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Preserving Vanishing Smyrna

New construction and redevelopment in Smyrna and preserving some of the old homes and historic structures has been a concern of many members of the Smyrna Historical and Genealogical Society for quite a while. In fact, the organization was founded, partially, on the basis of protecting and preserving these structures. However, for the most part it has been a losing battle.

When home owners of the old houses are approached by developers who are willing to pay large sums of money for small lots with older houses that were constructed for a few thousand dollars, it's hard for the home owner to resist selling.

It's equally hard for city councils and county commissions to resist the rezoning requests made by the developers to put huge houses on those same small lots. It helps tax digests for the counties and cities tremendously.

But in our country, property owners' rights are sacred to most of us and if we want to sell our property, or cut down a tree, or put up a fence or an outbuilding we feel we should have the right to do it.



Upper photo is new 1314 Roswell St. Below, next door neighbor at older 1312 Roswell St.



But some people who have lived in their houses for years and years and do not want to sell out to developers. They feel wronged. All of a sudden they are
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(Vanishing Smyrna - Continued) surrounded by gigantic houses that dwarf theirs and they feel their quality of life has diminished because of it.

The City of Atlanta has proposed rezoning laws that might address this problem. As less and less land is available other municipalities and counties might have to look into solving the same problem.

In the meantime, in an effort to "preserve" some of old Smyrna, the Society has taken on a project of photographing the areas of Smyrna that are potential redevelopment areas.

Specifically, several months ago we started photographing all the houses and structures in the area on the east side of the railroad tracks: The streets included in this project so far are: East Spring, Anderson Circle, Elizabeth, Foster, Roswell Street, Old Roswell, Highland Avenue, Matthews, Gilbert, Windy Oaks, Mimosa Circle, Hawthorne, and possibly a couple of others.

Museum volunteer Paul Ostborg is doing the major portion of the photography at this time. The historical society provides him with the film. When he has completed a couple of rolls he brings it to the museum. The historical society has the film processed and prints made. The photos are placed in a three ring binder labeled for the particular street. The are located in the research area at the museum.

Robert Lewis, a life-long resident of Smyrna, recently contributed a number of prints of the houses on Highland Avenue. He lived on that street with his parents. Some of his relatives are still

there. He saw that many of the old houses were being torn down to make way for the new larger houses and he started taking pictures of the existing ones. His photos have been added to the collection of Smyrna photos in the research room.

We are always looking for photos of Smyrna and Cobb County residences, business, and other structures like barns, bridges, out buildings and the like. If you have pictures like that and you want to keep the original, just let us borrow them to make copies and we'll return the originals to you.

Some of the photos might be used in a future pictorial history of Smyrna that is being compiled at this time.

There are several photos we would especially like to have. The **Belmont House** previously located at the approximate location of the Windy Hill Road RR overpass. **Smyrna Drug Store (Landers)** exterior view, previously located at the present location of the Zucca Bar in the Market Village. **The Swimming Pool and Goofy Golf Course at Belmont Hills Shopping Center.** **Dog and Suds building** formerly located on Atlanta Road just north of Windy Hill.

It doesn't matter if people are in the photos of houses and other structures. They add interest to the photos. We also need photos of activities and any city or county elected officials, police chiefs and policemen, city clerks, firemen and chiefs, volunteer policemen and firemen. Please contact us at 770 435 7549.

In Memoriam

Hugh Jackson Cooper
Oct. 19, 1916 - Feb. 1, 2006

Hugh Cooper had been a member of the Smyrna Historical Society since September 2, 2003. However, even before becoming a member he visited the museum often and contributed a number of items that are currently on display.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and had joined as a volunteer before the war started. He was on active duty for approximately five years and then returned to serve during the Korean Conflict.

After retiring from Lockheed he was an active member of the Golden K. Kwanis Club, Post 160 of the American Legion in Smyrna, The Antique Automobile Club of America and the Model A. Restorers Club. He was a member of Tillman Memorial Methodist Church.

He is survived by one son, Brian Cooper who is also a member of the Smyrna Historical Society and a daughter Deborah Cooper and one grandchild.

We extend our sympathy to the family in his passing.

Sympathy To:

The family of **Virginia Lee McDaniel**, who died October 29, 2005 after a long illness. Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Smyrna, Nov. 1. Arrangements were handled by Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna

Museum Donations

Since our last edition of Lives and Times the following have made contributions to the Smyrna Museum. We appreciate the participation of all the organizations and individuals who make it possible to add books, memorabilia, equipment and artifacts to the collection.

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26th Annual Citizen Awards Smyrna Moose Lodge No. 1917

The annual awards banquet was held at the Moose Lodge on January 26, with a large crowd in attendance. Following dinner, which was prepared and served by the Women of the Moose, the following awards were made:

Bill Ketterer Memorial Humanitarian of the Year Award 2006

Robert L. Ash, Sr.

was honored for his many years of working with the young people of Smyrna and Cobb County in the education field as a teacher of history and government, a basketball and baseball coach and a high school principal.

He was principal at Fitzhugh Lee High School from 1947 until 1952 when Campbell High opened. He was there from 1952 until 1954 when he moved to Monroe, Georgia to become principal in the area high school.

At the request of Cobb County School Superintendent Jasper Griffin, he returned to Campbell as principal where he served until his retirement in 1987. This may have been his greatest contribution to the community. He taught young people the importance of disciplined conduct, fair treatment and being involved in school activity.

It was his belief that being a good school citizen through their best academic effort and participation in extra curricular activities would train each student to become a valuable member of society.

Born in Telfair County, Georgia he is married to Carolyn Lord Ash. They have a son and a daughter. The son is Cobb County Public Service Agency Director, Robert L. Ash, Jr.

Mr. Ash served in the Navy during World War 2. He and his wife are members of the Smyrna First Baptist Church where he is an active member of the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer group.

He is also a member of the Friends of the

Smyrna Library, Retired Teachers Association, Piedmont College Alumni Association, Piedmont College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Smyrna Historical Society.

Statesman of the Year 2006

County Commissioner Joe Thompson

joins the ranks of people like State Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine, Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Phil Gingrey, former State Rep. Randy Sauder, former Cobb County Commission Chairman Bill Byrne and others in receiving this award.

Joe was born in Albertville, Alabama but has lived in Cobb County since 1963. He has taken an active part in a number of organizations and served in the following positions: President of the Smyrna Business Association, Chairman, Vinings Civic Club, President, Cobb County Community Council, Treasurer, Cobb County Heart Fund, President Cobb Youth Museum and Zone Chairman for the United Way. He is a member of the Smyrna Rotary Club.

He was previously a member of the Smyrna Jaycees and the Boy Scouts of America.

He served in the state senate for 12 years. More recently, as a County Commissioner representing district 2, he was the driving force behind the completion of the widening of Atlanta Road from the Chattahoochee River to the Marietta city limits.

Joe and his wife Charlsie are residents of Vinings. Real estate and property management has been his profession for many years.

Mr. Smyrna 2006 Mike Terry

Mike was born here and is a life-long resident. He was educated in Smyrna Elementary and Campbell High Schools. For the most part, all his activities and civic endeavors, other than his employment, have been to and for the benefit of the Citizens of Smyrna and Cobb County.

After retiring from the business world in 2000, he became involved in a number of clubs

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Mr. Smyrna (Continued). The Smyrna Golden K Kiwanis Club: He has served as President, Builder's Club at Campbell Middle School, a K. Kids Club at King Spring Elementary and he is a reader at King Springs and Green Acres Elementary Schools.

He has also been involved in the city redevelopment program as a member of the steering committee of Smyrna's Livable Centers Initiative, the Tax allocation district Advisory Board and as two time Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board.

For the last couple of years he has been involved in the restoration of the Taylor/Brawner House on the campus of the Brawner Institute property and presently serves as Chief Financial Officers and Vice President of the organization. He helped organize a concert with his musical song writing brother Pat which raised \$ 16,000 for the restoration.

Mike and his wife Sue have been married 26 years and live in the Forest Hills community where they have been active in the home owners association for many years and were founding members. They have one son Chris and a daughter in law Jenna, and two grandchildren.

Two of the four original charter members of Smyrna's First Baptist Church that started in 1884 were Mike's ancestors.

Mrs. Smyrna 2006 Dorothy Bacon

Many things that are looked for when a person is selected to be honored with the title of Mrs. Smyrna. First of all You examine the nomination to see what activities they are involved in, especially the ones that are entirely voluntary. In other words, the things they don't get paid for.

Dot Bacon has been involved in a variety of civic and service organizations over the years and has done a lot of things to help make Smyrna a better place to live and work and play.

In her retirement years she has, and continues to take an active part in the Friends of the Smyrna Library; Thee 20th Century Veterans Memorial Association; Smyrna American Legion Post 160

Historical and Genealogical Society; Army Veterans Officers Association; Smyrna First United Methodist Church; Smyrna Social Club And she serves of the Board of Directors for Ridgeview Institute.

In what spare time she has, she loves to play bridge with her friends and travel whenever she has the opportunity.

This Mrs. Smyrna is the youngest of seven children and she was born in Sumter, South Carolina . She graduated from the Toumey Hospital School of Nursing and in 1943 she joined the Army Nurse Corps and attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant. She served in England for two years and after World War 2 was over she returned home in November of 1945. About six months later in May, 1946, she married a future Smyrna City Councilman and Mayor.

After her time in the military, she worked as a private duty nurse at Kennestone Hospital. She retired in 1983.

Dorothy Bacon is the mother of our current long-time Mayor, Max. She still lives on Bank Street in the same house she and her husband Arthur lived where they raised four children: Linda, Max, David and Jenny Ruth. She has 11 grandchildren and five (5) great grandchildren with another one due in August.

Mr. Cobb County 2006 James Ron Davis

The recipient of the Mr. Cobb County award for 2006, like many of the others in the past was not born in Smyrna or even in Cobb County, but arrived here through circumstances beyond their control. We don't know if that's the case here, but this fellow had been living in the area for about 15 years. He was actually born in Augusta GA.

Also, like many of the winners in the past, Ron Davis has been involved in a variety of organizations such as:

American Legion Post 160

Mr. Cobb County: (continued) The Golden K Kiwanis Club that meets at the Windy Hill Senior Center; Smyrna Historical and Genealogical Society; Little League and T ball baseball programs; Mentor program at King Springs Elementary School; Williams Park Neighbors Association and the 20th Century Veterans Memorial Association.

It's with the last two groups that he spent the major portion of his time since he retired from the U. S. Army as an officer 1991.

When the Veterans Memorial Association was founded, he became the "charter" treasurer. He worked with the late Chairman Bill Lnenicka and others in organizing the Veterans Memorial Association to honor the Cobb County military people who served in the 20th century. The memorial became a reality after about four years.

In the 2 years following the completion of the memorial our award winner has planned, organized and MC'd the memorial day program that has brought nation-wide attention to Smyrna through the military and government personnel who have taken part in the program.

The Williams Park Neighbors Association was his idea for bringing stability and improvement to a part of the city that might have become a wrong side of the tracks community. Instead, it has become one of the leading communities in rehabilitating some of the oldest houses in the city and encouraging the construction of new houses that compliment and maintain the architecture of the older ones.

He has served in many offices in the Golden K Kiwanis Club and is the President Elect. He is married and lives with his wife Liz on Roswell Street "on the other side of the tracks."

2006 Ms. Cobb County Holly L. Comer

In looking at the nomination forms for the Ms. Cobb County Award, it was extremely hard to figure out how she ever had any time to earn a living because of her involvement in so many civic and service organizations in the county.

Here's a few of the organizations she not only is a member of, but is an active, steady and dependable hard worker:

The American Cancer Society where she co-chaired the Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament, A Silent Auction and the Swordman's Ball.

She's on the Honorary Commanders Steering Committee after been in the graduating class of 2000.

She has served as president, treasurer and secretary of the Leadership Cobb Alumni Association and was the winner of the Spirit Award.

In the YWCA she serves on the Tribute to Women Committee. She has participated in the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program and Partners in Education Committee.

As a member of the Marietta Rotary Club she has served on the Character Education School Program and chaired the Centennial Project.

Politics have not escaped this lady's activities. She served as vice president of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club and is active in the Cobb Republican party. She is the 2006 Chairperson for the SPLOST Oversight Committee.

She has served as President of the Marietta Civitan Club and received the Civitan of the Year Award in 1992.

All of this and more has been done since she arrived in Cobb County in 1987 from Orlando, Florida. She lives in Marietta, and lives with her dog named Lucky. She is an avid fan of the Braves, the Tennessee Volunteers, Miami Dolphins and the Indianapolis Colts.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Officer Leroy Frank Durrance

Most of the awards that are given at this ceremony each year focus mostly on what the person does outside his or her profession or jobs, and their means of making a living. But for the most part, this particular award focuses on what the person does in relation to the employment. (continued next page)

Law Enforcement (Continued) Officer Durrance is a 20 year veteran of the Smyrna Police Department. He is in a special unit where his working partner happens to be a dog named Niko.

Many of you will remember a recent incident where a robbery took place at the Regions Bank on Concord Road.

The incident was described by Smyrna Deputy Chief Mike Brown as follows: K-9 officer Frank Durrance and K-9 Niko arrested two suspects for bank robbery this morning. Regions Bank on Concord Road was robbed at

11:10 AM. Officer Durrance had stopped at the bank on his way to work. When he walked in the bank he was advised by an employee that they had just been robbed.

Officer Durrance went outside and observed one of the perpetrators running toward the Kroger store. Officer Durrance gave pursuit with Niko and arrested both subjects in the Kroger parking lot. All the money was recovered. The FBI has advised that these subjects are suspects in several other bank robberies."



The Glover Service Station in this January, 1939 photo was located at the approximate location of the present Smyrna Museum at 2861 Atlanta St. The house to the right in the 1960's was used as a medical office for Dr. Henry Gorman and later Dr. Howard Hunergardt. Dr. G. C. Green and C. L. Groce (former City Councilman), were surveying the lot for a clean-up project by the Smyrna Men's Club

Visiting The Past
Researched by
Norman McHann

120 Years Ago

Smyrna: January 14, 1886: Will the farmers of Cobb learn a lesson of humanity from this cold snap, and prepare more comfortable quarters for all domestic animals? No doubt many cows are kept in open sheds all night with mercury at zero, and furnish milk for the family breakfast.

Listen---the sound of the "marriage bells" will soon be heard, the bride an Atlanta girl, the groom a young man of Smyrna.

Misses Bernice Pace and "Nettie" Fuller will leave Smyrna for Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, in a few days.

Smyrna: January 21, 1886: Sure enough the bells did jingle, Mr. Will Dunn, of Smyrna, was married to Miss Anna Irby, of Covington last week. But the Atlanta Constitution of last Sunday says it was "Jas. H. Dunn" who married. Jim says he "was only his brother Will's best man."

The resignation of John M. Stone as Superintendent and Pinkney Y. Daniell, Secretary and Treasurer of the Union Sunday School at this place made it necessary to reorganize the school last Sunday. Mr. Munroe Fleming was elected Superintendent, Jno T. Petty, Asst. Supt. and Charlie Dowda, Secretary and Treasurer. The Sunday schools here are alive and growing.

Mr. P. R. Fleming, Cobb County's Tax Collector, has bought the Bell Mansion and farm. He is having the premises thoroughly overhauled and improved, and will soon occupy this beautifully located home.

Smyrna: February 11, 1886: Capt. Terrell has rented his new house, on Spring street, to Mrs. Brewer, of Adairsville. Mrs. Brewer received her furniture today and is occupying her new home.

It may be better not to tell the Journal yet, of the wedding that is expected to be one of the events of the season. Neal might not like it made public.

Smyrna: February 18, 1886: Signs of prosperity will show themselves, even though croakers try to distress the country. If the building of new houses and beautifying homes; if building and repairing churches and the growing interest in Sunday schools; if these and the constant advance of the price of land mean anything, they certainly mean prosperity. This is true of Smyrna.

Mr. T. J. Hill is building a new brick house between Nickajack and Fleming streets, fronting on Fleming street.

One of our citizens refused an offer of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre for an acre lot on a side street, though a business lot can be bought on

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Marietta street for three dollars per front foot.

Capt. Joel Mable, chief engineer of the Georgia Midland Railroad, was at home last week on a "flying visit."

Smyrna: February 25, 1886: Mr. W. Pace has four cows from which he daily gets six pounds of rich nice butter.

Mr. Wm. Thomas has two Texas ponies which he bought in Atlanta--is now breaking them--thinks his \$37 for them a good investment.

110 Years Ago

Olive Springs: January 2, 1896: The farmer who produces the most for home use is the best liver, makes the most money and is the wisest thinker. Try it this year and see.

Grier Alexander and Dave Stephens, last Saturday, were thrown from a cart by a runaway horse.

February 6, 1896: Prof. Parker Rice has a flourishing school, being assisted by Miss Beall, of Talispoosa. We heartily welcome Miss Beall to our midst. We feel assured that she will use every effort in assisting Prof. Rice to advance his students. Prof. Rice is a young man who was reared in our community, yet we have never until now had the use of his cultured mind among the children of his native home. Having been spending his efforts in his profession among the people of Haralson and Paulding counties, and

also in Alabama, therefore we wish him success and will assure him our co-operation.

To be sure, we would like to know who the young man is, who went from our place to Marietta and bought a bunch of asparagus, then took out a match and tried to light his new kind of cheroot, but to no avail.

The bachelors are now anxiously waiting. This you understand, girls is leap year. There will not be another chance in eight years. SEE!!!

Smyrna: February 13, 1896: Several of our Smyrna boys were subpoenaed to attend city court, but they refused to go. We see where you were right, boys.

The people of this community were treated to an exhibition of Edison's wonderful instrument, the "Graphophone," last Saturday night. The exhibition was something new and novel and much enjoyed by those present.

February 20, 1896: The social event of the season was the valentine party given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Suttles last Friday night. The valentines were ridiculously comical and provoked many a hearty peal of laughter.

Mr. Ed Baswell, Smyrna's great and only sport, took in the Mabel Paige matinee Saturday afternoon.

Postmaster Ireland was the recipient of a valentine on the 14th which suited the

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case exactly, but Sam was not at all enthusiastic over it.

The many friends of Bob Dempsey will be glad to learn that he has secured employment at one of the box factories in Atlanta and is working every day.

100 Years Ago

Olive Springs: January 1, 1906: Mr. J. P. York has purchased a fine team of mules.

Next Saturday and Sunday are the regular meeting days at this place. Let all turn out on Saturday and start on the new year with new resolutions to do more and better service than in the past.

Mr. Baldwin had the misfortune to lose his coat and dinner some few days ago while at work. He had laid them to one side and proceeded with his work, and when the noon hour came, they were not to be found anywhere. No clue as to who got them.

Mr. Tom Brown, of the United States army, stationed at San Francisco, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. W. J. Brown, of this place.

Smyrna: January 1, 1906: The Christmas tree at the school house, on Christmas night, was a thing of beauty and a joy forever in the eyes of the little folks.

Several pieces of property changed hands

here last week. Mr. Isaac Eidson bought the Gilbert property on Powder Springs St. Mr. Norris Pace bought the Basworth place, on Atlanta street and Mr. Will S. Cox bought the Terrell place, on Terrell Ave.

Brother John T. Pace delightfully entertained his old friends and comrades of the days of '61 and '65 with a dinner party. The old veterans sat around the comfortable fire and recalled reminiscences all day, and partook of a most sumptuous dinner. Those present were: W. A. Phillips, W.C. Clinkscale, Capt. W.J. Hudson, W. J. Manning, L.S. Cox, J. H. Cantrell, W.M. Daves, Doss Delk, E. Anderson and D. G. Tensnt.

Olive Springs: January 11, 1906: Mr. Bob Brown has returned to the United States Navy, in Florida.

The Literary Society met Saturday night and elected the following officers: Col. J. L. Moore, President; Robert Legg, Vice-President; Miss Belle Rawlins, Secretary; W. R. York, Critic; J. P. York, Choirister; J. O. Wade, Marshal.

Smyrna: January 25, 1906: Mr. John Griggs is making great improvement in his property on the west side of Town. His cottages show up beautifully under their new coat of paint.

Mr. Charley Pace, of Stuttgart, Ark., is visiting his parents, Captain and Mrs. John T. Pace.

Visiting The Past (Continued) Dr. W. T. Pace is enlarging his drug store and otherwise improving his property.

The railroad company is putting in several sidetracks at this place, also grading and preparing the site for the new depot.

Rumor has it that there will be great improvements in this old town during this year, and I trust it will prove true, for I do not know a place that needs improving worse. Let 'em come!

Olive Springs: February 22, 1906: A trick of rascality was played on Mr. Plenn Alexander, by a dirty rascal, who pretending to be his friend, persuaded Mr. Alexander to accompany him to Chicago, in pursuit of a lucrative position. When they got to St. Louis the supposed-to-be friend robbed Mr. Alexander of his money and threatened to take his life. Mr. Alexander has returned home. We have not heard what has become of the robber but we hope he will be caught and rigidly dealt with.

80 Years Ago

Smyrna: January 14, 1926: Mrs. W. R. Fleming, age 56, died at her residence in Smyrna, Ga. Thursday night, January 7th. She is survived by sons Eugene, Weaver, Arthur and Tom and daughters Mrs. Marie Gilham and Miss Willie Fleming. Burial was in Maloney Springs Cemetery.

January 21, 1926: Mr. Forest Maner

was the Saturday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Nash of Gilmore.

February 18, 1926: There will be a patriotic meeting held on Feb. 22, 8:00 P.M. at the Smyrna Methodist church. Mr. A. A. Jameson Chief Executive of Atlanta Council Boy Scouts of America will be the speaker of the evening. The meeting is sponsored by the Smyrna Woman's Club.

60 Years Ago

Smyrna: January 3, 1946: Last rites honoring Mrs. Alice Belzola Mayes, 73, were Tuesday at Mayes Ward chapel. Burial was in the New Hope cemetery. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna and was a native of Cobb County. Survivors are daughter, Mrs. Willie Wright and sons, V.C., Ray, Clarence, E.W., N.N. and A.F..

January 17, 1946: Major Henry Konigsmark, Jr., of Smyrna, has been named commander of Camp Mackall, N.C. succeeding Col L. R. Hathaway. The major entered the Army in January, 1941. His first assignment was with the military personnel division of Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta. Prior to going to Camp Mackall in January, 1945, where he has been executive officer since his arrival, he was commandant of the A.S.T.P. school at Emory University. Major and Mrs. Konigsmark and their small son live in Southern Pines, N.C.

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Oakdale: January 17, 1946: Out of seven games played last week, Fitzhugh Lee high school basketball teams won six, the boys losing one tilt to Commercial High. Last Thursday night against Commercial High they lost 12-10 with Hogue scoring 7 point. The girls team won 24-22 with Green scoring 12 points.

Smyrna basketball teams lost a double-header to Mableton on the latter's gym Friday night, the boys dropping their contest, 21-27 and the girls 38-15. McDowell was top man for Smyrna with 8 points and Posey dropped in seven points for the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Morgan are honeymooning at Silver Springs, Florida. Mrs. Morgan was the former Edna Jones, her marriage was an event of Jan. 27th at Locust Grove Baptist Church.

S/Sgt. Molane Brown has returned from overseas and received his discharge. Sgt. Brown spent 18 months in the Pacific.

Smyrna: February 14, 1946: H. W. Scott, of Smyrna, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious service as radar operator on a B-29 in the CBI and Pacific theaters. He is credited with 570 combat hours over India, China, the Marianas and Tinian Islands. His longest flight took 17 1/2 hours and covered 6700 miles from Calcutta to Singapore and back. The entire trip was over water.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, of Smyrna, announce the birth of a son, James Ronald, on Feb. 6th.

Oakdale: February 21, 1946: Hollis Howard has received his discharge from the Navy, having spent 15 months overseas.

February 28, 1946: George Bridwell has received his discharge from the marines, having spent the last year in the Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCurry entertained at a spaghetti supper last Tuesday at their home on Lee Rd. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Molane Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sentell, and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Barnette.

The community was saddened this week by the death of Mrs. J. M. Marbut. She was active in church and community activities.

60 Years Ago

Oakdale: January 1, 1966: Little Charles Dwayne Everett son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Everette was the winner of the first annual "First Baby" contest sponsored by the Smyrna Herald and area merchants. He was born at Kennestone Hospital at 1:36 A.M. making him the first born in Cobb County.

Smyrna: January 5, 1966: Cobb County Judge G. Conley Ingram administered the oath of office to seven councilmen and to Mayor George W. Kreeger. Councilmen

Visiting the Past (continued) are C. W. Armour, Bill Stewart, John Porterfield, J. B. Ables, R. H. Wood, Homer Kuhl and Dan L. Mixon.

The annual January bible study conference is scheduled at First Baptist Church, Smyrna, January 10,11,17 and 18th at 7:30 P.M.

Ben Tate, City attorney, says the Home Rule Act of 1965 allows city governments to amend their own charters. Therefore the Smyrna Council plans to amend its own city charter to delete the sentence requiring that the city recorder be a member of the bar association.

David Gilbreath entertained with a holiday party for teenagers at his home on Wayland Court. Those attending were: Judy Reeves, Alec Hamilton, Diane Miller, Johnny & Ronnie Rowell, Bill Carman, Michelle Swigett, Ronnie Braund, Ann Brown, Bob Morgan, Melissa Hughes, Mickey Owens, Gail Woodrief, Billy Atchison, Charlie Siez, Virginia Sears, Marvin Kuhl, Timmy Miller, Steve Ernst and Kathy Wingo.

W. D. (Bill) Bennett, Wills High principal, has been named a consultant and director of publicity for Cobb High School Athletic Association.

Sharon Gayle Eubanks, Smyrna, is one of 74 students named to the fall quarter Dean's List at Tift College in Forsythe, Ga.

Smyrna: January 20, 1966: Lynne

Abercrombie and Bobby Potter were named Mr. and Miss Campbell High School in the selection of senior superlatives by the Class of 1966.

Sam Whitfield has been named winner of the Smyrna Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for 1965.

Smyrna: January 27, 1966: Mrs. Gayle Lynn Pence, 19 year old Smyrnan, became Cobb County's eighty traffic victim of 1966 in a two car accident on South Cobb Drive.

Funeral services were held Sunday for Henry Konigsmark, Jr. at Smyrna First Methodist Church. Interment was in New Smyrna cemetery. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Davis; sons Henry Konigsmark,II, and Reed, both of Smyrna and his father Henry Konigsmark.

February 3, 1966: Jonquil Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Smyrna Library. Hostess was Mrs. Neva Cano.

Hayden A. Cole, 65, died Tuesday. Services will be in the chapel of First Baptist Church, Rev. York Chambless will officiate with burial in Crestlawn Memorial Park.

February 10, 1966: Mrs. Sam Saleba was honored with a stork shower Thursday evening by Mrs. Grady Chaffin and Mrs. Bob Evans.

Smyrna: February 17, 1966: Rites for

Visiting the Past (continued) W. Paul Gresham, president and chairman of the Board of Directors of Cobb Federal Savings and Loan Association, were held Friday at First Methodist Church with interment in New Smyrna Cemetery.

The Georgia Senate Wednesday, approved the annexation of Cobb Center into Smyrna, adding some \$10,000 to the city's ad valorem tax intake. The bill now awaits Gov. Carl Sander's signature.

A new sanctuary and educational plant are soon to be erected on Love St. for the Smyrna First Methodist Church. Cost of construction nears \$600,000.

30 Years Ago

Smyrna: January 8, 1976: Arthur Bacon took the oath of office as new Mayor of Smyrna at the council meeting Monday January 5, 1976. He was sworn into office by Superior Court Judge Luther Hames.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morgan are the proud parents of Smyrna's first bicentennial baby, Melissa Dawn, born Jan. 2nd.

Fire Chief C. C. "Joe" Porterfield retired Dec. 31, 1975 after 17 years of service.

January 15, 1976: After working for the City of Smyrna since 1963, Willouisee Spivey was appointed by Mayor Arthur Bacon as city clerk to replace longtime clerk Les Charles who is retiring.

Smyrna: January 22, 1976: Smyrna Hospital on South Cobb Drive has been sold to the Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System, Inc., after a year and a half in operation. The corporation bought the hospital for more than \$5 million dollars.

Jottie D. Brown, 69 died Jan.13, 1976. Services were held Jan. 15th at Locust Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Riverview Memorial Park. He is survived by wife Lois Nance Brown, son Nance and granddaughter Amber, brothers Glenn, Molane, Ernest and J. T. , sisters Jessie Hampton, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Albert Sentell.

Smyrna: February 12, 1976: Mayor Arthur Bacon announced that the Internal Affairs division of the Cobb County police department has completed an investigation into the operation of the Smyrna police department.

First Baptist Church will hold its Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 13th at 7:30 P.M. The theme is "What The World Needs Now Is Love Sweet Love."

Smyrna Optimist Jim Siera and George Kreeger, Jr. were honored at the second quarterly District Conference Awards Dinner.

Smyrna: February 19, 1976: "I was born in this business," H. R. Johnson observed, pointing to the mounds of shoes in his Atlanta Rd. shop ---- old, new, leather and synthetic shoes. He has run a shoe shop in Smyrna since 1938.

Visiting The Past

Editor's Note: Parker Lowry, a long time member of the Smyrna Historical Society and a Museum volunteer, recently donated a cash and information journal dating from 1883 which belonged to his grandfather, Parker Merimoth Rice. Mr. Rice was a merchant, farmer, banker, entrepreneur and what today might be termed a "wheeler-dealer." The journal contains some fascinating information from sales and purchases of hogs and pigs, horses and donkeys, chicken, etc. to recipes for Cream Cakes and How to tan hides. It also contained the birth dates and names of some cows and horses owned by the family. The Rice's lived at the intersection of Church and King Streets, where the Carmichael Funeral Home is presently located.

Page 123 contains some interesting information. It is headed

"The following is a list of things for the parsonage of the Methodist Church collected by Mrs. P. M. Rice:

Mrs. H. C. Ruff - one quilt and
 Mrs. W. M. Hill
 Mrs. M. L. Stocks Table cloth and napkins
 Frank Akers
 1.00
 John Akers one quilt
 Mrs. Agnes Kendley .50
 Mrs. J. W. Kendley .50
 Mr. H. C. Ruff .25
 Mrs. M. C. Dowda .25
 Mr. Martin B. Ruff .25
 Mr. G. W. Blair .25
 Mrs. Kiser .25
 Mrs. A. E. Hemphill .25
 Mrs. Robert Baldwin .25
 Mr. John W. Rice .50
 Dr. T. J. Moss .50
 Mr. J. A. Pryor .50
 Mr. A. Y. Moss .25
 Borrowed from Church Society of Mableton at
 6% 10.00
 Mrs. P. M. Rice one bureau and one bedstead
 Mr. P. M. Rice
 1.00
 Sold C. S. Dowda suit, furniture, chairs, dishes,

etc. 13.75
 Sold Mrs. Chanie chair
 Sold Mrs. Hamby - napkins
 Sold Mrs. Fleming bed and mattress, chairs &
 table 3.75
 Sold Mrs. Rice table cloth
 " " Rice - two lamps
 Sold Nat Harris - one stove
 7.50
 Sold Mrs. Fleming - 1 table (not yet paid for)

A brief passage in the History of the Smyrna Methodist Church History "But Thou Art Rich" mentioned a parsonage. "For his first sermon at Smyrna on the first Sunday in 1896, the Rev. Brown made a good impression on a full house with a soul inspiring sermon. He moved to Smyrna and occupied the Slater residence in anticipation of a parsonage's being built."

(Editor's note) The Slater house was the one on 13 acres of land on the east side of Atlanta Road near Spring Hill Road, Lee Road and Westwood.. Most recently owned by the late Nina Wakefield, the house was demolished recently to make way for a development with 72 residences with beginning prices around \$650,000.00.

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