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

Kennesaw Senior 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. Visitors welcome. Geneva Wilbanks, 424-8274.

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.

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

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

The City of Kennesaw is organizing the Kennesaw Civil Action Group. The first meeting will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to form a group of volunteer concerned citizens that live in the city of Kennesaw that can aid in the event of any unforeseen disaster. For

information, call 422-2505 and talk to Chief Ruble.

A call has gone out to Cobb County residents to search their attics, scrapbooks, and family papers for photos of life in Cobb County over the years. The request is made by the Cobb County Public Library System and the Cobb Landmarks Society who are co-sponsoring the Vanishing Georgia project in Cobb County. Run by the Ga. State Dept. of Archives & History, Vanishing Georgia is an effort to preserve a photographic history of life in the state. The pictures are copied on the spot and returned to the owners. Do not be reluctant to bring in a photograph that is creased or faded. The Archives equipment can sometimes heighten the contrast when faded photographs are copied, and your picture may be the only one that exists of some event. The Vanishing Georgia bus will be in Marietta Wed., May 28, through Sat., May 31, at the Old Kennesaw House on Depot St., between Whitlock Ave. and Atherton Square. Bring your photos between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Marietta National Cemetery Ceremony—Mon., May 26, at 2:30. Address by Mr. Harris B. Stone, National Commander; music by the United Armed Forces Command Band.

The Christian Growth Class of Kennesaw U. Meth. Church has set aside Sat., May 31, for a

large FLEA MARKET (to benefit the building fund). The event will be held on the church grounds on Cherokee St., Kennesaw (around the corner from the Little General Museum). Space rental is \$10; for reservations, please call Terry Coll, 422-3735. Even if you aren't in the mood to set up a booth, come on out.

The Muscular Injuries & Skeletal Diseases Foundation, Inc. (MISD), a non-profit organization is forming a choir and symphony composed of persons with physical limitations who are ambulatory, with or without the aid of orthopedic equipment, including wheelchairs, and who have singing or instrumental talents. The MISD chorale and symphony will perform in concerts locally and nationally, and members will be offered free travel, including hotels and meals, free performance attire, and sightseeing tours. If you or someone you know has musical ability, and would like to audition for this exciting new adventure, please contact Mrs. Gail Love at 968-8303 or Mrs. Ruth Barr at 766-8120.

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

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

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

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

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

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

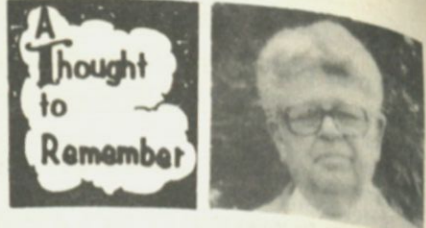
Big Shanty Women's Club meets 1st Tues., 8:00 p.m., members' homes.

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 427-6714



By Norman Medford

We read a bit of good, sound logic the other day. Someone had simply witten these words: "A smooth sea never makes a skillful mariner."

There is much truth in this statement. A sailor becomes skilled only as he guides his ship through raging seas and stormy voyages. Anyone can plot a course through a calm - but only the best can face a storm, weather it - and bring the ship safely to harbor.

It is through the storms of experience that the mariner becomes skillful. Isn't that true with life? The hard and difficult days tend to make each of us a better person - better fitted for life.

Everyone's life will be filled with many calm voyages, but there are sure to be storms and gales, because they are part of life, too. **OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: "LIFE IS A SEA - BOTH CALM AND STORMY."**

## THINK HEALTH

By Dr. Bill Willis  
Chiropractor



Spinal problems can start in infancy - when a child is in the womb, and is first born, the spine configuration is that of a figure "C". This is called the primary curve. After birth one of the best positions for the baby, to develop this curve is on its stomach. This position permits the baby to lift its head and develop the arch of the neck. This position also lays the ground-work for the second secondary curve, the arch of the low back. This curve is developed when the baby begins crawling. Because of the importance of this secondary curve, it is my feeling that babies today are not allowed to crawl a long enough period. Another important point to remember is when a child sleeps on its tummy, see to it that constant postural habits are not developed. If the child changes its position as it sleeps, no harm is done. You should change the baby's position, and place its head one day on one end of the bed, the next day on the other. This will help prevent the formation of dominant spinal rotations in the child's neck. If the child refuses to turn its head in one direction, or will only lie with its head turned one way, it is a good indication that a vertebra is out of alignment (subluxation), and a consultation with a chiropractor should be sought.

Remember, as parents it is your responsibility to insist that your child maintains good posture and habits that will insure good health.

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# History Of Kennesaw—Part IV



THE KENNESAW DEPOT IN 1880

by Mark Smith

General Wm. T. Sherman is most widely known and also hated for the destruction he wrought on his march from Atlanta to the sea. However, his destruction started far north of Atlanta. The flourishing city of Cassville, with schools, churches and many fine homes, was totally destroyed and never rebuilt. Acworth had only two buildings left standing, one of them was spared because the Masonic Hall was on the second floor. Big Shanty did not have too many buildings to begin with, but what buildings there were, notably the Lacy House, which had a stockade built around it during the Federal occupation, were destroyed with the exception of a few outlying farmhouses.

One such house was about a mile northwest of Big Shanty on what is known as the Moss place. It was a two story wooden structure and was used as a hospital during the Kennesaw Mountain campaign. It has since burned down. Another home was the Willis Skelton homestead about half way from town to Moon's Station. It has been owned and occupied for the last thirty-seven

years by the Ottis Wigley family. Out Cherokee Street is the home of Wm. Harris, still standing much in it's original form. It is on the corner of Cherokee Street and Chalker Park Road. The Hiram Butler home on Pine Mountain Road was built soon after the war and is used as a landmark reference in some of the old deeds. The Summers house south of town was partially destroyed and rebuilt, but it was torn down when the present airport was built. It stood about where the west end of the runway is now, and gave the name to the present-day Summers Street, which used to cross the railroad by a grade crossing beyond the Jasper Lumber Company.

So there was not too much to return to for Gaspard Carrie and his family. They and the Summers family, along with others, had loaded their possessions on railroad cars and refueged to the south and east of Atlanta. The Carries ended up in the vicinity of Social Circle from which place they had originally moved to Big Shanty. Coming back was another matter. It had to be done by mule and wagon, but

come back he did. According to the records of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., Gaspard Carrie served as postmaster of Big Shanty from Dec. 27, 1865 to March 23, 1868. He was also at one time Station Agent for the W & A Railroad. He also owned considerable farmland, some of which he later deeded to the Methodist Church for a church site.

According to the aforementioned records, Nelson Timleck was postmaster from March 1868 to Dec. 1872, James Hughes from Dec. 1872 to Sept. 1889, and C. W. Price from Sept. 1889 to Feb. 1895. Mr. Price at this time had a small store where the present three story building is located, and used a corner of the store for a post office. Later on the post office was in one corner of the Theodore Carrie store.

On September 26, 1861, six men by the name of Eidson, brothers perhaps, and from Decatur, Ga., enlisted in Company A of the Murphy Guards of the 38th Regiment of the Confederate State's Army. Of the six, two died in service. Of the four who returned, one Robert S. Eidson, minus his right hand, lost in the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864, in 1868 married Cynthia Steele, whose family lived in or near Big Shanty. Mr. Eidson and Joe Wingo, father of Cassie Wingo Chastain, still very alert and able to get about her home at the age of ninety-four, were the first Deacons of the Baptist Church. The Eidsons lived in a house located in front of the present Museum, his store being in the basement of the home.

In 1867 Philip Chalker came to Big Shanty from Warren County. While he did not settle in town, his descendents, especially Luther and James, or "Jimmie" as he was known, were later residents of Kennesaw.

The census of 1870 lists sixteen men as employed by the railroad, which shows what an impact the railroad had in the

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# Mayor's Report



Mayor Darvin Purdy

Two significant events have taken place in our area recently. Kennesaw is now the only city in the State of Georgia that has the distinction of being listed on the National Register as a Multiple Resource District. Several cities have property listed on the Register, but not as a Multiple Resource District. Our Application has been pending for some time, and it was a pleasant surprise when it was approved. Dr. Phil Secrest, a professor of history at Southern Technical Institute, played the major role in preparing the application and getting it approved, and he was aided by members of the Kennesaw Historical Society.

Property owners in the designated district are now eligible to apply for Federal Grants in renovations and making property improvements.

The other event is the presentation of an outstanding gift to our community. On Friday, April 11, an artist from Nashville, Tennessee, Ronald K. Dunn, Jr., donated to the Big Shanty Museum a Diorama of the Lacy Hotel, the General (Locomotive) and the Big Shanty community as it existed in April of 1862. A diorama is a miniature replica of the real thing. The artist spent over a year researching and making the replica, and it is truly a work of art and is an asset to our museum. We have made a

display case for the unit, and it is now on display at the museum.

At Trade Days I got out my pen and pad and interviewed some local residents so that I would have some information for this article. Below is a summary of some of the citizens' answers.

Q. Excuse me, ma'm. You obviously just completed the road race and were the first woman to finish? Did you find the 4½ mile course tough?

A. Oh no, the fashionable thing to do is to begin toward the end of the race. I started the race at Jiles' Store.

Q. Speaking of Jiles' Store, I see Mr. Jiles walking toward us. You are Bill Jiles, the owner of Kennesaw Fishery, aren't you?

A. You might say that.

Q. Mr. Jiles, you, of course, have the reputation of being a very vocal political critic. Is it true you are in favor of high property taxes and more government handouts?

A. You must have me confused with my son.

Q. If given a magic wand, how would you change Georgia politics?

A. I would exchange all Georgia politicians for the inmates at Riedsville Prison, and let the inmates run the government. I'll lay odds that the general public would notice no difference; as a matter of fact, things would likely improve.

Q. You do a lot of fishing--have you had any luck this spring?

A. The only thing I've caught so far is a bad cold.

Q. Here comes Wildman! Excuse me, Wildman, but is there any truth to the rumor that you are actually Rosemary's Baby?

A. Toot, Toot.

Q. Is it true as reported that your last lucid thought was in 1969?

A. Yes -- Toot, Toot!

End of interviews.

Speaking seriously, if you have any comment or suggestion related to city government, please write:

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*History of Kennesaw continued*  
development of the community. There were no industries in the area and no monied people to build palatial homes as in Roswell and Marietta. The homes that were built were of the ordinary kind, constructed mostly of local material, and as cheaply as possible.

In 1870 there were three retail stores, one blacksmith shop, two house carpenters, two Methodist ministers, and one doctor, John Humphrey.

John W. Hill, father of Ben, Griffin and Ed Hill, was Justice of the Peace of the 85th Militia District, which was in the Lost Mountain area. He owned a great deal of land in that area, but his sons migrated to Kennesaw, and they all built homes in town. The building known as the Ben Hill store, now occupied by Fout's Drugstore, must have been built in the 1870s.

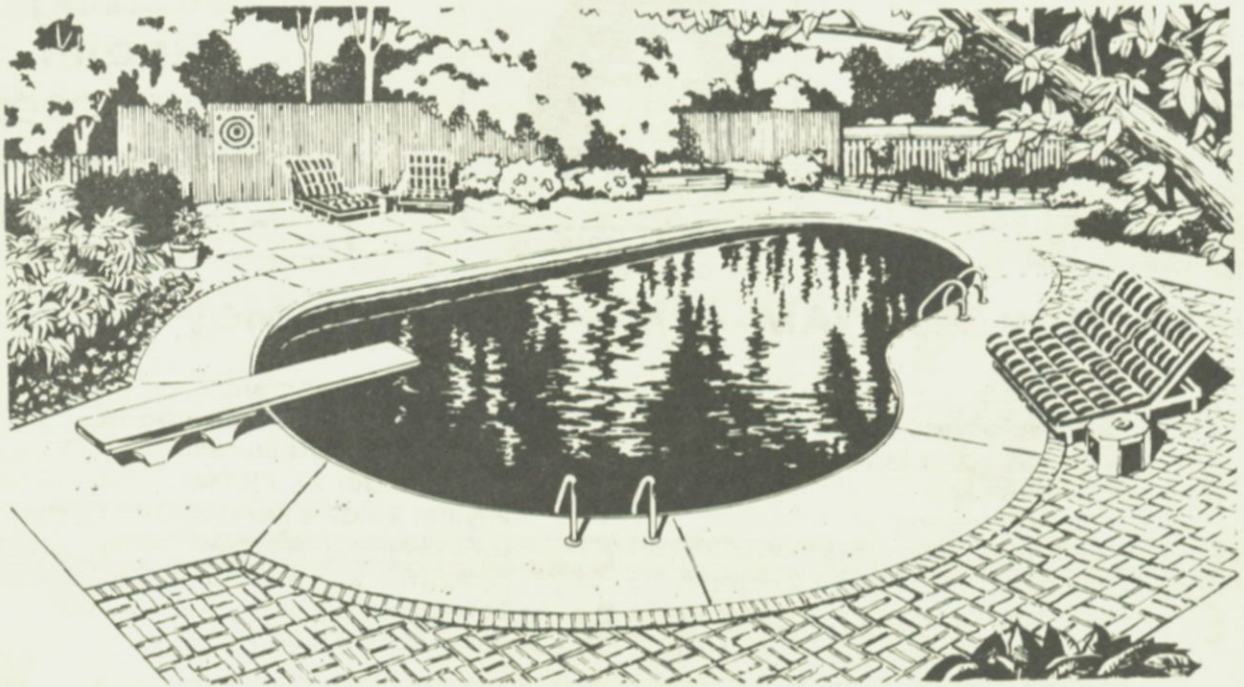
The First Baptist Church was dedicated in 1877 and was located about where the Museum now stands. Later on the church was moved to the present location on land donated by Hiram Butler. In the Centennial History of the Methodist church it states that it was first built at its present location on Cherokee Street in 1877.

The Cobb County Grand Jury of 1869 reported that the county finances were at last in the black, there was a balance of *sixteen cents* in the treasury.

But the area was slowly recovering from the ravages of war. Money was beginning to circulate and more and more people were moving in. By now, in the 1880s, enough civic interest was generated to petition the Legislature to enact articles of incorporation, which petition was granted and acted upon in 1887, and the City of Kennesaw officially came into being. The city limits were to be one-half mile in all directions from the depot, where they stayed until the early fifties, at which time Woodland Acres was taken in. In my next article I will tell of the growth of the community from 1887 to the beginning of the new century. □

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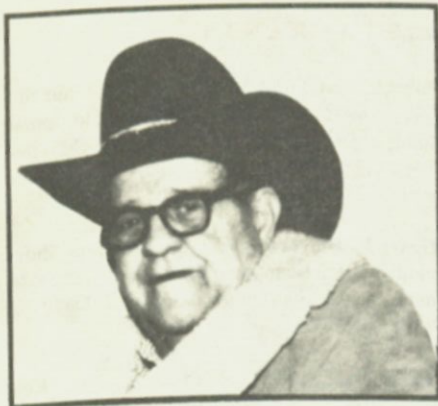
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By Jim Wilder  
Owner, D.J., WBIE Dial 101.5 FM

I guess everybody who's into Country Music knows "Mama" Wynette Mitchem or "Mama" knows everybody in Country Music--whichever way you want to say it. She's run just about every club in the Atlanta Metro area that features country, but most remember her from the "Playroom" (Peachtree & 10th St.) when it was at its peak in the late 60's. The Playroom booked Nashville's top acts and always had a packed house.

"Mama" was everybody's friend. Conway Twitty remembers while he was booked there, he got a call that his father was gravely ill. "Mama" consoled him and told him not to worry about the club; go

see his father. This brought tears to Conway's eyes. He said he'd never performed anywhere that didn't put their business first.



Lt. Gov. Zell Miller always attends "Mama's" big birthday celebration each year and she goes to his.

Mama's going Big Time again with the opening of "Mama's" Country Showcase" (1/2 mile inside 285 on Covington Hwy.) The club, which will be opening May 8th (sneak preview weekend May 8, 9, and 10) will feature Gordon Dee and the Ivories with Carol Lee. They will have top Nashville acts as well as the newer up-and-coming artists. This beautiful new club will seat over 1,000 people, has a revolving stage, and is built to make you feel down-home comfortable.

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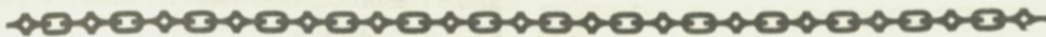
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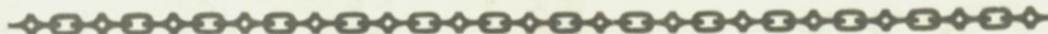
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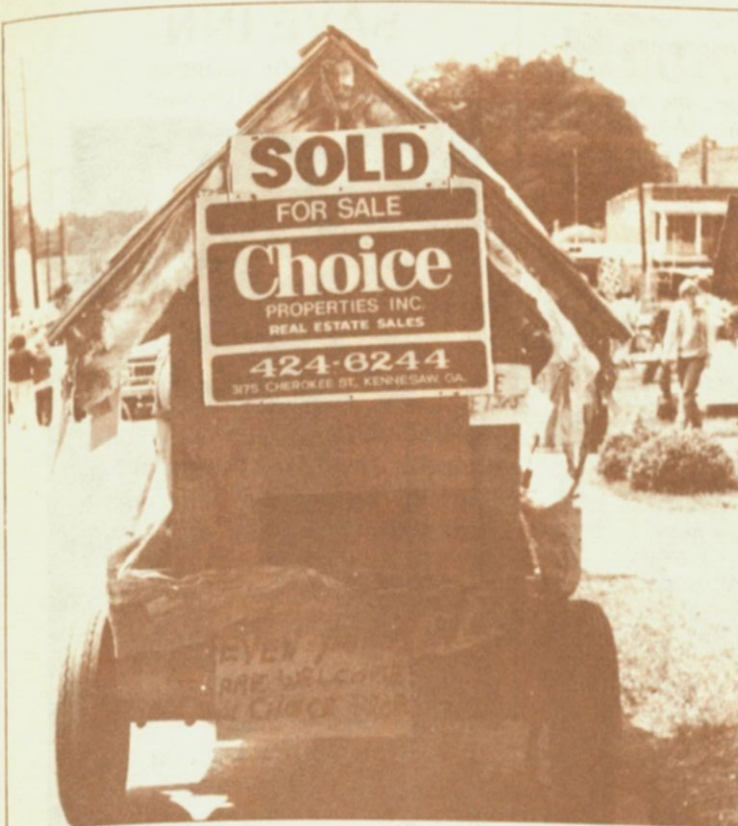


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# Memorial Day

## For the Purpose of Strewing with Flowers...



by Sharalee Potter

The War Between the States ended 115 years ago and in that time the bitterness and the anger have disappeared, but in 1866 those feelings were still very strong. In that year Henry G. Cole, of Marietta, offered land that he hoped could be used as a cemetery for Union and Confederate dead together. No doubt the fact that Cole had supported the Union during the war played a part in the inability of the Confederates to accept his offer, but the Union side was also too close to the taste of battle to consider placing their dead beside those who so recently had been enemies. So the land became a National Cemetery in July of 1866. By 1870 the cemetery had reached its present size of 23.256 acres. (A plot in the Marietta National Cemetery was forever set aside for descendants of the Cole family.

National cemeteries were authorized by President Lincoln in July of 1862, "...for the soldiers who shall die in the service of the

country." There was no specified day to honor those soldiers until 1868 when Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic issued a general order designating May 30, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." Rhode Island made Decoration Day a legal holiday in 1874, Vermont followed in 1876, and New Hampshire, in 1877. By the 1950's all the states except Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas recognized the May 30 date. In Virginia, May 30 was considered a Confederate Memorial day and in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Arkansas Confederate Memorial Day is celebrated on Jefferson Davis' birthday, June 3. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi recognize Confederate Memorial Day on April 26, and in North and South Carolina the day is May 10.

Of course, Memorial Day now

honors the soldiers of several wars, scores of which are buried in the Marietta National Cemetery and it is really a little sad that soldiers of the Confederacy and those of the Union are buried in separate cemeteries. Each side had its heroes and every soldier suffered deprivation and sorrow; all of them deserve honor for their willingness to fight for their beliefs. The Confederate Cemetery in Marietta is testimony to their bravery, as is the National Cemetery although we no longer have parades of old veterans in old uniforms to make that more obvious. We see occasional flags, and perhaps more flowers on the graves, but it is generally a quiet day.

Perhaps that is best. In this day and age we all fear a technological war, and although we admire the bravery of our dead soldiers, we don't want more of them to die unless no other course of action is possible. The eight who died recently in Iran deserve our greatest respect, but were their deaths absolutely necessary? It is frightening to think that perhaps Iran will create a need for new cemeteries in America. On this Memorial Day we should remember the fallen heroes, yet resolve that none of our citizens shall follow them to an early death, to lie quietly beneath white tombstones, remembered once a year. □





# Wildman Sez

By Dent Myers

Boy! Wish I had an Iranian or a Russian to train my dog. That is if they could make it jump thru a hoop, roll over, set up and beg, etc. like they do Carter.

Kennedy will be your next president. (Looks like I'm still not gonna have one.)

In the face of all the Iranian atrocities, hostages, HUD, welfare, and other give-away programs, the rest of the world no longer respects Americans. They've changed "Uncle Sam's" name to "Uncle Sucker."

Food's so high I rarely buy any. Matter of fact, an army of black ants (sorry, honkies) left my house in disgust after checking the icebox. They musta felt sorry for me though, they came back and brought me a pile of bread crumbs.

I shore hope everybody filled out and sent in their census invasion of privacy so Washington can get them to Russia so they will know the most populated areas so they won't waste their nuclear bombs in an uninhabited site and so they'll know which dwellings have better facilities to house their occupation troops.

The census info is confidential, like the form says, or so I reckon. Four of the lady "takers" were huddled over coffee a few days back, whispering about the unusual facts they had found out concerning a well-known Kennesaw resident.

Dr. Horne (K.B.A. cartoonist) told me a dime-sized tooth crown would cost me approximately \$200.00. I told him I could get one big enough for my whole head just by eating 50 cents worth of a certain brand of margarine.

During Trade Days I thought someone had

been run over by the train. Grabbing my First Aid Kit and rushing to the track, I discovered it was only Brenda Burrell and a couple of folks beating the heck outta some git-tars while squeezing a microphone, making screaming noises, and calling it "Country & Western" (country & western what, they didn't say).

That singing must really be hard on a person though—Brenda had turned purple all over, including her hat.

I read in the Neighbor paper where "Top-notch spellers receive blue ribbons in Bee." If I'd'e known they were going to give away free beer, I'd'e tried to spell something myself.

Fellow asked me where I hailed from. When I replied, "White Co., Ga.," he wanted to know, "What part?" I told him, "All of me."

Apparently the L & N's Buddy Hophead Knows as much about "50 year old, bare footed, gun slinging Hippies," as he does about keeping trains on tracks. Toot! Toot!

Frank (not too) Swift of Swift Alarm Systems told me he heard a train got lost between Chattanooga & Atlanta but never fear, it was found chugging along a dirt road in Paulding County. Trying out a set of mud grip tires.

I really must hand it to the railroad folks for their expertise. I like to have never got my dog to lay down & roll over & he's a little smaller than a train.

An out of town yankee (natch) after consuming a large portion of Shanty House peach cobbler asked: "What time are the Georgia peaches ready around here?" "Most of the ones I know are ready anytime!"

I guess the U.S.P.O. has to go up on their stamps to hire additional personel so,s they can lose more of the mail: Example: Since 1/30/78, I have written checks, totaling near \$2000. that have never arrived at their destination. The latest incident was, 2 payment books \$497., mailed 3/6/80. As of 4/2/80 never delivered. Course they had to go all the way to Marietta.

Could there be a conspiracy 'tween the Cobb Bank & the P.O.? P.O. "loses" checks, Bank charges \$10.00 per to stop payment. That's 5 bucks apiece multiplied by as many as they want. ????

Dear Gen'l. Wildman:  
Gazette received AOK. Your column's the funniest thing I've read in a long time. Kennesaw must be quite a place. I also enjoyed the piece on Bill Tush--I wish we got that station around here--I don't watch the regular news!

Best regards, Harry  
(From Harry Roach, Editor  
"Military Image Magazine")

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Save Inn Manager, **Jim McDevitt**, is looking forward to providing **Kennesaw residents** with a nice place for evening entertainment, and anticipates drawing from the **Cartersville** area also, since there is only one night club between Cartersville and Marietta that features **Country Music**.

For additional information about the **Loft Lounge** call 427-3181. See you there! □

# Gina Lynne Couey

## "Ain't Giving Up"

by Brenda Burrell



Which came first--the actress or the singer? It's difficult to distinguish in the case of 17-year old, pretty and petite (4 ft. 10 in.), Gina Lynne Couey, who sings, dances, roller skates ("Skaters of the '80's," a roller disco team), and has been an extra in the movies, "Smokey and the Bandit" starring Burt Reynolds, and "Little Darling" (just released), starring Tatum O'Neal and Kristy McNichol. Her dynamic performances delight audiences everywhere she appears.

When I arrived at Gina's home on Hicks Road in Marietta, her parents, Carl and Reba Couey, were working in their yard. After chatting awhile inside, they got back to their yard work, and Gina and I got down to the business of "Entertaining."

Before I had time to ask the first question, Gina threw one at me. "Did you know I'm adopted? Mama and Daddy adopted me when I was 4 months old, and my older brother, Brad (now 20) was adopted when he was 8 months old." "Anybody can have children," Gina continued, "but it takes a real mother to raise a child, and that's MY mother. Since I was actually "chosen", I feel very special.

Their discipline has been strict, yet fair, and there is no generation gap. I love and respect my parents very much and they are my inspiration." (Somehow I felt good that Gina had given praise to her parents before herself).

At this point, we were interrupted by a shrill scream from outside. Gina's brown eyes widened, then she relaxed and grinned, "I'll bet Daddy just squirted Mama with the water hose. Boy, will he get it if he did, 'cause Mama just got her hair done."

I asked Gina if she could remember the first song she learned and how old she was. "I think I was humming before I started talking," she replied. "As soon as I learned to talk, I started singing. I guess the first song I learned was, "Jesus Loves Me." I'd sing gospel songs and nursery rhymes every time relatives came over. I learned "O, Christmas Tree" in German, while I was going to kindergarten."

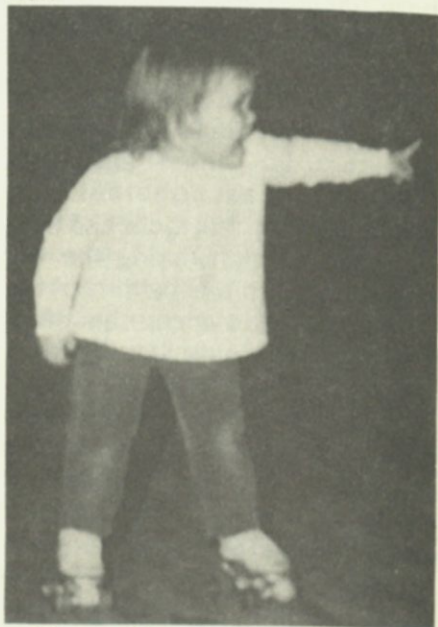
"Mama said I talked all the time. Lots of times she'd say, 'Gina, will you PLEASE stop talking for just one minute?' I'd stop for a few seconds, then I'd start singing. I remember standing up

on the back seat of the car (age 5, coming home from kindergarten) and singing "Onion Christian Soldiers" over and over. Brad kept saying, 'It's not onion, it's onward.'"

According to her parents, Gina has always been curious, (down right nosey at times, Gina admits), independent, and self-sufficient. Her father, Carl, who owns Crescent Park Skating Rink, put her on skates when she was 14 months old and from the start she didn't want anybody to touch her, wanted to learn by herself. In this photo (22 mos.) she seems to be saying, "Stay over there! I don't need any help!"

Reba and Carl say Gina has always been obsessed with singing and can recall many sleepless nights when she would practice until 3 or 4 am.

I wondered what effect this had on her school work, (Gina's now a junior at Tabernacle Christian School in Marietta), but found she's made A's and B's all the way through school (except for one F in conduct in the 3rd grade for talking too much. She assured me she never got another after the big talk her parents gave her.



Gina cut her first single, "Brand New Key" (age 13) at Perfection Sound Studio in Smyrna. A year later, her second release, "Ain't Giving Up," became her theme

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**HEAR YE, HEAR YE.**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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

Genny and Jerry Drake, (parents of Karen Drake, K.W. and Johnny Glancier), from the Colorado Rockies, have visited Kennesaw the past two winters, and sure 'nuff, it grew on them and last October they loaded up--lock, stock, and barrel in a Coor's Beer truck and they're here to stay. Welcome to our fair city and we appreciate y'all distributing the Gazette in the Rockies for us.

Dent "Wildman" Myers received a letter last week from R. L. White, publisher of a new magazine called, "Platinum" (competitive to "Playboy") which will be coming out in December. Mr. White wrote, "On the back of all Playboy centerfolds, there are 15-20 jokes. In Platinum, I want something different...a 'Wildman Sez' page. I would feature this each issue. Please give me a call." Well, Wildman, we don't mind sharing you, but you'd better not give HIM gooder goodies than you give US! (Who gave that booger a copy of the Gazette anyway?)

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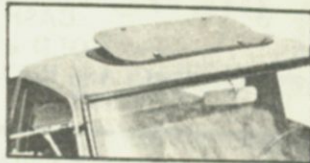


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Captain Randell Lee Hooper has resigned from the Kennesaw Police Dept. to accept a better-paying position in another law enforcement location. Hooper, who was born in Cherokee County, retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service, (the last 13 years, served as M.P.), and started to work as a patrolman with the Kennesaw Police Dept. in 1973. He worked his way through every rank from patrolman to captain and has given us outstanding performance. Hooper has served as acting chief three times during his employment, when various chiefs have been terminated. We feel a great loss for Kennesaw, but we wish you much success. Best wishes and love from your community.

**Gina Lynne Couey** *continued*

song, and seems to express her feelings about pursuing the entertainment world.

Among her many credits in the entertainment field are: guest appearances on Channel 17 with Norma Brooks, "Take One Program"; "Channel 36 with Little Jimmy Dickens and the late Red Souvine; Channel 46 with Lou Evans; Six Flags over Georgia; North Georgia Fair; and many other well known places in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

She has opened shows for T.G. Sheppard, Cal Smith, Cristy Lane, and Billy "Crash" Craddock. On March 23rd, Gina opened the Hawks vs San Antonio game at the Omni by singing The National Anthem.

Gina loves all types of music and has a repertoire of over 300 songs. With a voice range of over 3 octaves, I'd say her vocal teacher, LeRoy Abernathy of Canton, Georgia is doing well with her

Very pleased with having her own group now, "Highway Revue Band," Gina stays busy practicing and learning new material for an album she plans to release soon. Yet, she still finds time to



kick off her shoes, jump in a mini-car with close friend, Jeff Johnson, and squeal with delight as they pass some slow-poke on the road.

Watch and listen for the name, "Gina Lynne Couey." With her bubbly personality, dynamic talent, and determination, she should reach the top. One thing we know for sure, she "Ain't Giving Up". □

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

by Brenda Burrell



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Jim Wilder, WBIE owner, recently had a pacemaker operation. The first time I saw him back at the radio station, he told me he had asked the doctor just after the operation, "Doc, now that I've got this pacemaker put in, will I have a normal sex life?" The doctor said, "Sure, you can do anything you feel like." Jim said, "Well, good; I haven't had one in 10 to 15 years." (Jim will be 74 years old June 11th).



Happy Birthday to DAMON TANNER, who will be 9 years old May 9th.

Happy 18th Birthday to RENEE BARRETT on May 17th. We are very proud of you.  
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**GEMINI May 21 — June 20**  
If you are attached in some romance of importance to you, there can be discouragement from intruders. You are bound to win, so don't worry. Your object of affection may admire your mentality and knowledge, also be attracted sexually. Quite a good marriage potential here.

**CANCER June 21 — July 22**  
The cycle is a fairly happy one. You find a new place to go, companions of your own age, and an atmosphere that is just right. Make sure your diet is wholesome and regular meals must be the order of each day. You may want to visit an old friend or two but find no encouragement.

**LEO July 23 — August 22**  
This is your month for romance. Expect at least two new lovers to enliven your leisure time, but don't let it go to your head. Money problems clear up and a bright outlook for gains in the future. Don't let trivia distract you, keep to your plans and follow routine.

**VIRGO August 23 — September 22**  
Your financial situation improves and

chances are you take a new job with good pay. Before the month is over you may be in a new living environment. If married, you can be joyous and glad that you have this emotional security. If single, someone new in your life may be of importance.

**LIBRA September 23 — October 22**  
Work can be varied and keep you busy with new responsibilities. Some of it is actually soothing for your nerves. At end of month you may be planning a trip.

**SCORPIO October 23 — November 21**  
You can be going to visit a grown child at a distance. Happiness lies in family matters whether married or not. Be proud of the cool life you have managed well. You may hear news about a former lifemate or lover and it will be just what you expected. Don't gloat too much.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 — Dec. 21**  
A cycle when you can expand life and be happier than ever before. Think in a practical way about your life and home. It is a good time to take out insurance which may be in much need. Be self-protective in all ways. If single, a marriage may be planned but the date set far away, maybe in the fall.

**CAPRICORN Dec. 22 — Jan. 19**  
You can find a new pleasure in a love you thought would never have a chance again. You are determined to have your way and for the most part

you get it. Career matters keep you busy so that there is little time to be with loved one who may get a bit discouraged.

**AQUARIUS January 20 — February 18**  
You can be harsh in attitude and treatment of a friend. This will change but now you just haven't the time. Career keeps you busy and must come first. If married, do nothing that might change the situation. Bide your time in speaking to lifemate about important matters. Don't rush anything, you are not mentally ready for decisions at this time.

**PISCES February 19 — March 20**  
Taking a trip will probably be possible. It will be enjoyable. Getting near water is a good idea, even though it may not be a long trip. In relationships with young relatives be pleasant and helpful. If married, realize that a lifemate will probably not heed any discouragement about activities that you voice.

**ARIES March 21 — April 19**  
During this month you may take steps to make your future happier. This may include buying some property. You can feel that whatever happens money can be made if property must be sold later. Your situation with family is not exactly happy but you think you can stop worrying about it soon. Just keep yourself busy to pass the time.

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Hats off to the Neighbor Newspapers and to News Editor, ANN FREES, who did a beautiful job covering our Kennesaw "Old Fashioned Trade Days" April 19 and 20. Every week for over 2 months, stories and articles were featured about various up-coming events. We feel certain this attributed to our biggest year yet. Thank you for a job well done, from the Kennesaw Business Association, Kennesaw residents, and the Kennesaw Gazette.

Special thanks to Junior Ledford of Kennesaw (our Knight in Shining Armor) for lending us his flatbed truck for the entertainment during Trade Days.

Who is the Kennesaw resident who performs on stage with his fly open? Sorry, they wouldn't tell me either, but did say his initials are K.L.???

Hats off to Kennesaw Drug Store employee, Dawn Jenkins, who found a Design Graphics envelope on the floor with Marth Epperson's name on it and a 10-dollar bill inside. She called us and we returned the money to Martha. It's good to know there are still honest people around.

The employees of Burrelco, Inc. would like to thank Bill & Barbara Babin of GENERAL'S FRIED CHICKEN for the catered breakfast April 11.

Overheard in the Shanty House Restaurant by Luther Carter, and I quote, "Instead of y'all having them TRADE DAYS, why don't you have 'Wash Days' and wash that Wildman, Dent Myers?" Bet he hasn't had a bath since Andrews Raiders." Ed Anderson added, "Oh, I'm sure his outside appearance is clean—it's his MIND that's dirty."

Harry Galt, now retired, said he used to work *real hard* to make a living. I've asked around all over town and nobody seems to remember catching him at it. (Work, that is).

Garrett Taylor, age 8, is going to New York with grandparents, Bill and June Harris to visit with his actress aunt Janet Harris Ford on a Home Box Office set.

## Letters To The Editor!

The Editor  
Design Graphics  
3070 Harris Street  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dear Editor:

Due to the great response I've received after advertising in the Gazette. I've been able to move my business from my home, to an office on Main St. (Old Ice Cream Parlour).

I've had so many people to brag on the layout of my ad (with my face in place of George's on the dollar bill).

Thanks for doing such a good job.

Sincerely,  
K.W. Glancies  
Big Shanty Pawn Shop

Dear Editor:

Last month I read in your "Hear Ye" column about the conversation you had with an L&N officer who didn't appear to like the statements Wildman had made concerning the railroad.

In my opinion, the Wildman is a very controversial, outspoken individual who doesn't conform to our so-called system. That uniqueness helps bring a lot of notoriety to Kennesaw. Yet, in all fairness, I will have to admit the railroad has given us a bit of notoriety also. Why, just the other day I heard of some folks who came to Kennesaw to watch the train derailments.

So, the next time Buddy Hobba feels like beating his fist on the table and wondering why "people look up to a 50-year old, barefooted, bearded, gun slinging hippy," he should remember the words of Albert Einstein, "Great Spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

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Kennesaw, Georgia

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*"The First Turn"*

- "Sandwiches"  
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