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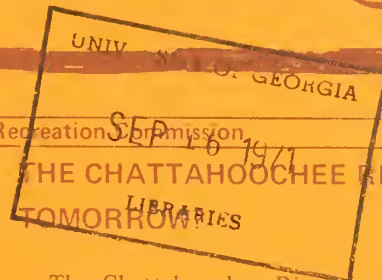


# Recreation in Georgia

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This section of the Chattahoochee River has been called by some the most scenic stretch of any river within a large urban city any place in the Southeast. Just around the bend are 200' bluffs, rock outcroppings and magnificent views which defy description. Can you imagine how the level, flood-plain area to the left would look with an apartment complex 10' from the water?



Preparing to depart on the Legislative Orinetation of the river are these members of the Chattahoochee River Joint Study Committee. Lou Breathouse (left) who has been a crusader for legislative protection of the River, and Jim Cone, (right) the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Director are going over last minute details with (l-r) Ross Wilson, Rep. Howard Atherton, Senator Cy Chapman and son Scott, Rep. Marton Young, and Rep. Brad Dorminy, Co-Chairman of the Study Committee.

The Chattahoochee River from Buford Dam to Peachtree Creek is recognized as a natural, cultural, recreation resource of major importance in the Georgia Heritage.

Within the past year, the river has been the subject of much controversy regarding rezoning of property, available public access points, water quality, protection of flood plains and shorelines and, in general, the private versus public use of and access to the river.

Last year the State Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation requested that the Georgia General Assembly take appropriate action to: (1) Establish Public Policy and declare the State's interest in the Chattahoochee Scenic River from Peachtree Creek to Buford Dam; (2) Declare the Chattahoochee a Model Inland River for Scenic and Recreational Values in the State. (3) Establish State Regulatory controls, with area-wide and local planning and review process to assure scenic protection of the river corridor; and prohibit any permanent structural developments in the flood plain, establish a minimum set-back of permanent buildings of 200' from each channel bank and prohibit developments on steep slopes (over 15%) in order to protect the scenic back drops and bluffs, protect the region's main water, and avoid severe soil erosion.

It was further recommended by Council members that (4) adequate public access areas be reserved from the remaining potential sites on the river corridor; and (5) a Moritorium be placed on developments in the riverscape and creation of a major public park be considered in the area referred to as the Palisades pending completion of a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Study.

Legislation was introduced which would have largely accomplished these recommendations. However, it was referred to the Chattahoochee River Joint Study Committee whose Chairman is Senator Robert Walling of DeKalb County. Through Senator Walling's efforts serious study of the river has taken place which is expected to precede successful legislation when this year's General Assembly convenes.

Since last October, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has labored to complete its Chattahoochee Recreation Area Study and has attempted to draw upon the expertise of various local, state, federal, private and public agencies and individuals in order to assemble a plan of development and conservation of the river and its shorelines, flood plains and slopes.

As of this writing the projected completion date of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Study is November 8th. This study will outline recommendations for recreation areas, access points to the river (18-20 in number, 5 to 40 acres in

## COMING EVENTS

October 19-22  
National Congress  
on Recreation and Parks  
Houston, Texas

November 17-19  
State Conference  
on Recreation and Parks  
Macon, Georgia

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## "Quote"

Urban, suburban, and rural areas will be greatly extended. A much greater work week will prevail in 1980, and another ten to fifteen years will have been added to the average life span... For urban but leisure will be the great problem in the decades ahead. That position should be accepted as a challenge, opportunity to add dimensions of enjoyment to urban life.

DAVID SMITH

## THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER—TODAY! TOMORROW? (Cont.)

size), archeological and historical sites, natural areas, and list priorities on all of these. The most frequently mentioned projected developmental cost of the river corridor amounts to approximately \$40 million dollars from federal sources such as HUD, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Department of Transportation.

The local governments of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, and Forsythe Counties have been encouraged to assist in the protection of the river corridor by continuing their individual efforts to obtain the critically needed access areas.

Special emphasis is given to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Study because in the year that has elapsed since B.O.R. initially announced plans to conduct the study, tremendous interest has been generated. Many events have transpired which have had both positive and negative results upon the river.

With some people or groups, the thought in mind has been to sell riverside land to developers with the only consideration being personal gain without regard to the detriment of a region wide public resource. While landowners have differed in opinion over the proposed river corridor being an invasion of their personal privacy, the majority of landowners view protection of the riverscape as being absolutely necessary and have organized activist groups to work to that end. Others, however, have viewed proposed zoning restrictions, particularly within the flood plain, as negating their privilege to use their personal property as they might wish. This is to say that some people would build houses or apartments in the flood plain at the risk of having the general public pay for their flood hazard loss.

Governor Jimmy Carter, on behalf of the State of Georgia, intervened recently into the oftentimes hotly disputed situation surrounding the river and filed suit against the private developers who have managed to obtain a controversial rezoning of an area of property near the scenic Palisades region. Governor Carter's action provided added significance to an already pending suit filed by private landowners. The Governor was able to iron out an agreement with the developers regarding limited public access, parking setbacks and other concessions. This action, though admitted by Governor Carter to be a late-date compromise, represents the increasing determination by state government to provide the impetus whereby all of the interests of the public, private and commercial sectors can harmoniously work toward a sensible plan for orderly regional development of the waterway.

Such a plan would call for the protection of the flood plains, water quality and scenic shorelands by the public sector in order that private developments might occur in adjoining complimentary locations which would minimize degradation of the river corridor. Through such a plan of short and longrange benefits to both the general public and the private sector, the natural beauty of the scenic riverscape, the water quality, the trout fishery and the great natural recreation asset which now immediately serves one-fourth of the citizens of Georgia could be preserved.

Conservation is one of the biggest jobs facing people today. As the roots of grass reach out and overtake, they strengthen their hold on the soil and water. As people act together to improve their habitat, they strengthen the quality of their entire natural world.

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This area is perhaps the most popular and attractive spot along the Chattahoochee River as this is the entrance to the region referred to as the Palisades. In the background is the land which was recently rezoned to permit construction of an apartment and office building complex within the flood-plain. All of the land pictured is posted, complete with security guard and NO Trespassing signs.

The utter dilemma of gaining access to the river is reflected by these cars illegally parked (and ticketed) by families, high school and college students and others desiring to tube, canoe, raft or even swim in the Palisades area of the river. This photograph was taken near the intersection of I-285 and on a Sunday afternoon.



CLAUDE M. LEWIS, Director of Recreation for the City of Warner Robins is warmly congratulated by Governor Jimmy Carter upon being sworn in as a new member to the Board of Recreation Examiners. Mrs. Claude Lewis beams approval of the appointment.

### STATE COMMISSION RELEASES NEW SALARY STUDY FOR PUBLIC RECREATION/PARK EXECUTIVES

The Georgia Recreation Commission has released the latest data available for public recreation and park officials in Georgia. The 1971 study reveals that salaries range from \$7,800 to a maximum of \$22,863.00. The average of the 61 reporting fulltime departments was \$11,026.95. This average representing an increase of \$1,326.95.

Copies of the study may be obtained by writing to the Georgia Recreation Commission, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

### 18 RECREATION/PARK STUDIES UNDERWAY BY STATE COMMISSION

The Georgia Recreation Commission has underway some 18 recreation/park studies as requested by local governments. The studies deal with the basic facts necessary for implementation of a sound recreation/park system for a city or county.

The Commission is involved in studies of varying degrees with: Albany-Dougherty County, Americus, Brunswick, Chamblee, Cherokee County, Chickamauga, Covington, Hapeville, Milledgeville, Royston, Tattnall County, Quitman, Youth Development Center, Clinch County, Fulton County, Henry County, Harris County, and Adel, Georgia.

### PSYCHOLOGIST DR. JOYCE BROTHERS, SEES BIKES AS TEENAGER "THING"

Commenting on changing teenage attitudes, motivational psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers said that bikes may be replacing cars in the dreams of a good many teenagers as part of a commitment to fighting pollution and poverty. "Having fun and doing their ecology thing." Credit: Bike Commuters' News, Volume 6



THE AUTHOR

**JACK C. DELIUS** is General Manager of Parks and Recreation for the City of Atlanta. He was elected to this position in March 1964 at the age of 30 making him the youngest department head in the history of the city.

Mr. Delius is a native of Smyrna, Georgia. He holds a B.S. Degree from Georgia State University and has completed additional academic work at the University of Georgia.

The C&S Bank, on a strictly anonymous basis, decided to attempt to fully equip with modern, colorful playground apparatus, 60 or more playlots most of which are located in deprived areas. The bank offered to match, dollar for dollar, all nonations received from individuals, churches, civic organizations, etc. up to a total of \$100,000. The bank was to order and be committed for the payment of the equipment without the City of Atlanta being directly involved. The bank selected a supplier with whom they had dealt previously on similar projects in other cities. Mr. VanLandingham wanted all of the equipment installed from scratch on Saturday June 5, 1971. But after a survey of the mechanics involved it was quickly determined that holes had to be dug and concrete had to be poured several days in advance for the installation of many of the pieces of equipment. The City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation is divided into four area maintenance districts. Each district has 15 to 17 playlots which had to be prepared. Some 230 employees at one time or the other were placed on overtime. Twenty-three mobile two-way radio units in the department were assigned the responsibility of coordinating the final installation on June 5th. We knew from the fact that certain parts and pieces would go on the wrong playlot, that cost and hold-ups would be missing, that there was a tremendous need for tools, etc. About

For several years the Community Development Corporation of the C&S National Bank has conducted a community wide improvement project in the Atlanta area. In the summer of 1970 the bank enlisted volunteers from: its own staff, help from the City of Atlanta's Sanitary Division of the Public Works Department, churches, fraternal orders, civic associations and private individuals in cleaning up various economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of our City. The key to the project and the success could be directly contributed to the heavy citizen involvement. The Community Development Corporation feels that it is not just enough to make a donation and then stand back and see what happens — they want people involved so that a vested interest is created. This year, in the early spring, Mr. William VanLandingham, Executive Vice President of the C&S Bank and president of the Community Development Corporation, contacted the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department and asked for a list of needed projects that could be done during the summer of 1971. Since Atlanta is very deficient in open space and in the development for facilities for recreation and leisure time, the list of items that was submitted to Mr. VanLandingham was rather lengthy. One thing that caught his eye was the some 112 playlots that are generally located in the economically disadvantaged areas of our city which are leased for \$1.00 a year by the City of Atlanta. The playlots are an attempt to bridge the gap of deficiency that exists in recreation facilities in Atlanta until such time as a massive bond issue can be successfully passed and for once the city can have at least the minimum number of acreage required under NRPA standards, etc.

this time Major Donald Tapscott, Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion, 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning came forward and said to the City, "LOOK, we do a lot of community work on an overseas basis, so why not do community work right here at home?" Immediately Major Tapscott dispatched 32 enlisted men on a voluntary basis to Atlanta. It became obvious that billeting would be a problem as well as food. Fort McPherson graciously agreed to accept quarters responsibilities for the soldiers and the Pryor Street Elementary School arranged to prepare double portion meals for these hard working young men during the duration of "Spring Swing to Playgrounds." On June 5th the Army showed up with additional forces consisting of radio technicians, and engineers, and thus the project had not only the City of Atlanta's two way communication system, but also a backup system provided by the Army. The Army brought with them 20 additional large trucks, and these were divided among the four park districts, and along with the City's vehicles, all were loaded by 2:00 a.m. on the morning of June 5th. At 7:30 a.m. all of the trucks began to roll. Equipment was dropped off at each respective playground, with either an Army enlisted man or a Parks and Recreation employee staying with the equipment to guard it from vandalism, etc. Then by 9:00 bank employees, private citizens, school

groups, etc. along with City personnel began to assemble the equipment using tools donated by Sears & Roebuck and cooling off with refreshments provided by the Coca-Cola Company. By 10:45 a.m. three of the four districts were fully installed and the playground equipment in use by literally thousands of happy children. By 1:00 the fourth district was finished and then the bank sponsored a non-moth chicken fry at the pavilion in Piedmont Park. The playground equipment manufacturer flew into Atlanta and viewed the operation and later told the City that this was probably the largest purchase and the largest installation of playground equipment in the history of the United States. Early the following Monday morning towns and communities near Atlanta began to call for information. We now understand that several cities are carrying off the same type of program with the help of C&S Bank.

**WHAT DID ALL OF THIS ACCOMPLISH?** Well, first of all and very obviously, it provided a tremendous upgrading of 67 different playlots. In one fell swoop it provided the City of Atlanta with as much playground equipment as our annual budget would have provided in 30 years (we get about \$5,000 a year for swings, slides, etc.) But perhaps more important than that, in the words of Mr. Dick Jones of C&S Bank and Mr. Lee Hens, the coordinator of Spring Swing to

Playgrounds, it showed the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department that it can tackle just about anything and that if this project could be carried off with a fair amount of success, then anything else down the road will be more or less chicken feed. It instilled a very positive attitude among our office and field employees. Additionally, it involved literally thousands of Atlanta citizens from all walks of life – rich and poor, black and white, resident and non-residents – in a community wide project with great physical impact and lasting physical improvements. Everyone now has a vested interest in these playgrounds and we are pleased to report that as of the time of this writing that vandalism has been virtually non-existent of any of the 67 locations. It is worth emphasizing that the C&S Bank continued all during the project to remain anonymous, but our Park and Recreation staff feels that they need proper recognition. *There is nothing wrong with telling the world about what some fine organization has done for its own community.*



**TEAMWORK, COMMUNITY PRIDE AND INVOLVEMENT... THE KEY TO COMMUNITY SUCCESS.** People from all walks of the Atlanta community united their time, talents and interest to make the "Spring Swing To Playgrounds" a tremendous success.



The **BEFORE** scene of the Fraser-Reed Playground location depicts an unused lot that presents an "eyesore" to the entire community.



The **AFTER** scene indicates the actual results of the Spring Swing to Playgrounds program. A functional playground that will help serve the needs of the residents of the Fraser-Reed area.

### **EDITORS COMMENTS:**

The provision of a comprehensive recreation and park service requires the coordinated effort of numerous groups, agencies, organizations and individuals in a community. It is essential that all resources, physical and human, be fully utilized if quality programs are to be produced for the citizenry.

The "SPRING SWING TO PLAYGROUNDS" program is an excellent example of what can be done with ~~EVLRYONE~~ *everyone* working together to benefit all the people of a community. The spirit of this program has captured the imagination and enthusiasm of people throughout the United States. The joining together of a private enterprise, civic and religious organizations, a public recreation and park agency, the United States Army and thousands of interested individuals have said to the people of Atlanta, YES, we do care.

It is the fervent hope of the Georgia Recreation Commission that this is only the **BEGINNING**. From this magnificent program will spring forth renewed interest in providing wholesome recreation and park pursuits for all Georgians. **TOGETHER, as a team, we can be done.**

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

DON BEZEL has returned as head of the Mobile Recreation Department to head the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in County of Charleston, South Carolina.

ANDREW JACKSON is the new Director of the Stevens Recreation Department.

ALEX CARWELL has resumed as the Director of Recreation for the City of Cedar town.

GARY BRASWELL is the new Program Director for the Carrolton Recreation Department.

JIMMIE MIMS Assistant Director of Recreation for the City of Atlanta retired recently from this position.

MARIE EWIS, recent graduate from the University of Georgia has joined the staff of the Warner Robins Recreation Department.

MIMI ALLEN, Director of Public Relations for the Gainesville Department has resigned from this position.

DAVNY PLUNKETT has joined the Russell County Recreation Department as athletic director.

ETHEL COE graduate of Georgia Southern College and The University of North Carolina has joined the faculty at the South Georgia Junior College in Douglas County.



MISS SIOTHIA LONGMIRE has joined the State Parks Department as Recreation Coordinator for Will-A-Way Recreation Area at Ft. Yargo State Park.

She is a graduate of Carson Newman College of Jefferson City, Tennessee.



DR. JIM RICKETTS has joined the Georgia Department of Corrections as Director of Correctional Recreation Programs.

Dr. Ricketts is a native of Belle Center, Ohio. He received degrees from Ohio Northern University, Bowling Green State University and his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1971 from Ohio State University.

He has held various positions at Ohio State University, Hanover College and Bluffton College.

Dr. Rickett's main thrust with the Department of Corrections will be to initiate recreation programs in Georgia's Penal Institutions.

## FEDERAL AID

### Bureau of Outdoor Recreation LWCF Grants

#### MILLEDGEVILLE-BALDWIN COUNTY

The Milledgeville-Baldwin County Recreation Commission has received approval of a B.O.R. grant of \$132,000 for the acquisition and development of Baldwin County Park.

#### HABERSHAM COUNTY

A grant of \$81,050.50 to develop a 34 acre county park.

#### COLUMBUS

A grant to develop eight (8) neighborhood recreation areas and equipment.

#### CITY OF ATLANTA

A grant of \$15,812 to improve existing 20 acre city park known as Honey-suckle Park.

#### CITY OF BROOKLET

A grant for the acquisition and development of a 12 acre park. Total grant \$21,840.00.

#### CITY OF THOMASVILLE

A \$13,131.60 grant to improve five existing park sites for outdoor recreation use.

#### CITY OF VIDALIA

A grant of \$26,350 to acquire and develop a seven (7) acre city park.

#### CITY OF CUMMING

A grant of \$6,086 additional sum to the original B.O.R. grant.

#### CITY OF EATONTON

A grant of \$20,264 to develop and improve 3 acre city park.

#### CITY OF PERRY

A grant of \$13,000 to develop a 29.2 acre park previously acquired under a Federal grant.

#### CITY OF MONTICELLO & JASPER COUNTY

An acquisition and development grant of \$36,801 for a 6.04 acres of land for outdoor recreation.

#### CITY OF LOUISVILLE

A \$19,032 grant to develop 6 acres of city property for outdoor recreation use.

#### CHEROKEE COUNTY

A grant of \$25,974 to develop a ten acre park for outdoor recreation use.

## A NEW DIMENSION IN RECREATION

The Southern Community Health Council, Inc., located in Columbus, Georgia is opening a new dimension in the field of Recreation. San Jose Estate is the first community of its kind to combine the same amenities for residents with a planned recreation program for well-being of all ages by a professional recreation staff.

Charles E. Adams, Executive Director, San Jose Estate and Jack Strobel both of whom were former staff members of Central University in Recreation and Parks Commission, will be the staff for this new estate. Under a Project of Recreation Planning and Development a total investment of \$2,000,000 has established a recreation program for the entire estate. This program will include a total investment of \$2,000,000 for the entire estate. This program will be a total investment of \$2,000,000 for the entire estate.

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## A GRADUATE STUDENT'S VIEW OF THE RECREATION AND PARK PROFESSION

How many times have we stopped and asked ourselves such questions as, Why did I choose the Recreation and Park Profession? What do I have to offer the field, and, What can the field offer me? These questions may sound academic, but have you or I ever asked ourselves these most important questions?

I chose this field because of my family background and previous work experience in the field itself. Working part-time in Boys' Clubs, Y.M.C.A., and Recreation and Parks Departments, I sensed a need for more qualified leaders. Most, if not all, of the programs and facilities I was exposed to were inadequately staffed and funded to provide a well-rounded program for all people. Also, because of the opportunity to participate in Governor Jimmy Carter's 1971 Internship Program with the Georgia Recreation Commission, I have been further exposed to the problems of the Recreation and Park profession. There is a definite need for more professional leadership and additional funds from local governments. This is evidenced by the fact that present salaries and facilities are inadequate to meet the present needs for qualified professional leadership and services.

### THE CHALLENGE!

As professionals in the field, we must discipline our time and efforts according to the financial compensation we receive. We must endeavor to increase our knowledge and skills through performance and service to those we serve. If we are to be referred to as professionals, we must face squarely the problems that confront us and our profession. But, this is not enough. We must be problem solvers. New programs and additional funds for the Recreation and Park profession is the action which makes sense. As we enter a new decade, the future of the Recreation and Park profession rests squarely on my shoulders as well as other students. We must have pride in our profession and endeavor to advance new ideas and establish new goals. We may want to keep these ideas in mind to use as deposits for bettering our profession. There exists a great urgency to:

1. Upgrade our present curriculums
2. Support and participate in our professional organizations
3. Extend present programs to meet the needs of Senior Citizens, and Ill and Handicapped and other new areas
4. Require mandatory certification
5. Look and act the part of a professional
6. Upgrade salaries and funds for additional programs and facilities
7. Acquire additional Recreation and Park lands and facilities
8. Work toward the establishment of the Park-School concept where applicable

The challenges before us are many. We must prepare ourselves to face these challenges. I must ask myself, will I be prepared to meet them? Will you?

### THE AUTHOR:

My Rhodes, a native of Albany, Georgia is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation. He is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Recreation and Parks Administration.

Mr. Rhodes is completing an assignment with the Georgia Recreation Commission as a member of Governor Carter's Student Internship Program.



## FUND GRANTS

### CITY OF ATLANTA

A grant of \$75,000 for park development.

### HOUSTON COUNTY

A grant of \$40,000 for outdoor recreation purposes.

### CITY OF POOLER

A grant of \$15,000 for park development.

### CITY OF CARTERSVILLE

A grant of \$11,108 for acquisition of a lake park area.

### COBB COUNTY

A \$173,500 open space grant for park development.

### CITY OF HINESVILLE

A grant of \$25,700 to acquire open space for park purposes.

### CITY OF MACON

A grant of \$40,000 for acquisition of Mattie Jones playground.



**JAMES F. MANESS**, graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Recreation and Park Administration has joined the Cobb County Park and Recreation Department as Director of Shaw Park.

Mr. Maness's home town in Annandale, Virginia.

ARE YOUR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION EXAMINERS? If not apply today Write Board of Recreational Examiners 166 Peach Street S.W., Atlanta

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN'S FACULTY GROWS

Mary E. Fortune, Ph.D., will join the Recreation Curriculum faculty at Georgia Southern College on September 1st. Dr. Fortune, recently a member of the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University has taught for seven years at the University of North Carolina. While at the University of North Carolina, she coordinated the master's program in Therapeutic Recreation. Dr. Fortune's undergraduate degree is from Shorter College.

Holding memberships in a variety of professional organizations, including NRPA, SPRE, and NRTS, Dr. Fortune has served as a member of the Board of Directors of NRTS and the Executive Professional Standards Committee of the Organization. She was an active contributor to the Therapeutic Section of the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society.

While at Georgia Southern College, Dr. Fortune will coordinate the recreation therapy jobs of employees of the Recreation Curriculum. Welcome to Georgia, Mary!

## RECREATION IS BIG BUSINESS!!!

The United States Corp of Engineers announced recently that visits to the Corps Recreation Centers were up more than 75 percent over the record year 1969.

California's Disney again headed the list with 11,737,000 visits recorded, an increase of nearly 20000000 over 1969.

Other Corps Recreation Centers in the area ranked as follows:

1st Lake Albertson	5,501,900
2nd Lake Hartwell	5,383,300
3rd Lake Clark Hill	4,504,900
4th Jim Woodruff Lake	2,984,900
5th Lake Walter F. George	2,837,000

## NEWS BRIEFS

### DEKALB COUNTY

The DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department through the "Legacy of Parks" program has acquired 207 acres of Federal surplus land for recreation and park purpose. The land is a part of the former U.S. Penitentiary Honor Farm.

### VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY

Valdosta and Lowndes County has established a legal Recreation Commission and initiated a summer recreation program. The Commission is now studying the possibility of beginning a fulltime program.

### TATTNALL COUNTY

The voters of Tattnall County recently passed a \$55,000 bond issue for the construction of a golf course.

### CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW COUNTY

The City of Cartersville and Bartow County have combined their efforts to strengthen the recreation and parks program.

### COLUMBUS

Bull Creek Watershed has been named the outstanding small watershed in the United States by the National Watershed Congress.

### COBB COUNTY

The Cobb County Recreation and Parks Department's "Barefoot Sailing Club" newsletter is an interesting program activity of the department. The Club is an affiliate of the department.

### CITY OF ATLANTA

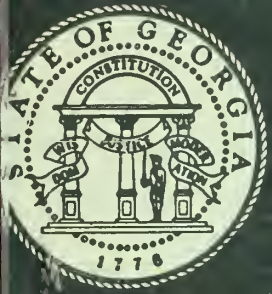
The City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation recently received a Recreation Support grant of \$142,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor to expand and enrich recreation programs for children eight through thirteen.

### PICKENS COUNTY

Pickens County elected officials have established a legal recreation commission to direct their recreation and park activities.

### CLAYTON JUNIOR COLLEGE

Clayton Junior College has established an advisory committee of outstanding persons representing the recreation, park and youth serving agencies to assist in curriculum development.



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### NEEDS ARE GREAT

## COMING EVENTS

February 28-29, 1972  
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Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia

April 9-12, 1972  
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Conference, Mobile, Alabama

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## CONSOLIDATION/REORGANIZATION: A FACT FOR RECREATION & PARKS

Local, State and Federal governments are undergoing significant changes in their governmental structures. These changes are referred to by many individuals as CONSOLIDATION or REORGANIZATION. Regardless of the phraseology used in describing these changes, it is readily apparent that recreation, parks and conservation agencies will be involved. The consolidation and reorganization of these services is predicated upon the concept that the people can better be served, at less cost, through a homogenous grouping of related services. In most instances, only time will prove the truth or fallacy of this assumption.

The Federal and State governments have perhaps been the moving force in initiating various degrees of governmental restructuring. President Nixon, earlier in the Congressional session, proposed far-reaching reorganization of the Federal Government and the consolidation of several cabinet level departments. Governor Jimmy Carter has proposed reorganization of Georgia's state government whereby some thirty-six (36) recreation, park and conservation agencies would be merged into one agency.

The effect of the Federal and State reorganization proposals will be profound on local government officials. They will serve as a "stimuli" for local officers to take a long hard look into the reorganization or consolidation of their own recreation, park and conservation agencies. The impact can already be seen in the action of local governments. Columbus and Muscogee County has taken the most far-reaching action of any Georgia County when the voters approved the total consolidation of city and county governments into the consolidated "City of Columbus." This mandate by the voters gave approval for consolidation of the entire recreation and park functions of the previous city and county departments. This meant not only reorganization of the administrative framework of the department but also the consolidation of budgets, personnel and facilities.

The City of Augusta and Richmond County has approached the consolidation issue from a different standpoint. The voters disapproved consolidation of the two governmental units so the elected officials moved forth to consolidate the city and county recreation and park departments into a county-wide system. Plans call for the county to assume full financial responsibility of the operation over a period of two years.

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners has reorganized their separate recreation and park functions into one major department of county government, under a single administrator. This is in keeping with a trend recognized throughout the country.

Macon and Bibb County has a joint financial arrangement for the provision of recreation and park services with perhaps an eye to future consolidation of governments.

In the days and months ahead, there is every indication that more of Georgia's local government will pursue consolidation/reorganization of their recreation and park services. The methods may range from total consolidation of two separate governments to simply reorganization/consolidation of recreation and park services with one or two units of government.

The demand for comprehensive recreation and park services has become so extensive and the cost so great that city and county governments cannot afford to adequately support fragmented efforts and duplication of these services.

Additionally, a factor in reorganization and consolidation has been that the "average" taxpayer is no longer concerned with which governmental unit provides the service or under what title it operates but simply that he receive quality recreation and park services for the least cost.

The challenge to the recreation and park profession is to view each reorganization/consolidation proposal on its own merit. If the proposal is to eliminate duplication and insure greater economy and efficiency to the taxpayer without diluting recreation and park service, then such a reorganization/consolidation proposal is worthy of the "pros" support. If the proposal, however, is simply a "money saving" device with little or no regard to the enhancement of services to the people, the proposal should be

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## MODEL CITIES AND RECREATION

When Athens was selected to be one of the nation's Model Cities, many ideas crossed the minds of local officials of situations that would benefit the community.

Residents of particular areas of the city were to be able to experience accelerated programs which would improve or establish opportunities for employment, education, welfare, physical improvements, and recreation.

There were to be the usual long lists of regulations and limitations, as with most funding programs, but once the hurdles are cleared, definite benefits will have come forth.

The area of recreation has already begun to experience some of the genuine benefits through job opportunities for some citizens; some additional recreational facilities, which the entire city is badly in need of; and some programs which provide new, increased or unusual opportunities, for the Model Neighborhood resident. In addition to the eight regular recreation leaders working exclusively in the designated Model Neighborhood Area, nineteen additional staff members are currently employed with Model Cities funds. Their various positions include an Assistant Director in charge of the Model Neighborhood Area; supervisors; center leaders; specialists; and recreation leader aides.

The magnitude of this contribution can be realized when it is considered that there were only two other paid recreation activities leaders serving the rest of the City during September. Since then two other part-time employees have been added.

Some facilities which have already been developed included two recreation buildings, at Riverside and Hillside Parks; a swimming pool at Rocksprings; land fill at Riverside to improve the athletic field; and playground apparatus at several sites for the younger children. However, the largest contribution is currently in the hands of architects. This, of course, is the two community centers which have been approved and are in the works. These two complete facilities will be the first of their kind for the City of Athens. They will have gymnasium/auditoriums, meeting rooms, special activities rooms, offices, the whole works.

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Here presently are 11 Recreation majors attending Kennesaw Junior College. This photo shows several of the students (L-R) Jan Brown, Polly Couey, Janet Lowe, Eddie Coppola, David Wooten and Debbie Day.



**DR. E. TOBY HOPPER** has assumed the position of Assistant Professor at Kennesaw Junior College and is heading up the recreation curriculum there. She holds a doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and has taught at Judson College, Marion, Alabama.



**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACHIEVES RESULTS.** Green acres playground located in LaGrange and Troup County is the culmination of efforts by numerous groups to provide recreation opportunities for residents of this community. Involved in the project was the Lindsey Street Civic Club, the City of LaGrange, C & S Bank of LaGrange, the Callaway Foundation, Inc., and Troup County Recreation Department. Present for the dedication ceremony of the fine facility were: (L-R) Bill Ottinger, C & S Bank of Atlanta; Edwin Gore of the LaGrange City Council; Fuller E. Callaway, J. and Mrs. Callaway of the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation; George Harris, Troup County Parks and Recreation Director and Tommy Morgan, Vice President of the C & S Bank of LaGrange, Georgia.

## RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA SAYS YES



**GEORGE S. McELVEEN**  
Director of Recreation  
Richmond County

### RECREATION/PARK CURRICULAR

**South Georgia College**—The 2 year recreation leadership curriculum at South Georgia Junior College has an enrollment of 35 students. The new recreation and park program was initiated in September, 1971. Steve Coe heads the curriculum.

**Kennesaw Junior College**—Kennesaw College's Recreation curriculum has 11 students enrolled in the program. The program is directed by Dr. E. Toby Hopper.

**Georgia Southern College**—Georgia Southern College reports an enrollment of 142 graduate and undergraduate students in the recreation administration program. This enrollment represents the largest recreation and park curriculum in Georgia. Dr. H. Douglas Leavitt heads the Division of Recreation and Physical Education.

**University of Georgia**—Georgia's recreation and park program has 85 undergraduates, 16 graduate students and eight doctoral students. The University is the only institution in Georgia to offer a doctoral degree in recreation and park administration.

The Department of Parks and Recreation of Georgia is headed by James R. Champlin.

On September 1, 1971, City Council of Augusta and the Board of Commissioners of Richmond County merged their separate Recreation Departments into one county-wide Recreation and Parks Department.

After earlier efforts to consolidate the departments failed, and an attempt to consolidate the two local governments was defeated in a referendum held on May 25, 1971, responsible city and county officials met and began negotiating the terms of an agreement which would combine the park and recreation function and hopefully tend to prove that consolidation can work.

Under terms of the agreement, Richmond County leased for one dollar per year all properties and facilities owned and previously used by the City of Augusta for recreation purposes.

This includes all parks, swimming pools, tennis courts, and the Municipal Auditorium.

Excluded from the agreement is the city-owned golf course that is operated by a private individual through a lease agreement with the City.

According to the contract, the City will contribute to Richmond County all funds budgeted to the city recreation department and the auditorium but unexpended at the end of the this fiscal year.

In 1972, the City of Augusta's contribution to recreation will be two-thirds of its 1971 recreation and auditorium budget, and in 1973, one-third of its 1971 budget.

In 1974, Richmond County will assume all financial responsibility for the department.

Mr. George S. McElveen, Director of Richmond County Recreation and Parks since it was established in 1966, was appointed to head the new department. Mrs. Myrtis Deas, previously Director of City Recreation, is serving as Administrative Assistant.

The Georgia Recreation Commission has played a major role in the reorganization of the new agency as has the National Recreation and Park Association.

Mr. John Davis, Executive Director of the Georgia Commission, and Mr. Roger Brown, Director, Southern Region Service Center, National Recreation and Park Association, have been very active in the organization of the newly created department. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Brown have provided enthusiastic support and assistance to Richmond County in the development of comprehensive recreation programs.

A Master Plan for recreation is currently being drawn by J. Thomas Swinea and Associates, a consultant firm under contract to the Richmond County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Swinea performed the study upon which consolidation of the departments was based and prepared the agreement adopted by the City and County Governments, which merged the two departments.

Complete organizational plans have not been finalized, but new service programs have been initiated and an extensive preventive maintenance program is underway.

The Director of the department is currently evaluating personnel, facilities, and programs, as well as job descriptions, wage scales, and personnel assignments.

The entire County has been divided into three General Service Districts and District Supervisors have been appointed.

Existing staff members are being utilized for all assignments and a comprehensive in-service training program is planned to begin in January of 1972.

We believe that this is a positive step and one which required courage on the part of local officials. It demonstrates the necessity to minimize vested interests and to implement changes which are thought to be in the best interest of the public.

Do not condemn the judgment of  
another because it differs from your own.  
You may both be wrong.

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# The Recreation & Park Convention Camera



Two outstanding leaders in Georgia — one a pro and the other a layman were honored for their contributions to the park, recreation, and conservation movement, and, in particular, the Chattahoochee River, at the Annual Conference in Macon. Lou Greathouse, left, and State Senator Robert Walling of DeKalb County were cited for their dynamic leadership in fostering an awareness for the scenic rivers system of Georgia.



GRPS Lay Awards were presented to these outstanding Lay Leaders at the Lay Awards Banquet which officially opened the 27th Annual GRPS Conference. (L-R) Mayor Julius Bishop, Athens; Virgil Whitaker, Warner Robins; Harold T. Hudgins, Decatur; Mrs. Amalie C. Graves, Clarksville; William A. Bowen, Statesboro; Edward Chaney, Douglas; Ed. R. Seay, Cobb County; Lawson Yow, Cobb County; Senator Bob Walling, DeKalb County, and Bob Wade, Macon.



Richard B. Jones, Director of the Community Development Corporation of the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Georgia, is shown commenting on the Community Service Award which is presented to his corporation at the 27th Annual Georgia Recreation and Park Society Conference in Macon. (L-R) Richard Dimingos, Macon C & S Bank; William F. Ottinger, Public Affairs Department, C & S Bank; Fred Morgan, Administrative Assistant, Atlanta Park and Recreation Department and Mr. Jones, Citizens and Southern Bank; were honored for their support recreation and park development through their "Spring Swing to Playgrounds" program.



THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society was presented to Charles C. Clegg, Assistant Professor of Recreation and Parks for the University of Georgia. Jim Colley (left) Chairman of the Awards Committee, made the presentation to the Recipient, Clegg (right), at the 1971 Recreation and Park Conference Banquet.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ATHENS

The City of Athens and the Athens Recreation Department named a 32 acre park in honor of Ben W. Burton, Athens Division Vice President for Georgia Power Company. The land was donated to the city by Georgia Power Company to be used for park purposes. The park area stretches almost a half-mile along the Oconee River.

### WARNER ROBINS

The Warner Robins Recreation Department's winter schedule appears as a Who's Who of Activities for the citizens of the City. Activities are available for all age groups and range from sewing classes, needle work, boxing, drill teams competition to full scale athletic competition.

### ROCKDALE COUNTY

The newly established Recreation and Park Department of Rockdale has submitted with approval of Commissioner Bobby Brisendine, an application to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for development of the County's first park. The park plan calls for development of the area into a multi-use outdoor complex.

### CLAYTON COUNTY

The Master Plan for Parks and Recreation for Clayton County has been officially adopted by the Clayton County Commissioners. The extensive recreation and park plan is presently being discussed with various citizen and civic groups within the county for the purpose of receiving reaction, input and support from Clayton County taxpayers. It is expected that a bond referendum will be held during the coming months for the purpose of obtaining financial means with which to implement the plan.

### CORRECTION

The September 1971 Issue of *Recreation in Georgia* incorrectly listed the title of the Sylvania-Screven County Recreation Department as the Sylvania Department. The department is jointly sponsored by the City of Sylvania and the County of Screven.



**DALE BARNES**, a 1971 graduate of the University of Georgia, has been employed as Program Director of the Hall County Parks and Recreation Department.



**DUGAN RECEIVES DOCTORAL DEGREE.** David L. Dugan, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Athens received his doctoral degree in Recreation Education from the University of Georgia in August. Dr. Dugan is one of the first students to receive the degree from the University. Dr. Dugan is a native of Stanford, Connecticut and has been a resident of Georgia since 1952. His professional experiences span eighteen years in the field where he has held positions from Recreation Center Leader to his present position as Director of the Athens Department. Congratulations to Dr. David L. Dugan.

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opposed. This means that the recreation and park professional in Georgia must assume a leading role in any proposal that affects the provision of recreation, park and conservation service. He must approach consolidation and reorganization with an open mind and work to insure a plan that will achieve a better and more efficient operation. With the professional input of recreation and park "pros" working cooperatively with the political structure for the public good, the result can be a better delivery system of recreation and park services for all Georgians.

## JOB MART

Individuals desiring to apply for positions 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 SPECIALIST

(Salary \$8,500)

Qualifications: Preferably a BS Degree in Recreation, Park or Conservation. Practical experience *may* be substituted for degree.

Contact: Vernon Martin, Ex. Dir.  
Coastal APDC  
P.O. Box 1316  
Brunswick, Ga. 31520

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### "TRENDS" A DUMP!!

THE CITY DUMP of today may become the recreation area of tomorrow. It has already happened in Decatur, Alabama, where a 40 acre dumpsite was converted into a facility with an enclosed swimming pool, six tennis courts, four baseball diamonds plus parking area.

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## FEDERAL AID

### Bureau of Outdoor Recreation WCF Grants

#### BARTOW COUNTY

A BOR grant of \$204,026 has been approved for Bartow County to develop 47 acres of land leased from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Development will include camping, picnicking, tennis courts, tot lots, beach improvement, boat ramp, nature trails and other outdoor recreation developments.

#### DEKALB COUNTY

DeKalb County Recreation and Parks Department has been approved for a grant of \$342,500 for the purchase of 100 acres of land for Outdoor Recreation. The project consists of an area known as "Arabia Mountain" which is a geologic formation similar to Stone Mountain. The area will be used for hiking, picnicking and camping.

#### CITY OF MACON

The City of Macon has been approved for a grant of \$58,240 to acquire 34.6 acres of land to be used for general purpose outdoor recreation. A second grant of \$31,980 was approved to purchase an additional 18 acres of land.

#### CONSOLIDATED CITY OF COLUMBUS

A grant of \$66,300 to acquire 22.3 acres of land including facilities for neighborhood and community type recreation and, par 3 golf course, softball field, fencing and parking.

#### WAYCROSS

A \$51,850 grant to develop 5 acres of city property for outdoor recreation use. Proposed facilities will include playground equipment, picnic area with shelters, footbridge, and landscaping.

#### ESUP-WAYNE COUNTY

The Recreation Department has received a BOR grant of \$64,047 for development of a 25 acre sports complex. Development will include five (5) mini-parks for Jesup, Screven, Odum, and Cardi.



Tom Boyles has been appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Parks and Recreation Department as District Two Supervisor of the newly merged City and County Departments.



Fred Morgan was recently promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant for the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department. He is a graduate of Clarke College and has been employed in the Atlanta Department for the past ten years. His most recent position with the department was that of Supervisor.

**ARE YOUR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION EXAMINERS?** If not apply today. Write: Board of Recreation Examiners, 166 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta.

#### ATHENS INITIATES DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Athens Recreation and Park Department has begun the publication of a monthly newsletter for the department. The newsletter, *Living During Leisure*, is an effort by the department to inform the citizens of Athens of the programs and activities of the department. Copies of this excellent newsletter may be secured by writing to Dr. David Dugan, Director, Athens Recreation and Park Department, Memorial Park, Athens, Georgia 30601.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

GERALD BLACKBURN is the new Director of Recreation for the City of Cumming, Georgia.

SUSAN KRAUSE has resigned as Service Club Director at Fort Stewart Georgia.

BILL FITE, Recreation Director for Douglasville-Douglas County was recently featured in an *Atlanta Journal* article concerning his baseball accomplishments in 1968 as Italy's top baseball star.

GENE CAMP has taken military leave from the Clayton Co. Parks and Recreation Department to complete his military obligation with the U.S. Army.

GORDON DELO has resigned as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Hapeville.

FRANK SPENCE, Athletic Director for the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department has resigned to accept a position of Director of Camp Development with the Atlanta Braves.

OLIN CREDLE has been appointed Activities Director for the Statesboro Recreation Department. He is a 1971 graduate of Georgia Southern College.

ALLEN R. COGGINS has been appointed by the Georgia Department of State Parks to the position of Naturalist. He will spend most of his time at the newly acquired Panola Mountain State Park and Providence Canyon.

EMMETT SCOTT, a graduate of Georgia Southern College has assumed the position of Athletic Director for the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department.

MICKEY LITTLEFIELD has assumed the position of Athletic Director at the College Park Recreation and Parks Department.

## EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE FOR RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATORS SET FOR GEORGIA

The Department of Recreation and Park Administration of the University of Georgia and the School of Business are co-sponsoring with the National Recreation and Park Association a two year course for recreation and park administrators. The course will be held Jan. 20 - Feb. 4, 1972. The institute is limited to fifty participants and the fee has been established at \$225 per administrator.

The purpose of the institute is to provide experienced administrators an opportunity for intensive study of management technology and practice under the direction of outstanding authorities in the management field. Further information concerning the institute may be secured by writing to Professor Charles C. Clegg, Recreation Consultant, Recreation and Park Administration, 203 Dudley Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30601.

### USE FAILURE

Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker.

It should challenge us to new heights of accomplishments, not pull us to new depths of despair.

Failure is delay, but not defeat.

It is a temporary detour, not a dead-end street.

William Arthur Ward

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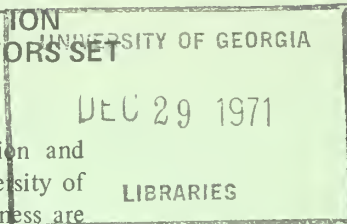
One of the facilities will be constructed near Lyndon House in a central location, while the other will adjoin the East Athens School.

A total of \$759,598.00 was committed to recreation during the first year of Model Cities. This is money considered to be well invested, with results already being seen.

Credit:

Living During Leisure  
Volume 1, Number 1

Athens Parks and Recreation Department



Southern Railroad representative, Jerry L. Townsend, left, is shown presenting a plat to the 20 acre tract of land in Gwinnett County Commissioner Ray Gunnin. Gunnin resides in the Pinkneyville District which, last year, approved a referendum calling for Georgia's first taxing district for recreation.

A gift from Southern Railway of 20 acres of land in the Norcross area will be developed into Gwinnett County's first county park, County Commissioner Ray W. Gunnin said recently. The land is valued at over \$120,000.

Gunnin said he will file application with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for federal funds to construct immediately a family park and playground with a swimming pool, baseball and football fields, tennis courts and other playground facilities on the property.

The new park will be located on Old Rockbridge Road near the Norcross city limit. It was a part of Southern Railway's Norcross-Southern Industrial Park and will border the Industrial Park on the north.

In announcing the donation of the land, Southern President W. Graham Clayton, Jr., said: "The proudest moments for Southern Railway are those when the railroad participates in the total development of the communities it serves. In that tradition, Southern is pleased to donate this property to Gwinnett County and thereby become a part of its recreational development."

Gunnin said the people of Gwinnett County "are indeed grateful to Mr. Clayton and Southern Railway for making it possible for us to develop a park in this area for the some 12,000 citizens who reside near it."

He added: "It will be the first of what we hope will be many such recreation areas throughout Gwinnett County, and we will always remember that Southern Railway made the first one possible.

Gunnin said a name honoring Southern will ultimately be chosen for the park.

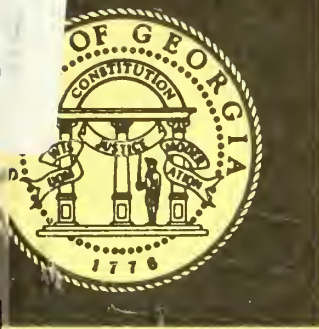
### FEDERAL AID INSTITUTE AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

The National Recreation and Park Association, through its Southeastern Regional Service Center, will conduct a Federal Aid Institute and Workshop in Atlanta January 5-7, 1972, at the Quality Hotel Central. The program is co-sponsored by the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, University of Georgia, and the Georgia Recreation Commission.

Fourteen federal agencies will participate in the 2½ day program to discuss the existing programs available for financial assistance and technical assistance in the area of parks, recreation, and conservation. Representatives of the agencies will be available to provide basic information on the programs and relate the changes that are planned or have already taken place in the program. Time will also be available for the delegates to have individual interviews with the agency representatives about their own local problems or concerns.

All delegates will be given a workbook on the federal programs that is written in the language of a layman. This will provide a ready reference after the delegates return home.

The registration fee for the Institute and Workshop will be \$20.00, and includes two meals, coffee breaks, and notebook. Advance registration is requested and forms for registration and hotel reservation may be obtained by writing the National Recreation and Park Association, Southeastern Service Center, 557 First National Bank Building, Decatur, Georgia 30030, or calling area code 404/378-1556.

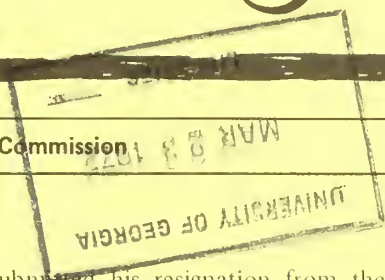


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## Jim Colley Accepts Position At VPI

JAMES A. COLLEY has submitted his resignation from the Georgia Recreation Commission effective March 31st to become Assistant Professor of Recreation and Parks at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. At V.P.I., Mr. Colley will be associated with the Extension Division and will function as its recreation and park consultant in serving the planning districts of Virginia, local governments and the various park and recreation requests from local extension agents.

Mr. Colley, a native of Alabama, came to Georgia in 1962 and served as Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Douglas until 1965 when he accepted a position with the Georgia Recreation Commission as an Assistant Director. In 1967 he was named Deputy Executive Director, a position he held until his resignation.

A graduate of Samford University, he took a partial leave in 1969 and successfully pursued a Master's Degree at the University of Georgia in Recreation and Park Administration. He plans to work toward a doctorate at V.P.I.

During his ten years of service in Georgia, Mr. Colley has been actively engaged in professional activities. In 1968 he served as President of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society and in 1969 he reached the apex of his professional career when he was presented the Professional GRPS Award for outstanding professional achievement.

He currently serves on the organization's Board of Trustees and is Vice-President of the Recreation Section of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Additionally, he is Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the American Park and Recreation Society.

Notable contributions in the area of writing and research include serving as Editor of the Commission's "Recreation In Georgia" since 1966 and Editor of "The Georgia Recreator", official magazine of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society.

Jim and his wife, the former Gayle Smitherman, and their son, Mike, and daughter, Pene, will move to Blacksburg this summer. Although Mr. Colley will report for official duties at V.P.I. on April 3rd, his family will remain at their home in Conyers until Mrs. Colley completes her teaching duties in early June.

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT: JOHN H. DAVIS

JIM COLLEY came to Georgia as a near neophyte in this field ten years ago. His growth as a professional has been incredible, and, today he ranks high among those who have made the most noteworthy and lasting contributions in this field in our state. Needless to say, he will be sorely missed.

Not only does his departure create a big vacuum in this agency's work force but also it makes a loss to the professional ranks of this state that will be difficult to overcome. Jim has been unselfish and unstinting in his work for the good of the profession. There are a limited few who are willing to sacrifice in the pursuance of professional performance, as he has done.

In spite of all this in spite of our regrets that he has chosen to leave the state; let us wish him and his family well and take pleasure in the indelible impact that he has left and the numerous contributions he has made. We are better as a profession because Jim Colley came our way.



JAMES A. COLLEY

## COMING EVENTS

April 9-12, 1972

Southern Recreation & Park  
Conference, Mobile, Alabama

November 8-10

State Conference on  
Parks and Recreation  
Atlanta

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By 1990, the United States could maintain the same national product with a 20 hour, four day work week, or a 40 hour work week with retirement at the age of 38. Either way, this indicates a revolution in leisure time. (Source: National Association of Business Economists)

## CHURCH RECREATION SEMINAR SET

"Recreation With A Religious Impact" will be the theme for one of the first statewide Church Recreation Training Seminars ever held in Georgia when the Georgia Recreation Commission sponsors a Church Recreation Seminar, April 17th and 18th. This Seminar will be conducted at Rehoboth Baptist Church which is located on U.S. 29 just off I-285 near Tucker, Georgia.

The Seminar is planned for several specific groups of people rather than just the church staff. In addition to the full-time, paid church staff personnel, the interests of the Recreation Committee members or those serving as advisors to various church recreation or activity programs are also being incorporated into the overall Seminar program. And, finally, specialized areas such as Arts and Crafts, Drama and Sports will be included which should appeal to still another interest segment.

Among the outstanding speakers and resource people who will be participating in the workshop will be Reverend William Self, Pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, who will deliver the Monday night keynote address; Leon Mitchell, Recreation Consultant, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Richard Graham, Professor of Music, University of Georgia; Miss Madelyn Summers, Arts and Crafts Director, Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department; and Mrs. Edna Raley, Drama and Play Production Director, First Baptist Church, Augusta.

One of the highlights of the Seminar will be an Arts and Crafts Technique Clinic planned for Monday, April 17th, 1:30-5:30 P.M. Representatives of major supply houses will be on hand to actually teach the various arts and crafts techniques. Madelyn Summers will coordinate this clinic.

Churches of all denominations throughout the state are being encouraged to send representatives to the Seminar whether they presently have a designated church recreation program or not. Many churches throughout Georgia are sponsoring church programs which contain many of the components of a church recreation program (i.e., RA's, Day Camps, Senior Citizen Clubs, Banquets, Drama Productions, Special Events), but they do not consider themselves to actually conduct a church recreation program.

Included among the Seminar topics will be: Music In Recreation, Drama and Play Production, Sports and Games, Recruitment of Lay Leadership, Quality Programming With Limited Facilities, Camping and Retreats, Recreation Programming For Families, Teens, Children and Senior Adults, Banquets-Parties-Fellowships, Arts and Crafts, and Organization and Methods In Church Recreation.

Registration fee is \$6.50 per person which includes a banquet function on Monday evening and a box lunch on Tuesday.

Persons desiring additional information or registration blanks can write: Georgia Recreation Commission, 270 Washington St., S.W., Room 703, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.



Rev. William Self is Pastor of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta. He is a dynamic speaker who is respected not only in Atlanta and Georgia, but also has gained national prominence while serving as Minister of the 3800 member Atlanta church. Wieuca Road Baptist Church has an outstanding Church Recreation Ministry of its own.



Leon Mitchell is Recreation Consultant to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee. He is well-known throughout the south, and has led numerous church recreation leadership conferences. Mr. Mitchell will conduct several workshops during the Church Recreation Seminar in Atlanta, April 17 and 18.



## CLAYTON COLLEGE ESTABLISHES RECREATION CURRICULUM

Clayton Junior College in Morrow will add an associate degree for Recreation Specialists to its roster of two-year career programs beginning this summer. Dr. Avery Harvill, associate professor of physical education has announced.

Approval of the new career program came at the February meeting of the Board of Regents.

According to Harvill, the program for Recreation Specialists was designed with the assistance of a 12-member Advisory Committee drawn from state, metropolitan Atlanta and local county and city agencies.

Included on the committee, which will continue to work with college officials in an advisory capacity, were representatives of the Georgia Parks Department, the State YMCA, the Georgia Recreation Commission, the Metropolitan Atlanta Boy's Club, Grady Memorial Hospital, the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department, the Mental Health Center of Clayton General Hospital, the Forest Park and College Park Recreation Departments, and a local nursing home.

James R. Champlin, Chairman of Recreation and Parks Administration at the University of Georgia, acted as consultant, Harvill said.

The resulting program, Harvill explained, will prepare paraprofessionals to organize, develop and lead specific recreation activities; to organize, promote and direct assigned portions of a recreation program; and to manage, issue, maintain and use recreation supplies.

The two-year curriculum comprises 96 quarter hours combining general education courses with specialized courses in physical education and recreation. Students enrolled in the program will be required to complete 10 quarter-hours of supervised work experience off-campus, Harvill added.

Graduate Recreation Specialists will receive the associate in arts degree of Clayton Junior College and will be qualified for employment in public and private recreation facilities, including employment as recreation therapists in hospitals, mental health units and nursing homes.

"Part of our work with the Advisory Committee in formulating the new program," Harvill pointed out, "has been to determine that a real need for Recreation

Specialists exists in the Atlanta metropolitan area and in the state and that graduates will find ready employment within the community."

Specialized recreation courses at the college will be taught by John Blackburn, who holds a master of arts degree in recreation and parks administration from the University of Georgia. Blackburn joined the Clayton Junior College faculty this fall as instructor of physical education.

Clayton Junior College, the largest state-operated junior college in Georgia, offers similar career programs in criminal justice, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technology for technicians, nursing, teacher assistants and secretarial studies in addition to two-year college-transfer programs.



**DR. AVERY HARVILL HEADS** the Department of Physical Education at Clayton College. The Recreation Curriculum will be under Dr. Harvill's direction.

### THOUGHT FOR MONTH

Recreation is not being idle; it is easing the wearied part by change of occupation.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**BOBBY SAYLORS** has joined the Cobb Park and Recreation Department as a community Recreation Director. He is a graduate of Clemson University.

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**JIMMY MEDLIN**, a student at Georgia Southern College, is doing his internship at the Dublin Park and Recreation Department.

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**RON NIX**, a student at Georgia Southwestern College, is interning with the Macon Recreation Department.

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**KENNETH D. PERRY** has joined the Jesup-Wayne County Park and Recreation Department as Athletic Director. He is a graduate of Appling County High School in Baxley, Ga.

## NATIONAL FORUM IN ST. LOUIS ON CRIME AND SAFETY IN PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayors, park and recreation, and law enforcement officials from throughout the United States will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, May 15-17, 1972, in a national forum on public safety in the use of parks and public recreation facilities.

Problems to be addressed include the extent and effects of crime in public parks, conflicts between today's life styles and current laws governing use of recreation facilities; public attitudes and the influence of news media; and the design and maintenance of public leisure areas to discourage criminal activity.

The forum's objective will be to draft guidelines and recommendations that can be implemented immediately towards resolving these problems at the local, state and national levels.

The forum will be convened by the National Recreation and Park Association with the assistance of the Extension Division of the University of Missouri, St. Louis. The 16,000-member NRPA is the non-profit service, research, and educational organization dedicated to improving the quality of life through better recreation and leisure opportunities.

For registration information write: FORUM, National Recreation and Park Association, 1601 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

## WHY TOBESOFKEE?

The Middle Georgia Area has long suffered from the non existence of adequate recreation facilities. Until 1969 very few outdoor recreation facilities were available to the general public. Only certain groups who were fortunate enough to afford the high cost of membership in private clubs were privileged to enjoy a decent place to spend their leisure time.

Fortunately a few concerned citizens, and the County Commissioners of Bibb County became interested in providing the badly needed facilities, not only for the people of Bibb County, but for the population of a seven (7) county area in Middle Georgia. These few dedicated citizens began planning on the gigantic Tobesofkee Project as early as 1952, and the actual planning and development of the first phase spanned some fifteen (15) years and four (4) Boards of Commissioners.

The Tobesofkee Watershed Project as it was officially labeled was sponsored and financed by Federal, State and Local Government Agencies. The bulk of the financing came from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Farmers Home Administration and Soil Conservation Service. Contributions in their respective fields were made by the State Game and Fish Commission. Many other Agencies, too many in fact to mention separately, provided planning assistance and moral support to Bibb County during the development stage of the Project. While giving credit where credit is due, Bibb County and its Board of Commissioners should head the list for their dream and drive was the major factor in providing Middle Georgia with this fantastic recreation facility.

After years of waiting the summer of 1969 brought a new era to the outdoor recreation enthusiast of Middle Georgia. A small creek flowing through unproductive waste land had been transformed into a beautiful lake of 1750 acres, six miles long with an irregular shore line of 35 miles. Tracts of land totaling more than 600 acres had been acquired and partially developed into Parks with the most modern facilities. A new Department was created by resolution of the Bibb County Commissioners, and charged with the responsibility of operating and maintaining the complex facility. With new Parks and a new staff the project was now open to the public and 206,000 visitors spent some of their leisure time at Tobesofkee the first year.



### THE AUTHOR:

**LARRY WILSON**, Area Director of Tobesofkee, is a native of Crisp County. He has been associated with Tobesofkee for the past six years.



**FAMILY CAMPING IS STEADILY GAINING POPULARITY**



**A TYPICAL DAY AT THE BEACH IN ONE OF THE PARKS**



**FATHER AND SON FISHING TEAM**

The second year of operation saw 238,000 visitors and today with a projection of 300,000 visitors for this year we find ourselves involved in an expansion program to upgrade our existing facilities and provide new additions for the ever increasing number of recreation minded people.

Tobesofkee offers a wide variety of activities for all ages. One can enjoy picnicking, hiking, boating, skiing, fishing, camping, swimming or spend an afternoon lounging in the sun on the sandy beaches. Each of the camp-sites are provided with water and electrical outlets, picnic tables and charcoal grills. Comfort stations with all of the modern conveniences are located in each campground. Restrooms, picnic shelters and concession facilities are conveniently located throughout the Parks for easy access. Some areas in each of the Parks have been left in their natural state in an effort to maintain the scenic beauty of the natural woodlands and provide cover for the decreasing numbers of wildlife native to this area.

Some of the future developments will include additional pavilions, miniature and regulation golf, bike trails, cabins and a zoo area for native Georgia animals. These additions along with the facilities already in use should provide Bibb County with one of the finest well rounded outdoor recreation areas in the South.

As the size of the project has increased so has the staff. As of this writing Tobesofkee maintains a staff of fourteen (14) permanent employees supplemented by thirty (30) high school and college students during the summer months. The staff is truly dedicated to the cause and have become obsessed with the desire to provide a peaceful and secure atmosphere around wholesome outdoor recreation activities.

Developed as a pilot project at a cost of five (5) million dollars, Tobesofkee has been viewed by many as a facility that could be reproduced in many areas of the country. Naturally, we think that Tobesofkee is the greatest. But occasionally we look to the future in an effort to predict what might be in store for us. Often we concern ourselves with the ever increasing number of people who visit our area, and in doing so ask ourselves some of the following questions. Should we even concern ourselves with trying to accommodate the masses? Should we develop every square foot of land for maximum use? Should we sacrifice scenic beauty, and peace of mind for a concrete and asphalt surface? Where should we stop?

If the decision is made to continue development possibly to a point where one can no longer spend a leisure hour in an atmosphere of secure peace and scenic beauty then, WHY TOBESOFKEE?



**CRUISING LAKE TOBESOFKEE ON A TOUR BOAT OPERATED BY THE PARK.**



**MODERN BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES WITH ADEQUATE PAVED PARKING.**



**NATIVE ANIMALS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE.**

## 10TH ANNUAL PARK MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

The Park Maintenance Workshop, scheduled March 22-24 in Atlanta at the Executive Park Motor Hotel, needs *your* attendance. The Professional Development Committee, chaired by Charles M. Graves, has arranged a "topflight" program with outstanding speakers. The emphasis of the workshop is placed on athletic fields and other turf areas.

Highlights of the program will include a presentation by DR. HOWARD E. KAERWER, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is Manager, Research-Service Department of Northrup, King & Co. Dr. Kaerwer has traveled extensively throughout the United States working with forage and turf research projects. During the past nine years Dr. Kaerwer has also been working in the southern half of the country developing and identifying grasses to improve the reliability and playability of winter greens. He is presently on the Board of Directors of the Crop Science Society of America, and chairman of the Society's division on Seed Production and Technology.

MR. SAM K. ELLINGTON, Agronomist and District Manager of the Southeast Region of Northrup, King & Co., in Atlanta will assist Dr. Kaerwer. Mr. Ellington is working with the Research-Service Department and is responsible for seed quality research and quality control throughout the Southeast. Mr. Ellington has worked for the past 30 years in all phases of seed production. Their presentation will include information for preparation of seed beds; chemical treatment of soil; fertilization; selection of grasses; and seed mixtures.

MR. JAMES B. MONCRIEF of Athens, Georgia, will discuss further information on turf areas, their preparation and maintenance. He will specifically relate to golf courses, their fairways and greens. Mr. Moncrief is Southern Director of the United States Golf Association, Green Section.

HOWARD "MICKEY" OWEN from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is Stadium Manager at Louisiana State University. Mr. Owen has gained nationwide fame and recognition for his athletic field development and maintenance. His "Tiger" field has been viewed on nationwide television and most recently during the LSU-Notre Dame Football game. Mr. Owen uses artificial coloring to create the beautiful and intense green coloring viewed on television. Mr. Owen will discuss the preparation of soils for athletic fields, and the establishment and maintenance of turf.

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GARY BRACEWELL, formerly Program Director at The Carrollton Recreation Department, has assumed the position of Supervisor of Programs and Athletics for the newly established Valdosta Recreation Department. Bracewell is a 1970 graduate of Georgia Southern College with a B.S. Degree in Recreation. He is a native of Tifton.



TERRY SPENCE, a 1971 graduate of the University of Georgia, with a Master's Degree in Recreation and Park Administration, has been appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for Cherokee County. Mr. Spence completed his undergraduate work at Clemson and is a native of South Carolina.



CLIFFORD WRIGHT has assumed the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for Barnesville-Lamar County. Wright is a 1971 graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.S. Degree in Recreation and Park Administration.



BOB ASH, a 1968 graduate of the University of Georgia, has been appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of College Park succeeding Jimmy Miller. Ash is the father of a newly arrived set of twin girls and is a native of Walton County. He formerly was Assistant Director of the College Park Department.



JIMMY MILLER, a native of Meridian, Mississippi and a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, has been appointed Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Cobb County. Miller has served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of College Park for the past two years.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ALL COUNTY

The Hall County Parks and Recreation Department will host the Lake Sidney Lanier World Invitational Bass Fishing Tournament scheduled for March 29, 30, and 31. Hall County's 135 acre Laurel Park was selected for the event. The tournament will be the World's richest with a record breaking payoff of \$55,000. The winning fisherman will haul away from Hall County a purse which will exceed by \$5,000 the purse collected from the 1971 World Invitational Bass Tournament in Sam Rayburn, Texas. The event is co-sponsored by Project Sports Incorporated of Irving, Texas and the Gainesville-Hall County Chamber of Commerce. The tournament is expected to gain national publicity. Writers representing Sports Illustrated, Field and Stream and other outdoor oriented magazines will be present during the 3 day tournament.

### VALDOSTA

The City of Valdosta has deeded 180 acres of land to the Valdosta Recreation Commission. The area was formerly a mud fill for the City on the southwest side of the City and can be used now for recreation.

### GAINESVILLE

As a service to the Gainesville Recreation and Park Department, the Gainesville National Bank ran a holiday parade insert in the *Gainesville Daily Times* spotlighting the achievements of the department.

### GRANGER AND TROUP COUNTY

The Callaway Foundation, Inc. has donated \$135,000 to be matched with funds provided by the City to further develop Granger Park and Calumet Park. Granger Park was originally developed with total funds from the Callaway Foundation.

### WARNER ROBINS

The Warner Robins Department is continually diversifying its recreation program by the addition of charm and modeling classes, preteen ceramics, organization of a camera club, and adult learn to Bowl Lessons.



**FRANK BROWN**, who has served for the past five years as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Roswell, has resigned to accept a similar position for Coweta County. Brown is a native of Alabama and prior to directing the Roswell department served the City of Acworth as Recreation Director. He obtained his B.S. Degree from Livingston State University in Alabama.



**OPEN SPACE** is a critical need for Georgia's cities and counties. What is your city or county doing to meet this need?

## PUBLIC RECREATION STUDY DUE FOR RELEASE

The new edition of "Public Recreation In Georgia" which is due to be released early in April reveals some interesting facts. The per capita expenditures for public parks and recreation in Georgia range from \$.70 to \$13.56 for a state average of \$4.26. Of Georgia's 74 full-time departments, 59 agencies completed the PRG Survey Form. Of that number 88% report use of city/county vehicles, 91% report that expenses are paid to professional conferences, 39% operate under a legal board, and 20 departments are developing facilities according to a Master Recreation Plan. Georgia presently has 38 municipal, 13 county and 23 city-county departments. The trend is definitely toward county organization.

## FEDERAL AID

### Bureau of Outdoor Recreation LWCF Grants

#### ELBERTON

A \$53,522.15 grant has been approved for the City of Elberton to develop 10.9 acres of city owned land into a community park. Development will include a combination baseball/football field; four tennis courts; a multi purpose court; comfort station; parking lot; water, sewer and electrical systems.

#### GRIFFIN

An approval to the City of Griffin to amend an existing project, construction of 25 meter pool development, located in a 180 acre city owned park. The amendment to the project was \$5,094.59.

#### GAINESVILLE

A BOR approval to increase existing project by the sum of \$40,430.

#### TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY

A BOR grant of \$35,291.50 for acquisition of 2.5 acres of land and for the development of five (5) parks for neighborhood and community type recreation facilities.

#### ROSSVILLE

To revise a project agreement of April 16, 1970 by adding a swimming pool, bath house, paved parking area and playground equipment. New grant addition totaled \$50,682.

#### LAVONIA

The City of Lavonia has received BOR Approval for a \$43,955 grant for the development of five (5) acres of a 7.8 acre city park for outdoor recreation development. Facilities will include picnic area, play field, bath house/concession building, parking area and related developments.

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COLONEL HARRY C. ECKHOFF from Arlington, Virginia, is Facility Development Consultant for the National Golf Foundation, Colonel Eckhoff travels the entire East Coast and is responsible for 17 states and the District of Columbia. His main objective is to promote the game of golf and to assist in the development of new facilities. He has authored numerous articles for magazines and is responsible for the eastern regional needs for the monthly market report. Colonel Eckhoff will discuss the need and value of public golf courses in the public recreation system.

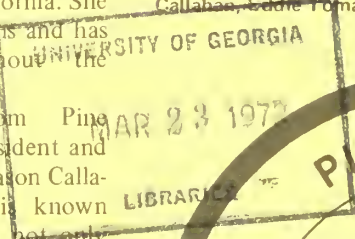
JOAN BEARSS of Atlanta will discuss the use of audio/visual aids in the park maintenance program. Miss Bearss is Southeastern Regional Manager of Oxford Films of Hollywood, California. She was formerly with Disney Films and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

FRED C. GALLE from Pine Mountain, Georgia, is Vice President and Director of Horticulture, Ida Cason Callaway Foundation. Mr. Galle is known throughout the United States, not only for his writings on horticultural subjects but as a speaker. He has served in an official capacity with many horticultural organizations and was recently appointed, for a second term, a member of the Advisory Council for the United States National Arboretum. Mr. Galle will discuss the planning and maintenance of a desirable beautification program.

Other program highlights during the two-day workshop will be the irrigation of athletic fields, and an outdoor demonstration. The outdoor demonstration will include equipment used for tillage, planting, and maintenance.



Members of the Cherokee Recreation Commission and Advisory Council are pictured at their first meeting after employing the county's initial full-time Recreation and Park Director, Terry Spence. Front row, L-R: E. O. McFather, Jr. (Sec.-Treas.); Homer Adams, Elliott R. Baker (President); Recreation Director, Terry Spence; Herman Lawson (Vice-President); Don Snell. Back Row, L-R: Tom Fox, Paul Brookshire, Leroy Tippins, Mrs. Tom Fox, Young Smith, Gene Norton, Mrs. Betty Callahan, Eddie Thomas and Joe Long.



### HAVE YOU MET PADDY BEAVER??

If not, meet Paddy Beaver, the colorful new symbol of the Army Corps of Engineers' recreational safety program—Operation PLAY SAFE.

Posters and signs bearing the figure admonishing all to "Play Safe—Don't leave it to Beaver" will be utilized in safety promotion by safety councils and local chapters of the American Red Cross.

For further information contact the Technical Liaison Officer at District Offices, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### CHURCH RECREATION SEMINAR-REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please complete all information and return to Georgia Recreation Commission, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Registration fee should accompany application. Make check payable to RECREATION AND PARKS TRAINING SEMINAR.

Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you attend the Arts and Crafts Technique Clinic on Monday, April 17th, 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you desire Motel Accommodation Information.



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MESSAGE FROM THE  
DIVISION DIRECTOR  
HENRY D. STRUBLE



## WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I meet the park and recreation professionals, interested laymen and elected public officials concerned with park and recreation services in this first issue of the Parks and Recreation Newsletter since the implementation of Governor Carter's reorganization of state government.

As Director of the newly created Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources it seems only fitting to quote a current TV commercial "we are all in this together." It is I submit to be true for the first time in my fourteen years of service as a professional in the park and recreation field in state government.

The overall complexion of state government reorganization will not be to anyone's liking. This is probably true in as far as park and recreation professionals concerned in the state. However, I believe, as do members of our Division staff, that through reorganization we can truly become the focal point for parks and recreation in Georgia. I say this with sincerity. Unfortunately, many park

and recreation professionals in the state may look upon me as a "state parks man". I should point out that I have five years experience in the public recreation field.

If I had the opportunity to talk with each park and recreation professional in the State I am sure our philosophy would be very closely aligned. Of course, as Division Director, I must be vitally concerned with the development and operation of our state park facilities. However, it is incumbent upon me and the entire Division staff to be cognizant of the problems and needs of local government in the provision of day to day park and recreation programs and services. There is an urgent need for the stimulation and direction of therapeutic recreation programs in the state. Our correctional recreation programs are in the infant stages - - we must be involved. We must continue to develop an ongoing program to educate our laymen and elected officials on the needs facing us in providing parks and recreation services from the local level through the state level. Direction must be given to our institutions of higher learning in curriculum development and we in turn

are obligated to pave the way for our graduates from the park and recreation curriculums. It is incumbent upon each of us to broaden our knowledge of the field and recognize the need and value of comprehensive planning and not become unduly engrossed with any one area of specialization.

One of the most effective methods of stimulating the park and recreation movement in the state is through a strong professional organization. We have such an organization in the Georgia Recreation and Park Society. I would strongly encourage all park and recreation professionals to not only become members of GRPS, but involved members.

Space does not permit me the opportunity to delve into the details of what we, you and I, regardless of your status or area of specialization in the field, can accomplish. However, as your state agency concerned with parks and recreation services, programs and facilities, let me assure you that my staff and I stand ready to assist in any way to stimulate quality park and recreation opportunities for all Georgians, and remember, "we are all in this together."

## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 16

Georgia Trails Symposium  
Atlanta, Georgia

### OCTOBER 1-6

National Recreation and Park  
Conference, Anaheim, California

### NOVEMBER 8-10

State Conference on Parks  
and Recreation, Atlanta, Georgia

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# FEATURE



This photo shows the beautiful Arabia Lake situated on the Arabia Mountain property in DeKalb County near Lithonia.

DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department has recently acquired more than 500 acres of open space near Lithonia. Known as Arabia Mountain, the large expense is coming into public ownership thanks to a donation from Davidson Mineral Properties, Inc., and members of the Coffey and Power families of Lithonia, along with cooperation of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The donation comes at a time when the county has a deficit of some 2,300 acres of park land.

One of the most attractive features of the acquisition is that it will cost little to the citizens of DeKalb except approximately \$8,000 for engineering and survey cost. Even though complete development may encompass much of the next five years, the park should be open to the public almost immediately.

A master plan for the property has been compiled under the direction of Jim Cone, DeKalb Parks and Recreation Director. Some 30 acres will be developed as a community park to serve the nearby area which county officials are expecting to develop heavily in the next few years. The community park will include a recreation center, swimming pool and athletic fields.

Below the community park rests a clear lake for fishing. Some of the largest pines in the county are located in this section of Lithonia. The land can be used as a camping area for scouts and other groups.

There will be another lake area located below the first, while in the north end of the mountain park plans include picnicking, trailer and tent camping space. Walking, hiking and bridle trails will lace the entire park, and on the east space will be available for several athletic fields.

*Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken over-  
civilized people are beginning to find out  
that going to the mountains is going home,  
that wildness is necessity, and that  
mountain parks and reservations are  
useful not only as fountains of timber and  
irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life.*

John Muir, 1898



# PERSONNEL ACTION

JOHN V. BLACKBURN has been appointed Park Superintendent at Micalola Falls State Park. Blackburn holds his Master's Degree in Park and Recreation Administration from the University of Georgia.

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AUL A. WRIGHT, a graduate of the University of Georgia with a B. S. Degree in Park and Recreation Administration, has been appointed as Superintendent-In-Training at Red Top Mountain State Park.

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RAMMY CARL FARR, a 1969 graduate of Southern Tech, has been appointed as Superintendent-In-Training at Hard Labor Creek State Park.

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ROBERT BARONI has resigned as Director of Recreation for the City of Lawrenceville to enter private business.

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FRANK HOOK III has been appointed Activities Director for the Statesboro Recreation Department.

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BOE GLOVER has been appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for Lynn County.

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JEFF B. NAUGLE was recently appointed to the position of Chief, Operations Section of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia.

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RON CADORA has resigned as Recreation Director for Fulton County.

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RAMMY ANDERSON, a graduate of Georgia Southern College and the University of Georgia, has assumed the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Thomasville.

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BOE SILVER, recipient of his Master's Degree in Recreation this past Spring from Georgia Southern College, has been appointed Instructor of Recreation at Clayton Junior College.



William Hatcher is pictured being welcomed aboard at the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Parks and Recreation Department by Director, George Chambliss. Hatcher is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.S. Degree in Recreation.



Ron Sharpless, a native of Macon and a former Peace Corp Volunteer to Nigeria, is working as an Intern with the Planning and Research Division this summer. He attended West Georgia College, and is presently attending Georgia State. His responsibility is to begin developing the plan for a Scenic Trails System as authorized in the Georgia Scenic Trails Act.



Mrs. Jane Durr of Statesboro recently completed her internship with the Parks and Recreation Division. She was a June graduate of Georgia Southern College having received a B.S. Degree in Recreation Administration. She received the "Outstanding Senior Award" within the Recreation Curriculum at GSC.

# INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM INSTITUTED IN STATE PARKS

The Parks and Recreation Division has established seasonal interpretive programs within thirteen state parks for the first time this summer. The program is under the direction of Allen R. Coggins, the first professional interpretive specialist ever employed by the state.

Each program will be directed by a competent naturalist and will provide entertaining, informative, inspirational and recreation oriented programs for park visitors. The seasonal interpreters will meet park visitors on a person to person basis, answer their questions concerning the natural or cultural history of the parks, conduct field trips and hikes, present evening slide programs, conduct nature activities for children and manage nature trails and other naturalist areas.

Mr. Coggins will also be available to assist other public, private and commercial park and recreation agencies regarding the establishment of interpretive programs.



Bill Pelfrey, of Brunswick, is participating in one of Georgia's first Park and Recreation Co-op Programs. He is working two quarters as Community Recreation Leader at Cobb County Sewell Park and then attending school for two quarters at Georgia Southern College.



JAMES E. CREWS, a 1972 graduate of Georgia Southern College has assumed the position of Athletic Director with the Lafayette Recreation and Parks Department.

# COBB COUNTY COMPLEX PRO



Jimmy Miller, Assistant Director of the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department, and Charlie Jones, (right) Fountain View Apartments developer are shown standing on a new combination Tennis and Basketball Court in the apartments.



Cobb County will have access to this beautiful clubhouse for classes and club meetings.



The county employs capable, qualified swimming instructors for the swimming pool and supervises their activity.

An innovative program offering swimming lessons and playground programs in apartment facilities is being tried out in Cobb County.

The result of cooperation between apartment owners and Parks and Recreation Department representatives, the program is bringing supervised summer activities into some of the most densely populated areas of the county.

"It is our aim to put our programs and parks where the people are," commented Jim Oates, director of the fast-growing Cobb Parks and Recreation Department since its formation six years ago.

Cobb has only one public swimming pool, and with a booming population of over 200,000, recreation officials have been hard-put to find places to give swimming lessons.

Oates and his assistant director, Jimmy Miller, met recently with the Cobb Apartment Owners Association, and explained to them the methods used by the Department in organizing its wide-ranging seasonal programs as well as adult education programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department organizes classes, secures instructors, and finds facilities for the instruction, but minimal fees charged for the different activities pay the salaries of the instructors, therefore relieving the taxpayers of the expense.

The unique program is being offered at only three pools this summer, but other owners have expressed interest, too, Miller said.

"We are pleased with the number of apartments willing to participate," Miller said, "but we feel we will gain knowledge from these three this year, then if it works -- and every indication is that it will be a great success -- we'll contact all the owners next year."

Swimming classes are being held at Doral Apartments, Cooper Lake Apartments, and Fountain View Apartments.

At Fountain View there is also a summer playground program, with owner Charlie Jones furnishing the equipment and paying the directors. Most of the summer playground programs are held in county school buildings, but the lucky kids

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

We believe that the above described recreation system using completely all example of innovative leadership.

# APARTMENT CREATION AM

Fountain View will be able to use the pool twice a week, and the clubhouse, complete with ping pong tables, in inclement weather.

On a hot June morning Jones watched 15 kids at a time take four-long swimming lessons, shivering before their hour was over despite the bright sun adding sparkle to the fountain from which the apartment complex gets its name, while fifty other children got their bikes ready for a bicycle parade in the playground program.

"It looks like this will be something to keep the kids entertained," Jones said, "I think next year everybody will be doing it."

In the pool a little boy named Bobby said, "Guess what! When she dropped the quarter down there I got it the first time."

("She" is the honored title given, since time began, to the teacher, the instructor, or, often as not, to Mother.)

"And she threw it in the deep water, too," according to Bobby.

Rex said he has learned to use his arms better, but wouldn't tell the reporter his name -- which his fellow seven-year-olds promptly volunteered.

Jones, a prominent Cobb builder, has 261 units in his Fountain View Apartments and tries to make it a good place for families to live. He didn't know exactly how many children were living there, but remembered that 450 invitations went out for their Halloween party last year.

A baseball-football field, lighted basketball and tennis courts, and a minibike trail are provided for Fountain View residents. Jones said the clubhouse, which has already been used by such varied activities as bridge clubs and baton lessons, will be used in the Fall for adult education classes. He has also been approached by the Red Cross, he said, on the possibility of having child care and pre-natal care classes.

"Anything they can plan is alright with me," Jones said. "It will help acquaint the community with us, and they will be able to see that we are good neighbors."

Excellent example of a park and recreation facility at its disposal. We applaud this



The Doral Apartment's Clubhouse is a facility that is ideally designed for recreation activity. The Cobb County department will be utilizing this facility for arts and crafts, bridge classes, special events, etc.



These youngsters are obviously enjoying the swimming class being offered at the Doral Apartments pool.



Apartment complexes, such as the one pictured here, are developing at such tremendous rates all over the state that other park and recreation systems might do well to follow the example as set by Cobb County.

## FEDERAL AID

### LUDOWICI

An Economic Development Administration grant of \$4,867.00 to acquire 7.8 acres of land for future development of lighted baseball/football field, multi-purpose court, concession stand, bleachers and restroom.

### COBB COUNTY

A Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant of \$705,994.00 for development of three county owned sites. The three sites are Fuller Park, 40 acres, Fair Oaks Park, 40 acres, and Rhyne Park, 27 acres.

### DALTON

\$17,254.00 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (L&WCF) to develop a 2.6 acre park.

### JEKYLL ISLAND STATE PARK

\$35,000.00 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to construct a 5.7 mile paved golf cart path.

### FLOYD COUNTY

A \$17,951.00 grant from B.O.R. to acquire additional acreage to complete an existing ball field located on a leased park site. This project is located at the Cave Spring site.

### STATE OF GEORGIA

\$500,000 from B.O.R. for acquisition of 867 acres of land along Sweetwater Creek in Douglas County.

### FORT OGLETHORPE

A BOR Grant in the amount \$60,980 for development of 12 acre park on donated land.

### GWINNETT COUNTY

\$233,407 from B.O.R. to develop Best Friend Park, a donated park site of 21 acres.

### PELHAM

A L&WCF Grant of \$10,209 to develop two city park sites.



Callanwolde Estate, the twelve acre wooded home of Charles Howard Candler, has been purchased by DeKalb County. Callanwolde will be operated as a cultural and garden center under the direction of the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department. The department will program and schedule the cultural activities, hopefully embracing all of the fine arts and will encourage all organizations connected with cultural activities to participate. Though the mansion is magnificent, the interesting point to be made is that much of the credit for this action being taken is due to diligent efforts of the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department.



These 42 young people are part of the "lifesaving force" working in Georgia's state parks this summer. They all successfully completed a Lifesaving Seminar held on June 8th at Will-A-Way Park for the Handicapped near Winder. Dick Sanders, extreme right, Assistant Director of Safety Programs for the Metropolitan Atlanta Red Cross Chapter and Fred Stokes, left, Assistant Aquatics Director for the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department conducted the seminar which stressed skills testing, first aid and pool/waterfront management.

### A GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY AND/OR COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT Publication Revised

This publication should be ready for general distribution within thirty days. Published cooperatively by the Georgia Power Company, the State Parks and Recreation Division, the Charles M. Graves Organization and the Southeastern Regional Office of N.R.P.A., this guide has been extremely popular throughout its previous four editions. According to Frank Hood, Assistant Vice President in Charge of Georgia Power's Community Development Department, this edition has been greatly expanded and updated. Graphics and photographs have been added which really improve the Guide's appearance. "We are delighted to finance the publishing of this Guide, and we genuinely trust that it will continue to promote the excellent park and recreation development to be found in Georgia," stated Mr. Hood.

## THERAPEUTIC RECREATION POSITION APPROVED

Henry D. Struble, Director of the Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources, has announced the approval of a federal grant in the area of Therapeutic Recreation.

The grant, which was approved through the Developmental Disabilities Services Act, will provide funds for the addition of a Therapeutic Recreation Consultant to the Division staff. The consultant will be available to provide advisory services to public and private agencies and other state agencies in the planning and development of therapeutic recreation and park programs and facilities.

Individuals or agencies desiring additional information on the new service should contact the Division office.

## CORRECTIONAL RECREATION POST APPOINTMENT MADE



W. Tom Martin, Jr., Instructor and Acting Head of the Parks and Recreation Curriculum at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro has been appointed to the position of State Director, Correctional Recreation Programs. Martin holds a B.S. Degree in Recreation from Georgia Southern College and a Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina. He has taught park and recreation administration at Georgia Southern College since 1968.

He served as Assistant Director of the former Georgia Recreation Commission from 1964-1968. Prior to that he served two years as a Recreation Supervisor with the Durham, North Carolina Parks and Recreation Department.

"As State Director of Corrections Recreation Programs Mr. Martin will be responsible for planning and developing a comprehensive system of Correctional Recreation within our prison units," stated Ellis MacDougall, Director of Offender Rehabilitation for Georgia.

## GEORGIA CONFERENCE ON RECREATION AND PARKS

Plans are now being finalized for the 1972 Georgia Conference on Recreation and Parks. The Conference is scheduled November 8, 9 & 10 with Conference headquarters at the Executive Park Motor Hotel in Atlanta.

The 28th Annual Conference is sponsored by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department.

Sessions are being planned in areas of special interest such as staff development, leadership techniques, outdoor recreation, therapeutic recreation, armed forces recreation, reorganization of state park and recreation agencies, municipal-county recreation and others. A preconference workshop on park and recreation legislation is also being planned.

Detailed information on the Conference, hotel reservations and pre-registration information will be forthcoming.

For additional information contact:

Thad L. Studstill  
Parks and Recreation Division  
Department of Natural Resources  
270 Washington St., S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Department of Offender Rehabilitation has announced that applications are being accepted for positions of Director of Correctional Recreation in one of Georgia's Correctional Institutions. Desired qualifications include a B.S. Degree in Recreation or related field plus two years experience. Salary \$8,154 to \$8,538 after six months. Interested parties may contact:

W. Tom Martin, Jr., Asst. Deputy Commissioner for Recreation, Department of Offender Rehabilitation, Trinity-Washington Building, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.



Governor Jimmy Carter is shown above announcing the news that the State of Georgia, the Georgia Power Company, the Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation had successfully cleared the first hurdle in development of a Chattahoochee River Park.

The first major step has been taken toward preserving hundreds of acres of natural woodlands along the Chattahoochee for a public park, according to Governor Carter. In a recent press conference the Governor announced that Georgia Power Company had donated over 150 acres of land along the Chattahoochee to the Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy will turn the land over to the State for use as a park.

The Governor announced that arrangements had already been made to acquire approximately 225 additional acres of land along the River when the Federal funds (which the State is seeking from BOR) are approved. The total value of the land which can be acquired immediately upon BOR approval will exceed \$4 million, but will not cost the State and thus the Georgia taxpayers "one penny", according to the Governor.

## PARK PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PARK	PROJECT
Amicalola Falls	Well Water System
Crooked River	Superintendent's Residence
Crooked River	Group Shelter
Elijah Clark	Central Building
Fort Mountain	Check in Station
Fort Mountain	Rest Station
Fort Mountain	Caretaker's Residence
Fort Mountain	Five Cottages
Ga. Veterans Memorial	Caretaker's Residence
Ga. Veterans Memorial	Rest Station
General Coffee	Trading Post
General Coffee	Comfort Station
General Coffee	Rest Station
Hamburg	Comfort Station
Little Ocumlgee	9 Hole Addition-Golf Course
Magnolia Springs	Rest Station
Mistletoe	Five Cottages
Mistletoe	Caretaker's Residence
Mistletoe	Family Group Shelter
Panola Mountain	Well
Providence Canyon	Superintendent's Residence
Red Top Mountain	Water System
Reed Bingham	Comfort Station
Reed Bingham	Caretaker's Residence
Reed Bingham	Concession Building
Seminole	Comfort Station
Seminole	Caretaker's Residence
Seminole	Five Cottages
Tugaloo	Comfort Station
Tugaloo	Rest Station
Victoria Bryant	Golf Course Irrigation
Vogel	Sewage System
Whitewater Creek	Comfort Station
Whitewater Creek	Control Building
Whitewater Creek	Group Shelter
Whitewater Creek	Rest Station
Watson Mill	Rest Station
Watson Mill	Well

### RED CROSS AQUATIC SCHOOL SET

Did you have a difficult time locating a qualified lifeguard this spring? Plan ahead and send several of your guards to Aquatic and First Aid School. The last remaining school for this summer is to be conducted August 21-31, at Camp Rockmont. Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The following is included in the school's curriculum:

1. **QUALIFYING INSTRUCTORS** - in first aid, water safety, and more advanced training for existing instructors.
2. **SEMINARS** - Community Aquatic Leadership, First Aid Leadership, Camp Waterfront Leadership and Swimming Pool Leadership.
3. **OPPORTUNITY** - for Water Safety Instructors whose authorization has expired to be re-certified.
4. **SPECIAL ELECTIVES** - Sailing, Canoeing, Rowing, Outboards.

Contact the American National Red Cross at 1955 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324 for further information. Telephone: 404-875-7921.

## PARKS AND RECREATION TRENDS FROM OTHER STATES

**ARIZONA:** A proposed state constitutional amendment to allow cities to issue bonds to buy land for parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities was approved by the Arizona legislature for submission to the voters in November.

**KENTUCKY:** In response to a recommendation from Governor Ford, the Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission accepted for public hearing an amended regulation to protect the entire length of the Ohio River in Kentucky for recreation use.

**OHIO:** Bills to expand state protection for scenic and recreation rivers and to establish a network of hiking and bicycling trails were passed by the Ohio House of Representatives and returned to the State Senate for concurrence in amendments before going to the governor for signature.

**TENNESSEE:** A parks, recreation and conservation planning study report prepared by the Memphis and Shelby County Planning Commission concluded that the recreation needs of citizens are not being met if they can't walk to a neighborhood park in 10 minutes or if there isn't a large park within three miles of their home.

**TEXAS:** Dr. William B. Dean, chairman of the Dallas Park Board, declared the city's long green line of park facilities along the Trinity River, when completed, will make Dallas the No. 1 city in the world for outdoor recreation. Discussing a recent announcement of a \$2.2 million federal matching grant to acquire 2,113 acres along the river for parks, Dean said the city must match the H.U.D. "open space" grant by approving \$1,117,593 in local bonds.



Alma-Bacon County is justifiably proud of this new Community Center. The building was paid for by Model Cities and Alma-Bacon County Recreation Board funds and features one of the newest designs of centers in Georgia. Sid Smith is the new Administrator of Parks and Recreation, and his office is housed in this facility.













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