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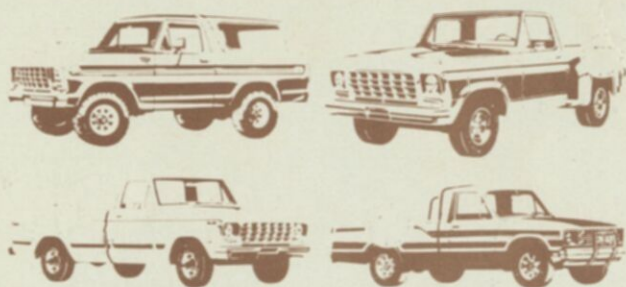
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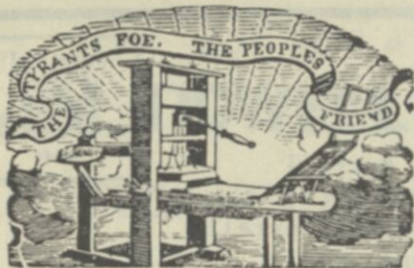
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Let me here again re-emphasize none of these dogs bother anyone or anything.

Today after the dog catcher's visit, these large dogs are still loose and still roaming - they've become catcher-conscious yet my 4 month old puppy has been hounded, chased and left a mass of tangled nerves from his encounter.

Darn it, it just isn't just for one "sour" neighbor to call a dog catcher just because he or she has an animosity toward dogs (or their owners) so in order to view my feelings on this subject, I have taken the liberty of writing you in an effort to not only explain a rather hectic day but to voice an opinion of one who feels a dog catcher (and those who call upon their services) can be merely bitter people out to vent their spleen.

Already I can feel the responses that will come from civic-minded people stating how erroneous are my opinions yet isn't it supposed to be a free country and if so, why not "free" for all?

Sincerely,

Helen Barber  
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Cobb Neighbor Charter Chapter ABWA, last Mon. of each month, 6:30 P.M., Fair Oaks Community Center, Barber Road

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Kennesaw Zoning Board meets 2nd Mon., 7:30 P.M., City Hall

Kennesaw Business Association meets 2nd Tues., 8:00 P.M.

Big Shanty Women's Club meets 1st Tues., 8:00 P.M., Members Homes

Big Shanty Garden Club meets 1st Mon., 8:00 P.M., Members Homes

Kennesaw Jaycees meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 8:00 P.M. at Kennesaw Library.  
Kennesaw Jaycettes meet 4th Mon., 8:00 P.M.

Optimist Club meets each Tues., 7:00 A.M., Save Inn

Karate Class, Mon. & Wed., 7 to 8:30 P.M., City Hall

North Georgia Relic Hunters Club meets 1st & 3rd Wed. nights of each month at the Fulton National Bank Community Room, Marietta at 7:30 P.M.. Open to public.

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.

North Cobb Band Booster Club meets 2nd Tues. of each month in the Band Room at North Cobb 7:30 P.M.

American Business Women Association (ABWA), meets 3rd Thurs. each month, Save Inn, 7:00 P.M.

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 P.M.. Call Lanie Shipp at 974-2103.

Every Tues., 7:30 P.M., Boy Scout Troup No. 133 meets at Adams Park. Scout Master Jim Petty 428-4000.

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

Kennesaw Library Preschool Story Time, ages 4-5, Tues. 1:00 - 1:45 P.M., March 13, 20, 27.

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Piney Grove Baptist Church Mars Hill Rd., Kennesaw, 428-5122

Sardis Baptist Church, 2741 S. Main St., Kennesaw 428-4031

Shiloh Hills Baptist Church, Hawkins Store Rd., N.W., Kennesaw, 926-7729

Wildwood Baptist Church, Wade Green Rd., N.W., Kennesaw, 428-2100

Kennesaw Church of God, Due West Rd., N.W., Kennesaw, 422-3060

First United Lutheran Church, 3481 Frey Lake Rd., Kennesaw, 427-0325

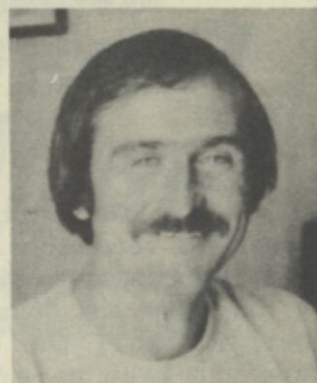
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Kennesaw United Methodist Church, 2871 Cherokee, N.W., Kennesaw, 428-6248

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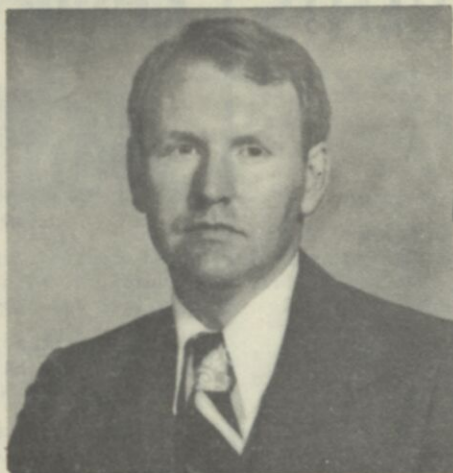
## SALUTE TO DEPARTMENT HEADS

In a small town, such as Kennesaw, too much attention is sometimes focused on the Mayor and Councilman when, in fact, the employees who keep government running smoothly are the department heads. Too often elected officials receive credit for jobs which were done by others. If your elected officials need research done on a problem or issue, department heads are normally called upon to do the work. Most irate calls go to these folks and are handled in a most efficient manner.

Kennesaw is blessed with good employees and the employee turnover in these major positions has been low. This month's article is devoted to providing the readers a brief resume' of each person and their responsibilities.

Susan Rackley (City Clerk). Sue has been city clerk and treasurer since 1974 and was first employed by the city in 1972. She and her husband, J. L., and their two children have lived on Woodland Drive for eleven years. As city clerk Sue has responsibility for bookkeeping, purchasing, personnel records, license and permits, water billing, payroll, and a multitude of tasks that are not accountable to anyone else. Most "problem" calls come to Sue and it is her job to find the answers. I have worked closely with her for over six years and find Sue very pleasant and competent.

Richard Howard (City Super-



Mayor Clyde McDonald

intendent). Do you have problems with sewer or water lines, or holes in the street? Need an inspection on a new subdivision or want to know why your garbage wasn't picked up? These and many other major responsibilities fall on Richard who has very capably filled his job since 1974. He was also employed by the city for several years in the sixties. Richard's vast knowledge of the public works area is invaluable to city officials, and we are fortunate to have him. He and his wife, Thelma, and their three children live outside Kennesaw on a "mini" farm.

P. S. "Shug" Howard (Chief of Police). I personally have much respect for all policemen and additional sympathy for police chiefs whose jobs (regardless of city) always seem to be in jeopardy! Chief Howard is a truly dedicated police officer with over 20 years experience in police work. He takes pride in his work and wants Kennesaw to have the best small-town force in Georgia. Shug was instrumental in Kennesaw purchasing its own police computer and in improving the morale and efficiency of the force. He began in December, 1977.

Joel Daniel (Recreation Director). Joel is a

person who quietly goes about his job and never appears flustered. He is responsible for heading the city's recreation program and for coordinating the activities of the various sports associations in town. His first summer (1978) with us was exciting as he had the responsibility of keeping 20 CETA employees working (an impossible task)! Joel has done a fine job on working on improvements to the playing fields at Adams Park and scheduling activities at city hall. He has a B.S. degree in P/E and recreation. His past work experience includes 3 years as a P/E instructor in the Cherokee County school system. And girls.. he's single!

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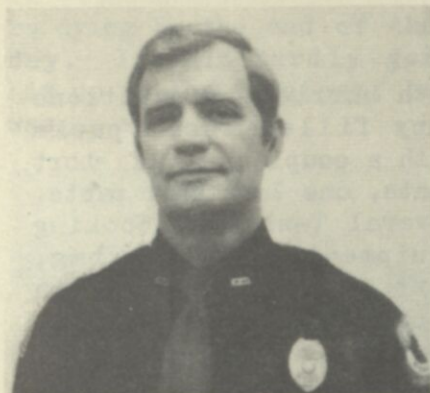
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# YOUR Police Department



Patrolman Dwaine Lee Wilson

Hello again.

This month's Police Officer is Dwaine Lee Wilson as we continue this series of introductions of the Kennesaw Police Department. Patrolman Wilson has been employed by the Kennesaw Police Department since October, 1977 and is working the day shift from 8 A.M. till 6 P.M. He is also part of the Investigative Team of the Police Department.

Patrolman Wilson is a local son who was raised in the Kennesaw-Marietta area and graduated from Sprayberry High School, Marietta. After graduation he loved picture shows so much he became a projectionist for Martin Theater and stayed with them from 1964 until 1972. He then became interested in law enforcement and was hired as a patrolman with the City of Acworth in 1972 and worked his way up to Assistant Chief. Because of living in the City of Kennesaw, he decided to try to work in the city he lived and he came to the Kennesaw Police Department in 1977.

Patrolman Wilson is a very alert and very active Police Officer. He was commended by Mayor and Council last year for stopping a run-a-way car and

possibly saving a number of small children from harm.

He attended the Burglary Investigation Course in Atlanta in 1977, the Georgia Police Academy Medical Self Help Training Course in 1972, the 114 hour Mandate Basic Course for Police Officers in 1972, the Theory and Operation of Intoximeter at Georgia Police Academy in 1973, and refresher course of same in 1975. Patrolman Wilson has attended many in training classes and has numerous letters of commendation for the solving of burglary in the city. He is married to a lady who believes in helping all. Her name is Wanda and they have two lovely children, Tracy 8 and Brian 5.

The Kennesaw Police Department's "River Rats" hope to carry the Boy Scout troop of Woodstock for a weekend. We are also planning to carry other troops as requests come in. This is to develop us as Police Officers and to develop youth as future leaders, and we are proud of this undertaking. If any Boy Scout troop with the older troops wishes to take this trip with the Police, please call us.

We also plan to play softball again and any person who thinks they can play and wants to play with us, please give us a call.

I thank you once again for this privilege of coming to you, the public, through this newspaper. We at the Police Department wish you the public to know we are here to help and serve. May God bless you all.

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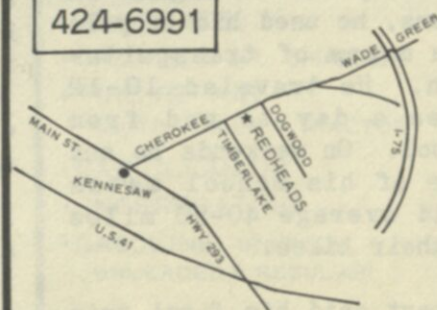
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# COAST TO COAST WITH PEDAL POWER

by Brenda Burrell



Kennesaw resident Gilbert James, 23, loves a challenge and certainly proved it when he traveled almost 5,000 miles from the Oregon coast to the N. C. coast on a bicycle.

Born in Augusta, Georgia, Gilbert moved to Wooten Lake Road in Kennesaw with his parents, Bert and Martha James, when he was six. He attended Kennesaw Elementary and North Cobb High Schools. He has a younger sister, Amy, at North Cobb High.

While attending the University of Georgia in Athens, he used his bicycle as a means of transportation. He traveled 10-12 miles a day to and from school. On weekends he and some of his school mates would average 40-50 miles on their bikes.

Gilbert said his first trip of any length was from Athens to Calloway Gardens when they had heard Farrah Faucett Majors was going to

be there for the celebrity Super Star competition. But after traveling 3 days and fighting the rain most of the way, the show had been cancelled when they arrived.

Gilbert's next adventure took him to Bristol, Va. to visit friends during spring vacation. This was his first experience with mountains as he traveled through the Blue Ridge Mtns. and the Smokies.

By this time Gilbert had the fever and wanted a real challenge. He decided the best time for a cross-country trip would be when he finished school, before he had to put his nose to the grindstone and find employment. He started saving his money.

In June of 1978 Gilbert saw an ad in a newspaper wanting someone to drive a car to Portland, Oregon. This was his big chance. A school buddy, Roy Harrell of Jessup, Ga., wanted to go, too.

With hurried preparations they filled their packs with a couple pair of short pants, one long pair pants, several T-shirts, cooking equipment, sleeping bag, tent and tools and with about \$500 in travelers checks, strapped their bikes on the car and headed for Portland, Oregon, arriving at their point of start on June 15th. Gilbert said he was worried that Roy wasn't geared up right. (I asked him if he meant Roy wasn't geared up right, or the bike, and he said "the bike".)

I asked him what type bikes they did have and what was wrong with Roy's. He explained, "He wasn't turning enough RPM's, so we had to change his gear ratio before we got to the mountains. There's a lot to setting up a bicycle for a trip. For mountains you have to have a bigger gear so you can spin more and not use so much energy. Roy's was an Astro Dailmer and mine was custom made in Connecticut by Richard Sachs, which is also the brand name. I gave him the dimensions and told him what I was planning to do. It has two gears on front and five in back and that makes you ten gears, a low range and a high range." (My math failed me here, but like the old saying, "I don't know nuttin' 'bout 'chinery").

Gilbert continued, "You have to know how to put those gears together to get your maximum efficiency and this was what Roy didn't know. We traveled about two days before we regeared his bike. He'd get off and do wind sprints and would



be dying by the end of the day. I could hardly get him up in the mornings, he was so worn out."



Gilbert said the first two or three days they rode down the coast enjoying the beauty of the Pacific Ocean for the first time. They had anticipated the trip would take about three months and fully intended to have a good time. One thing they hadn't anticipated was the difference in the climate. The altitude and humidity were different and much to their surprise, there was snow and it was very cold. Gilbert said they'd wake up in the morning and the water in their water bottle was frozen. The first day they had planned to travel about 60 miles to get in condition, but ended up doing 100, probably to keep from freezing. Gilbert says all these movies you see with people swimming and surfing in the Pacific weren't made off the Oregon coast. He said people lay on the beach, but wouldn't go in the water and he'd heard you had to be as far south as San Francisco before the water warmed up enough.

Still on the first leg of the journey, Gilbert was hit by a pick-up truck as he was making a right hand turn in Eugene, Oregon. He said it didn't hurt him (just his pride) but bent

the front wheel, rim, brakes and spokes and the man didn't even stop. They stayed over until they made the necessary repairs.

I asked Gilbert where they stayed at night and he said they stayed in state parks, traveling on all state routes. "In Oregon 5% of transportation taxes goes toward bicycles and they really have some neat things, like a special lane on the side of the road just for bicycles. We went through a tunnel in Oregon where you push a button at start of the tunnel and this light comes on and sign says "Bicyclist in Tunnel" and the tunnel stays lit until you get through, then you turn it off."

They stayed one night below the Brownley Dam, at the Oregon and Idaho line, which Gilbert says is one of the largest dams in the country. The state of Idaho was like a wilderness, most of it was untouched, dense forests and stretches of road as far as 60-70 miles without seeing any sign of habitation.

There were hot springs at several camp sites and the guys really enjoyed getting in the warm water to loosen up their muscles.

I asked Gilbert what kind of food they ate. He said for breakfast they usually had oatmeal and a glass of Tang. For lunch, peanut butter and jelly or banana sandwiches, nothing heavy, until night, then they'd eat spaghetti, lots of Hamburger Helper or anything with lots of noodles and starches to build up their strength.

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their next camp site would be pretty far away at a hostel (lodging for youth) and only had a bunk and a stove and they'd have to pay \$4 or \$5. The clerk at the grocery store invited them to her home and her mother cooked graciously for them, washed their clothes and put them up for the night.



Leaving Rockies

"In Wisdom, Montana we'd been told it was the mosquito capital of the world," said Gilbert, "but we thought we were tough and could handle it. I've never seen so many mosquitos in my life. We were eaten up with them, even though we applied a repellent every two hours."

"One thing I noticed about Montana and Wyoming was that they had a lot of real small towns and they all had a bar in town. They might have a grocery store and a bar, but if they only had one store, it was a bar, and they had open gambling like a casino," declared Gilbert. "Yellowstone National Park was



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I went to the grocery store for the first time in about eight months and was I surprised. I got five large bags for only 23 dollars. (Course I guess they'd have cost me more if they hadn't of been empty).

Dale Burrell, owner of the Gazette, told me he'd run out of "Wildman Sez". If he'd print some of the ones I gave him, he'd be run out alright---out of town!

It was 2 years before I realized that "The Little General Cloggers" wasn't a midget football team fed exclusively on a cheese diet.

The ice musta really been slick. I overheard one of our local businessmen with a black eye and bruises telling another, "I got

# Wildman Sez



caught slipping around."

I wish everyone would forget all the hamburger jokes. I think they've been run into the ground (or was it "outta" the ground).

Some folks can make flowers grow with no effort-others

can cultivate them to beauty. But me...even my plastic plants died!

I didn't fair too badly during the recent ice storm with my fireplace, lamps, lanterns, etc.---but it's hard as heck to run your T.V. on kerosene.

During one of my "Lites Out" periods I was asked by an E.M.C. crew if I had gotten a squirrel in my transformer. I told him I musta forgot it was my day to stand in the snow and watch for squirrels in my transformers. But I'll try not to let it happen again.

I must apologize to the Historical Society for being late for my speech last Thursday but I've gained 9 pounds and it's hard dressing an unfamiliar body. (Besides, I was out of crisco and couldn't slide into my clothes as quick).

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beautiful. A couple of employees got fired out there. They knew just when "Old Faithful" would go off, so they put an iron pipe in the ground with a steering wheel on top (close enough for the people to see, but far enough away to keep from getting sprayed). When they felt the ground tremble one hollered, 'Okay, crank it up.' The boy turned the wheel to the right as the geyser started up, and when it started back down he said, 'Alright, turn it off,' and he turned the wheel back to the left. I thought it was funny, but they got fired."

"The strangest thing happened when we reached the Grand Tetons. I ran into a buddy of mine, Jimmy Cantrell, that I hadn't seen in years. He was working out there. Small world. His family owns an angus farm between Kennesaw and Acworth. By the way, do you know where the Grand Tetons get their name? One time some Frenchmen were exploring the area. They hadn't seen any women in a long time. They came upon these huge mountains, white capped, and they reminded them of women's bosoms, so they called them the Grand Tetons for the grand bosoms."



When they reached Haswell, Colorado they set up their tent for the night and a family named Bright stopped

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

by Brenda Burrell

DAVE ROBERTSON is not the most coordinated person I know. Recently he said he was enjoying a "happy hour" and trying to impress a young lady. He picked up his drink, looking deep into the lady's eyes and stuck the straw up his nose. Way to go, DAVE.

Hadn't seen JUNIOR BROWN in a while. He asked, "BRENDA, what did you do to your hair?" I said, "I stuffed it under this wig."

ALICE PRIEST is recovering from open-heart surgery performed in January. Says she's home now and doing well.

HARRY GALT says BOBBY GRANT'S golf has gotten so bad he decided to take up bird hunting.

RICHARD PEACE is a father, baby boy 2/13/79.

I saw LYNDA SPENCE in the Shanty House last month. She had such a radiance about her, I wondered if it was her new job, her boyfriend or the day after Valentine's that caused it.

Happy Birthday to KATHY GILREATH, 19 years old, March 5 and DONALD GILREATH, 12 years old, March 13.

Guess what JACK DARNELL is famous for? He makes up nicknames for people. He originated LINDA RUSSELL'S nickname "Tilly" among others. (Jack didn't want me to tell, but his brother ROBERT nicknamed him "Dink".) Ain't that cute?

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and told them they couldn't stay there. They were expecting heavy wind storms and invited them to stay in their barn. Gilbert said the next morning they fed them a huge breakfast, but Roy had been feeling ill for a couple of days and wouldn't eat. He was complaining of severe stomach cramps, so the Bright family took him to the nearest hospital, 20 miles away. They thought he had appendicitis, but after running tests, found he had eaten something which set up poison in his system and he was suffering from acute gas pains and rundown condition. Gilbert called Roy's father (an M.D. in Jessup, Ga.) and he advised they stay in a motel that night, and it's good they did. A tornado came through that night and a few people were killed and buildings demolished. After the rest, Roy got all fired up again and wanted to make some good time (they'd been averaging 80-100 miles a day), but when they reached Kansas they ran into strong cross winds which slowed them down. All through



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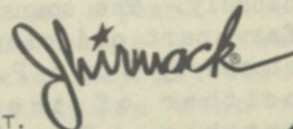
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was the same scene again, terribly boring. They had to really discipline themselves against the hunger and had to watch their distance and timing closely. The towns were so far apart and closed all stores by 5 or 6 P.M. and neither of them wore watches. Roy was becoming very frustrated. What had started out to be a fun trip was suddenly an awful lot of work. While they were crossing the Mississippi on a ferry into Carbondale, Illinois, Roy told Gilbert he'd had it and boarded a bus for home. This left Gilbert with all the extra equipment that had been on Roy's bike, but he needed it.

All alone now, Gilbert traveled through the Appalachians which he said were super steep and spooky with a lot of coal trucks racing up and down the mountains, sometimes spilling coal all over him.

I asked him if anyone had treated him cruelly on the trip and he replied, "I was worried about that. You have to watch out when you hear a car creeping up real slow behind you. That usually means they're gonna throw a cold drink on you or hit you or holler at you. That only happened to me twice and both times they asked if I was hot and offered me a beer."

"I went back to Bristol, Va. and unwound for two or three days with my friends Frank and Logan Caylor. I have to admit, I was awfully tired. I had a good time. They have a bluegrass band and we did a lot of pickin' and grinnin'. They convinced me I should end my route at the outer banks of N. C.

because of the beauty. I went through Duke University in Durham and ran into Ralph Zalph, who happens to be President of the Bike Club. He gave me a map of county roads that led to Cape Lookout and Harker's Island, N. C. It's one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. You go to Harker's Island on a ferry and it's completely secluded, with white beaches and sea shells everywhere. I decided this was my point of destination and called my girlfriend, Danella Lee, in Athens and she came and got me. This was on the



Harker's Island, N. C.

15th of August, which made

the length of my journey exactly two months."

I asked Gilbert how much weight he had lost and he replied, "Thirty pounds, and I still haven't gained it all back."

Will Gilbert James do it again? He doesn't know when, but he wants to cross the states the other way, maybe from the Rio Grand to the border of Canada. Meanwhile, he's enjoying all the conveniences of "Home, Sweet Home" and stuffing himself with his mother's good cooking, hoping to get the weight back that the pedal power took from him.

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## PART II

by Brenda Burrell



L-R Bob, Max, Buck

INTERVIEW WITH MAX  
SIMPSON (PART II)

"I recall when Clara Mae and Geraldine got into the cocoa and sugar (they knew they wasn't supposed to) and hid in the outhouse eatin' it. Us boys got mad and started rolling old truck tires into the outhouse. We ended up knockin' the outhouse over."

"I never will forget the first time we ever saw an inside toilet. All of us went to town and while we's in the courthouse me, Buck and Bob had to go. They showed us where it was and

we stood around and watched till we could figger out what we's supposed to do. I stuck my foot up on this handle (they wasn't no tank behind the commode, just pipes going into the wall). Anyhow, when that thing flushed it sounded like a flood was coming through the wall. Scared us to death. Bob hollered, 'Look what you done. Let's get outta here, the whole town's gonna be flooded', and we run like scalded dogs."

I asked Max if they grew enough in their garden just for themselves or if they sold some of it. "No, we did it just for our own good", he said, "we did a world of canning. The old saying back then was 'You eat what you can, and what you can't eat, you can'". (He had to say this twice before I caught on). He said the cotton paid off all the bills where they had to buy on credit to get seed for planting and on the last bale of cotton they'd usually get a new pair of overalls and shoes, but never had more than one pair of either. Their overalls were always 2 or 3

sizes too big because they knew they'd have to wear them at least a year. Some Sometimes longer. Max said, "When they got down to where there wasn't nothing left but a few spots big as your hand, you'd use 'em for patching."

"We went barefooted 'bout 8 or 9 months a year. We picked cotton many a times when Mama would wait to send us out till after the sun came up and the frost melted 'cause we were barefooted. Once we got our shoes they didn't last long 'cause our feet wasn't shaped right from going barefooted and they never fit right. In no time the seams would come apart. We'd sew 'em back together with hay-baling wire. I remember one time we's awful hungry and didn't have nothing to eat. This was before Daddy died. We had this goat and I remember he threwed that goat up on this sawhoss and made us hold him while he cut his throat with his pocket knife. We didn't have a gun or nothing. But we eat that goat and that was some of the finest eating we had back then. We took this old goat hide and nailed it up on the barn to dry out. When our shoes got to tearing up somebody would cut a thin strip of that goat hide and take an ice pick and punch holes in it for eyes and fix the rips. 'Course after a few weeks you had about as much goat hide as shoes. We'd go to school on a rainy morning and them old shoes would get wet and we'd walk in and back up to the heater trying to warm our feet up a little. That

old goat would get so hot and get to stinking, it'd smell like you had an old goat in the schoolroom."

"Speaking of school, we'd take an old piece of fat-back or streak-o-lean in a biscuit and I recall the kids laughing at us 'cause our lunch sack would be greasy. Seriously, we didn't have enough to eat. Nobody ever left anything on their plates and seems like we were always hungry. I think I was in the 1st grade of school when the teacher brought a sweet potato in and put it in a glass of water and set it in the window right beside where I was at and I'd set and look at that potato till I couldn't think about my lesson. I wanted to eat that thing. One day I figured out I'd play sick and not go out to recess and I eat that potato. I knew with them little pink eyes a bulging I was gonna hafta eat it or it'd get too much growth on it. I got punished, but I eat it all. I didn't leave no peelings or nothing."

"We usta hunt for rabbits possums and squirrels 'Course we never did get many squirrels, 'cause all we had was a flip (sling-shot) and it's hard to hit one of them squirrels with a flip." Max said since he was the smallest, they sent him up the trees to shake the possums out, claiming he could shinny up a tree before anyone else knew which way to go. "My feet was as tough as a cow's. We'd get 25¢ or 50¢ a piece for those possums. We'd trap rabbits in the boxes, skin 'em and Mama would take them to the laundry where she worked and sell 'em to about 15 employees. We'd get 10 or 15 cents a

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



RANDALL L. HOOPER says, "Almost always when a man stays out late, it's for one of two reasons: (a) He doesn't have a wife to go home to (b) He does have a wife to go home to."

JUDY GRAVIANO, who lives in Kennesaw, said she really enjoys the Gazette and when she finishes reading it, sends it to her husband in Saudi Arabia. Her husband FRANK has been stationed there as a Lockheed pilot for almost five years, and passes the Gazette on to all his buddies. Thanks, JUDY, for helping us with our distribution.

J. T. BOLEN likes to get his brother-in-law MR. WATERS from Argon, Ga. riled up. J. T. told him he was going to retire at age 65, then go back to work when he's 72. WATERS told him to remember he doesn't have a promise of tomorrow, but J. T. says it's like that old song - me and the Lord's got it all worked out, and that's how it's gonna be.

Welcome home from Ft. Hood, Texas SHIRLEY & REGGIE FOSSETT on March 20th. REGGIE, with the U.S. Army, will be leaving on the 31st of March for one year. SHIRLEY will be staying with her mother, MAZIE TOWNS, of Kennesaw.

Rumor has it that the new Acworth Mayor is going to be a daddy again???

JOHN TATE has a sure cure for a hangover. He merely shakes the poor fellow's hand, pats him on the back and says, "That was a nice little lady you married last night."



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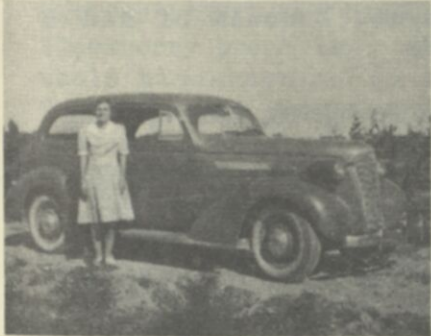
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SIMPSON BOYS (Continued)

piece for them. One day they told us we had to leave the tails on those rabbits or they wouldn't buy anymore. We found out the reason why was 'cause somebody came through their section of town with a truckfull of skinned rabbits and later they found out they'd bought and eat a bunch of cats. From then on they wouldn't buy one 'less they saw that cotton tail on it."

"Things got a little better each year. We were a real close-knit family. We shared everything. We called everything "ours",



there wasn't any mine or yours. We'd jump in there and work together and nobody ever said 'That's not my job'."

"'Bout the time things was running pretty good, we had this horse named Buddy. He ran away with every piece of equipment we had and tore them up. One day he got loose and we couldn't catch him. He ran through 3 or 4 pasture fences and was bleeding. I remember Ty Cobb Varner, that ran the General Store at Macland, came along in his '39 Ford and clocked old



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Buddy running 60 m.p.h. Don't know why we kept that horse. We shoulda run him in the Derby."

Mentioning racing a horse in the Derby brought to my mind another form of racing, for which Max is probably best known. Twelve years ago Max spent 6 to 8 weeks building a dirt car which he raced on dirt tracks at Sonie Mtn. Speedway, Cummings, Canton Motor Speedway, Cherokee Motor Speedway, Hall County Speedway and since has raced all over the country from Florida to St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1971 he won 1st place in 53 races during regular season, mostly in Georgia and the Carolinas in Late Model Sportsman. Many races were won in a '65 Chevelle. When he started running asphalt he won the world series in New Smyrna Beach, Florida in 1974. Max had been disqualified for illegal ignition (he says this is a long story) at New Smyrna two years before, and with his usual determination returned to win the world series.

In 1976 Max entered the Minnesota State race. When he got to St. Paul he was immediately admitted to a hospital with kidney stones, but he just had to go to the race. The attendants there hid his clothes, trying to keep him in the hospital, but he pitched such a tantrum they finally gave in. Full of pain pills, vim and vigor he walked away as the overall champion of the 5 race tournament in the Minn. State Championship.

Buck Simmons has driven for Max in 80% of the races. Many top names in the racing field have driven for Max and among their

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



WILMA NICHOLS is recovering from surgery at Urban Medical Hospital in Smyrna.



Congratulations to BIT and JOHNNY MCEVER on their 25th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, February 10th. Approximately 150 guests attended the celebration held at Pinetree Country Club and everyone enjoyed the live entertainment and dancing. Later BIT and JOHNNY flew to Las Vegas for six days. Said they had a ball, but didn't win any money.

BILL HUTSON says, "Thank the Lord. My Ex remarried and it's saving me \$100.00 a month." He adds, "Condolences to what's his name."

Welcome to our family TERESA ELIZABETH, 7 years old. We love you. Mama and Daddy (RICHARD AND KATHY WHITFIELD).

The snow and ice may have been pretty to some, but it was a nightmare to MORRIS AND MARTHA JO WILLIS and children. Saturday, February 17th they were on their way to get a pizza when a man ran into them

# What Bugs Ya?

by Brenda Burrell

To finally get to work on time and my boss isn't even there to appreciate it.

The tenants upstairs about 10 P.M. every nite.

Not being able to get eggs cooked in a restaurant the way I order them.

No toilet tissue in bathrooms.

Shucks, I could of had a V-8.

Dogs knocking over garbage cans.

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Buck Simmons, pilot of this Max Simpson owned Camaro.

list of friends are Banjo Matthews, Tom Pistone, Smokey Unick and others. At this point Max's pretty, petite wife Bunzie said, "Alright, y'all clear off the table and let's eat." She had fixed eggs, homemade biscuits, homemade fresh sausage (no preservatives added) had homemade blackberry preserves, with whole blackberries in it. Talk about some good eating.



Max said we'd talked a lot about the good ol' days but these are better days. They have three children, Mickey 22, James 18, and Donna 17, and live in a beautiful home off Highway 5, near Woodstock. After we finished eating we walked outside. His horse "Champ" put on a real good show. Max asked him how old he was and he counted



with his foot. One question he asked him was would

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

head-on. The children only got bruised up, but MARTHA JO had several cuts in her head and MORRIS broke his jaw and a bone in his hand. He'll have his mouth wired for about six weeks. He says MARTHA JO has been a doll. She cooked a roast with carrots, peas and onions then put them in a blender. MORRIS said that Roast Shake was delicious. He'll be back at the Hair Shop about the time we go to press.

JERRY and BARBARA ROBINSON celebrated their 13th anniversary on the 13th of Feb. That'll never happen again.

SIMMS MADDOX says there are no bosses at the Save Inn and anybody who says there are must fire themselves. JACK COMSTOCK adds, "Don't Panic!"

BILL STRICKLAND says a wise man may profit by a fools mistake, but ED ADAMS rarely profits by his own.

FUZZ LEONARD and "HUGH BABY" SMITH are the two biggest gossips in town and that's why PAUL MASHBURN stops at the barber shop every week - whether he needs a hair cut or not. Contributed by H.W.

Overheard in a restaurant in Marietta H. H. MCNEEL asked NED STOCKS, owner of Johnson Tire Co., "How's the tire business" and NED replied, "It's rolling."

BEN ROBERTSON says, "It's better to have loved and lost, than spend a lifetime being bossed."

TONI NEWBERRY says her father broke her of the

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he rather be a certain thing or a dead horse and Champ layed down and played dead. They also have a Newfoundland dog named "Black Jack" that's as big as a bear and a tiny white poodle named "Billy".

I told Max I knew he and Bob are very successful businessmen in the Cobb and Cherokee County area and he explained they are builders and developers and both have varied interests in other fields. Bob is a licensed pilot and has a Cessna 2-10 plane at McCollum Airport in Kennewaw. I asked Max if he could tell me some little cutie about Bob and he chuckled. "Yeh", he said, "Ask Bob sometimes about his Bibby. We had some cotton piled up on the porch and wasn't supposed to be on it, but Bob was playing around and hollered 'Hey, watch this Bibby'. Well, I guess he made up that word, we'd never heard it before, but he turned a flip on that cotton and went right through a plate glass window and tore his head open. We wrapped his head with a flour sack and he got okay, but ask him sometime what's a Bob's Bibby."

I asked Max what was his philosophy of life and to what did he attribute his present success in comparison with the lean years. "Sheer determination", he declared. "For instance, I claim an education, but not rightfully so. I stayed in the 1st grade 2 years and since we moved around so much back then, I just skipped over the 2nd grade and started in the 3rd (they never did know the difference) I guess I went a total of 30 days in the 3rd grade. I just hated school. But one year I



by Brenda Allen

that the Presidential 1969 Lincoln Special Car cost \$5,000,000 and rented out for \$5,000 per annum. It's 21 feet 6.3 inches long, armor plated, and weighs 12,000 lbs.

that the record for most gallons of gasoline sold was at a downtown service station, Auckland, New Zealand, where 7,399.3 Imperial gallons (8,886.3 U.S. gallons) were dispensed in 24 hours on Nov. 24, 1974.

that the biggest fraud concerning money was in Lugano, Switzerland. Mark Columbo was arrested on charges including falsification of foreign currency accounts and suppression of evidence. (\$75,900,000) Lloyd's Bank International Ltd., Sept. 2, 1974.

that the sport of bowling can be traced back to an Egyptian child of 5200 B.C. where there were nine pieces of stone to be set up as pins at which a stone "ball" was rolled. Now there are 8,640 establishments in the U. S. today, 147,237 lanes in 1977 and 65,000,000 bowlers. The highest score for men, 3 games 886 by Allie Brandt of Lockport, N. Y. in 1939. Highest for women, 3 games 818 by Bev Ortnier (now of Tucson, Ariz.) in Galva, Iowa, in 1968.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

habit of nail-biting. He told her when a man sees a woman biting nails, he assumes she is over passionate. (Think I'll let mine grow out now).

This has been a strange month (Feb.). After being stranded in the ice at my mother's for two days, I finally got my car home and thought it would be safe to pull into my driveway (which has a down-cline into back yard and steep drop-off bank into neighbor's yard). Looked out next morning and my car was gone. Some time during the night it had slid off my driveway and ended up a few feet short of the steep drop-off onto the neighbor's property. The next morning I was driving down the 41 and just as I approached the Greers Chapel exit here comes a gray mouse running back and forth from the floor board in back up the floor board in front. Shucks, I have to admit it scared me to death. I drove pretty fast to a service station on Bells Ferry and 41 and you should have seen those knights in shining armor (3 of them) poking sticks all over the place trying to run that mouse out. Never did find it.

You've never lived till you witness CAROL FRANTZ smoking a pipe. She's a strange lady, anyway. She and her husband, ROBERT, were separated 7 years. Their divorce was final the middle of December. He came back from Pennsylvania around Christmas and they've been inseparable since???

made a good friend and he was going to be in the 5th grade, so I decided I wanted to be in the 5th with my buddy. (Remember I hadn't been to school since that 30 days in the 3rd), but I got in the 5th and was at the top of my class. My teacher used to get me up in front of class and use me for an example on arithmetic problems. That's the only year I can remember getting a report card. After that I told Mama she could send me to prison, but I wasn't going back to school. I think James told Mama she knew how stubborn and determined I was and they might as well forget it. If the truant officer came after me they'd just let him take me off and I couldn't breathe easy till after I was 16. But it's like I said Determination - well, first you've got to have good health, then faith, determination and a burning desire - then nothing's impossible."

# Country Convenience

by Brenda Burrell



Ken Seifert, residing on Mars Hill Rd., Acworth, got tired of having to go to Acworth or Kennesaw when he wanted a dozen eggs or a loaf of bread, so he opened his own store at the corner of Mars Hill and Cobb Parkway.

Ken and his wife Judy, son, Kevin, and daughter, Kelly, are originally from north-eastern Ohio. They moved to DeKalb County and after six years decided they wanted to move to the country. Two years ago they purchased a home with eight acres and simply

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by Brenda Whitaker,  
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**PISCES Feb. 19-March 20**  
Take full advantage of love's rosy moments on the 13th, after the 15th there could be delays in this area. Pay attention to your intuition on the 26th.

**ARIES March 21-April 19**  
This month is a good time for self-reflection. Don't start new projects on 1st or 28th, use high energy to finish those projects or do something nice for yourself.

**TAURUS April 20-May 20**  
Good month for career, especially on 2nd and 3rd. Forget business on the 30th (if you can), concentrate on mate.

**GEMINI May 21-June 20**  
Friends seem to take all your time until 15th, be careful of over exhaustion on 5th. If your sweetie's down on the 19th take time to cheer him or her up.

**CANCER June 21-July 22**  
Don't make promises on 7th you can't keep. Avoid conflict with family on the 13th, it could have long range effects. The 21st is your best day for romance.

**LEO July 23-August 22**  
If you've felt inhibited for the last 3 months rejoice, things ease off after the 26th. Your love life sparkles the 23rd.

**VIRGO August 23-Sept. 22**  
Whatever you do on the 13th will have long term consequences. Snuggle on the 25th, don't be tempted to withdraw.

**LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22**  
The 14th should be just for you, but time spent with loved ones on 1st and 28th will make you feel fantastic.

**SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21**  
Possible change of residence or generally upsetting experience in home. Pamper yourself (17th). Look forward to nice communication on the 30th.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21**  
You'll be drawn to someone on the 5th, but don't take flirtations seriously on the 19th. Nothing can hold you back after the 26th.

**CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19**  
The 2nd and 3rd, 12th & 13th will all have a steadying effect. Watch for Cupid on the 7th or 8th. Business dominates the 21st.

**AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
Love and romance dominate the month, especially on the 7th and 8th. Spend time with friends or in groups the 23rd. Look for luck (financial?) last 4 days of month.

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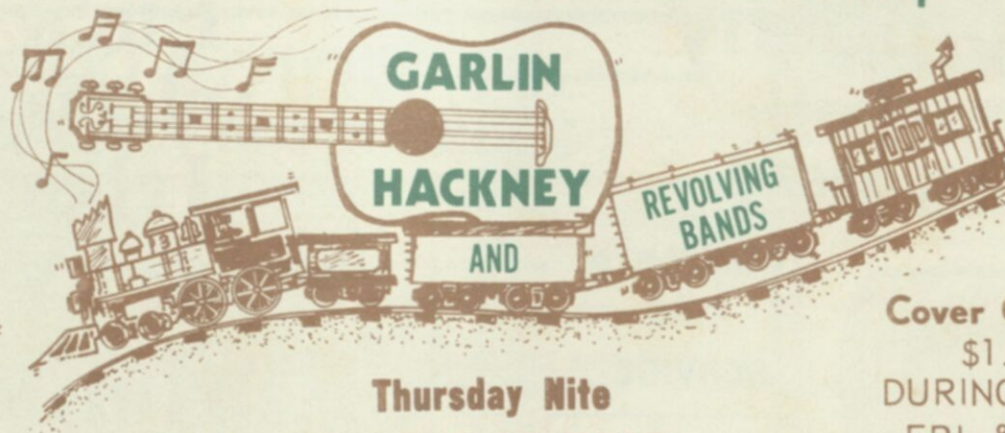
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