

VISITING OUR PAST

Researched by Betty Smith

TEN YEARS AGO

August, 1976: Campbell High School English Teacher Brenda Kitchens appeared on the Wheel of Fortune Game Show. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kitchens, the former president of the Lockheed-Georgia Company.

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August, 1976: Hoofnagle Development & Consulting Corporation announced plans to break ground for a new neighborhood shopping center near Smyrna Hospital to be known as King Spring Plaza.

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August, 1976: Two women recently joined the Smyrna Police Force: Mary Wrozier Morrison and Linda C. Graydon. (The first female employed by the Smyrna Police Department was Barbara Nix in the early 1960's.)

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September, 1976: Shane Dinger, an eighth grader at Nash Junior High won a \$500.00 Savings Bond and a plaque for his essay on America's future. Over two thousand young people participated in the essay contest.

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September, 1976: Bill Hood was named principal of Brown Elementary. Pete Robertson was named Assistant Principal at Nash.

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September, 1976: Terry Lynn Weaver of Smyrna is named Miss Cobb County of 1977.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

August, 1966: Joanna Everett, a Smyrna girl, was named National Poster Girl for the Cystic Fibrosis Campaign.

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August, 1966: Rev. Dean Milford is the new pastor of Faith Methodist Church. A native of Franklin County, Rev. Dean is married to the former Sandra Sadler. They have two daughters, Kim and Denise.

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August, 1966: Thomas Hillyer Gunter of Reed Drive is named president of the Georgia State Doctoral Fellows.

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August, 1966: The class room facilities at Wills High and Nash Junior High have been expanded and are now able to enroll students without double sessions.

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August, 1966: Officials break ground for Smyrna based Security National Bank at Cobb Center.

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August, 1966: Smyrna's new Jonquil Queen is Marilyn Olley.

September, 1966: Potter and Company is constructing a split-level office building just north of Powder Springs Road on South Cobb Drive. It is expected to be completed soon.

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September, 1966: A new 70,000 square foot Zayre Store is under construction on South Cobb Drive next to South Cobb Plaza.

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September, 1966: Dr. Marvin J. W. Frady, Smyrna Chiropractor, has received a top honor in Kansas City, Missouri for his outstanding service in the treatment and research of joint disorders.

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September, 1966: The Lockheed-Georgia Company begins parts fabrication for the C5A, the worlds largest airplane, and is to be built for the U. S. Air Force.

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September, 1966: The Greater Smyrna Ministerial Association has elected Rev. M. C. Champion president of the group. He is pastor of the Smyrna Church of the Nazarene.

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September, 1966: G. Tom Peeples of Smyrna has been presented the Grand Lodge 50 year award for the Masons.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

September, 1956: A new bank is being sought at Belmont Hills Shopping Center. The proposed bank is to be named "County-Wide Bank." The proposed directors are W. A. Ward, Jr., Richard Wilcox, Ernest W. Barrett, Fred E. Thomas, Frank D. Holcomb, E. M. Harris, J. W. Collins, Raymond Nelson, S. A. White.

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September, 1956: With a membership of 110, the Smyrna Chamber of Commerce has re-elected Joe Wine as its president. Vice President is J. L. Christopher; Treasurer is V. G. Blakney; Secretary is A. S. Shepherd. Other Board of Director members are: J. W. Carter, Sam Cochran, Arnold Constable, R. W. Landers, George W. Payne, William R. Pitts, M. H. Tatum, and George Wright.

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August, 1956: Jerri Lynn Harrell is named Miss Belmont Hills of 1956 and May June Durham is named Junior Queen of Belmont Hills.

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August, 1956: The 1956 tax digest for Smyrna is \$7,850,000. an increase of 1,300,000 over last year. The tax rate is 13 mills. Ad Valorem taxes produced \$86,350 for the general fund...an increase of \$14,300. over last year.

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August, 1956: The Smyrna City Council raised sanitation tax 50 cents and set the residential garbage pickups at \$1.50 per month and business \$2.00 per month. The increase will be used to buy a new garbage truck.

September, 1956: The Cherokee Bowmen of Smyrna hosts 150 bow and arrow enthusiasts for a state tournament.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

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August, 1946: The Bank of Smyrna opens providing in town banking service for the citizens for the first time in 25 years. \$75,000. is deposited the first day and 90 accounts are opened. Officers are: W. P. Gresham, President; B. F. Reed, Jr. V. P.; Thomas O. Richardson, bookkeeper; W. C. Patterson, cashier; Directors: W. T. Crowe, Jr., D. C. Landers, J. W. Nash, G. C. Green.

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August, 1946: C. E. Cox is elected by City Council to fill the unexpired term of R. H. Bacon, Jr. who resigned.

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August, 1946: J. O. Hargis, First Vice President of the Smyrna Men's Club will succeed Rev. John S. Edwards as President of the club until a new president can be elected. Rev. Edwards, Pastor of the Smyrna Presbyterian Church resigned to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

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August, 1946: Front Page News in the Marietta Journal: Annett Carson and Sam Waldron won the Scavenger Hunt held in Smyrna this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holleman visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paris Culpepper near Valdosta.

August, 1946: Bobby McDaniel, son of Mrs. Estelle McDaniel Pennington, received the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies held at the Smyrna Methodist Church, from Scoutmaster Brook Lowery.

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August, 1946: Grading begins for a new \$50,000. building to house Smyrna Industries. C. J. Huggins is president.

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September, 1946: When the Smyrna First Baptist Church was unable to gain possession of its newly purchased pastorium, the Presbyterians came to their rescue by letting Rev. Charles Drake, the new Baptist pastor, use the Presbyterian Manse which was vacant because of the recent move of their pastor to Mississippi.

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September, 1946: Merritt-Welker is selected to build an addition to Smyrna water system at a cost of \$215,000.00.

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September, 1946: A sub-division consisting of 18 houses was planned for construction by the Frank C. Dabney Company. Lots are 100 by 125, and the houses were priced at \$7000. Morris Manor was chosen as the name in honor of the late J. Gid Morris, Sr. who was the great grandfather of builder.

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September, 1946: The new "Hornet" Staff was named for the Smyrna School paper. Betty McLean was named Editor in Chief; Patricia Durham, Managing Editor; Edna Moon, Business Manager; Virginia Gann, Proofreader.