

VISITING OUR PAST

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

September 8, 1887:

W. N. Pace has put up a new 80 saw gin.

Mrs. Leonard Dodgens, an aged lady, the mother of twenty-two children, returned from a two months visit to Texas last week.

September 22, 1887

FOR SALE A 6 Horse Power Portable Engine. In good condition, used but little. Sold for no fault-owners have no use for it. Anyone needing an engine can get a bargain. For further information call on us, address J. R. Love, Concord Mills, Smyrna, Georgia.

At a meeting of the Methodist Sabbath School of Smyrna, a committee was appointed to prepare a brief tribute of love and appreciation of our dear departed sister and friend, Miss Corinne Harper, who died in Atlanta Sept. 7, and buried in Smyrna the 8th, a very large concourse of weeping relatives and sad friends attending. Rev. Mr. Blake preached one of the most pathetic, tender, appealing and appropriate services ever listened to.....T. D. Power, Chairman, J. J. Eubanks, Miss Minnie Fleming, Miss Cora Eubanks, Miss Agnes Kendley, committee.

Messers, R. Lemons, Wm. Byrd and James Cochran are making the stony hill on the Atlanta Road bloom with beauty. New house, new barn, new fences, two wells, graded yards, beautiful groves, etc.

Mr. Hoyt Kemp is putting up a gin at Lee's cross roads.

October 20, 1887

Smyrna has been entertained with a musical, theatrical and comic show on wheels. The family is from Carroll County, Ga. and one of the daughters has been a captive among the Comanche Indians.

Mr. M. A. Mayes has some of the finest horses, colts, cattle and pigs in our county. This is encouraging to see what can be done by a Cobb County farmer.

November 3, 1887

Gilbert and McGriff have opened a new store.

Our town was flooded last Saturday with medical students.

Miss Laura Dunn and Mr. Frank Gibson were married on the 25th

Farmers are making preparations for wheat sowing. Most of the cotton of this section is all picked out.

November 10, 1887

Mr. J. B. Kendrick has one of the best mineral springs in Cobb County.

Mrs. Judith Ruff died Nov. 7, at her son-in-law's, Mr. J. L. Reed.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

October 7, 1937

History began to mark time at the Jonquil Garden Club at their meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Baugh in Springhill, when they began the first quarter with a social. Those assisting in entertaining were Mrs. W. E. Patterson, Mrs. C. L. Groce, Mrs. Chester Austin, and Mrs. Homer Bell. Mrs. George Montgomery of Marietta was the guest speaker. Her subject was "The value of a Garden Club to a Community." Mrs. H. W. Medlin, president of the club directed the business meeting.

The Men's Civic Club of Smyrna will hear an address by the Rev. Charles Wood of Marietta at a meeting to be held Monday night, October 11. Dinner will be served, followed by musical program by Harold Goodwin, Miss Elizabeth Goodman, and Marvin Williams.

The W.M.U. of the Smyrna Baptist Church (First Baptist) observed State Missions Day. Mrs. Joe Camp, program chairman for the organization arranged the program. Mrs. E. B. Awtry gave the devotional....others taking part were Mesdames Eugene Brinkley, S. E. Faucett, M. H. Gwin, J. L. Rutledge and E. C. Bramblett.

Roe Hughes was hostess to the Mary Perry G.A.'s at their September meeting.....The organization voted to send toilet soap as their white cross gifts to the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 5, 1967

A new Brownie Troop has been formed at Belmont Hills School with Mrs. Kenneth Lambert as leader and Mrs. Robert Byrd as co-leader.

The Harold Hogue(member of Smyrna H & G Soc.) home on Hickory Circle wins "Yard of the Month" sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

October 26, 1967: New Funeral Home Opens: Bill Sanders, (Smyrna H & G Soc. member) former president of Sanders Funeral Home, which later became Sanders-Castellaw Funeral Home in Smyrna has opened a new funeral home at the corner of Church and King Streets.

November 9, 1967

The City of Smyrna has ordered street signs for 16 major streets. A total of 402 plates are coming. Spring Road signs cost most, \$1036.00 for 64 signs.

The City of Smyrna will defend with "vim and vigor" a suit brought against it by Zayre and K - Mart charging the city with discrimination for not allowing the stores to remain open on Sunday.

TEN YEARS AGO

November 24, 1977: Joyce Reagan(member of Smyrna H & G Soc.) was chosen Cobb County's Teacher of the Year by the Smyrna Federated Woman's Club.

October 20, 1977: Smyrna's Sherry Reavis has been elected to head the Georgia Recreation & Parks Society's Fifth District. Ms. Reavis, presently assistant director for the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department became the first woman commissioner in the Society's history.

November 3, 1977: Of the 8976 registered voters in Smyrna, 3449 or 38% voted in the recent city election. Frank Johnson was elected Mayor: Councilmen elected were: Jim Tollison, Ward 1; Bill Darby, Ward 2; Jerry Milles, Ward 3; Jim Hawkins, Ward 4; Jack Shinall, Ward 5; Elbert Colson, Ward 6, and Rem Bennett, Ward 7.