles of grading and masonry work had been completed. However, difficulty in raising money slowed the work and it was not until September 15, 1845 that the first twenty miles of track was in operation. The track reached Cartersville in 1846, but not until May 9, 1850 was the entire line completed. When finally finished the road was 137 miles long and was built at a cost of \$4,087,925.50, including equipment which was very limited at that time. The first engine and two cars were hauled by wagon for twenty miles from the then end of the Georgia Road to the W & A terminal. The cost of the railroad was financed mainly by the sale of bonds by the state, and the state retained title to all the right of way and adjoining service areas, and still retains that title to this day. But the coming of the railroad led to the founding of several towns along the right of way, namely Vinings, Smyrna, Big Shanty (later Kennesaw) and Ac-

No doubt the presence of a plentiful supply of water and the high ground adjacent to the railroad right of way led to the location of the worker's shanties in the area now known as Kennesaw. I have been told by long time residents that the Shanties which later gave the town it's name were located between Moon Station Road and the railroad where the present city maintenance buildings are. A military map of the area shows a group of buildings near the center of town, but they may have been for some other purpose. In 1948 I was hired to tear down the building standing at the corner of Lewis and Kendrick streets, sometimes referred to as the Old Hotel. In the foundations of the original store building were some hewn timbers and I was told by Mr. Furlow Hughes, who then lived across the street, that those timbers came from the Big Shanties.

There was plenty of local labor available in those days, money was scarce and people were eager to work. In Sarah Gober Temple's book "The First Hundred Years" she quotes from a letter written by George D. Rice to Governor George R. Gilmer regarding the conditions in the Cherokee Nation, "The Indians make excellent hands to work on our railroad - there are a good many at work now."

The original right of way was sixty-six feet wide and although the original directive was for the survey to proceed by the most direct route possible, there are a good many twistings and turnings, which made it far from a direct route. The story is that the contractors were paid by the

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### Mayor's Report



Mayor Darvin Purdy

We are happy to report that our city has now adopted its operating budget for the year 1980, and I am extremely pleased with its outcome. The Council and I spent approximately 108 man hours (person hours) to reach the final result. As each of you directly contributes to our operating revenues by your hard earned tax contributions, I would like to highlight some areas of the budget that might be of interest to you.

Expected Revenues \$953,344
Budget Expenses \$929,106
Projected End of
Year Surplus \$24,238

The revenue collected can be somewhat misleading in that good portion of it is not derived from taxes. For example, the water and sewage revenue is estimated to be \$282,600, and the city actually purchases these services from the county. The city, of course, delivers this service by installing the meters, laying the lines, and performing the necessary maintenance

work. When the property owner pays his bill the city, in turn, must reimburse the county.

The new budget has provided all city employees, including police personnel, with a ten (10%) per cent across the board salary increase. To keep our wages competitive with other industries', the increase was needed, and with our annual inflation rate approximating fifteen per cent, the increase was a must for the employees.

Also we are, for the first time, adopting a pension plan for all city employees, and the plan is to be implemented at no cost to the employees. We are hopeful that these added benefits will cut down on personnel turnover and allow us to retain our capable people. The Mayor and Council, by the way, have neither received nor sought any increase.....(yet).

The budget provides for:

Two new employees for the street and sanitation departments;

Money to develop a new park on Harris Street for citizens' recreation and enjoyment, plus a substantial sum for the improvement of Adams Park:

The acquisition of a new and expensive "limb shredder" for the sanitation department;

The construction of a new iail:

Lighting for our new tennis courts;

Aid for our senior citizens' programs;

The purchase of a new three inch "Mud Hog" water pump; Fourth of July Fire Works Extravaganza, and other goodies too numerous to mention.

I extend my thanks to each of our dedicated Councilmen who worked hard to timely finalize the budget and to distribute the revenue to areas where it would be most beneficial.

To keep you informed on the Police Department, the city continues to accept applications and

resume's for the important post of High Chief. We anticipate that we will begin interviewing applicants within the next two weeks, and will hopefully have the position filled soon thereafter. In the meantime, the department is led by Captain Randal Hooper, a veteran of seven years on the force, and he has truly done a commendable job as Acting Chief. During the month of January the Council accepted the resignation of two police officers. and qualified replacements are being actively sought. As most of us know, the Police Department has been the subject of past controversy, and it is my belief that morale is now improved, and the new additions will enhance the department's effectiveness. and will have a positive effect on our image.

The growth of our area will continue to be a dominating factor; in the month of January our business license bureau had applications for ninety (90) new and renewal businesses.

In spite of this growth, are you aware of the fact that in the entire city there is no store where a man can buy a pair of shoes; no bakery; no health spa; no motorcycle sales or repair shop; nor any establishment for the shooting of pool. ENTREPRENEURS — where are you?

In January I spent some of my hard earned cash to rent a P. O. Box to exclusively receive mail from you regarding any complaint, compliment, or to express indifference on any particular issue. So far the number of responses is disappointing. If you have a worthwhile comment, write:

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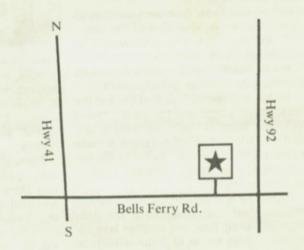
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by Jim Wilder, owner, D. J., WBIE Dial 101.5 FM

Harry McClintock, better known as "Haywire Mack" wrote the classic "Big Rock Candy Mountain" in 1897, when he was just 15 years old.

Roger Miller was once a bellhop at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville.

Did you know that during a joint U.S./Russian space flight, astronauts asked to hear a Russian version of "Hello Darling" by Conway Twitty? (Wonder what those Russians thought about that kind of talk?)

Charley Pride's 1977 tour of the United Kingdom broke every existing box office record for a visiting American country artist.

The first woman to be named "Entertainer of the Year" at the CMA Awards was Loretta Lynn in 1972. The only other woman to win this award was Dolly Parton in 1978.

You've probably heard of "Gilley's" in Pasadena, Texas. It's the largest night club in the world and seats 5,000. Lots of things seem to be happening out there, what with all the stars they bring in, the "K.O." punching bag and the now nationally known "El Toro Mechanical Bull," which is labeled "Ride at your own risk!", wall to wall cowboys, and Texas-style dancing. Now, Mickey Gilley has come out with "Billy's" (oops!) "Gilley's" Beer and



it's selling real good. The latest thing to come up, to add to their swelling heads out there, is the filming of Paramount Pictures "Urban Cowboy" starring none other than John Travolta and being shot on location at the club, where you'll get to see (Cowboy?) John dancing, punching and



bullriding. Three women from Cobb County, Lillie Moore, Mary Smith and Linda Henderson went all the way to Gilley's Club in Texas to see Billy "Crash" Craddock perform. (I wouldn't go as far as Birmingham to see Johnny Russell, and I'd see three times as much.)



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### **ASHEPPARD** by Brenda Burrell

Does T. G. really stand for "The Good" in T. G. Sheppard's name?

initials," iust "It's "My real name is Bill Sheppard. Browder, but 5 years ago, when I crossed-over to country recordings, I decided to use an assumed name. picked T. G. Sheppard, and really, it doesn't stand for anything."

When T. G. appeared on the Dinah Shore show, her introduction came out, "Now folks, here's Thomas George

Sheppard."

After several guffaws, T. G.'s publicist came up with "The Good" tag and started sticking it on his press releases.

For the past five years, most stories done on T. G. have been titled "The Good Sheppard."

Read on and form your own opinion as to whether he is deserving of the title.

T. G. was raised around music in Humboldt, Tenn., where his mother was a piano teacher and always set aside Sundays for musical get-togethers.

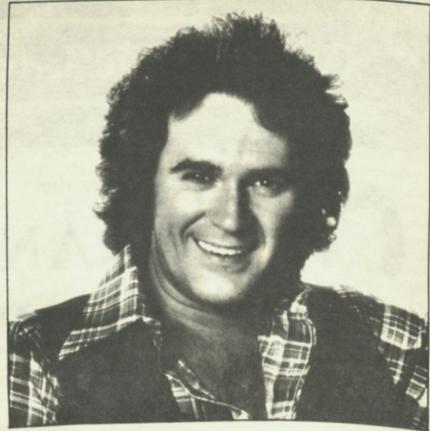
By his mid-teens, T. G. had tired of the local music scene and joined the Travis Womack Band in Memphis, as a singer and guitarist. He not only got a taste of traveling on the road, but also got the opportunity to spend valuable time in recording studios.

Then low and behold, when he turned 20 he fell in love and married. Remembering how his mother had instilled a deep sense of responsibility in him, he gave up the insecurities of a road musician and took a stationary position as promotion man with Hotline Distributors.

T. G. later accepted an offer from RCA Records (at Elvis Presley's request) as a southern regional promotion man. He worked with Elvis from 1969 - 1974 and says those were the most fantastic years of his life.

He later formed his own independent production company, (Umbrella Productions,) and mastered the marketing and merchandising end of the business.

It was during this time that a song written by an unknown songwriter, Bobby David, came to his attention. T. G. pitched the song to eight different record companies and they all turned it down. He left the tape sitting on his desk for months trying to decide what to do with it. He thought the song was a hit - just had a feeling about it. One day (with the old itch of wanting to sing again plaguing him) he picked up the



tape, took it downstairs to the recording studio underneath his offices and recorded it, and "Devil In the Bottle" became a No. 1 hit. His second recording, "Trying to Beat the Morning Home" also hit the No. 1 position on the charts.

Personal appearance demands, as well as filling guest spots on TV shows like Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, Dinah and Midnight Special forced T. G. into the realm of full-time entertainer. Coupled with syndicated shows such as Pop Goes the Country, Nashville On the Road, That Good Ole Nashville Music and a full-time recording schedule, he had to completely abandon his Umbrella Productions and concentrate on his thriving career.

Since 1975, all of T. G.'s recordings have been placed in the top ten, and at least four of them have reached the coveted No. 1 spot. Among his string of hits are "Motels and Memories," "Mr. D.J.," "Solitary Man," "You Feel Good All Over," "Last Cheater's Waltz" and his latest release "I'll Be Coming Back For More" has been No. 1 on Billboard charts for the past two weeks.

Due to my curious nature, I felt compelled to touch base with T. G. about his 16 year friendship with Elvis Presley.

While he talked, he fingered a huge diamond ring on his right pinkie, a gift from Elvis. And around his neck hung a gold and diamond necklace with the letters "TCB" above a lightning bolt. "It was Elvis' logo," he stated, and added that he letters are now on Presley's

tombstone. "He gave this to me about 10 years ago. It means 'Taking Care of Business.' Elvis always wanted things done right. I'm really proud of this, 'cause he only gave out about 50 or 60 of these in his lifetime to his closest

"I met Elvis in 1961, when I was 16," T. G. continued. "I had just moved to Memphis and was at a local skating rink one night, when he came in with his whole entourage. We got to know each other and through the years remained close friends. In 1975 (after working as promotional man for Elvis for 5 years) he said, 'Look, I'd like to give you a new bus.' I told him what I'd really like to have was his old one. That would be something very special to me. So he found it and sent J. D. Sumner



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### **Gazette Sweepstakes Winners**

We wish to extend our appreciation for the great response to our sweepstakes. The drawing was held at the Shanty House Restaurant, Downtown, at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 1980. The names were drawn by Kennesaw resident, Mr. Peter Depp. Congratulations to our winners pictured below.



1st Prize: \$100 - Groceries GRANT'S THRIFTOWN

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5th Prize: \$10 - Services KENNESAW CLEANERS



Mrs. C.L. Bozeman

6th Prize: \$10 - Mdse. HESTER'S FLORIST



Ms. Verdie Mae Cook

7th Prize: \$10 - Mdse MR. AUTOMOTIVE



Harold Turley

8th Prize: \$10 - Mdse. ACE HARDWARE



Ben L. Smith

9th Prize: \$10 - Mdse. BIG SHANTY HARDWARE



Mrs. J.B. Kennedy

### **Acworth Mayor's Report**



As we begin a new year, the council and I have looked upon some of our accomplishments for 1979 as significant for the future of Acworth and the area and are planning ahead to try to achieve some goals for 1980.

The City of Acworth is unique compared to other cities because it owns both its own power plant and sewage treatment facility. This, alone, offers the city an advantage in being an independent entity with competitive rates and still show a reasonable profit.

The prospects of annexing

more land adjacent to the city limits is promising, mainly because of this factor which Cobb County presently cannot provide. We remain proud of this factor and consider this our "ace in the hole" for Acworth to show growth of population and commercial and industrial growth in the coming years.

HEARTH, Inc. or Acworth's Downtown Authority will be a non-profit independent authority and will operate autonomously from the city government. It's primary function will be the revitalization of the downtown area, without any political involvement. The formation of HEARTH can be attributed to the 1979 administration and the future of Acworth will be aided by this authority.

Acworth's primary goal for 1980 is very simple! We must get the city's finances in the black! For several years, Acworth has operated in the red and with the incorporation of new controls and

a lower budget, I am confidant that this goal can be accomplished. Harold Fowler is in charge of this department and is innovating time and money saving techniques that should pay-off for future administrations as well as becoming more efficient now.

We have other goals this year in every department but our concentration will be aligned toward the improvement of the city finances.

We will be working toward getting a direct access route from I-75 to commercial and industrial sites and will be working toward the completion of our Industrial Park. We will also pursue efforts to get flat and safety engineered railroad crossings. These will be high on our priorities during 1980.

Anyone who has served in public office knows that sometimes the job can become very frustrating. You work hard to accomplish certain goals and for one reason or another, they never materialize. You try to make decisions based on future needs as well as present obligations and

after the 1960 GMC bus, which was the first bus Elvis owned." (T. G. still has the Presley bus, but has recently purchased a new \$230, 000 bus, since the older one was wrecked.)

"Elvis used to call me up," T. G. said, "and ask me and my wife, Diane to he felt when over, come Sometimes we'd watch lonely. movies, but mostly we talked about music. We'd stay till he got sleepy. Usually Diane fell asleep, when we sat up most of the night. Elvis used to be so proud when one of my records made the charts. He influenced me into crossing over to country just before I had my first No. 1 hit and used to tell me, 'I'll do all I can to help you, but I won't let you ride on my coat tails.' And I never did."

"Elvis told me to always keep my feet on the ground and above all, not to lose my home and family because of success or show business. He talked to us often about the importance of staying together and not make the same mistake he did. He gave Diane a necklace with "TLC" (Tender Loving Care) when we were with him in Vegas. He was a super person and very special to us. I'm really kind of old-fashioned and Elvis taught me my main philosophy about life. He said, 'Bill, if you ever forget where you came from, you're never gonna get where you want to go.' I think about that a lot."



One of T. G.'s biggest, little fans is 10 yr. old Jennifer Watts, daughter of Marie & Joe, who live in Smyrna. Jennifer, who is a terminal cancer patient and has been the "Sweetheart" of the cancer society for the past 3 years, was T. G.'s guest of honor at Country Music Fan Fair in Nashville last year. To show her appreciation for his dedicated friendship the past 3 years, she presented him a bracelet inscribed "I love you, T.G.," which brought tears to his eyes.



I talked to T. G.'s wife, Diane, and asked her how she was coping with all his fame in the last 5 years and she replied. "T. G. is away from home a lot, but I don't sit around and fret about it. I stay busy by playing tennis, having lunch with friends ("girls," she added) and things like that. Of course our 10 year old son, Jason, is a lot of company. I don't try to deny T. G. anything pretaining to music, because it's such a big part of him and he enjoys it so. He started taking tennis lessons after Christmas, but most of the time, when he gets home, we're just happy to be together. We might go to a movie or eat out occasionally. When school's out Jason and I plan to travel with him some this summer." (T. G. with an attitude like Diane's, I'd say you're a lucky man.)

T. G. is currently one of the hottest touring artists in the country. He's worked many times with Kenny Rogers and country bookers have called them "the best package show to come down the pike." He's also opened several shows for Dolly Parton and his first Las Vegas booking was with Helen Reddy at the MGM Grand Hotel.

Although he gives the impression on stage of an irresponsible and irresistable playboy, T. G. hasn't forgotten that he's an "ole country boy," and in his own words says, "I'm a Levi's, pickup truck guy. I don't eat caviar and drink fine wine with my meats, but I love chicken and black-eyed peas."

There is a refreshing quality about T. G. Sheppard that is often lacking in other entertainers with a surplus of talent - He has his head on straight, his priorities in order and his life in the proper perspective.

#### History of Kennesaw

Continued

mile and therefore they put in as many miles as possible. The present day crossing in the center of Kennesaw is the high point of the road between the Chattahooche River and the Etowah, which fact greatly aided Conductor Fuller in his historic chase in 1862.

Although the third draft of recruits was in training at Camp McDonald no one on that spring morning in April, 1862, suspected that any Yankees had penetrated this far south, until they saw the "General" and the first three cars disappearing in the distance. In fact, at first Conductor Fuller suspected that Confederate deserters had made off with his train, for he had been cautioned before to be on the lookout for such an attempt. However, when he reached Moon's Station and talked with the section crew who were working there he found out that he had bigger game to pursue. Now there have been many books and articles written and even a movie made, commemmorating the stirring events of that day so we need not take up more space in our story.

Likewise, the campaigns of 1864 and accounts of skirmishes and battles in this area have been well documented and all that is left for the later chroniclers is the bits and pieces that we can learn from family histories and personal recollections. Mr. Theodore Carrie, son of Gaspard Carrie and grandfather of the present residents of that name, gathered together a group of young people and pointed out to them some of the points of historic interest, and I shall draw on those recollections in some of my later installments.

In the late 1850's the W & A Railroad acquired from Gaspard Carrie and Lemuel Kendrick a plot of land on the east side of the tracks "for the purpose of erecting a depot and an eating house for the convenience of the traveling public," which deed also con-

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Many of us long-time local residents don't have enough time or easy access to facts and figures in our county. Perhaps you, as well as the vast amount of newcomers who have moved here, will enjoy in-part the following article.

Cobb County is in North central Georgia, adjacent to Atlanta (Fulton County,) and is a part of the Greater Metropolitan area, as designated by the Bureau of the Census. The Chattahoochee River is the dividing line between Fulton and Cobb County.

Cobb covers an area of 346 square miles and varies in altitude from 1,000 to 1,800 feet above sea level.

Founded in 1832, the county was named for Judge Thomas Welch Cobb.

Cobb County is governed by a five-man commission elected by the people, including a full-time chairman.

Schools of Higher Learning:

Southern Technical Institute Clay St., Marietta Kennesaw College Frey Lake Rd., Marietta Marietta Cobb Area Vo-Tech S. Cobb Dr., Marietta

Telephones in Service: (Cobb County, Dec. 1978) 240,845 Personal Income: (July, 1979 issue of Sales Management)
Median Household, Effective Buying Income
Cobb County \$18,171
Georgia \$14,513
U. S. \$15,016
Atlanta \$18,270

Annual Retail Sales: (Cobb County)

1955 - \$86,998,000 1960 - \$121,963,000 1965 - \$258,792,000 1970 - \$484,411,000 1975 - \$993,058,000

1978 - \$1,562,555,000

Highways:

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#### Climate:

Aver. Temp., Jan. 43.9; July 77.0 Aver. Mean Temp., 61.3 Aver. Rainfall, 50" annually Prevailing Winds, N.W. Aver. Humidity, 69% - 79%

Assessed Valuation: (Total Tax Digest, All of Cobb County)

1965 - \$277,117,605 1970 -\$548,301,992 1975 -\$1,284,962,669 1978 - \$1,802,589,400

**Population:** (U.S. Census & Atlanta Regional Commission. New Census will be taken in 1980.)

	1950	1960	1970	1978
Cobb County	61,830	114,174	196,793	278,800
Marietta	20,687	25,565	27,216	32,800
Smyrna	2,005	10,157	19,157	21,737
Acworth	1,466	2,359	3,929	3,972
Austell	1,413	1,867	2,632	3,316
Kennesaw	564	1,507	3,548	4,621
Powder Springs	619	746	2.559	3.023



by Brenda Burrell

Peggy Ann Brooks of Kennesaw was given a surprise 41st birthday party by Mary Franklin, Pauline Turner and Pat Hayes recently, with 25 guests attending. Her sister, Mary Franklin, (who lives 2 doors down) had her boss to call Ann and say he had to catch a flight and Mary's line was busy or out of order and would she please go get her to the phone. While Ann was gone, the house filled up with guests. One gift was a single rose and the card said, "To Mama — From Trouble." It wasn't from her 17 year old son, Barry, but instead was from her dog named "Trouble."

Ann Gilbert, we will all miss you at the Woodstock Restaurant.



Kenneth Smathers, Kennesaw resident, retired from National Lead Co., Atlanta after 34 years service. His daughter, Mary Helyn Hagin, sons Ken and Jim threw him a retirement party at the Hagin home and over 50 guests attended. Kenneth and Olivia Smathers are the founders of the Lil' General Cloggers. Just before I snapped this picture, I asked Kenneth what was he going to do with all that spare time, knowing Olivia has many hours tied up with the cloggers. He made no comment, but look how tickled he was. (Wonder what he had on his mind?)

Happy birthday to Carleen Prewett. Good luck with George!

Happy birthday to Lynn Foley! We love ya.

Greg Lawson, Kim Foley loves you and always will.

"Hear Ye" contributed by Kim Foley.

Happy birthday to Len McEntire on Feb. 21st; and to his dad, Charles W. Jr., Feb. 27th.

Happy birthday to you, Grandma, Feb. 4th. We luv ya lots even though we do give you a rough time! From Jody, Jason and Jon.

Six year old Zachery Gilder of Kennesaw is recovering from a tonsilectomy. Hope you're feeling better soon.

#### WILL SHE PROPOSE THIS LEAP YEAR?

by Brenda Burrell

I was wondering how the tradition of ladies asking men to marry them on leap year originated, and discovered of all the numerous people I questioned, that they didn't know either.

It can be traced to an old legend about St. Patrick & St. Bridget in Ireland. At that time it wasn't necessary for priests and nuns to remain unmarried.

Bridget headed a group of sisters, and one day she went to St. Patrick in tears. She told him of the unrest among her charges and declared they were unhappy, because of the belief that only men could take the initiative in matrimony. St. Patrick was sympathetic and said he would allow eseseseseseseseses

women to propose every seventh year. She wasn't satisfied with this, and drove a better bargain, obtaining the right every four years. Bridget started this custom by asking St. Patrick to marry her. (Kind of sneaky, huh? Looks like women were pretty sly even back then.) Anyway, St. Patrick refused her. saying he had taken vows of celibacy. To make it easier on her, he gave her a kiss and a silken gown.

The story goes that for years it was an unwritten law in Britain (Girls, you should have had it on paper) that a man who turned down a woman's proposal at leap year had to pay her a forfeit of a silk dress. It was customary for each pursuant female to let her intentions be known, by wearing a scarlet petticoat with the edges showing beneath her dress. (Can't you just visualize men running and hiding every time they saw scarlet?)

In 1288 A.D., Scotland passed a law providing that every women - no matter what her social class

- had the prerogative to propose during leap year, and if the man refused, he had to pay her a pound, unless he was already engaged to someone else. This law existed on the Continent, France, Switzerland, and Italy for example. Therefore, if an unattractive lady decided to propose to more than one man during leap year and kept getting turned down, she could at least add a big wad to her bank account. (Love it!)

A survey of marriage records over the past 50 years, shows no increases, and a sharp decline in the past 5 leap years.

What it all boils down to, is even though leap year returns its special female priviledges, there probably won't be an increase in marriage rates during its twelve month's period, because most of us women would want the man of our choice to at least think he did the propos-

Special thanks to Frank FOOTNOTE: Chalker for finding a source of information for me.

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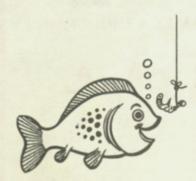
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### Georgia Boys Combine Talents



by Brenda Burrell

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Herchel Cook, who was raised in Kennesaw, and attended Kennesaw Elementary, Sprayberry and North Cobb High Schools, has been a builder since the early 60's (Hershel recalled the first house he built cost \$27,500 and that same house today would cost between \$70,000 and \$80,000.)

Ed Phillips, Developer, was raised in Cobb County, and has degrees in aerospace and civil engineering and developed Hickory Bend, off Casteel Rd.; Lake Wilderness, Friendship Church Rd.; and Mini Ball Ridge, John Ward Rd., among others.

Stan Sullivan, (the only single guy) is in promotion and

sales. He and Ed were neighbors and both attended Osborne High. With Stan handling sales, it keeps the buyer from having to pay a "hired" sales person's commission.

I asked them how they could sell these 5 acre homesites for as little as \$5,000 an acre, when just down the road other owners were asking \$10,000 to \$14,000 for ½ acre lots, and Ed explained that they've been able to cut the consumer's price by combining their specialized talents and doing most of the work themselves, instead of hiring it done. For instance, they have the heavy equipment and have put in the water lines, roads, etc. and these things alone have saved at least

30% to 40%. This attributes to the fact that no one else is developing subdivisions with 5 acre lots. It would be too expensive.

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Stan Sullivan Herchel Cook Ed Phillips





by Brenda Burrell

#### Minter's 60 Years of Marital Bliss

Mr. & Mrs. W. L. (Gladys & Will) Minter, who have resided at 1670 Linda Circle in Marietta over 15 years, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 11th, 1980.

The Minter's had 9 children, 8 boys and 1 girl, have 25 grand-children and 10 great-grand-children.

Mr. Minter, 82, and Mrs. Minter, 76, lived in Emerson, then around the Allatoona, Acworth and finally settled in the Fair Oaks Com-

Will was one of the 1st barbers in Acworth and taught Herbert Hunt to cut hair. He worked several years at the old Bell Bomber Plant and served in the Korean War and World War II.

His son, Bill remembers how people used to kid his Dad about having 8 sons, and claimed he was trying to get up a ball team (he was a ball pitcher himself,) but when the 9th child was a girl, they gave up on the idea.

Bill said the closest his Dad ever came to having a drink of whiskey was after his ball team had just won a big game and the boys were passing around the bottle. They kept "twisting" Will's arm and he finally said "Let me take it behind the depot." He walked behind the depot, took a swig, swished it around in his mouth and spit it out. No one ever knew better.

On Feb. 8th, when the next issue of the Gazette comes out, the Minters will be surprised with several copies with this little write-up and a dozen red roses — hand delivered to their door, by son, Bill and his wife, Louise, who let the date slip by this year.

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Leslie Walker is recuperating and doing well after open-heart surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

Happy birthday (in numerical order) to Carol Groover (15) Marietta, Feb. 5th; Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12th; Dale Burrell, Kennesaw, Feb. 13th; Steve Burrell (15) Kennesaw, Feb. 13th; St. Valentine Feb. 14th; Gary Hendershot (3) Kennesaw, Feb. 17th; Brian Smith (13) Marietta, Feb. 21st; George Washington, Feb. 22nd; Annette Smith, Marietta, Feb. 24th. (Steve, Carol wanted to know what you're like. I put in a good word for you. She doesn't mind that she's older.)

Happy birthday to my mom, Jeanette Hasty on Feb. 12th. I love you. Best wishes from Pat and family.

Happy birthday to Rick Anano Feb. 15th. (He was almost a sweetheart, huh?) This crazy nut (i call him "Rickie-Dickie-Doo") is still driving a SX Special Motor Cycle (and it's about 25° while I'm writing this.) Gals, this is Rick's 26th birthday and he's never been married — how bout that?

Does Shirley Burrell live in Kennesaw and frequently visit Florida, or does she live in Florida and frequently visit Kennesaw? Good question!

When Ivan Malone, Kennesaw's newest City Councilman, gets together with members of the Acworth City Council at his restaurant in Acworth, the conversation always turns to politics. We wonder who is giving who the advice? Is there any advice to give? Only kidding, congratulation Ivan!



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by Brenda Burrell

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This adjustment was not entirely accurate, because Caesar's year exceeded the true solar year by 11 minutes and 14 seconds. Thus, by 1582 a discrepancy of ten days had accumulated. To correct this error, Pope Gregory XIII ruled that every 4th year would continue to be a leap year, except in the case of century years not evenly divisible by 400. According to this system, century years like 1700 or 1900 were not leap years, but 1800 was and 2000 will be a leap year.



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tained a clause that no spiritous liquors would be sold on the premises. This eating place became the famous Lacy House, and was operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Lacy. The place was well patronized, especially during the time that Camp McDonald was in operation, but was later burned by Sherman's troops in November of 1864.

The railroad suffered considerably during the Civil War, first being torn up by the retreating Confederates, then rebuilt by Sherman during his occupation during the summer of 1864. Later it was destroyed in places by raiding Confederates and again repaired by Sherman's engineers to carry supplies and sick and wounded soldiers to Chattanooga and Nashville. When he made his decision to cut loose from his base and march to Savannah he ordered his troops to completely destroy the tracks from the Etowah River to Atlanta. which they very thoroughly proceeded to do.

Therefore the road was not back in operation until late 1865, but it took a good many years before the destroyed briges and trestles and buildings were replaced. However the rebuilding of the tracks and the expanding traffic brought more and more people into the area and led to the beginnings of the village at Big Shanty Station.

So now we have some of the reasons for the establishment of a camp of instruction for Confederate troops. First, a plentiful supply of water, plenty of high and dry ground with few inhabitants to be displaced and now the railroad for transportation to and from the site. Next month we will tell about Camp McDonald and the troops who trained there and where they were camped according to present day locations.

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### Wildman



Special to the Kennesaw Gazette

I want to thank everyone for the overwhelming response advocating continuance of "Wildman Sez," (Both of them) out of gratitude, I wish to share a world shattering statement.\*

Ed, the boat man told me his cough was improving. It should be, 'cause practice makes perfect and he spends a couple a hours a day practicing at the Shanty House.

I've heard we should celebrate X-mas 365 days a year. But I don't believe that means decorating the hiways with left over gift wrapping.

All services have gone up as we are very aware of, but at least you get something in return for your money, from the phone, gas, and electric companies. What's the IRS done for you lately with the money they take?

Gasohol won't make anything work! I drink a quart t'other nite and just lay there.

It said around that Atlanta's streets aren't saft to walk on. Neither is Kennesaw's. I haven't swept them this week.

I went out and splurged on what they called a steak t'other nite and it cost me 6 bucks. (Wish I'de waited til breakfast and got it with all the accessories for 2.60 when they call it "sausage."

### Sez

#### By Dent Myers

She had an artificial tree and told me it was hard to get up — I have the same trouble and I gotta real one. (tree!)

Pat Waters told me he had to stop eating biscuits recently at a local restaurant. They wouldn't furnish oyster knives to open them with.

Speaking of which. I missed the smoky atmosphere so much over the Holiday closing, I went down and smelled the burning county dump a couple of days.

I wonder about a female president....stop the country for a menopause? ('cause the fellow in office now has been having a "continual-pause.")

I gonna make a deal — if the idiots what smoke, don't smoke 'bacca on me while I'm eating, I won't spit 'bacca on them.

I asked a lady t'other day where she was from — "Idaho" was her reply. I told her I didn't ask what she did. And I've got a black eye to prove it.

I thought I was gonna have to stop drinking coffee 'cause it made my eye ache.... then someone told me to take the spoon outta the cup.

Before Xmas one of the girls asked if I had any suggestions where to put her Xmas tree up — (needless to say — she didn't follow my suggestion)

Federal taxes, federal emission systems, federal gun control, federal this - federal that - I'm about "fed" up.

Have you noticed that the E.R.A. Advocates are all past draft age (and past everything else "age," too, apparently.)

Teddy should really enjoy campaigning in Georgia. We got some terrific lakes.

\* "Earthquake"

#### Acworth, continued

hope your efforts are indeed the right choices. We are all sincere in our efforts and hope the public is aware of our sincerity.

Serving in public office is like a hobby to me. I enjoy it...it's fun and all worth the effort and worthwhile. There may be some stumbling blocks during 1980, but I sincerely believe that this city will prosper and in turn the Citizens will benefit.

On a personal note, I hope that after my term is over, people will say, "Acworth is a little nicer place to live" than before I came.

In addition, we are with "great vigor" seeking to find our own likeness or replica of "Wildman" since we've been told that it would add to our own uniqueness.

Ralph J. Coolidge, Jr. Mayor City of Acworth 22 KENNESAW GAZETTE ASTROLOGICAL

TRENDS FOR It is necessary to advoid fixing your mind on any one person if you are

**FEBRUARY** 

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

single. This is a time for friend-

ships, feeling more secure, general

goodwill and diligence about neglected things. Romance has no part here and you must not imagine for a moment that it does. Buy clothes with an eye to coming month and what you need for social life. PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20 One who cares for you may be very

upset and may chide you for your way of living. Stop asking for trouble. A travel plan is only partially pleasing to you. You may in fact have to cancel it when time comes. Don't spend too many nights out if single and dating someone. If married, refuse to do things that are against the grain with

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Plans can extend and you may think over the idea of buying property, possibly for a very special purpose. You might get what you consider a good buy, but something that needs repair. It may be a toss up wheather in the long run you have a good buy. Correspondence and even long distance calls can keep the mail and wires busy for you.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This month can hold a very special event and you can be surprised when it happens. You get a chance to have a quiet joy and it's best not to have any questions in your mind about it. Accepting what is pleasant is vital to happiness. Someone in superior position may laugh at you a bit: you won't be able to hide anything from this person, and that includes romantic matters.

#### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You may get more deeply interested in some things, possibly the occult. Reading some rather heavy tomes can be an exciting pleasure, and increase you faith. Some travel may enter as an essential part of yourcareer, and perhaps some brought about by family matters, too. You are able to help in loved ones problems.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You may be working in a way that seems all wrong to you but you do have a sense of humor about it. Chances are your talents are varied, and allow you to work in almost any field intelligently. Value this quality in yourself. Do not worry about your emotions and mental views. If you know that you are changeable in certain ways, it helps you to control the factor of change in yourself.

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22

Something may happen by midmonth that is a real jolt to you in several ways. For once, you don't know what to do about a situation. You sense that you cannot handle circumstances as you are accustomed to do. An entirely different kind of personality may be in your life now and you recognize that this person will win over you.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

An old friend may be glad to see you but you may cause the relationship to deteriorate because of your unhappiness about recent romance. You should, instead, be happy that you have someone to go to when troublLIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

big help to you

Possible that you will be constantly angry at a neighbor. You wrong yourself when you let this emotion dominate. Emotional control is themain thing in life just now, whether married or single. It can be harmful to yourself to have rages you can't control, so practice such control now. You may begin to tire of a duty and let it pass on. You're all right: that's meant to be.

Be very ethical now and don't

risk losing what is worthwhile and a

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You enjoy entertaining in free style and also shopping with a friend for some very special things with which to redecorate. Don't make the mistake of thinking a new acquaintance is really a friend; this person probably is just wearing a social mask. If married, your lifemate may carry on a flirtation in a way to which you have long since become accustomed.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your views may be too light about a serious situation. It is a time to observe health laws and protect your family and friends from results of being heedless on your part. You can also risk your own health if you are obstinate about being careless. There is real need to cut down on excess, party life and dissipation. You may know this and yet refuse.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You work diligently and try to ignore troubles that are becoming worse. This can cause hidden tensions and nervous trouble that may show up in a way that is recognized by one who cares for you. The time goes on without much change just now. If married, there can be guarrels, tough, and they can become more and more heated



By Brenda Burrell

When I was getting Rick Southern's ad about stereo repairs, Larry Reaid of Hightower T. V. was there, too. Rick said he just wanted a small ad taken from the information on his business card. I asked him if he wanted it printed in "reverse" (black background, with white letters.) He asked me what reverse meant and Larry said, "They turn over your business card and print the back of it." (Cute, Larry.)

Bud Fowler of Cartersville, be careful about opening up a magazine and displaying the full-length centerfold on the trunk of a car. You never know who might be watching.

While we're in the Cartersville area -Harry Pierce, did you ever find the hanging plants that were stolen from your house? Maybe Bud Fowler got them. I heard he was hiding his magazines in mysterious places. Check that out.

Happy Birthday & Love to Mama. Helen Bryson, on Feb. 6th.

On Feb. 5, 1980, the family of George Page of Acworth lost their home in a fire. All their belongings were destroyed. Thank God, none of them were hurt. If you have any children's clothes that are too small for your children (boys sizes 6 - 10 and girls sizes 10 - 12,) that these children can wear to school, please call Mrs. Harry Smith at 974-6541. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Help is needed to complete the 1980 Decennial Census. Will you be a census taker for a few weeks? The Census Bureau is accepting applications from persons who will be able to work 40 hours a week, including some evenings and Saturdays. Applicants should call 429-0024 for further information.

Never before has a national census been so important to our area. With our community changing so rapidly since the last census, we need new accurate figures. Decisions such as location of stores, schools and highways are based on these figures. Population figures will be used for Revenue Sharing and Grant-In-Aid Programs.

We have a few battles going on in this column occasionally. Want to get even with someone? Do it in the "Hear Ye" column. We also welcome birthdays, anniversaries, bragging of any sort, cute tidbits or funnies, and we'll even take photos of the subject. This is your column. Join the fun. Send your goodies to the Kennesaw Gazette, P.O. Box 3005, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

### Letters To The Editor!

The Editor Design Graphics 3070 Harris Street Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dear Editor:

In these times of trouble it is good to know there are still some good guys out

This afternoon as I was leaving a grocery store in Kennesaw, I saw this policeman helping this lady. She was crippled and was pulling her little cart full of groceries up the road. This kindhearted policeman helped her and her groceries into his squad car and took her home.

I called the police station when I got home and found that this nice officer's name is Officer Atkins.

I think he is great! It is great to know that officers care about people more than we give them credit for.

Susan Pruett Kennesaw, Georgia Dear Editor:

We all knew it was too good to last and attached you will find the \$6.00 subscription for the year. The only thing we ask is to get a better, more complete coverage of Kennesaw news and events, perhaps include our various club news as well as the government, etc.

As an employee of a financial company, I'd like to comment on Ben Robertson's article. The lending institutes certainly don't want to start any type of panic. We do have money to lend. It simply costs more to lend the money. The interest rate is based on the prime lending rate plus a certain percentage over that to cover the financial institute's investment in their money as well as their clients. We are more selective in whom we lend money to as the cost of collections is very high. The theory of the consumer paying a loan out early is simply to save the consumer money. We encourage it, and all lending institutes will be happy to help you with your financial problems. Many problems can be solved without borrowing more money.

Keep up your quality magazine. It is enjoyable and informative.

Sincerely, Janis Glosson

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