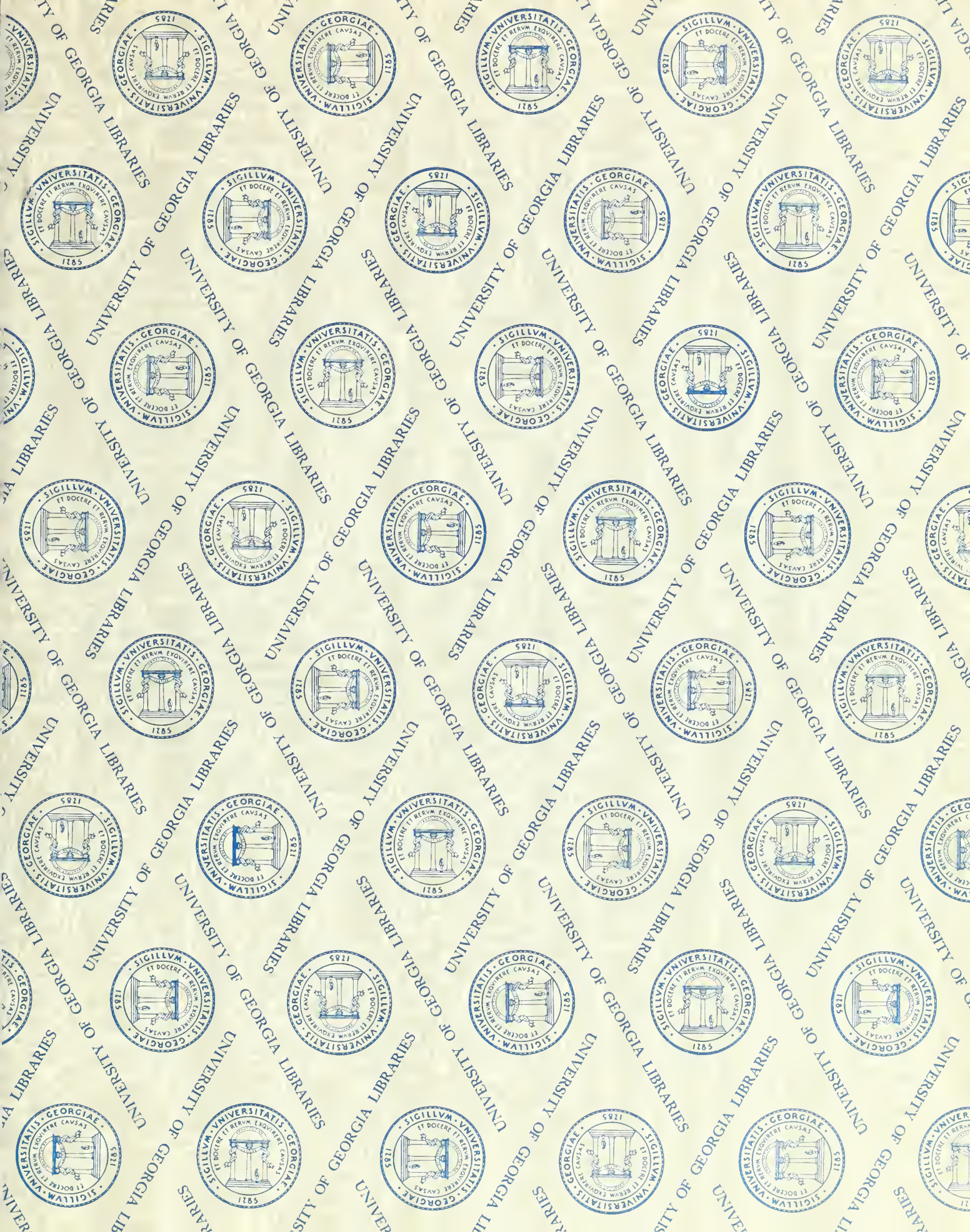


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Outgoing President, Jesse Mathews Reviews Georgia Recreation Society Plans with New Prexy, Carl Hager of Savannah.

—HAGER HEADS RECREATION SOCIETY—

W. Carl Hager, Director of Recreation for the Savannah Recreation Commission and immediate past Chairman of the Municipal Recreation Section of the Georgia Municipal Association was recently appointed President of the Georgia Recreation Society, the State's professional recreation organization. Mr. Hager fulfills the unexpired term of Jesse Mathews of Robins Air Force Base. Mr. Mathews will assume the position of Recreation Manager with the United States Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany. His area of responsibility embraces five military installations.

SOUTH CAROLINA RECREATION COMMISSION ORGANIZED

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina recently created the South Carolina Recreation Commission. Dr. Warren K. Giese, former University of South Carolina head football coach, was named chairman of the Commission.

The addition of the South Carolina advisory agency brings the number of like agencies to three in the southern states and indicates the increasing demands for such services. North Carolina has had such a Commission for 21 years and Georgia's consulting agency was created in 1963.

RECREATION DIRECTORS ATTEND GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Caswell Heads Section

Municipal recreation directors from all sections of Georgia were in attendance at the annual Conference of the Georgia Municipal Association in Columbus during June.

This was a special Conference for Municipal Recreation because it was during this time that a new municipal recreation section was added to the GMA. For over a year municipal directors, under the able leadership of Recreation Director, Carl Hager of Savannah, have been studying and planning with GMA officials to make the new section possible. The first official meeting was held on Tuesday morning, June 21st in Columbus.

One of the main functions of this new section will be, of course, to bring together all municipal recreation directors in the State; also, to meet each year and take an active part in the GMA Conference along with other municipal officials; and to continue to strive through a united effort, along with assistance from the entire GMA, to further municipal recreation in Georgia.

New officers were elected at the June meeting to serve during the coming year. They were: Fred Caswell, Chairman, Recreation Director from Cartersville; Charles Clegg, Vice Chairman, Recreation Director from Dalton; Roy Hammond, Secretary-Treasurer, Recreation Director from Dublin.

According to Dr. Giese, the South Carolina Commission's first major concern is obtaining a capable professional to head the agency.



Fred W. Caswell, Chairman — Municipal Recreation Section

National Recreation Congress

October 9-13
Washington, D. C.

Georgia Breakfast Scheduled

The 1966 National Recreation and Park Congress sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association is set for the Washington-Hilton Hotel, October 9-13, 1966 in Washington, D. C. This is a milestone for the new national organization since it will be the first national congress composed of the five merged organizations of the National Recreation Association, the American Recreation Society, the American Institute of Park Executives, the National Conference on State Parks and the American Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

The Congress will feature outstanding speakers as: Secretary of the Interior, Steward L. Udall; President of the NRPA, Lawrence S. Rockfellow; Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman and many others.

Arrangements have been completed for the Georgia Recreation Society's breakfast at the Congress. The event will be held in the Georgetown West Room, Washington-Hilton Hotel, October 11th at 7:30 A.M. Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr. General Manager of the East Bay Regional Park District will be the guest speaker. Mr. Mott is considered as one of the outstanding professionals in the park field. All Georgians attending the Congress are urged to contact:

James A. Colley, Assistant Director Georgia Recreation Commission for tickets to the breakfast.

**Services of the
Georgia Recreation Commission...**

The Georgia Recreation Commission is an advisory agency of state government. Its services are rendered upon request and at no charge to those it serves. Its basic responsibility is to study and appraise recreation needs of the state, to assemble and distribute information relative to recreation, and to cooperate in the promotion and organization of local recreation systems for counties and municipalities, and to advise them in the planning and financing of recreation programs. Some of the services rendered by the Commission are as follows:

(a) Professional staff members are available to discuss recreation related problems with public officials, private agencies, civic groups, churches, industry, and/or individuals or other groups.

(b) One staff member is specifically prepared to interpret federal and state legislation on a face to face basis.

(c) Recreation Appraisals are frequently conducted for cities or counties whereby recreation needs are pointed out and recommendations are made as to how these needs might be met.

(d) Printed matter on various recreation subject matter is available for distribution.

(e) Recreation films are loaned to groups.

(f) Many cities, counties, and other agencies have found the Commission's Personnel Services helpful in locating qualified recreation leadership. All of the functions outlined here are a service of state government. They are obtained easily. Interested persons should contact the Georgia Recreation Commission, 7 Hunter Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

IMPORTANT DATES

1966

September 26-27

**ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING
WORKSHOP**

Atlanta, Georgia
October 9-13

**NATIONAL RECREATION &
PARK CONGRESS**

Washington, D. C.
November 5-7

**GEORGIA RECREATION
SOCIETY ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Jekyll Island, Georgia
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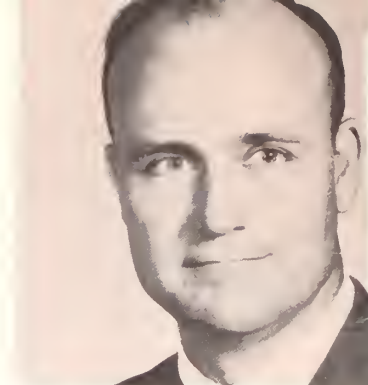
**2ND ANNUAL ATHLETIC
WORKSHOP**

Atlanta, Georgia

EDITORIAL

By

**John H. Davis, Executive Director,
Georgia Recreation Commission**



In recent days we have frequently heard the expression "Recreation is the life of age." I believe this is a true statement and I feel that we as Recreation, as a profession and as a vital part of life, has reached its maturity in terms of its importance to the individual and to the community.

The many ramifications of recreation today embrace numerous areas of interest such as:

(a) Federal involvement through the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and a host of recreation oriented financial aid programs.

(b) State recreation sponsored programs and advisory services such as those conducted by the State Parks Department, State Game and Fish Commission, Stone Mountain, Jekyll Island, the Georgia Recreation Commission, Milledgeville State Hospital and Training School for Boys and Girls.

(c) Public recreation programs afforded by City and/or County Government;

(d) Commercial recreation enterprises;

(e) Industrial recreation programs;

(f) Hospital recreation services;

(g) Recreation at Military Installations;

(h) College Recreation Curricula; and

(i) Private agencies and organizations.

This perhaps is not an exhaustive listing but illustrates the broad scope of the term "recreation."

It was upon this premise that the Georgia Recreation Commission at its most recent meeting, approved the printing and dissemination of a bi-monthly newspaper entitled "Recreation in Georgia." The purpose of this publication is to keep professional recreators, laymen, and public officials abreast of diverse recreation development and needs as they exist and occur throughout Georgia. It is the Commission's intention to feature timely articles on such matters as philosophy, referendums, construction of facilities, training opportunities, professional conferences, personnel changes and job opportunities, legislation, and other pertinent subjects.

"We are happy to make this publication available and trust that it will further the growth of recreation services for all Georgians and provide a means of mutual understanding for the entire field," states Mr. William Tiller, Chairman of the Georgia Recreation Commission. This publication will achieve this end only if it is meaningful and appropriate to its readers. For this reason, the Recreation Commission solicits suggestions regarding the form and content of "Recreation in Georgia."

PUBLICATIONS AND FILMS

The Georgia Recreation Commission has available publications and films that will provide valuable information and assistance to city and county officials, P.T.A.'s, Civic Clubs and others interested in recreation. Publications and films are sent upon request at no charge.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Recreation Enabling Law

Careers in Recreation

Teen Clubs—A Guide to Their Organization and Administration

Georgia Recreation Directory

Recreation Area, Facility and Financial Needs

Conducting a Successful Recreation Referendum

Standards for Recreation Personnel in Georgia

Constructing a Community Recreation Building: A Checklist

County Recreation in Georgia

1965 Salary Study of Recreation Directors

Public Recreation in Georgia 1965 Federal Aid Programs for Recreation

& Parks

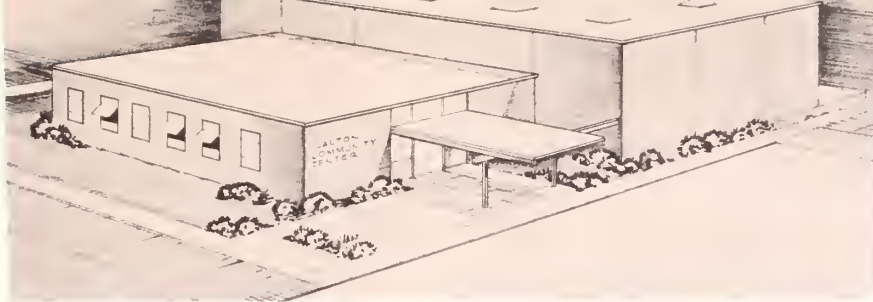
Organized Camps in Georgia

16MM FILMS AVAILABLE

A Thousand Dollars for Recreation Careers in Recreation

Town and Country Recreation

Leaders for Leisure



The New Dalton Community Center, Dalton, Georgia

DALTON'S SUCCESS STORY

By

Charles C. Clegg, Director of Recreation

Recreation is important. It is a vital service which every community is required to provide for the welfare of its people. In 1956 the citizens of Dalton favorably on a referendum to construct facilities and to provide operations on a tax millage basis to afford a variety of recreation opportunities for everyone in the community.

The acceptance of and demand for organized recreation programs grew rapidly, that in 1961-62 an addition was added to the existing facilities. The addition cost \$100,000.00 and was raised locally without any federal, state or city assistance. The building added a gymnasium-social hall, meeting rooms and offices to the existing plant.

In addition to the facilities just mentioned, the Dalton Recreation Commission has a community recreation center on the east side of the City. This center has a baseball-softball and football field, lighted tennis court, picnic area, and equipment and swimming pool.

There has been such a demand for a year-round recreation program in Dalton that the Recreation Commission had a multi-purpose recreation building designed for that park. A committee of interested individuals agreed to take the responsibility of raising funds for its construction. Most of the funds were donated by private industry, businesses, and individuals. When the necessary funds were raised, the Mayor and Council authorized the Recreation Commission to let the construction contract for \$106,000.00.

The building was designed so that the dressing rooms could serve both the existing swimming pool and the new gymnasium. The building is of masonry construction. Exterior walls are of brick; interior walls are painted concrete

When entering the building one walks into a spacious lobby. Immediately to the left is a 16 x 27 foot meeting room for cards, chess, checkers, ceramics, and similar activities.

To the right of the lobby is the office of the Director. The office has a view looking out into the lobby, adjoining snack area, and gymnasium giving excellent visual control of the building.

To the end of the lobby and to the right is a 16 x 12 foot snack area where light refreshments can be served. This area adjoins a kitchen and is separated from the lobby by a glass block partition.

Going straight through the lobby and down a corridor one finds the entrance to the dressing and shower rooms. During periods when the pool is in operation traffic will move through the dressing room, adjoining shower and onto the pool deck.

Directly across from the entrance to the dressing room is a hall leading to the gymnasium making it convenient to the dressing rooms.

To the end of the main hall is a 32 x 27 foot activity room providing an area for table tennis, billiards and other table games as well as meetings, small group and private parties.

To the right of the main hall are rest rooms, a mechanical room and a broom closet storage room.

Perhaps the most important feature of the building is the 60 x 80 foot main hall which will be a combination social hall, banquet hall, gymnasium and auditorium providing for a multitude of uses. It has no windows in the exterior but receives light during the day through a skydome in the roof. Folding chairs provide seating for 385 people. The building contains a total of 9,324 square feet.

It is the contention of the Dalton Recreation Commission that the community has the responsibility to provide well planned and properly maintained facilities, indoor and outdoor for the leisure pursuits of all its people. Someone has said most adequately, "It is what America does during its 'off' hours determines what it is during its 'on' hours."

NEWS BRIEFS

ATLANTA

The State of Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual meeting for the election of officers July 7, 1966.

At this meeting, Mr. Charles M. Graves, Park and Recreation Specialist, of Atlanta, was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for a term of four years.

Mr. Graves is well known throughout the country for his interest, support and endeavors in the field of Athletics and Recreation. He presently serves Recreation in Georgia as Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Georgia Recreation Commission and is very active in the Georgia Recreation Society.

CEDARTOWN

Voters of Cedartown, on July 12, registered their approval of public recreation program in a "straw ballot" called by the City Council. The results were in favor of a program 269 to 223 against with 7% of the registered voters voting in the election.

ACWORTH

Acworth, Georgia, a city of less than 3,000 population is the most recent addition to those cities and counties promoting a full-time, year-round recreation program. Director Frank Brown reports outstanding interest in the water skiing program.

HAWKINSVILLE-PULASKI COUNTY

The City of Hawkinsville and the County of Pulaski recently appointed a legal Recreation Commission to administer their recreation and parks program. The action of the two governmental units came as a result of a recent "recreation appraisal" by the Georgia Recreation Commission. The recreation study was requested by the Pulaski County Development Board.

STATESBORO

"Max Lockwood Appreciation Day" was held on the 4th of July by the Statesboro Recreation Department honoring Mr. Lockwood for his 18 years service to the community as Director of Recreation. Mr. Lockwood resigned his position in May to seek public office.

DOUGLAS

The Slash Pine Area Planning and Development Commission recently completed an evaluation of the City of Douglas. The City Recreation and Parks Department received high recognition in the report. Dr. Eugene Bramlett, University of Georgia and a member of the evaluation team stated, "We were really impressed with the Recreation Department." His remarks

JOB MART

Individuals desiring to apply for positions listed in the Job Mart should apply directly to the Agency which has the opening. The Georgia Recreation Commission maintains a Personnel Service file for reference to prospective employers. The Commission will be happy to keep your credentials on file upon request.

Recreation Worker — (Salary range \$4858-7380 depending upon experience) to work in Center, Club Mobile Program in Viet Nam with the American Red Cross. Good fringe benefits. Degree from four year accredited college, 21-27 years of age. Contact: Director of Personnel Services, American Red Cross, Southeastern Area Headquarters, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, Telephone: 875-7921.

Program Director — (Salary Open) Dalton Recreation Department. Degree or experience required. Write: Charles Clegg, Director of Recreation, Dalton, Georgia.

Director of Recreation — (Salary Range \$7,200) Administer a well-rounded Recreation Program. G.R.S. Professional Administrator or equivalent required. Automobile furnished. Write: Harold Slade, Chairman, Board of Recreation, South 7th St., Cordele, Georgia.

Hospital Recreation Specialist — (Salary Civil Service GS-6 \$5,702-\$7,500) Degree in hospital recreation or physical education. Good fringe benefits. Write: Patrick O. Miller, Veterans Administration Hospital, Atlanta, 4158 Peachtree Road, N.E.

Recreation Therapist — (Salary \$5,200) Male, B.S. degree in recreation or physical education. Good fringe benefits. Write: G. Thomas Graf, Executive Director, Atlanta Association for Retarded Children, Inc., 833 Springdale Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

NEWS BRIEFS . . (continued)

were echoed by other members of the team. He added, "Douglas has a Recreation Department that ranks with big cities. Very few towns the size of Douglas attempt such an elaborate recreation program and judging from results, the program has paid off".

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Teenagers of Cedartown, Georgia Held a "Pep Rally" in Support of a Recreation Program

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Miss Sandy Harper has been employed by the Rome Recreation and Parks Department as Program Director. Miss Harper is a 1965 graduate of Memphis State University.

Paul Wendt is the new full-time Director of Recreation for the newly established Monroe Recreation Department.

J. W. "Bud" Stone has accepted the position of Recreation Coordinator with the Office of Economic Opportunity of Atlanta.

James O. Oates, former Director of Recreation for the City of Carrollton, is the new Recreation and Parks Director for Cobb County.

Tommy Drummond, former Program Director with the Dalton Recreation Department, has accepted the Directorship of the Carrollton Recreation Department.

Donnie Graham, Athletic Director for Douglas, Georgia, has resigned to continue his education at Georgia Southern College.

Tex Edmondson has succeeded John W. Cox as Recreation Director for the City of Manchester.

Walter Attaway succeeds Monty Montgomery as Director of Recreation for the City of Rome.

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CARROLLTON

During May the voters of Carrollton approved a \$325,000 bond issue for recreation. The funds will be used to provide wholesome leisure pursuits for all citizens—specifically, the purchase of land, construction of tennis courts, a multi-purpose court, baseball and softball fields, park equipment and the construction of a community center building. This building will include meeting accommodations, offices, game room, social hall, gymnasium, combination exercise room plus areas for arts and crafts.

Administrative Training Workshop Slated In Atlanta September 26-27

The Georgia Recreation Commission, in cooperation with the Leadership, Training, and Recruitment Committee of the Georgia Recreation Society, is sponsoring an Administrative Training Workshop in Atlanta September 26 and 27. Sites for the training program will be the Municipal Auditorium and the Parliament House Motel.

If public relations is as important in the exercise of our work as most professionals seem to agree, then this is a training experience no one in the recreation field will want to miss.

The event is made possible through the assistance and cooperation of an outstanding nationwide organization specializing in training programs on public relations and working with people. Consequently, some of America's foremost speakers will be heard. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, America's No 1. Speaker; Frank Bettger, "Mr. Enthusiasm" with the success formula; J. D. Batten, one of the five leading management authorities in the world; J. Douglas Edwards, whose business is making men successful; Dick Gardner, outstanding public relations personality; Thom Norman, "Instructor of Instructors" in winning and influencing others; and Joe Burger, the Inspirer of Self-Improvement . . . all of these and more will be seen and heard.

Special sessions have been arranged specifically for the recreation and park professionals. These sessions will center around making application for federal funds to purchase land for parks and to develop areas for recreation purposes. James A. Colley of the GRC will moderate while three experts representing a like number of federal agencies will be available to advise.

The enrollment fee is \$25.00. DON'T MISS this "once in a life time" opportunity. Write today to James A. Colley (Georgia Recreation Commission, 7 Hunter Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30334) and enroll.



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RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ADDED

Governor Carl E. Sanders, far right, administers the oath of office to newly appointed members of the Georgia Recreation Commission. The new members are (left to right) Mr. Anton Huber of Moultrie, a realtor and show horse enthusiast; Mr. J. W. Key, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank of Columbus and outstanding amateur golfer; and Mr. Earl Mann, well known professional baseball promoter and civic worker in the Atlanta area.

COUNTY RECREATION PUBLICATION

In response to the increasing recreation interest in county government, the Georgia Recreation Commission has completed a publication entitled "County Recreation in Georgia".

The booklet contains vital information in reference to the county's role in the recreation movement and excerpts from the State Recreation Enabling Law. Additionally, it also provides pertinent facts about recreation organization, personnel, financing, and programming.

Copies may be obtained at no cost from the Georgia Recreation Commission.

OPEN SPACE GRANTS FOR GEORGIA APPROVED BY HUD.

Five Georgia cities and counties have been approved for 21 projects under the Open Space Program of the 1965 Housing and Urban Affairs totalling \$628,161.00. The Open Space Program provides 50% matching funds for the purchase and development of land for recreation purposes.

Projects approved are:

City of Atlanta-10 Projects-\$303,947
City of Brunswick-1 Project-\$12,000
City of Valdosta-1 Project-\$3,637
Fulton County-2 Projects-\$53,626
DeKalb County-7 Projects-\$254,955

The Georgia Recreation Commission is available to assist cities and counties to interpret Federal legislation for recreation and parks.

STATE RECREATION CONFERENCE SLATED FOR JEKYLL ISLAND NOVEMBER 5 - 7, 1966

Approximately 400 professional recreators and laymen are expected to assemble at the Corsair Motel on Jekyll Island November 5, 6, and 7. The occasion is the 22nd Annual Conference of the Georgia Recreation Society. Organized in 1945, the GRS is the state's professional recreation organization.

Dr. George P. Donaldson, Past President of Abraham Baldwin College and Executive Secretary of the Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Peanuts, will deliver the keynote address during the opening session at the Aquarama on Saturday evening, November 5. Ben Fortson, Jr., Georgia's Secretary of State, and local officials will welcome the delegates.

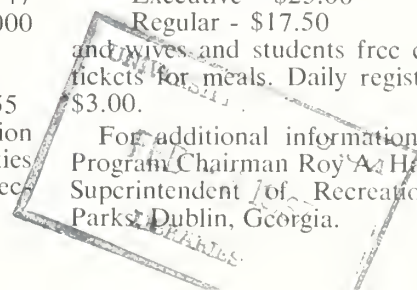
The program will include sessions concerning public relations, recreation planning, and organization of a state-wide athletic association. A large portion of the informational and instructive programs are slated for Sunday to enable more students and staff to attend. The Annual Banquet will conclude the Conference on the evening of November 7.

Normally the GRS Conference begins on Sunday evening and continues through Tuesday. Such plans were anticipated this year until it was discovered that it conflicted with general election day on November 8. After unsuccessful attempts to move the Conference to alternate dates, the Program Committee decided on this arrangement.

Registration begins at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 5. Registration rates are as follows:

Executive - \$25.00
Regular - \$17.50
and wives and students free excepting tickets for meals. Daily registration is \$3.00.

For additional information contact Program Chairman Roy A. Hammond, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, Dublin, Georgia.



COMING EVENTS

1966

November 5-7

GEORGIA RECREATION
SOCIETY ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
Jekyll Island, Georgia

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GEORGIA MUNICIPAL
ASSOCIATION MAYORS
MOTORCADE TO
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GRS BOARD ACTION

As a result of the action of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Recreation Society at their most recent meeting, the publication of the monthly President's Newsletter has been discontinued.

W. Carl Hager, President of the Society, is encouraging all members of the GRS who have information and news items which would have normally been published in the President's Newsletter, to send them to the Georgia Recreation Commission. Such articles are to receive consideration for inclusion in "Recreation in Georgia".

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FEATURE

RECREATION AT MILLEDGEVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

BY

BRUCE R. PROSSER

Recreation Therapy Director

Mr. Prosser has held various recreation positions at the Milledgeville State Hospital since March, 1951. A graduate of Georgia Military College, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Education and holds an MS Degree in Recreation from Florida State University.

In the complex world in which we live, there is a never ending demand for Recreation. Recreation has become one of man's most basic needs. For with the tensions and frustrations mounting as they do, people are becoming more aware that in order to have a well rounded life, one needs relaxation and recreation.

Recreation in a hospital setting is an even more serious and essential element of living than in a community. Many times patients have no concern for such things as laughter, relaxation, themselves, other people, or the joy of living. They have erected a barrier between themselves and their fellow man and they want to be left alone in their own little world excluding everyone and everything. Recreation has the means to lower this barrier and keep it suppressed while the doctors find and attack the causes of these problems.

The Recreation Therapy Program at the Milledgeville State Hospital has two goals. The first is to assist the physician in getting his patient well, and the second is to make life as satisfying as possible for those patients who must remain within the hospital. All activities are directed toward this end.

Recreation offers a hospital patient a means of being welcomed back into the community on a more or less equal basis with a definite acceptance. It can and does lower resistance toward getting well by involving the patient in something where he can "loose" himself, i.e., getting so involved in whatever he is doing that he forgets his problems and sees he can enjoy living without too much pain. Recreation offers an avenue down which a patient can find success and achievement which may just send him up other streets searching for these same feelings with pride and determination. Recreation can place a patient beside himself with joy and a sense of accomplishment where just a turn of the head and he can see himself; his strengths and weaknesses, possibly accepting these as being part of him and seeing himself as a worthwhile being.

Recreation has as many diversified activities as there are people and their interests. In a hospital it is even more valuable because the patients have more free time from working, therefore, more time to cultivate their illness. The less time allotted them to mull over how sick they are the less likely the sickness is to grow out of proportion and the easier it will be for the doctors to harvest and sell the prevailing sickness for a handsome profit on the market: good health! Recreation provides a means of occupying this free time beneficially and with carry-over values which can be used when released from the hospital.

The integrating of patients into various phases of activity under a Recreation Therapist is an important factor. The Therapist is necessarily concerned with helping the patient by:

- a. Fostering or expanding interest by providing activity.
- b. Assisting in the patients' efforts to learn, explore, and enjoy the activities.
- c. Aiding him in adjusting and relating to other people and to his environment.
- d. Developing skills he can utilize when he is re-established in society.
- e. Motivating him to channel emotions and cultivate interests.
- f. Improving his physical and mental coordination and development.

To accomplish the desired goals and objectives, this department needs 6 employees per 1000 patients for a total of 72. We currently have 16 employees, therefore, we are greatly understaffed. To employ the additional personnel to meet the required standards would necessitate a budget in excess of \$250,000.00. This would not include any buildings, supplies, or equipment.

In conclusion, without Recreation the patient would have treatment, boredom, and little else.



John L. Gordon, Assistant to the State Parks Director, has been named by Horace Caldwell to head the Land and Water Division within the State Parks Department. This Division will handle and process applications for the 1965 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Land And Water Fund Offers Assistance to Local Government ...

Mr. Horace Caldwell, Director of the Department of State Parks, announces that a Land and Water Division has been established in the Georgia Department of State Parks. This Division works with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, which will administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the State of Georgia.

Mr. John L. Gordon, Assistant to Mr. Caldwell for the past three and one half years, has been selected to head the Division. He has been working closely with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation since the Atlanta Regional Office was established in 1964. Assisting him will be secretarial help, a landscape architect, a chief engineer and an accountant.

At the present time Mr. Gordon and his staff are engaged in the preparation of project proposals for the Department of State Parks. They have been working with several state agencies and county governments by assisting them with their project proposal applications.

Mr. Caldwell states that this program will be a great asset toward the development of facilities in the State of Georgia.

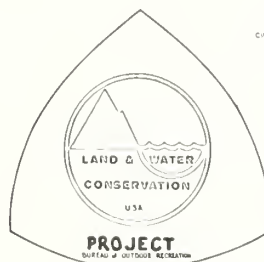
The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act was passed in September of 1964. The Act provides that Federal support shall be on a matching basis to state and political subdivisions up

to a maximum of 50 per cent. Funds may be provided to help:

- (1) Prepare or maintain a comprehensive state-wide outdoor recreation plan. Mr. John Beck, Department of Industry and Trade Planning Division, has been selected to prepare the Georgia Plan. The Plan has been approved.
- (2) Acquire lands and water for public recreation purposes.
- (3) Develop lands and waters to facilitate their use by the public for outdoor recreation. This includes, but is not limited to, architectural planning, site planning, site preparation, and construction.

Local governments interested in land acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and wishing to participate in this grant-in-aid program should contact Mr. Horace Caldwell or Mr. John L. Gordon, 7 Hunter Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia for information.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MACON

The Macon Recreation Department operated for the first time a successful summer Community Center program by utilizing local school facilities. Total participation for the 6 week program at five Community Centers totalled 21,859 participants. The Center Directors submitted recommendations to the Recreation Department for improving the program in 1967.

The Department has recently completed a new lighted field which will be used for youth baseball and adult softball programs.

The Macon Recreation Department Junior Baseball team (Boys 13 - 14) captured the Georgia Recreation Society State Championship by defeating the Brunswick Recreation Department by a score of 14 - 3.

THOMSON-McDUFFIE

The Georgia Recreation Commission has completed a Recreation and Park Appraisal upon the request of the two governmental units. The Commission staff will present the study to a joint meeting of the two groups.

GRIFFIN

The Griffin Recreation Department reports the largest youth football program in its history. The program encompasses twenty four teams with a total participation of 393 boys.

BRUNSWICK

The Brunswick Recreation Department's Midget Baseball team (ages 11 - 12) defeated their local rivals, the Glynn County Recreation Department, for the coveted G.R.S. State Championship by a score of 6 - 5.

ATHENS

The Athens Recreation Department Senior League Baseball team defeated the 8th District Champs, Jesup Recreation Department, by a score of 7 - 6 for the State Senior League crown in Georgia Recreation Society competition.

HAZLEHURST

A Recreation Appraisal has been completed and presented to the City Commission of Hazlehurst by the Georgia Recreation Commission. Action affecting the creation of a city recreation department will be in the hands of the City Commission.

ROCKDALE COUNTY

Rockdale County, considered a part of the Metropolitan Region, may be the next county to initiate a full-time recreation department. County Commissioner, Bobby Brisendine, has been very enthused over the recent Recreation Appraisal prepared by the State Recreation Commission.

Does Your Community Have A W



ACWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Arts and Crafts - Local recreation departments and agencies should provide a variety of opportunities to include ceramics as shown here, copper enameling, silk screening, painting, sculpture, drawing, and woodwork. Agencies promoting these activities normally make them available to adults as well as for young people.



WARNER ROBINS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Aquatics provides opportunities for participants to enjoy recreation swimming, instructional swimming, safety instruction and competitive swimming. Aquatic activities are excellent co-recreation activities which appeal to all interest levels and age groups.



DALTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sports and Athletics rank very high in popularity with boys and girls, men and women participating in the recreation program. This broad area of recreation programming includes those activities from a passive nature to the very active. A well-rounded program of games, sports and athletics should include all those activities which appeal to every age group and interest level. A sound recreation system will provide a variety of sports activities for boys and girls, men and women. Some of the more popular activities in this area are basketball, football, softball, and track and field. In order to gain community-wide acceptance and support, these activities must be made available to anyone desiring to participate and not limited to the "highly skilled".

A WELL ROUNDED RECREATION PROGRAM should be the goal of every community however, holds many misconceptions. That is a comprehensive and year-round program is attained by merely promoting a youth baseball team or, for that matter, a square dance club. Then, is a WELL ROUNDED AND YEAR ROUND RECREATION PROGRAM?

It is a program which is geared to meet the interests of everyone in the community. It is not for any one particular age group or social class but, conversely, it is for the citizenry of a given area. Concerted effort by a recreation agency to involve boys and girls, men, women, senior citizens, and people from every social strata.



The type program advocated by author would continuously expose people to a wide variety of activities. The program should include sports and athletics, dramatics, and outing, music, arts and crafts, literary and other activities.

A program of this type is possible only through wise planning, but also those intangible by-products of fair play, perseverance, respect for others, and well-being.

Succeeding issues of "Recreation in Georgia" will discuss about the activities which are found in the VOLUME PROGRAM. Individual activities such as camping will receive detailed attention revealing how it is supervised, financed, and how it relates to the community.

II Rounded Recreation Program?

CARTERSVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Social Recreation activities are of immeasurable value to a community. Large area square dances as pictured above are common throughout the State. By the same token, numerous public recreation departments and private agencies offer dance instruction of all kinds and operate square dance clubs.



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STATESBORO RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Special Events in a recreation program depart from the normal routine of the daily activities. The Special Events portion of the Recreation Program includes such activities as Family Fun Night, Fishing Rodeos, Community Halloween Party, Camping Rodeo, Fourth of July celebrations, and many others. These activities foster appreciation and understanding of the program and consequently cultivates community support for the program.



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DOUGLAS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Nature and Outing activities in a well rounded recreation program include experiences which involve using, enjoying and interpreting our natural environment. These activities are extremely varied. Hiking, camping (group and day), nature and animal study, arts and crafts, and the study of plant life are among the many activities in this broad area. Such activities are extremely popular among boys and girls and help them to understand and appreciate the world in which they live.





William R. (Bill) White (seated right), recently appointed Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Gainesville, receives orientation on the City's new Master Recreation Plan from local officials. Seated also is Mayor John L. Cromartie, President of the Georgia Municipal Association. Standing L-R are: Pete Whiten, City Manager; Dr. J. C. Morrison, Chairman of the Recreation and Park Commission; and Jack J. Rogers, Executive Vice-President of the Gainesville-Hall County Chamber of Commerce.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE APPOINTS WHITE

Dr. J. C. Morrison, Chairman of the Gainesville Recreation and Park Commission, has announced the appointment of William R. (Bill) White as the City's Director of Recreation and Parks. Mr. White, a native of Tennessee, succeeds Walter Snelling who recently resigned to enter private business.

According to Dr. Morrison, Mr. White brings to Gainesville a wealth of professional recreation knowledge, training and experience. "We are indeed fortunate to obtain the services of someone who is apparently well-equipped to provide the type recreation leadership our community needs and demands," reports the Chairman of Gainesville's legally constituted recreation body.

A graduate of the University of Mississippi where he acquired an MA Degree and coached freshman basketball, Mr. White has served as Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation at Tupelo, Mississippi and more recently initiated a public recreation program in Amory, Mississippi.

In a recent interview Mr. White appraised the recreation potential in Gainesville as "limitless" and committed himself to the task of helping that community attain the outstanding program in the state. "I am particularly impressed", Mr. White asserted, "with the recreation interest of our public officials in Gainesville. The fact that they are developing a Master Recreation Plan is indicative that they 'mean business' in providing constructive leisure outlets for our citizenry".

The Plan to which he referred is being prepared by the Charles M. Graves Organization. It will outline by priority the orderly growth of recreation facilities and programs for many years ahead.

LATER, I TOOK that phrase "these modern kids" under advisement and came up with the feeling that those youthful delinquents in that car did not represent the modern generation at all. They only reflected on it and emphasized the fact that too much money, too little restraint and too careless selection of company can get anybody in a lot of trouble.

Sooner or later those kids are going to pile that pale blue convertible against a tree or a telephone pole and there'll be some dead bodies lying around when the ambulances arrive.

Tears will be shed, funeral services will be held, headlines will be read and a few days later there'll be another pale blue convertible madly rushing along.

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THE SCENE CHANGES! It is one of those small towns with sheds over the sidewalk at store doors occupied by what someone has called "The sitters, the spitters and the never-sweats." There is not a recreation center in the county. Not a baseball field. No swimming pool. Not even a tennis court!

A bunch of high-spirited school kids are on the way to the depot to watch the afternoon train come through. Naturally, they are laughing and talking with a little shoving and pushing.

One of the old grey-beards spit into the road, gave the kids a sour look and said, "All the kids in this town are going to the dogs, upon which a boy turned and said, "Mister, in this town, where else is there to go?"

We have allocated responsibility to the family and the church and we are not withdrawing it, but here is something citizens should consider, "The town that is not making adequate and full provision of its young people's future—that town doesn't have any future."

That "adequate and full" includes such things as parks, swimming pools, tennis courts and professional supervision of the activities in these places.

A park costs less than a jail and "professional supervision" less than police protection. Towns and cities are slow to realize this and the results are terribly expensive.

Even in cities where there are such facilities, they are frequently located in areas where the underprivileged cannot reach them.

There is one area in our city where about 25,000 people live without a park or a swimming pool. This should not be.

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KIDS TODAY

PALE BLUE DEATH

By Pierce Harris

DEATH—RIDING A PALE BLUE HORSE — MADLY RUSHING TOWARD MARIETTA! It really wasn't



a horse. A horse would not have a chance in that freeway traffic. It was a pale blue convertible with five passengers. Three boys and two girls. Or it could have been three girls and two boys, they all had hair of about

the same sun-washed color and length, and all looked equally stupid.

They were darting in and out of heavy traffic like a trout out of tangled weeds and laughing like hyennas, or like hyennas are said to laugh.

They went around my front fender with about the thickness of another coat of paint between mine and theirs.

My passenger made some remarks about "these modern kids" and I agreed until I had more time to think.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Joanne Parker is the new Recreation Specialist at the Warner Robins Recreation Department.

Michael Rickard, a 1966 recreation graduate of Georgia Southern College, is the Program Director for the Decatur Recreation Department.

Larry Thompson, graduate of the University of Georgia, has replaced Tony Tumlin as Sports Director for the Savannah Recreation Department. Mr. Tumlin has assumed a position with another City Department.

Walter Huckaby is the new Athletic Director for the Douglas Recreation and Parks Department.

Robert C. Smith has resigned his position with the Youth Development Center at Milledgeville to accept the position of Recreation Director with the Jewish Educational Alliance in Savannah, Georgia.

Tommy Murphy has been employed by the Griffin Recreation Department as a Recreation Leader.

Judy Schneible, formerly with the Atlanta Recreation Department, is now the Women's Activity Director with the Marietta Recreation Department.

Bill Parsons has resigned as Director of Recreation for the Bainbridge-Decatur Recreation Department.

G.R.S. NOMINATING REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Georgia Recreation Society submits the following slate of officers for consideration at the next business meeting scheduled for the Annual Conference: President Elect—James A. Colley; President—Roy A. Hammond; First Vice-President—Bruce Prosser; Second Vice-President—Charles Ouzts; Treasurer—James O. Oates; Secretary—Betty Yarbrough; Board of Directors—Grady McCalmon and Elaine Corley.

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION APPOINTS DIRECTOR

Warren Giese, Chairman of the newly established South Carolina Recreation Commission, recently announced the appointment of Carl M. Hust as Executive Director. Hust, a Furman University graduate, presently serves as Director of Recreation for the City of Greenville, South Carolina.

General Description of the Georgia Recreation Enabling Law

The Georgia Recreation Enabling Law approved February 1, 1946 and amended in 1953, 1963, and 1964 is permissive legislation enacted to serve as an instrument whereby communities, at their discretion, may meet their recreation needs.

This Act simply sets forth several steps which a governmental subdivi-

sion may take in starting a recreation system. Before implementing any of the following, it is suggested that the Enabling Law be studied carefully and legal advice obtained.

This Law permits:

1. That the governing body of a city or county may establish an organized recreation department under qualified leadership.
2. That by their resolution or ordinance, the governing body may designate a group which will be responsible for the conduct and maintenance of the recreation program and facilities.
3. That the authorized group, usually a recreation commission or board, may accept gifts, money, or property, to be used in the conduct of the recreation program.
4. That the governing authority of any municipality or county may, upon its own motion, appropriate public funds for and provide for the establishment, maintenance, and conduct of an organized recreation department.
5. That they may, upon their own motion, extend to the voters an opportunity to approve a special "recreation tax" to be used for the operation and maintenance of a recreation program.
6. That a petition signed by at least 10 per cent of the qualified and registered voters in a city or county can cause the question of a special "recreation tax" to be submitted to the voters through a referendum.
7. That the governing body of any municipality or county may provide that bonds be issued for the purpose of acquiring lands or buildings for recreation purposes.
8. That any two (2) or more cities and counties may jointly establish and maintain a recreation department.
9. That trained and qualified recreation personnel may be employed for the purpose of administering the recreation program.

Numerous municipalities and counties throughout Georgia have utilized the Enabling Law to good advantage in offering recreation opportunities for their citizens. As increasing leisure presents a greater challenge, municipalities and counties will use the law more extensively.

NEWS BRIEFS—(Cont'd)

FOREST PARK

The Forest Park Recreation Department Girls Softball team captured the Georgia Recreation Society's first State Championship by defeating a fine Macon girls team by a 2 - 1 margin.

COWETA COUNTY

Kermit Perry, Director of the Newnan-Coweta Community Y.M.C.A., reports that construction has begun on a \$20,000 addition to the recreation center. The addition includes handball, meeting, and exercise facilities. All funds for the structure are derived from private donations.

COBB COUNTY

James O. Oates, Director of Recreation and Parks, announces that a "letter of consent" has been received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, giving tentative approval for the acquisition of three sites for recreation purposes. The three areas total 85 acres for which the county has just purchased for \$120,851. Funds for the future recreation areas come from monies allocated in the 1965 public improvements bond issue and are expected to be subsidized with more funds (50 per cent) from the federal government through the Open Space Land Program.

NEWNAN

Mayor Howard Royal of Newnan has requested the Georgia Recreation Commission to conduct a Recreation Appraisal for the City. He has specifically asked the Commission to be prepared to present their findings to the City Council by December 15 so that they may be considered for the 1967 fiscal year.

The study will include a survey of current activities and facilities, recreation demands and needs, and recommendations pertaining to personnel, finance, facilities, and organization.



Columbus Dedicates Modern Teen Tavern

On August 22, the City of Columbus dedicated the Teen Tavern, a modern center which is to be utilized primarily for youth social recreation functions. Mayor B. Ed Johnson cut the ribbon which officially initiated the operation of the facility as a part of the municipal recreation program.

Mrs. Ruby Almond serves as Executive Director of the Center which embraces a game room, activity room, library, television room, snack bar, and dancing area. According to Mrs. Almond, the Teen Tavern charges an annual membership fee of .25¢ for those 13 - 19 years of age. The Center operates from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and remains open all day on Saturdays.

"This is one of the finest recreation facilities in Georgia", states Mr. P. B. Austin, Director of Recreation. "Our immediate plans for the future provide for the completion of an additional \$14,000 improvements program adjacent to the Teen Tavern for outdoor activities," he continued.

Mr. Austin lauded the City Officials and general public for this positive step forward. He indicated that this project is intended not only to "keep the children off the streets but to provide constructive leisure opportunities for them". It is apparently paying dividends since 200 - 300 teens attend each evening.

FOUR WATERSHED PROJECTS APPROVED IN GEORGIA . . .

Four watershed projects have been approved by Congress for the State of Georgia. The projects are the 76,600 acre Sallaoa Area Creek and the 83,900 acre Pine Log Tributary Watershed in Gordon, Bartow, Cherokee and Pickens Counties; the 108,819 acre Euharlee Watershed in Bartow, Floyd, Haralson, Paulding and Polk Counties, and the 158,506 acre Bridge Creek-Ochlochnee River Watershed in Colquitt and Worth Counties.

Estimated total cost of the projects is \$16.2 million, of which \$9.4 million will be Federal funds. The remainder of the funds will be provided by other sources.

The Soil Conservation Service received authorization to give technical and financial assistance on the four projects. Cecil W. Chapman is the State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service.

MEMORIAL PARK TO BE DEVELOPED IN NEWNAN

A 16 acre tract of land has been set aside by the City of Newnan as a memorial to one of its most prominent citizens, the late C. J. Smith, a banker. This area will be used for recreation purposes.

The Georgia Recreation Commission is working closely with the Newnan Park Committee in advising them as to the proper development and utilization of the area so as to best serve the needs of the people. Tentative planning projects a variety of recreation opportunities around picnic areas, nature trails, playground apparatus, and athletic fields.

The Steering Committee for the Park is composed of the following: PLANNING—Edgar Hollis, Robert Baggott, Johnny Brown, Joe Norman, Don Wagner, and Wendell Whitlock;

FUND RAISING—Harold Hammond, Bryce Alsobrook, Pat Johnston, Jim Hardin, and Walter D. Sanders;

PUBLICITY—Johnny Brown, James O. Hardin, Ex officio members are Mayor Howard Royal and City Manager E. B. Joiner.

Individuals desiring to apply for positions listed in the Job Mart should apply directly to the Agency which has the opening. The Georgia Recreation Commission maintains a Personnel Service file for reference to prospective employers. The Commission will be happy to keep your credentials on file upon request.

Recreation Therapy—(Salary \$350 month) A.B. or B.S. degree in recreation or a related field with some experience or field work preferred. Work will be in a Pediatric Recreation Program in a large general hospital in Atlanta. Liberal personnel policies and fringe benefits. Contact: Personnel Director, Grady Memorial Hospital, 80 Butler Street, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone 523-4711 Ex. 273.

Recreation Worker—(Salary range \$4858-7380 depending upon experience) To work in Club Mobile Program in Viet Nam with the American Red Cross. Good fringe benefits. Degree from four year accredited college, 21-27 years of age. Contact: Director of Personnel Services, American Red Cross, Southeastern Area Headquarters, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, Telephone 875-7921.

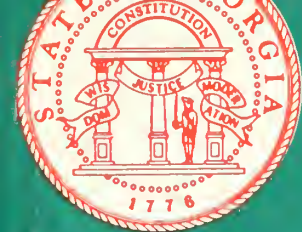
Community Recreation Leader (Salary \$340 month) Civil Service Position. Education and experience required. Minimum age 21. Contact: Personnel Office, City Hall Annex, 260 Central Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Recreation Therapist—(Salary \$5,200) Male, B.S. Degree in recreation or physical education. Good fringe benefits. Write: G. Thomas Graf, Executive Director, Atlanta Association for Retarded Children, Inc., 833 Springdale Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Program Director—(Salary Open) Dalton Recreation Department. Degree or experience required. Write: Charles Clegg, Director of Recreation, Dalton, Georgia.

Hospital Recreation Specialist—(Salary Civil Service GS-6 \$5,702-\$7,500) Degree in hospital recreation or physical education. Good fringe benefits. Write: Patrick O. Miller, Veterans Administration Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, 4158 Peachtree Road, N.E.

Director of Recreation — (Salary Open) Prefer 4 year degree in Recreation or related field. Contact: Mr. Robert Mauney, City Manager, City Hall, Bainbridge, Georgia.



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BOBBY RICHARDSON, a native of Sumter, S. C. is the former New York Yankee second baseman. He is now associated with the Liberty Life Insurance Company and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bobby will serve as the Banquet Speaker at the Athletic Workshop on February 2.



COLONEL FRANK J. KOBES, Director of Physical Education at the U. S. Military Academy, will address the delegates on February 3. He is a former West Point Football Coach and has done work with the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

"Recreation" Cannot Be Stopped!!

Recreation, particularly in this age of increasing leisure, is going to take place in every Georgia Community, regardless of the size. Yes, recreation will occur in spite of how little money and effort is expended in its behalf. People, young and old alike, will find activities in which to participate during their "off" hours.

The alarming question is—What kind of recreation will it be? Will it be the type recreation which cast long and dark shadows of shame and degradation upon the individual and the community, or will it be the kind of recreation which brings forth the individual's best and makes life more enriching? We all hope for the latter situation. It is well for us to keep in mind the words of Billy Graham. The noted evangelist said, "What America does during its off hours will determine what it will be during its 'on' hours."

The solution to our leisure problems is not simple. It requires a coordinated and steadfast effort from professional recreators and responsible leaders.

TO RECOGNIZE RECREATION'S IMPORTANT ROLE is perhaps the most important step toward this end.

Athletic Workshop Features Outstanding Program

February 1-3, 1967

Prominent figures from the physical education, athletic, and recreation fields, representing Georgia and other parts of the nation, will appear on the program of the Athletic Workshop at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, February 1-3, 1967. The Georgia Recreation Commission offers this program for full time recreation leaders, youth serving agency personnel, church recreation leaders, armed forces personnel, hospital recreators, and the many lay people who work voluntarily in various capacities throughout the state. The public is invited.

The registration fee for the entire three-day meeting is \$20.00 and includes all meal functions. Those persons who prefer to attend any portion of the conference exclusive of luncheons and the banquet will be admitted for \$3.00 per day.

Wives and students will be admitted at no charge except for the meal tickets. Persons who purchase a ticket for single meal functions will not be charged the \$3.00 minimum daily registration fee for that day.

In order that well laid plans can be implemented, delegates are urged to pre-register, using the form on page 8. Simply clip out, fill in completely, and mail with a \$20.00 check to the address shown. The check should be made payable to THE ATHLETIC WORKSHOP COMMITTEE.

Some of the participants appearing on the program will be Luke L. Rush-ton, the Athletic Director of Young Harris College; Vince Dooley, University of Georgia Football Coach, Judge Jack S. Langford, a Southeastern Conference Official; Dr. William J. Tait of

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Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year



FEATURE

BOYS' CLUBS OF AMERICA

BY

WARREN G. BROWN

WARREN G. BROWN is Regional Director of the Southern Region of Boys' Clubs of America. Mr. Brown is a native of Tennessee, very active in Veteran Affairs. He was named the "Young man of the year" by the Kingsport and Sullivan County Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has been associated with the Boys' Clubs of America since 1953.

COMING EVENTS

1967

January 31

GRPS President's Assembly
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

February 1-3

Athletic Workshop Program
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

April 2-4

Assoc. of County Commissioners
Convention-Buccaneer Motel
Jekyll Island, Georgia

April 17-19

NRPA Southern District
Convention-Parliament House
Birmingham, Alabama

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The first Boys' Clubs were started in 1860 when organizations and groups of people in various New England communities opened rooms to give boys a place for recreation during afternoon and evening hours and where they would be safe and out of trouble. The men and women who opened these rooms had watched restless, adventurous boys roaming the streets with nothing to do and getting into trouble because of it, and they were determined to do something about the situation.

In 1906 some fifty Boys' Clubs banded together to establish a national organization which today is known as Boys' Clubs of America. The national headquarters, known as the Herbert Hoover Building in honor of its Chairman for over twenty-eight years and until his death, is located in New York City on First Avenue, opposite the United Nations Building.

Although there was little publicity and promotion until recent years, the Movement grew and spread across the country from these early beginnings. Today there are over 700 Boys' Clubs with a membership of more than 700,000 boys. These Clubs have buildings and other assets valued at over \$140,000,000. Each Boys' Club is an autonomous organization. It is managed by a Board of public spirited citizens and is supported by United Funds, Community Chests or contributions made directly to the Boys' Club.

On August 6, 1956, the 84th Congress of the United States granted a Congressional Charter to Boys' Clubs of America.

There are Boys' Clubs not only in the crowded and poor areas of cities but also in small communities where boys have great needs and serious problems.

The emphasis is no longer, as it was nearly a century ago, simply for taking boys off the streets. Today the varied programs of Boys' Clubs are planned "to promote the health, social, education, vocation and character development of boys." This is the purpose for which Boys' Clubs of America was organized.

The Boys' Club is an all-boy organization and as such satisfies an age-old desire of boys to have a club of their own. Its members have a real sense of belonging. The Boys' Club wants to help and guide boys who may be in danger of acquiring bad habits, wrong attitudes and improper behavior. Membership dues are kept low enough, averaging about \$1.00 annually, so that the poorest boy can afford to belong on an equal basis with all other boys. No boy becomes a member on a charitable basis.

Boys' Clubs are completely non-sectarian in their organization, management, leadership and membership. The Boys' Club is open and available to all its members every weekday afternoon and evening. It has a varied program and there is at all times something constructive for boys to do. The program is planned to meet varying needs and interests. Emphasis is placed on everyday guidance. Every boy has a chance and is encouraged to develop to his fullest capacity, health and physical fitness, mental and manual skills.

The Boys' Club is not just a mass of boys. It is composed of individuals, each of whom has his own needs, problems, skills, attitudes and ambitions. A professionally trained and friendly staff makes possible a fine individual service and a continuous informal guidance program through which skills are developed, and attitudes toward right and wrong, the rights of others, religion and our kind of government are formed and fostered.

There are eight regional offices, and the eight southeastern states are serviced by the Southern Region Office in Atlanta, which is located at 161 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. There are 103 affiliated Clubs in the Southern Region and twenty-one in the State of Georgia. Many others are under promotion.

Further information on Boys' Clubs of America can be secured by writing to Warren G. Brown, Director of the Southern Region.



GEORGIA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Georgia Recreation and Park Society recently elected officers at their annual conference at Jekyll Island. They are seated L-R: Virginia Carmichael, Member of the Board, Atlanta; James A. Colley, President Elect, Atlanta; Charles C. Clegg, President, Dalton; and Betty Yarbrough, Treasurer, Atlanta. Standing L-R: Kermit Perry, Secretary, Newnan; Tom Williams, Second Vice President, Douglas; James O. Oates, First Vice President, Cobb County; and Grady McCalmon, Member of the Board, Griffin. Thad Studstill of Milledgeville, elected later to represent the Hospital Recreators on the Board of Directors is not shown.

G.R.P.S. Membership Drive Slated For January-February

According to the Georgia Recreation and Park Society membership committee, a real effort will be made during January and February to canvass the entire state for memberships in the Society for the 1967 year. Membership is available to anyone meeting the requirements for the various membership categories: Executive, professional, associate or student.

Chairman of the membership committee, Tom Martin, Jr., related that there is a slight increase in dues this year following a successful amendment to the By-Laws. Executive membership has risen from \$8.00 to \$10.00 while professional memberships climbed to \$7.00 from a previous \$5.00. Associate and student dues increased one dollar from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Agency fees this year are \$25.00.

Martin indicated that membership applications will be mailed to more than 400 previous members and to those who have indicated an interest in becoming a member. Those who are interested should contact: Tom Martin, Jr., Room 239, 7 Hunter Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Reverend Baggott Is Keynote At South Carolina Recreation Conference

Robert T. Baggott, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newnan and a member of the Georgia Recreation Commission, was the keynote speaker at the Annual Conference of the South Carolina Recreation Society in Florence, S. C. on November 14. Approximately 200 professional and lay workers were in attendance at the Florence Country Club. Mr. Ben Boozer of Camden was installed as the new S.C.R.S. President.

Athletic Workshop

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Florida State University; Ernie Johnson of the Braves Organization; Dr. Fred Allman, Vice-President of American Sports Medicine; Liewelyn Wilburn, Professor of Physical Education at Agnes Scott College; Dr. Clyde Partin of Emory University; Col. Frank Kobes, Professor of Physical Education at the U. S. Military Academy; and Rev. Robert T. Baggott, Jr., of Newnan, Georgia.

Have You Been Sued Lately?

The National Recreation and Park Association offers "Business Pursuits" Personal Liability Insurance for employees and volunteer workers connected with recreation and park agencies. The coverage has been considerably broadened over the previous Business Pursuits Personal Liability Insurance Plan as follows:

1. The limit of liability has been increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000 per occurrence.
2. Personal injury coverage has been added, encompassing the following:
 - a. false arrest, detention or imprisonment, malicious prosecution
 - b. libel, slander or defamation of character
 - c. invasion of privacy, wrongful eviction or wrongful entry.

Many years of experience has proved that Business Pursuits Personal Liability coverage is equally beneficial to employees and volunteer personnel in both governmental and proprietary states. In the former, governmental immunity does not extend to the individual worker. In proprietary states, the recreation agency may not carry adequate limits of liability or broad coverage such as personal injury, and even if it does, recreation workers are not protected if sued individually unless they are specifically named in the agency's policy.

The amount of coverage is \$500,000 per occurrence for a premium of \$8.-00 per insured for 12 months coverage.

Coverage includes actual or alleged negligence by the insured recreation employee or volunteer arising out of the performance of duties in the broad field of recreation: Work at Recreation Centers & Playgrounds, Parks, Recreation Centers & Swimming Pools, Ice & Roller Rinks, Day Camps, Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, etc.), Arenas & Stadiums, Golf Courses, Zoos, Organized Trips & Tours.

Coverage also includes false arrest, detention or imprisonment, or malicious prosecution. Libel, slander, or defamation of character.

Invasion of privacy, wrongful eviction or wrongful entry are also covered.

Those interested should write to the National Recreation & Park Association, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D. C. 20006.

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APPRAISALS

Upon request and at no cost nor obligation, the Georgia Recreation Commission will conduct a "Recreation Appraisal" for a city or county government. Included in the study will be an inventory of existing facilities, resources, recreation needs, and a recommended step by step procedure to follow for meeting the leisure needs of the citizenry. An abundant number of copies are provided for the agency for whom the appraisal is done. Normally the Commission Staff presents the report at a meeting of the political officials.



TRAINING AND INTERPRETATION

Since the key to successful recreation programs are dependent upon capable leadership, the Georgia Recreation Commission alone and through cooperative efforts with other groups and agencies, from time to time provides training opportunities for professional and lay leaders. Examples of such opportunities are the workshops entitled, "Recreation for the Retarded", Administrative Workshop, "Athletic Workshop", "Swimming Pool Workshop". The staff is available to conduct in-service training for recreation agencies, public and private. The staff appears on programs throughout Georgia interpreting community recreation and the work of the Commission.



PUBLICATIONS

Many helpful publications have been prepared and presented by the Georgia Recreation Commission. The publications range from simple activity hints to involved "Public Recreation in Georgia". The latter comes as a result of an annual study conducted jointly with the Georgia Municipal Association. Most of the publications are mailed to an extensive listing, however, copies are available upon request.



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FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATION

The Georgia Recreation Commission staff is available to meet with individuals or groups for the purpose of discussing recreation related problems and developments. Such conferences are frequently conducted either in the Commission Office or in communities throughout the state. Discussions center around such areas as personnel needs, referendums, ways of improving recreation programs, state recreation enabling law, establishing new recreation departments and planning.



FEDERAL AID ASSISTANCE

One staff member of the Recreation Commission is designated to stay abreast of all recreation and park related federal programs. It is his responsibility to prepare and disseminate written materials on such matters and to meet with groups for the purpose of interpreting such legislation. Oftentimes he assists public officials in making application to various federal agencies and coordinates meetings between the two agency representatives.



RESOURCE MATERIAL

In their three years of operation the Commission has assembled extensive information on all aspects of recreation. Varieties of information are mailed out each week and are available to anyone upon request. Books and films are available for loan as are color slides depicting facilities and program activities.



The Georgia Recreation Commission is the state's advisory agency on recreation matters. Its basic concern is helping people to help themselves by bringing their experiences to bear on other situations. It is the only state agency of its kind - It has the freedom to make completely unbiased and objective recommendations since it operates no facilities nor has it any regulatory powers. The services of the Commission are available not only to governmental groups but also to the private agency, commercial enterprise and to the private citizen.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

JAMES S. ORR has been appointed Program Director for the Dalton Recreation Department.

HUGH RADCLIFF is the new Director of Recreation for the Cordele-Crisp County Recreation Department.

ANN SKALKO is the new youth Director for the Warner Robins Air Force Base.

MAX LOCKWOOD, formerly the Director of Recreation for The City of Statesboro is now Director of Industrial Affairs for the Georgia Southern Area Planning and Development Commission.

Georgia Awarded BOR Funds

It has been learned from A. H. Underhill, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, that Georgia has been awarded a matching grant of \$115,000 to assist in the preparation of the state's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

It was also reported by the Assistant Director that a grant of \$26,210 was awarded to the City of Atlanta for the development of 4.1 miles of hiking and cycling trails within the City of Atlanta.

Georgia has submitted several other projects for fund consideration and these are being processed at this time.

More Recreation Appraisals Requested By Commission

The Georgia Recreation Commission has only recently received official requests from the following cities for Recreation Appraisals: Dublin, Newnan, Sylvania, and Waycross.

The Newnan Appraisal is currently being conducted while, by necessity, the others cannot be completed for several weeks.

An appraisal requires extensive time and effort, therefore, the Commission is finding it difficult to satisfy all requests as quickly as would be desired.



CASWELL CITED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY—Fred W. Caswell (left) Director of Recreation for the City of Cartersville receives the Professional Award which is given annually by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service in the field of recreation. Robert Dodd, Director of Recreation from College Park, makes the presentation at the annual professional meeting in Jekyll Island in November.

Champlin Authors Book, Named to Aging Commission

James R. Champlin, Professor of Recreation at the University of Georgia, is the co-author of a recent publication entitled "Rural Recreation for Profit". Clodus R. Smith of the Univ. of Maryland, and Lloyd E. Partain of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are fellow authors.

This book is specifically written for rural land owners and others who are interested in turning unprofitable land into profit-making rural recreation enterprises. It is a practical guide for planning, developing, operating, and managing rural recreation facilities.

It is a publication of The Interstate, Printers & Publishers, Danville, Illinois. Copies for \$6.95 may be ordered from them.

Mr. Champlin has only recently been appointed to the State Commission on Aging.

JOB MART

Individuals desiring to apply for positions listed in the Job Mart should apply directly to the Agency which has the opening. The Georgia Recreation Commission maintains a Personnel Service file for reference to prospective employers. The Commission will be happy to keep your credentials on file upon request.

Assistant Director of Recreation—(Salary \$300 month) Civil Service position. Female, high school graduate, preferably college degree, minimum age 21. Write: Fred Edmondson, Director, Hapeville Recreation Dept., 3444 Fulton Avenue, Hapeville, Georgia. Telephone 761-8563.

Community Recreation Leader — (Salary \$340 Month) Civil Service position. Daily exams and referrals. Write: City of Atlanta Personnel Office, City Hall Annex, 260 Central Avenue, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone JA 2-4463, Ext. 267.

Recreation Leader III — (Salary \$482 month) State Merit System position. Male, degree in recreation or physical education plus experience in swimming pool operation and teaching swimming skills. Good fringe benefits. Write: W. C. Williamson, Director of Recreation, Youth Development Center, Box 788, Milledgeville, Georgia. Telephone 452-2231.

Recreation Worker—(Salary range \$4858-7380 depending upon experience) To work in Club Mobile program in Viet Nam with the American Red Cross. Good Fringe Benefits. Degree from four year college, female, 21-27 years of age. Write: Director of Personnel Services, Southeastern Area Headquarters, 1955 Monroe Drive, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone 875-7921.

Town and Country Recreation — A power-packed story of the building of a recreation program in rural areas and villages of less than 5,000 population. You see what happens to a sleepy town when a recreation program comes to life through voluntary leadership. **Description:** 16mm, color and sound. Running time: approximately 20 minutes. There is no charge for loan of the film: Contact the Georgia Recreation Commission Office.



COBB COUNTY ACQUIRES RECREATION LANDS

Lawson Yow, (extreme left), Chairman of the Cobb County Recreation Commission, presents to T. P. Shaw, a check for a 23 acre plot of land, the last three areas recently acquired for public recreation purposes. Shown with Mr. Yow are B. L. Oliver (center), a member of the County Commission, and James O. Oates, Director of Recreation and Parks.

Three Park Sites Bought By Cobb County

James O. Oates, Director of Recreation and Parks announces that Cobb County has just purchased its first three tracts of land through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Largest of the three pieces of land was a 31.5 acre tract. The three combined areas total 85 acres. "This is only a beginning", related Mr. Oates. "With our ever increasing population, our recreation needs swell everyday, therefore, we plan to apply for additional projects next year," he continued.

Under the Open Space Land Program, the Federal Government will assume fifty percent of the cost of property and also for development. It permits the construction of ball fields, tennis courts and small shelters but will not share the cost of swimming pools and recreation buildings.

Funds for the future park sites came from monies allocated in the 1965 public improvements bond issue of which \$900,000 was approved for recreation and parks.

Pickens Acquire Federal Assistance

Senators Richard B. Russell and Herman E. Talmadge announced recently a Farmers Home Administration loan of \$132,000 to the Pickens County Golf Association, Inc.

The funds will be used to construct a nine hole golf course, club house and related facilities for 115 families near Jasper, Georgia.

Inquiries for this type of assistance should be directed to the Farmers Home Administration, 223 Peachtree, 7th Building, 50 Seventh Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Beautification Funds Approved For Decatur

Congressman James A. Mackay recently announced that a \$15,952 grant to the City of Decatur for beautification of its park system. Decatur is the first Georgia City to receive funds under this new urban beautification program.

The funds will supplement present Decatur beautification efforts. They will cover one half the cost of Decatur park improvement and will assist in the construction of public shelters.

CARROLLTON

A budget of \$41,000 has been approved by the City Council for the Carrollton Recreation Department for 1967. This represents an increase of \$11,000 over the previous year and will enable the Department to employ additional staff.

The Carrollton Kiwanis Club recently made a donation of a color TV set to the Carrollton Recreation Department. Director of Recreation, Tom Drummond, reports that it will be used in the Recreation Center.

MOULTRIE

The TOBACCOLAND Invitational Swimming and Diving Championship, the oldest AAU swim meet still in existence in Georgia, drew 550 participants from 22 Southeast communities in July. This event is sponsored jointly by the Municipal Recreation Department and the Moultrie Lions Club. Forty-two records were set this summer while swimmers from 8 years of age to the senior group competed. Information may be obtained by writing Mr. James R. Goff, Moultrie Recreation Department.

DALTON

Approximately 200 people were in attendance on September 25 at the dedication ceremony for the City of Dalton's new Community Center Building. Already in operation, the facility attracts in excess of 1000 participants each week. Mr. Henry Anderson serves as Center Director.

The Dalton Recreation Department has recently assumed the responsibility for the conduct of all social teen-age activities in the city. The Dalton Womans Club previously promoted this program.

DOUGLAS

In the new edition of "The Go Scene" magazine there appears in an article entitled "Swinging Spots . . ." the following:

"Douglas: Teen Center. Open 9 p.m. to midnight. Minimum age, high school freshman; no dress requirement. Live rock music".

Recently Claire Johnson, President of the Teen Council, discovered this article and brought it to the attention of the older Teen Club members. The teenagers of Douglas should be exceptionally proud that its Teen Center is considered one of the "swingingest" places in the United States.

LOCKHEED - MARIETTA

The Lockheed-Georgia Company in Marietta conducts a soccer program

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NEWS BRIEFS—(Cont'd)

for their employees through the Plant's recreation division.

LaFAYETTE

A Community Center has been completed by the Public Housing Authority of LaFayette. Director of Recreation, Mr. Harry Harrington, reports that this structure now serves as the city's primary recreation center.

CARNESVILLE AND LITHONIA

These Georgia municipalities have just been recertified for their Workable Programs for Community Improvement by the Urban Renewal Administration. This qualifies them for urban renewal programs of which recreation and parks play an important part.

CARTERSVILLE

Cartersville's ultra-modern civic center has just been completed and will be ready for occupancy in the near future. Dedication services are planned for December. Funds were derived from a bond issue which also resulted in the building of a swimming pool in conjunction with the Urban Renewal program.

CALHOUN

William Bearden, Director of Recreation, reports that his City, Calhoun, has made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a matching grant for a thirty acre park which is to be developed to meet the recreation needs of the citizenry.

DALTON

Kermit Perry, Executive Director of the Newnan YMCA and Secretary of GRPS, presented Mayor Carlton McCamy of Dalton the GRPS Award citing that city for their outstanding recreation program in the 10-20,000 category. The award was made at the Dalton Rotary Club in November.



HUGH RADCLIFFE has been named **Director of Recreation by the Cordele-Crisp County Recreation Commission.** The Thomaston native has been with the Department since 1963 as Assistant Director. He holds certification as a Professional Recreator with the Georgia Recreation & Park Society.



Miss SARA CUNNINGHAM (seated) and MR. CARL HAGER, DIRECTOR of Recreation for the City of Savannah, enjoy the activities of the Third Anniversary of the Cunningham Center. Miss Cunningham donated the building for the leisure activities of Savannah's senior citizens.

Georgia Recreation & Park Society Assembly Is Jan. 31

Charles C. Clegg, newly elected President of the Georgia Recreation & Park Society, announces that a GRPS Assembly is scheduled at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta on January 31.

This meeting is to be held just prior to the Athletic Workshop (Feb. 1-3) to eliminate travel to an extra meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to give all committees an opportunity to meet, make their plans for 1967, and to submit these plans to the Board of Directors. Plans call for a general meeting at 1:30 PM in the Biltmore's Room 10 (Mezzanine). After receiving directions pertaining to the objectives of the Assembly, Committee Chairmen and their committee members will hold committee meetings until approximately 5 PM during which time their detailed plans for the year will be drawn up. At 7:30 PM the committees will be requested to re-assemble during which time the Board will hear reports from Committee Chairmen. Mr. Clegg urges all members of the Board of Directors, all committee members, and general membership to attend. "It is essential that we have a substantial attendance at the Assembly since the work of our society is contingent upon the goals we set for ourselves at this meeting," stated Mr. Clegg. "By holding the Assembly at the site of and the day prior to the Athletic Workshop, it is our hope that both meetings will profit," he concluded.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION INFORMATION — ATHLETIC WORKSHOP

Please enroll the following persons in the Athletic Workshop which will be conducted on February 1-3, 1967 at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

Name.....	Title.....
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Business Address.....	City.....

Enclosed is \$20.00 registration fee for each of the above participants.
Daily Registration—\$3.00.

MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS (NO CASH PLEASE) PAYABLE TO THE:

Athletic Workshop Committee
Room 239
7 Hunter Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334



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LEGISLATORS GREET RICHARDSON — Bobby Richardson (2nd from left), the ex-Yankee Star, is welcomed to Georgia by members of the Georgia House of Representatives. Richardson served as banquet speaker at the recent Athletic Workshop sponsored by the Georgia Recreation Commission. The lawmakers are L-R: Walstein Parker of Sylvania, Jones Lane of Statesboro, and Glen Thomas, Jr. of Jesup.



LIFETIME SPORTS — Charles C. Clegg (2nd from left), Supt. of Recreation in Dalton, is shown with officials from the National Recreation & Park Assn. at the recent meeting of the Lifetime Sports Foundation in Atlanta. Visiting dignitaries from the recreation and park field are L-R: Temple R. Jarrell, Arthur Todd, and Walter Cook. Dalton is one of ten southern cities participating in the pilot program.

LIFETIME SPORTS COMES TO GEORGIA

Recently the Lifetime Sports Foundation held its Southeastern meeting in Atlanta for the purpose of discussing the 1966 national project and exploring future programs.

Under the direction of Bud Wilkinson, the former Oklahoma football coach, the Lifetime Sports Foundation, during 1966, created increased interest in the carry-over or lifetime sports by conducting pilot programs in ten U.S. cities.

The 1966 project was intended to accomplish primarily two things: 1— To develop and test techniques for promoting and motivating increased participation in instructional programs in the four Lifetime Sports — Badminton, Golf, Tennis, and bowling. 2 — To motivate park and recreation executives and their staff to give increased attention to providing facilities and instruction for the four sports.

The 1966 project has been so successful that the Lifetime Sports Foundation and the Natl. Rec. & Park Assn. have agreed to expand it to 100 locations. The objectives will remain the same with the addition of an emphasis upon providing opportunities for recreational participation after instruction.

The 1967 project will continue to be a pilot demonstration. Each participating agency will be encouraged to experiment in trying new innovations and a maximum of flexibility will be allowed.

At the recent meeting, presided over by Walter Cook of the National Recreation & Park Association, ten Southeastern pilot cities from five states were represented. Among these was Dalton, Georgia's representative, Charles C. Clegg, Supt. of Recreation. Clegg stated, "We are happy to participate as a pilot city and as our study progresses we will share our findings with others throughout Georgia and elsewhere."



FEATURE

LOW-RENT PUBLIC HOUSING AND PUBLIC RECREATION

By: John Tidwell,

Community Services Officer

COMING EVENTS

1967

March 29 - April 5

Southeastern Recreation Workshop of the
Methodist Church, Methodist Church Camp,
Leesburg, Florida.

April 2-4

Association of County
Commissioners Convention
Bucconeer Motel
Jekyll Island, Georgia

April 6-7

EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
STONE MOUNTAIN INN

April 17-19

NRPA Southern District
Convention - Parliament
House Motel
Birmingham, Alabama

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At present there are approximately one hundred and ninety cities in the State of Georgia with Low-Rent Housing Authorities who provide safe and sanitary homes for low-income people. There are over forty-thousand dwelling units scattered throughout the State which range from efficiency apartments for the elderly to five-bedroom units for large families.

The Housing Assistance Administration in the Department of Housing and Urban Development is extremely interested in working with local agencies in providing worth-while services for tenants of these low-rent housing projects, one of which is recreation.

By adhering to a nation-wide formula, a Local Housing Authority may construct indoor space for providing recreational programs. They may also develop outdoor recreational areas such as playgrounds, playfields, picnic areas, et cetera. By the same token, they are not authorized to staff these facilities. This is where the local recreation department comes on the scene.

It is felt by the Housing Assistance Administration that if facilities are provided by the Local Housing Authority a local agency, such as the recreation department, should be encouraged to provide staff for programming.

Several recreation departments throughout the State work very closely with their Local Housing Authorities. For instance, it was announced in the latest edition of Recreation in Georgia that the recently completed Community Building of the LaFayette Housing Authority "now serves as the city's primary recreation center." This is an unexplored possibility in many other cities of the State.

Executive Directors of Local Housing Authorities are always encouraged to become acquainted with their City Recreation Directors. Too, the Recreation Directors should be encouraged to become acquainted with the Local Housing Authority's Executive Director. They both, doubtless, have much in common and by becoming professionally acquainted will in all probability make certain arrangements and agreements whereby both agencies will profit.

It should be pointed out that Local Housing Authorities are expected to solicit the cooperation of all local agencies in planning for the development of community facilities which they intend to utilize. Recreation Directors are encouraged to contact Local Housing Authorities contemplating the development and construction of such facilities.

The Housing Assistance Administration encourages joint financing in the construction of community facilities and this oftentimes proves to be most helpful to cities who have limited funds for capital improvements in recreation.

These are but a few sketchy statements concerning the interest of the Housing Assistance Administration in public recreation. For additional information feel free to contact the:

Housing Assistance Administration
Room 731, Peachtree-Seventh Building
50 Seventh Street, N.E.



THE LOSER

by: Fred E. Johnston
Senior Engineer

Georgia Department of Public Health

He remembered one day when Mac telephoned to ask whether Joe could use some extra antifreeze, claimed he had some surplus and Joe could have it wholesale if he could use it. Joe said he let the filling station service his car but Mac says this antifreeze is for the commode tanks, lavatory traps, and other traps in the pool piping system. Joe figured that might be a good idea and not much work so he told Mac he would come over and get some. But something else came up and Joe forgot until after the hard freeze and the traffic police gave him a ticket for not cleaning the ice off the sidewalk in front of the pool. And when he found the hole in the pipe where the water came from to make the ice it was too darn late for antifreeze then.

But, no sweat, everything will get attention in due time. A body can't get too much rest and there's always more than enough work. There is Mac down there rubbing the grease coating off his chrome ladders and polishing them up. Shouldn't have put the grease on in the first place last fall; the metal probably would not have rusted, and if it had nobody would notice, not much anyway.

Mac had even cleaned all the leaves and debris from his swimming pool area after closing it for the winter and again in early December after the leaves stopped falling. Claimed that decaying leaves and weeds would stain the concrete and tile and make the pool look dirty. And instead of emptying the pool Mac had filled it with chlorinated water and left it full for the entire winter. He even put an algicide solution into the pool water and then covered it with some kind of plastic sheeting.

Why, Mac worked at that pool like he was a hired man instead of the owner. Joe couldn't understand why all the bother, there would be plenty of time a couple of days before the season opened to do what had to be done. Mac made most of his own work, anyway. For example, he had removed his underwater lights and stored them in the bathhouse "to keep the lens from getting broken". He even hired an electrician to inspect his wiring on the underwater lighting system for proper grounding and insulation, and Joe knew this was wasted money because if there had been an electrical leak one

of the bathers would have felt the shock and told him about it.

And don't think they wouldn't have told him! Lord, they complain about everything, dirty towels, smelly dressing rooms, and last year when that kid stepped on the broken bottle in the pool they got mad because he didn't have any bandages! Heck, he ran a pool, not a clinic! And he had told them and told them and told them not to drink soda pop in the pool unless it was in paper cups. Oh well, you can't please everybody all the time, like the fellow says. And Joe leaned back in his rocking chair, closed his eyes and soon started snoring.

Meanwhile Mac across town was breaking in his new personnel as they prepared for the summer's business. They had replaced the pipe support and restored the sagging pipe line before it ruptured. They had kept the motor stored for the winter in a dry place and were now replacing it in the equipment room, bolting it down, checking the wiring and switches, lubricating the bearings. The entire recirculation assembly had been checked over closely and worn out parts replaced. New matting was on order for the diving boards, first aid equipment was being brought up to standard. The new personnel was being trained in operating procedures, elementary pool water chemistry, lifesaving techniques, first aid methods. They were learning that using a paint brush and bright colors in the dressing rooms and around the premises is not only good maintenance but is a promoter of good public relations. Easily read signs were repainted and prominently displayed to let all pool patrons clearly understand the rules that were enforced for their benefit (one of which prohibited bottles, paper cups, plastic, wrappers, etc. in the pool area!)

Mac was expecting a bumper season—partly because of his advertising, partly because he had prepared for service, and maybe a little because he had heard that the winter ice had buckled the bottom of poor old Joe's pool. He had heard that Joe's recirculation equipment was in sad shape where the hard freeze had worked on the undrained lines. He wondered how Joe could overlook basic maintenance so thoroughly. Like Joe, but with a slightly different outlook, there were some things Mac just couldn't understand.

Joe leaned back in his rocking chair on the front porch and hoisted his foot to the familiar worn place on the rail. The straw bottom in his chair was tattered and about to break through and he shifted just far enough to miss the cutting effect of the few remaining fibers. He pulled an old felt hat over his eyes to shut out the sun while he relaxed and time tiptoed by.

Joe had operated the swimming pool during the past summer and as soon as the last bather climbed out of the pool he had opened the bottom drain, pulled the switch on the pump, locked up the bathhouse and hurried home to rest after a difficult and arduous summer season. He had really enjoyed the winter, hadn't hit a lick.

He never could understand why that fellow on the other side of town spent so much time puttering around that other swimming pool. Here it was the middle of April with over a month before the next swimming season starts and that fellow, Mac, was over there nailing and hammering and sawing, planning shrubbery and grass, just like he was getting ready to open tomorrow.

Joe twisted his anatomy to relocate the cutting edge of the chair's straw bottom and resolved to fix that darn straw some day. Right now Joe was busy remembering last fall when Mac closed down that pool of his he had even backwashed his filters and then completely drained not only the filters but the entire piping system to boot. Completely is the right word too, because when Mac found a low place in a pipe line where a pipe support had given way he borrowed an air compressor and **blew** the water out. Eager Beaver!

GOLDEN AGE PROGRAM

by

W. CARL HAGER

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION



L-R Mrs. Mary Causey, Program Director, Mr. Carl Hager, Director of Recreation, Mrs. Joane Embler, Center Director. (Not pictured is Mrs. Agnes Durden, Golden Age Program Supervisor.)

The Savannah Recreation Commission Golden Age Program began operation seven years ago with six clubs and approximately three hundred members. These were accepted by the Recreation Commission from a group of volunteers under the sponsorship of the United Community Services. Since this time with the aid and financial support of the Mayor and aldermen, the program has grown to include seventeen clubs and two all-day centers with a membership of 3500 and a yearly participation of 60,000. There are no fees or charges to be a member. The only requirement is that an individual must have passed his 60th birthday.

The members participate in the following program activities: dances, special fellowship programs with covered dish suppers, observance of birthdays and anniversaries of members, groups who regularly attend theaters (this is without charge to membership), and other cultural activities

in the community without charge. Also included are out-of-town bus trips to various points of interest usually financed by the members or sponsors, crafts, painting, ceramics, sewing, knitting, bingo, card playing, etc.

One special feature of the all-day center programs is the well balanced, nutritious hot lunches served at noon to the members at cost. This has done much to stimulate their appetites and to prevent them from making several trips back and forth between the centers and their homes.

Programs are provided in which lectures are given on health, nutrition, hygiene, retirement benefits, medicare, and various other topics of particular interest to the members.

Another highlight is the yearly fishing rodeo held at Daffin Park which is in the form of an all day picnic. The attendance has increased each year proving the popularity of this event. The members also bowl in several of

the commercial bowling alley leagues as a group from the Golden Age Center. They also have parties for special programs such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and other important dates of the year.

The program has created so much interest that Miss Sarah Cunningham purchased the Cunningham Center and gave it to the City of Savannah to be used as an all-day center for the Golden Age Program. She was so happy with the utilization of this building by the Golden Age members that she interested her sister, Mrs. Cleveland, in purchasing a building next door so that it could be connected by a breezeway and might enlarge the center facilities. The City of Savannah recently purchased a large frame dwelling of superior construction and design for a West Side Golden Age Center.

The Savannah Golden Age Program is considered as one of the outstanding programs of this type in Georgia.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!!



Craft activities develop new interest and skills.



Golden Age members enjoy wholesome lunch and plenty of fellowship.



Painting classes are taught to members.

Games of various types provide hours of enjoyment.



Billards is a favorite of the male members.



NEWS BRIEFS

CALHOUN

The Calhoun Recreation Department captured the 1966 12 year old State football crown with a hard fought decision over the Douglas Recreation Department by a score of 12-6.

STATESBORO-MILLEDGEVILLE

Statesboro was crowned co-champion of a thrilling 26-26 deadlock with Milledgeville Recreation Department for the State 13 year old crown. Milledgeville defeated Warner Robins to reach the championship game while Statesboro defeated Brunswick on penetration rule (regulation game 12-12) 1-0.

NEWNAN

The Newnan-Coweta County YMCA has just completed an addition to their recreation building. It includes a four-wall handball court, a meeting room and additional storage.

WARNER ROBINS

The mayor and council of the City of Warner Robins has approved the 1966 recreation budget totaling \$124,390. This is an increase of \$15,390 for the Warner Robins Department.

MONROE

Paul Wendt, Director of Recreation, has converted a closed swimming facility to an attractive ceramic studio for the Department. The new program has met with much success in the Community. Presently 75 adults and children are participating in the new program.

ATHENS

David L. Dugan has been selected by the Congress of Parents and Teachers to serve as State Chairman of Recreation for the P.T.A. Organizations. The Board of Managers adopted the following statement. . .

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Personnel Shortage Critical

It is predicted that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will need to employ 5,100 additional people over the next five years. Furthermore, all federal recreation jobs are expected to increase at a rate of 57% in that time. By the same token, recreation jobs in state government will increase 46% and colleges 26%.

Generally speaking, all of these positions pay higher salaries than do most recreation positions in local government and private agencies.

This situation brings on some very important issues which effect everyone. The big question is - where are the additional trained people coming from. The only answers seem to be in mass but careful recruitment and upgrading salaries.

Southern Recreation and Park Conference

Birmingham, Alabama will host the 1967 Southern Recreation and Park Conference April 17-19. Temple R. Jarrell, Southern Representative for the National Recreation and Park Association, reports that the conference will be housed at the Parliament House, 420 South 20th Street (Zip-35233), one of the South's newest and most magnificent hotels.

Participating states, in addition to Georgia, include Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"Hospital Happenings"

Bruce Prosser, Recreation Therapy Director for the Milledgeville State Hospital reports that two outstanding university students are doing their intern with the hospital. Rick Mendlen from Florida State University and Charlie Pippin from the University of Florida will spend one semester at Milledgeville under the internship program.



Alec Caswell, formerly Program Director for the Aiken, South Carolina Department has assumed his new position of Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Bainbridge, Georgia. Mr. Caswell in commenting on his new position stated, "Bainbridge will be a tremendous challenge and opportunity for me. The people of Bainbridge are vitally interested in recreation and I am looking forward to working with them." A graduate of Georgia Southern College where he received a B.S. Degree in Recreation, Mr. Caswell is originally from Cartersville, Georgia.

Physical Fitness Seminar Scheduled

The Georgia Chiropractic Association will sponsor a seminar on physical fitness at the University of Georgia, at the Center for Continuing Education, on April 22 and 23rd.

The seminar will be conducted by Dean Miller, Physical Fitness Director for the United States Astronauts. There is no charge for the program.

Rooms may be reserved by writing the Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

The Chiropractic Association extends an invitation to recreation personnel, Athletic Directors and Coaches and other interested in physical fitness.

PUTNAM COUNTY RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

Senators Richard Russell and Herman Talmadge and Tenth District Congressman Robert Stephens, Jr. announce that the Putnam County Board of Commissioners will receive a \$25,675 Federal grant for the acquisition and development of Oconee Springs Park, located near Eatonton.

Putnam County will match the Federal grant with an equal amount of its own funds.

The \$25,675 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant will assist the county in the acquisition and development of a 4-acre park. The development will include the building of a retainer dam to protect the historical Oconee Springs, the construction of a road and parking area for boat trailers and automobiles, beach area, bathhouse, pavilion and boathouse pier. The proposed park area will provide access to the 15,330-acre Lake Sinclair. There is an urgent need for the development of outdoor recreational facilities in the Oconee area, since there is not a park facility in the vicinity.

The Oconee Springs Park acquisition and development will be directed by A. L. Freeman, County Agent, Putnam County Board of Commissioners. The project was reviewed and submitted for Federal approval by John L. Gordon, Land and Water Division, and Horace G. Caldwell, Director, Department of State Parks, and Georgia's Liaison Officer to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is supplying the grant for the park project, derives revenues from the \$7 Federal Golden Passport Recreation Permit, other Federal recreation entrance and user fees, the sale of Federal surplus real property, and the Federal motorboat fuel tax.

More than half the revenue to the Federal fund goes to the States and their political subdivisions for needed outdoor recreation projects. Georgia's allocation for fiscal year 1967 is \$1,112,905.

Recreation Education In DeKalb County

The University of Georgia is currently conducting an extension course in Park Management and Operation at the Midway Recreation Center in DeKalb County. The class meets every Friday and James R. Champlin and James B. Cole serve as instructors.

Church Recreation

As leisure increases and as recreation plays a larger and more important role in society, churches are making accelerated advances in this area.

Those interested in church recreation should write to: Mr. Bob M. Boyd, Secretary, Church Recreation Department, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Many helpful pamphlets are available from the Sunday School Board without charge.

Individuals desiring to apply for positions listed in the Job Mart should apply directly to the Agency which has the opening. The Georgia Recreation Commission maintains a Personnel Service file for reference to prospective employers. The Commission will be happy to keep your credentials on file upon request.

Safety Services Representative

(Salary range \$6,412-9,098 plus travel and maintenance when away from headquarters.) Position with American Red Cross. Preference given to man with college degree. Must have experience in teaching Red Cross. Certified First Aid, Swimming and Life Saving Courses. Must be mobile. Good fringe benefits and opportunity for advancement. Contact: Director of Personnel, American Red Cross, Southeastern Area Headquarters, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone 875-7921.

Recreation Worker—

(Salary range \$6,037-\$8,720 plus business travel and all maintenance over seas.) Male only for immediate special assignment in Viet Nam with American Red Cross for one year. Graduate training in recreation plus 2 years recreation experience **or** undergraduate degree in recreation plus 3 years in recreation including one year supervisory experience. Good fringe benefits and opportunity for continued employment when return state-side. Contact: Director of Personnel, American Red Cross, Southeastern Area Headquarters, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone 875-7921.

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(Job Mart contd.)

Civil Service Recreation

Position—

Civil Service Recreation positions with the United States Army Special services program are available throughout the Third United States Army which encompasses the southeastern states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Existing vacancies range in grades GS-5 (\$5,331) to GS-8 (\$7,068). Interested personnel may send a form 57 (application for Federal Employment) to the Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for North Georgia, Peachtree Center Building, 230 Peachtree St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. For further information of the types of positions available see U. S. Civil Service Commission. Announcement No. AT-13-16. The Announcement is posted at all class 1 Post Offices. Forms 57 are available at Post Offices or any Federal Agency.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

JOSEPH LA HIFF has been employed as a playground Supervisor with the Savannah Recreation Department. Mr. La Hiff was formerly with the Hollywood, Florida Recreation Department.

JOHN PRENTICE, a recent graduate of Georgia Southern College has accepted a recreation position with the Youth Development Center in Milledgeville.

JOHN WEBB, a student at Georgia State College has joined the staff of the College Park Recreation Department.

Georgia Cities Re-Certified

The Georgia Cities of Metter, Decatur and Athens, have been recertified under the Workable program for Community improvements with the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

NEWS BRIEFS—(Cont'd)

"We recognize the importance of the protection and preservation of our recreation areas, which are the national heritage of our children."

"We urge each state congress to support proposals that would safeguard these resources and to oppose those measures that would prevent their utilization for the best interest of all citizens."

TIFTON

E. B. Hamilton, Director of Recreation for the City of Tifton, reports that renovation of a small county building has been completed for use as an art and crafts facility. Ceramic classes are the most popular at the present time.

SYLVANIA

The Sylvania Recreation Department has increased its 1967 budget some \$5,000 making the total budget \$37,500.

GAINESVILLE

Bill White, Director of Recreation, reports that the Gainesville City Commission has filed an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs for a neighborhood center. The center would be constructed in an urban renewal area of the City. The local share of the construction cost of the center will be approximately \$60,000 with the total cost of the facility placed at \$180,000. The Federal Government will bear two-thirds of the cost.

CARTERSVILLE

Over 40 adult men in Cartersville participate in the Recreation Department's "Early Bird Class." Dr. Harold Cook, in cooperation with the Recreation Department, is making the class available to the Cartersville Community.

STATESBORO

The Beta Sigma Phi Organization has undertaken the project of purchasing a bus for the Statesboro Recreation Department.



LONNIE W. DICKERSON has been promoted by the Athens Recreation Department to the position of Assistant to the Director. Mr. Dickerson has been a member of the Athens Staff since June 1963. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

Griffin

The Griffin Recreation Department completed renovation of the Fairmont Community Center to include a kitchen, meeting room, Arts and Craft room and exercise room.

Also completed was a new office.

They have completed relighting and surfacing of tennis courts.

Rushton Elected Mayor

Mr. Luke L. Rushton, Athletic Director and Basketball Coach at Young Harris College, and a member of the Georgia Recreation Commission, was recently elected Mayor of Young Harris, Georgia. He attended Richmond Academy, graduated from Young Harris Junior College, and received an AB Degree in History from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C. He holds an MA Degree in History from the University of Alabama and has done graduate study at the University of Georgia. He has resided in Young Harris for almost twenty years.



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STATE COMMISSION LOCATES ON PEACHTREE — Effective May 1, the Georgia Recreation Commission's offices will be located in the **MONY BUILDING**, Room 801, 1655 Peachtree Street, N.E., 30309.



CARTERSVILLE CITED — On April 9th Reverend Robert T. Baggott of Newnan (2nd from L) was the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies at Cartersville's new recreation center. During the event Charles Clegg, (3rd from L), President of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, presented to Mayor J. M. Tuffon (3rd from R), the GRPS Award recognizing Cartersville for their outstanding progress in community recreation. Others present were (L-R): Richard Barton, City Manager, and Councilmen Marvin Smith and James Pope.

Commission Moves To New Home

The Georgia Recreation Commission is moving their office location from the present 7 Hunter Street site. Location of the recently acquired office space is in the **MONY Building, Room 801, 1655 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta 30309**. The move will be completed around May 1.

For the past three and one half years the Commission has, by necessity, had to operate within very limited quarters. During the last session of the General Assembly, however, funds were approved which authorized the move to the more adequate space.

Those who visit the Commission office will find it most accessible since it can be reached by expressway from practically any direction. Other noteworthy advantages of the new site include:

A. Ample parking facilities.

B. Motels in the immediate area offer accommodations for visitors desiring to stay overnight. These facilities in close proximity to the office makes it convenient for the Commission to conduct meetings and workshops near its quarters.

C. Reputable restaurants are in abundance in the area.

Additional space should increase the quantity and quality of work produced by the Commission and it will serve future expansion needs.

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COMING EVENTS

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June 18-20

Georgia Municipal Association
Annual Convention
Marriott Motor Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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October 8-10

State Recreation Convention
Georgia Recreation and Park Society
Callaway Gardens, Georgia

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December 3-7

National Recreation and Park Convention
National Recreation and Park Association
Fontainebleau Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

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FEATURE

DUBLIN'S "LEARN TO BOWL" PROGRAM

By: Roy A. Hammond

Director of Recreation and Parks

The Dublin Park and Recreation Department and the Laurens Lanes co-sponsored a "Learn to Bowl" program for the first time this year. The first in the series of bowling programs was held for boys and girls in the fourth through the sixth grades. This was a four week course conducted each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

The registration fee for the course was \$1.00 per person for the four week period of instruction. Shoes were free of charge. The Recreation Department furnished the bowling instructor and the Laurens Lanes furnished volunteer help. Over ninety boys and girls took part in this program.

At the conclusion of the four week instruction period, each age group participated in a three day bowling tournament. Trophies were awarded to the boy and girl bowling the top scores in their age groups.

The next bowling instruction will be for junior high school boys and girls. In addition, plans are now being formulated for recreation bowling during the summer months. This would be a program for boys and girls, 17 and under.

This activity is a good example of cooperation between the public and commercial segments of the recreation field. This activity enables the Dublin Recreation Department to better serve the recreation needs of the entire community and add diversity to its total program.



Dublin Recreation Department "Learn to Bowl" program. Assisting in the program are left to right Jane Blake, Annie McMillan, Betty Collier, and Recreation Director Roy Hammond.



AWARDS TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

At a special dinner meeting on March 7th in Milledgeville, the Youth Development Center received the Special Agency Award from the Georgia Recreation and Park Society. Charles C. Clegg (second from the left) President of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, presented the award to Mr. David Holmes (center) Chairman of the Committee on Institutions for the Department of Children and Family Services. In another recognition ceremony, Charles Riley (far right), history teacher at the Youth Development Center, received the Lay Award from the same professional organization. Others taking part in the event were Martin F. White, Sr. (far left), Director of the Youth Development Center, and W. C. Williamson (second from right), the Center's Director of Recreation.

The Special Agency Award was presented to the Youth Development Center in recognition of the Institution's outstanding recreation program which contributes immeasurably to the rehabilitation of hundreds of boys annually.



PACKER turned **COLT** Speaks to Recreators — Bill Curry, former Tech All American center and a member of the champion Green Bay Packers team, was featured luncheon speaker at the Recreation Executive Development Institute at Stone Mountain in April. The grid star was recently traded to the Baltimore Colts. Others pictured are (L-R) Miss Jimmie Mims of Atlanta, and Mrs. Curry.

Augusta Receives \$40,000

Federal Grant

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today a \$40,000 Federal grant to assist in development at **Pendleton King Park in Augusta.**

The Federal grant will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the city of Augusta Parks Department. The Federal grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Improvements to Pendleton King Park will include: Streets, parking, children's zoo, picnic areas, a lake and hiking trails. The proposed project will utilize 64 acres of land. The facilities proposed to be built will have a regional appeal to users. The uniqueness of the park will attract users throughout Richmond County as well as State and out-of-State visitors.

J. MacRae Howard, Chairman, Recreation Committee, City Council of Augusta, will supervise the development. The project was reviewed and submitted for Federal approval by Horace G. Caldwell, Director, Department of State Parks, and Georgia's Liaison Officer to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, is supported by revenues from the sale of the \$7 Federal Recreation Permit, other Federal entrance and user fees, the sale of Federal surplus real property, and the Federal motorboat fuel tax.

States and their political subdivisions are eligible to receive grants from the Fund to finance projects proposed by State agencies and local governments.



Mr. Temple R. Jarrell is the Southern District Representative of the National Recreation and Park Association.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

RECREATION TRE

Rapid growth and expansion are the key words in recreation and parks in the Southern-District involving 10 states ranging from West Virginia to the North, Florida to the South and Mississippi to the West. From the annual report submitted to the district office and from personal observations resulting from several hundred visits to local communities this past year I find that:

Budgets are up.

Department staffs were on the increase.

Salaries have spiraled upwards.

More bond issues and referendums are before the voters this fall.

Programs and services are expanding constantly.

Increased interest in providing state wide recreation and park planning is on a fast upswing.

County authorities are showing increased interest in providing for recreation and park services.

To be more specific:

Increased budgets provide Georgia communities with quality recreation service.

Georgia's demands for qualified recreation leadership exceeds the supply. Georgia Southern and the University of Georgia train recreation professionals.

Baxley, Hartwell, Newnan, and Roswell are numbered among the recently established full-time recreation departments.

Budgets are up: 74% of the departments reported a budget increase during the year while only 3% reported a decrease in allocation the past year. It is interesting to note that the percentage of departments reporting an increased allocation during the year is 6% higher than the previous year.

Staffs and Salaries on the Increase: While more departments reported an increase in the number of personnel employed during the year many vacancies were unfilled due to the inability of departments to recruit or attract qualified candidates. For instance, half a dozen cities ranging from 10,000-25,000 population in the District have had top executive vacancies for three to six months.

It is appropriate to stress the great stride made in the Southern District by the colleges and universities in providing recreation and park curriculums. For several years now nine colleges and universities have had major curriculums in this highly specialized field.

New Departments Created: The number of new recreation and parks departments on a local level has been rather consistent the past few years, ranging from 12-15 a year. This represents an approximate 15% of the new departments created on a nation wide basis each year. The District report reveals a gradual decrease in the number of Administrative and Advisory Boards. This was particularly noted in cities where there were professionally trained City Managers.

More Bond Issues and Referendums Before the Voters:

This year, there seems to be a drastic change in recognizing that recreation and parks must go forward; that it can not stay still in today's living. As a result, more and more cities in the South have bond issues and referendums before the public in today's election.

Federal Grants Program: There is no doubt that the Federal grants-in-aid programs have stimulated this action as Southern cities are changing their attitude about applying for financial assistance to acquire potential park and recreation sites, to develop these areas and to construct neighborhood facilities. Also, city and recreation planning authorities are now recognizing the need for coordinated planning between the cities and counties.

Programs and Services Expanding: The annual trends survey revealed program expansion in many directions but personal field trips and general discussions did not reflect the tremendous program expansion noted in the trend report. Considerable increased opportunities were noted in city after city in the ill and handicapped area with particular stress on the retarded; the performing arts, nature museums, family camping workshops and in children's zoos.

The Southern District has been slow in providing new opportunities, particularly facilities and programs having revenue producing possibilities. These operations include skeet and trap shooting, Par-3 golf courses designed for evening play to attract family play, riding stables, special facilities such as arts and crafts centers and cultural centers, botanical gardens, contemporary type apparatus areas and picnic shelters. Perhaps this is due to the conservative attitude which has been so prevalent in many areas in the district.

State-Wide Consultation Service: With the advent of the South Carolina Recreation Commission, the Southern District is blessed with three State Recreation Commissions; Georgia and North Carolina, of course, being the other two. The district is showing the way throughout the nation in providing state consultant service.

County Recreation: County recreation is on the move in the Southern District. More and more city authorities are becoming vitally concerned about the number of out-of city residents visiting in city parks and facilities or taking an active part in the city's programs. Throughout the Southern District city executives report from 35-55% of the total number of participants in the local operation reside outside of city boundaries. This has led to over-crowded conditions and to the increasing need for additional facilities.

Greatly concerned city officials are asking county authorities to contribute financially to the city's budget for the services extended by the city to non-city residents or to consider providing recreation services on a county basis. As a result, we are seeing a gradual increase in the number of Core City-County Recreation Agreements. This is particularly true in Georgia.

IT BEHOOVES CITY RECREATION AND PARK EXECUTIVES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN ENCOURAGING EFFECTIVE CITY-COUNTY RELATIONSHIP RATHER THAN TO WAIT UNTIL THE DEMAND IS INITIATED BY LOCAL CITIZENRY.

Carrollton, Cartersville and Cobb County have recently enjoyed successful referendums. LaFayette plans one in the near future for \$500,000 for recreation purposes.

The Georgia Recreation Commission has one person responsible for the study and interpretation of federal programs. With the advent of this service, numerous cities and counties have begun to receive assistance.

The goal of every community in the state should be a well rounded and comprehensive recreation program. Although more diversification in programming is offered today, the ultimate objective is not yet in sight. Imaginative leadership — lay and professional — is the answer.

The Georgia Recreation Commission provides consultative service, without charge, to all Georgians. Requests for services are exceedingly great.

Claxton and Evans County have established a joint Recreation Commission. Laurens County has recently agreed to double their recreation appropriation to the City of Dublin. Towns County has initiated a recreation program. Yes, County recreation interest in Georgia has increased.

NEWS BRIEFS

ACWORTH

The 1967 operating budget for the Acworth Recreation Department is \$11,000. The new budget was approved recently by the City Council.

BRUNSWICK

The sixth annual Southeast Georgia Ceramic show was conducted recently by the Brunswick Recreation Department. Recreation Director Sonny Miller reports it was the most successful ever sponsored by the department.

JEKYLL ISLAND

The 5th Annual Jekyll Island Invitational Swimming and Diving Championships were conducted recently under the auspices of Jekyll Island Promotional Association. Mr. George Harris is Director of Recreation for the Jekyll Island Authority.

WARNER ROBINS

The Houston County Commissioners donated \$5880.00 to the Warner Robins Department for county participation in the City program. A study is to be made on a county-wide program.

THOMASTON

The 12 year old girls basketball team from the Thomaston Recreation Department captured the GRPS 12 year old girls crown by defeating the East Point girls 44-24.

ALMA-BACON COUNTY

Alma, the heart of basketball country, defeated a strong Monroe 13 year old girls team to win the 1967 GRPS championship with a score of 50-46.



Frank H. Brown

AT ROSWELL HELM - Frank H. Brown has been appointed Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Roswell effective April 15. Roswell, after conducting a summer recreation program for two years becomes the newest full-time public recreation department under professional leadership.



Sherry Adams

Sherry Adams, a graduate of the University of Georgia has joined the Hapeville Recreation Department as Assistant Director. Miss Adams will be in charge of the girls and womens activities of the department.

BOND REFERENDUMS

On April 19th. voters in Columbus and Muscogee County will vote on a bond issue for recreation: \$600,000 to Muscogee County and \$300,000 to Columbus for land acquisition and development of facilities.

LaFayette will hold a referendum for \$500,000 for recreation in May.

Georgians Attend Leisure-Religion Workshop

Several Georgians were among the 125 delegates to the Workshop on the Church's Ministry in Leisure and Recreation held recently in Leesburg, Florida. The Workshop is sponsored annually by the Southeastern Region of the Methodist Church and draws from some ten southeastern states.

Delegates attending the seven day Workshop participated in a variety of Philosophy sessions dealing with leisure and religion. In addition they were enrolled in skill groups dealing with such areas as Sports, Music, Folk Dancing, Square Dances, Handicrafts, Drama, Folk Games, etc. These groups were led by outstanding individuals from throughout the country.

The Georgia Recreation Commission is available upon request to work with church groups in an advisory capacity to help them meet the recreation needs of their church membership. Church leaders who are interested may contact Tom Martin at the Commission office in Atlanta and have him meet with their committee. Several Churches in Georgia have already taken advantage of this service.

Information concerning the 1968 Workshop can be obtained from the Commission office.

Red Cross Aquatic Schools

The American National Red Cross will conduct four Aquatic Schools this summer as follows:

June 3-13, Camp Kiwani,
Middletown, Tennessee

June 6-16, Blue Star Camps
Hendersonville, N. C.

June 6-16, Camp Ocala,
Umatilla, Florida

August 21-31, Blue Star
Camps, Hendersonville,
North Carolina.

The registration fee for each course is \$60.00 per person. Inquiries should be made immediately to Mr. Arnold Winkenhof, Area Director, Safety Services, Southeastern Area, American Red Cross, 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

Additionally, a small craft school is being conducted June 6-16, at Camp Thunderbird, in Clover, South Carolina. Registration fee is \$65.00.

Richmond County

Will Receive Federal Funds

Richmond County Recreation Department will receive an \$11,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist in the purchase of 13.18 acres of park land for Bayvale Recreation Park Regional Director Jerome F. Anderson, Southeast Region, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Atlanta, announced this week.

The area to be purchased is located near Augusta and only 4 miles from the U. S Army Base of Fort Gordon. This area is situated in the center of a rapidly urbanizing portion of Richmond County which is not served by a major recreation facility.

This park will offer facilities that will be of area-wide appeal. These facilities will include picnic areas, nature trails, athletic fields, play areas, restrooms, shelters, and drinking fountains.

George S. McElveen, Director of Recreation with the Richmond County Recreation Department, will supervise the acquisition. The project was reviewed and submitted for Federal approval by Horace G. Caldwell, Director, Department of State Parks, and Georgia's Liaison Officer to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

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States are eligible to receive grants from the Fund to finance projects proposed by State agencies and local governments.

George McElveen, County Recreation Director, said this week that his department expects to have some of the facilities completed and ready for use by April 15.

(NEWS BRIEFS CONT'D) ATLANTA

The Atlanta Recreation Department captured the Georgia Recreation and Park Society Coveted 15 and 17 year old basketball championships. The Atlanta 15 year old team defeated a good Macon team 55-42, while the 17 year old boys defeated Savannah by a score of 68-55.

FOREST PARK

The Forest Park Recreation and Parks Department was featured on the "Dateline Atlanta" show in February. The program featured on T. V. station WAII was moderated by Mayor S. S. Abercrombie and Recreation Director John Phipps.

GRIFFIN

Griffin has been selected as the site of the 1967 Southeastern Babe Ruth Baseball tournament. The playing dates are August 1-6 with the winner representing the Southeastern region in the Babe Ruth Tournament in Anchorage, Alaska.

FAST POINT

The 12 and 13 year old East Point boy's teams captured two coveted state crowns by defeating Newnan, Georgia 44-40 and Statesboro 35-33. The Statesboro-East Point game was decided after three overtimes.

DALTON

The Dalton Recreation Department has published an attractive bulletin entitled "Recreation-A Basic Human Need." The printed bulletin gives details about the various facilities and programs of the Dalton Department. Copies may be obtained by writing the Dalton Department.

COBB COUNTY

Lawson Yow, Chairman of the Cobb County Recreation Commission, announced that Cobb County has acquired four additional parcels of land for parks. The four sites total 179 acres giving the County a total of 265 acres. Total acquisition cost was \$222,000.

Cobb County currently has acquisition applications pending with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The HUD application is for 215 acres and a 50 per cent grant of \$141,000. The BOR application is for 208 acres and a 50 per cent grant of \$125,000.



William Kitchens

William Kitchens, a Statesboro native, assumed his duties on April 1st as Director of the newly organized Baxley-Applying County Recreation Department. Mr. Kitchens is a graduate of Georgia Southern College where he received a degree in Recreation Administration in 1966, and has served as Program Director in Cartersville, Georgia since June 1, 1966. He is the first full-time, year-round director of recreation for the Baxley-Applying community.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Sue Oertley has joined the Statesboro Recreation Department staff as Director of Women and Girls Activities. Mrs. Oertley holds a M.S. degree in health and physical education.

William Mack Davis is the new Director for the Van Deventer Youth Center in Jackson, Georgia.

Rachel Henry has been named Recreation Supervisor for the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department. She is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern College with a B.S. Degree in Recreation. Miss Henry will be in charge of the coordination of the summer playground activities and organization of athletic and social programs throughout the year.

Jerry Willingham has been appointed Director of Recreation for Acworth, Georgia.

FEDERAL AID

Open Space Land Program

Atlanta, Georgia, a \$784,544 grant to aid the State of Georgia in the purchase of 2.4 acres of developed land for park and historical purposes.

Athens, Georgia, a \$45,150 grant to preserve the historic home of Henry W. Grady as a regional library and civic affairs center.

Neighborhood Facilities

Douglas, Georgia's application for \$130,314 grant for neighborhood facilities has been approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs. The grant will be used to renovate eleven buildings at the municipal airport built during World War II.

NRPA Moves Headquarters

The National Recreation and Park Association has completed its move from New York to the nation's Capital. The new address for NRPA is 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., 20006. Telephone (202) 232-3030.

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Recreation Progress

The Grady County Recreation Commission was informed February 21 that their application for land acquisition for the Tired Creek Reservoir and recreation complex had been approved by the Atlanta Regional Office of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The application for funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been forwarded to Washington. Attending the review meeting in the office of State Parks Department Director Mr. Horace Caldwell were Judson Mayfield, Carl Minter, J. J. Newberry and John Wight, all members of the Recreation Commission and Burton Wamble, Grady Representative.

JOB MART

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Director of Recreation and Parks

(Salary range \$8,000-9,000) Male, Degree in Recreation or closely allied field, four years full-time recreation experience, two of which must have been in a supervisory capacity. Contact: Earl B. Joiner, City Manager, City Hall, Newnan, Georgia 30263.

Program Director

(Salary Open) Male, experience in recreation, good fringe benefits. Contact: Tom Drummond, Director of Recreation, Carrollton, Georgia. Telephone 832-2498.

Program Director

(Salary \$5,252 to \$6,084) Male, experience in recreation, good fringe benefits. Contact: Fred W. Caswell, Director of Recreation, Cartersville, Georgia. Telephone 382-4630.

Recreation Therapist

(2 Openings) (Salary \$5,500/230 working days) B.S. degree in recreation required. Personnel will be working with gross motor activities, arts and crafts programs. Contact: G. Thomas Graf, Executive Director, Atlanta, Association for Retarded Children, Inc., 833 Springdale Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone 378-2521.

\$1,000 For Recreation

Don't let the title be misleading. This film dramatically emphasizes the importance of recreation to a community and the responsibility of local government to provide it for all citizens. **Description:** 16mm, color and sound. Running time: 12 minutes.



Larry E. Neill

Larry E. Neill has been promoted by the Griffin Recreation Department to the position of Assistant Director of Recreation. Larry has been employed by the City of Griffin since February of 1965. He was previously Program and Center Supervisor.

Towns County Establishes

Recreation Commission

On March 13, 1967 County Commissioner Ray Taylor of Towns County, Georgia created a County Recreation Department for his county and appointed a seven (7) member Recreation Commission. The Commission is a result of several months of public meetings and discussions by the citizens of the county. The Commission, having just been appointed, is in the process of organizing itself while at the same time beginning to formalize plans for the future.

They hope they can get under way with a summer recreation program this year and move into a more broad and extended program next fall. Funds to finance the program will come from the county government, gifts and donations, matching funds from some of the federal programs, and other sources. Approximately seventy-five hundred dollars has already been pledged by citizens of the county for the lighting of a multi-purpose athletic field which will be used this summer for adult softball, little league baseball, girls softball, etc.

Members of the Recreation Commission include: Luke Rushton, Chairman, Tommy Hooper, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Martha Andrews, Secretary, Betty Jenkins, Treasurer, Hugh Hoodenpyle, Rex Nickles, and Jerry Palmer.



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GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS RECREATION—Governor Lester Maddox signs the proclamation designating June as Recreation and Park Month in Georgia. Pictured are (L-R) William R. Tiller, Chairman, Georgia Recreation Commission; Charles C. Clegg, President of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society; and Dick Lane, Director of Recreation in East Point and member of the Georgia House of Representatives.

JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARK MONTH IN GEORGIA!

This does not imply that Georgia's recreation and park opportunities and programs are more abundant during this month. Actually, extensive recreation activities are available throughout the year and this is as it should be. By the same token, recreation should not be limited to the summer time alone. The needs for it are just as pressing during the fall and winter.

June is specified as a time for all recreation and park departments and agencies to promote recreation, the field of recreation and the profession. All recreators are encouraged to use their imagination and initiative in implementing special programs and publicity campaigns during the month of June in order to focus public attention on the importance of wholesome and constructive leisure.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



RECREATION AND PARK MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS: The wise and productive use of leisure is more important than ever before to the health and welfare of each citizen of our State; and
- WHEREAS: The conservation and preservation of our State's natural resources and the beautification of our State's total environment are the major concerns of our society today; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia, through its Georgia Recreation Commission, Georgia Recreation and Park Society, Recreation Curricula, and growing facilities and programs for leisure have boosted recreation and parks in Georgia to a position of leadership; and
- WHEREAS: The National Recreation and Park Association has emphasized the recognition of June as National Recreation and Park Month to direct the attention of all Americans to the importance of conservation, beautification and recreation; now
- THEREFORE: I, Lester Maddox, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June to be "RECREATION AND PARK MONTH" in Georgia and urge all citizens to participate in the many recreation programs provided for them, to work together to develop and protect our natural resources and to make our State a more beautiful place in which to live.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed. This 14th day of April, 1967,

BY THE GOVERNOR
Thomas L. Lewis
Secretary, Executive Department

Lester Maddox
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Its appropriate that Governor Maddox has proclaimed June as Recreation Month in Georgia. Recreation interest, at all levels and including a multiplicity of avenues, is increasing every day.

This increase in interest and growth is manifested in our office each week as requests for our advisory services continue to accelerate. Requests take on various forms - "We need help in launching a recreation program. How do we get started?", "Please assist us in locating a Director; "Our own club wants to develop a 12-acre park. Will you assist us?"; "Send someone to explain federal assistance programs"; "Will you aid us in developing our farm for recreation purposes."

Yes, we are in the midst of a recreation revolution. Only in recent months the communities of Baxley, Newnan, Hartwell, Claxton-Evans County, and Roswell have established full-time recreation departments. Programs in our state institutions are growing as are those in hospitals, churches, and private agencies. This growth is attributed strongly to the recreation professionals in Georgia and to the many lay people who devote their energies to the field.

Mounting leisure has focused much attention on recreation. As leisure continues to increase and problems of leisure become more apparent even more intensified interest will be seen in this important area of life.

In June we salute those professionals and laymen who work so diligently in the best interest of their citizenry in providing wholesome and constructive leisure pursuits.

Let us look to the future with caution - Let us not get "Lost" in the many activities in which we are involved, to the extent that we fail to plan properly for the expanding future needs of our people.

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With ever increasing leisure time the people of our state are going to be participating in some form of recreation. It may be of such a form as to contribute to a better, more well-rounded and therefore more meaningful life, or it may be of a form that will be detrimental to themselves and possibly to the community in which they live. It is up to the citizens of our state to see that opportunities for worthwhile leisure experiences are available to the people of our communities.

The professional recreators and lay members of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, the Georgia Recreation Commission, the State Parks Department and many other agencies and groups are dedicated to providing better recreational facilities and programs to the people of Georgia. But without the enthusiastic support of every city and county official and every citizen, then many people will not have the opportunity to fill their leisure hours in a way that will benefit themselves and their community.

Never before has recreation received so much attention. Never before has recreation been so important. Never before has each one of us has such a challenge—to see that our children, our young people, our adults, and our senior citizens have an opportunity to fill their leisure hours in a constructive way.

Sincerely,

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J. Robert Ward, 33 year old native of Atlanta, is Minister of Christian Recreation for the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Sylvan High School and Georgia State College. Mr. Ward is married to the former Janice Wooten of Atlanta.

A LITTLE FELLOW FOLLOWS ME

A careful man I want to be
 A little fellow follows me
 I do not care to go astray
 For fear he'll go the self same way

I cannot once escape his eyes
 Whate'er he sees me do he tries
 Like me he says he's going to be
 This little lad who follows me

He thinks that I am big and fine
 Believes in every word of mine
 The base in me he must not see
 This little lad who follows me

I must remember as I go
 Thru' summer suns and winter snow
 I'm building for the years to be
 This little lad who follows me!

—Copied



THE WHOLE OF MAN

By Robert Ward

Does the church have a responsibility when it comes to the leisure time and the recreation activities of its members? It is a known fact that man now has more free hours for recreation than at any time in history.

When I started my career as a Church Recreation Director eleven years ago, I gave little thought to this leisure. Sure, I realized that a recreation program in the community could help to keep boys and girls off the street, and mothers would have an idea of where junior was hanging out, but past this point, I had given little thought.

Then one day an unusual thing happened. It was during a twelve year old boys basketball practice. A blond freckle-faced kid walked into the recreation center with a broad grin and a hole scuffed in the knee of his pants and asked to join the basketball team. Not being a familiar youngster, I asked him where he attended church. He said he didn't. I asked him where his parents attended when they went. He said they did not attend church either. This surprised me because in a small community such as this, every family was affiliated with one of the churches. After allowing the youngster to sign up for basketball, I invited him to visit Sunday School the following Sunday, telling him that if he didn't like it he didn't have to attend but could continue to use the recreation center. I practically forgot about him, thinking he probably wouldn't be interested. The following Sunday I was in for a real surprise. Down the sidewalk came Billy in a tattered sports coat much too large and on his hand a small boy about six years old. The little boy was his younger brother, and from that day on, these two fine little boys became totally immersed in the life of the church and the community. Before long, the parents came to the recreation center to see what was drawing their sons' attention, and as a result of this freckle-faced boy, an entire family found that there were people who cared about them as individuals.

From that day on, I have become more and more convinced that to be a true disciple of God one must be willing to be interested in the individual to the point that one might see worth in every man. What is the mission of the church? To me, it is to proclaim the story of God and His Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, to the whole man. Christ felt close to the individual even in a crowd. He believed in the worth of every man and the ability of men through God to reach their potential.

What does this say to the recreator? Only this; if we are not concerned enough and do not believe in developing the total potential of every individual, not only through his visible talents but those that are invisible, we are not recreators but merely plodding an existence. The world is crying for someone to care, to care enough to listen and encourage man to be a whole person. Recreation should bring out the very best of what is inside the individual. This is the time of expression and individual excellence. The recreator has been placed in a unique position — if he will only be sensitive enough to look and listen, he can be used to give strength and stability that will produce the very best of the whole person.

May every Recreation Director throughout the State of Georgia be what his title implies, a Re-Creator.

Editor's Note:

Recently a wealthy Christian layman gave the Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta \$230,000 to build a recreation building, his only stipulation being that the building be named for Robert Ward, Director of Christian Recreation, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. The donor also gave an additional \$40,000 with which to establish scholarships to educate young men considering Christian recreation as a career.

The Georgia Recreation Commission congratulates Mr. Ward in this high honor and is pleased to present his fine article, **The Whole of Man**, to all Georgians. The dedication of this man exemplifies that of other recreation and park personnel, in our great state. Because we have leadership of this caliber, Georgia becomes a better place in which to live.



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THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man traveling a lone highway
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fear for him.
But he turned when he reached the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

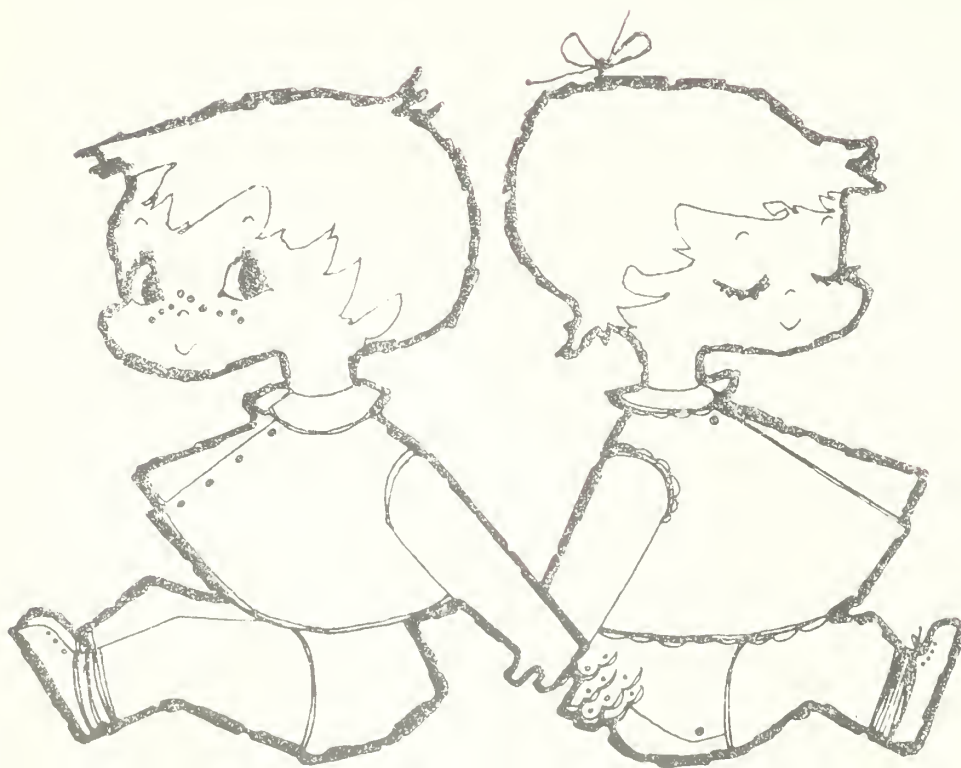
"Old Man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day
And you will never again pass this way.

"You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build a bridge at eventide?"

And the builder raised his old gray head.
"Good friend, on the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet will pass this way.

"This stream which has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

—Anonymous



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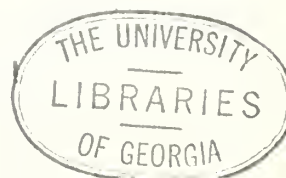
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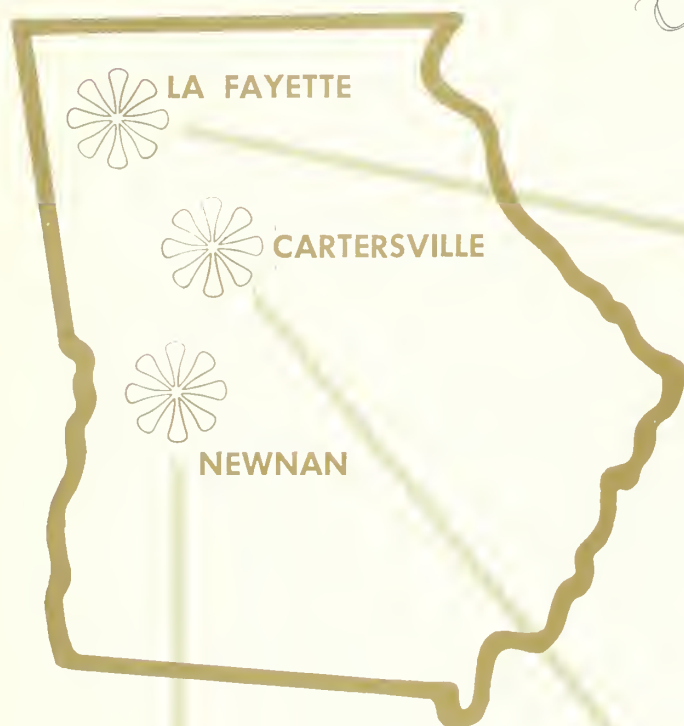
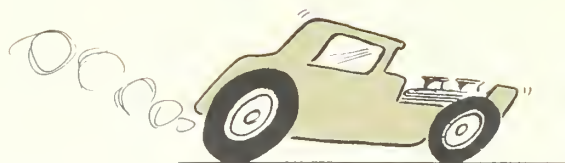


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Harry Harrington (seated), Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of LaFayette, is delighted about the upcoming bond issue which will provide \$500,000 for recreation development. Bruce Prosser, of Milledgeville, R. G. Jones of Columbus, and Tom Drummond of Carrollton share his enthusiasm. In recent developments Columbus voters approved bonds for \$300,000 for Recreation expansion as did the voters of Muscogee for \$600,000.

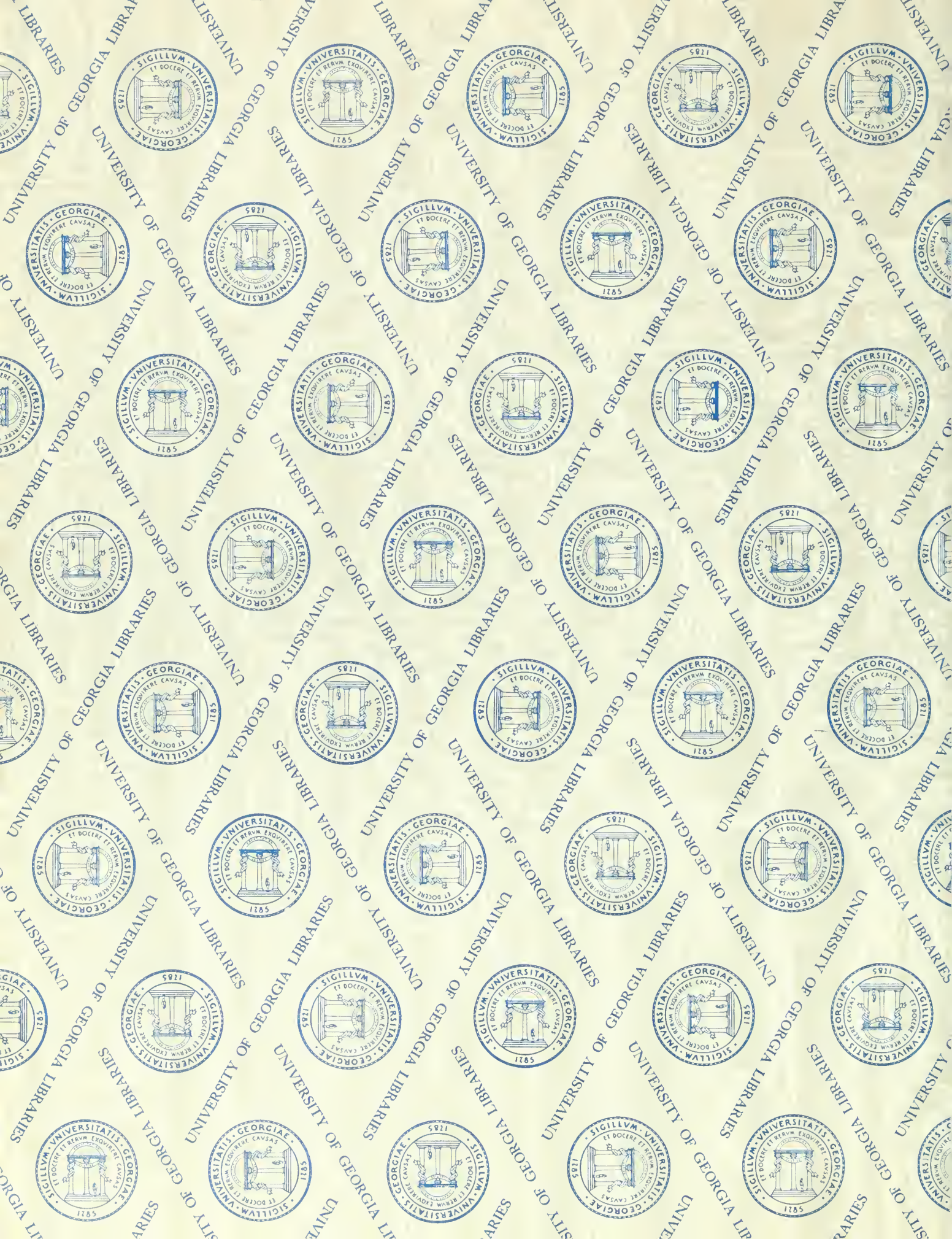


NEWNAN ORGANIZES — Action by the Mayor and Council has resulted in the establishment of a new department of municipal government — The Newnan Recreation and Park Department. Above James A. Colley (left) of the Georgia Recreation Commission and City Manager Earl Joiner review the Recreation Appraisal recently completed by the state agency.



RECREATION CENTER

Cartersville's new modern Civic Center is attracting scores of citizens who participate in a variety of activities. The structure was made possible by virtue of a bond issue.



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