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## MY VIEW

By DOUG UNDERWOOD  
Westview Editor

Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of *The Westview*, and we hope you'll welcome us . . . into your home week after week.

*The Westview* is a new community newspaper, serving some 7,469 homes in southwest Davidson County. Before you dig out your map, we'll tell you. You'll find that to be Bellevue and parts of Brookmeade, Hillwood and Westmeade.

The community newspaper is one of the most popular ideas in the country today, because it fills a need and a void that exists in larger cities such as Nashville; cities served by major daily newspapers such as the *Banner* and *Tennessean*. The *Banner* and *Tennessean* are designed, by necessity, to contain news from throughout their circulation areas, which reach from the mountains to the East past the river to the West, and from Southern Kentucky to North Alabama.

There just isn't enough room in these big dailies to tell you all you want to know about your immediate community. And that's where we come in.

Our creed will be: If you want to know what is happening in the capitals of the world, or in Washington . . . even if you want to know what is happening on Capital Hill in Nashville or the Metro council . . . look to the dailies, or to our excellent broadcast media representatives. It will not be in *The Westview* unless it directly and specifically affects the Westview area.

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Or at least that's MY VIEW. What's yours?

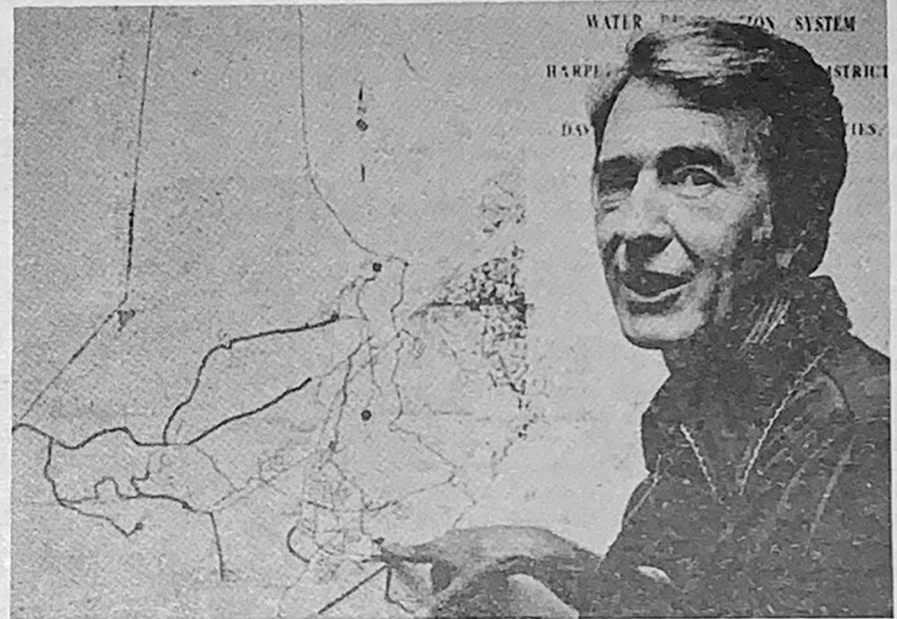
## \$9.6 Million for Bellevue Water-Sewer System

An estimated \$9.5 million is slated to be spent in the Harpeth Valley Water District (Bellevue-Pasquo) area over the next three years, according to Tom Kinnie, general manager of HVUD.

Currently under construction is a sewer line which will connect with a Metro pumping station to make public sewers available throughout the Overall Creek area.

Kinnie said the line will originate at the Harpeth Valley Sewage Treatment plant on the Harpeth River, and will go through River Plantation to Old Harding Road, then to Hicks Road and across Highway 70-S. From that point, Kinnie said, the line will follow Overall Creek to pumping station number two on River Road. From there it will pump into the Metro system.

According to Kinnie, the system will open up the Bellevue area to development which has been impossible until now because of the lack of capacity in the existing system.



Tom Kinnie, Superintendent of the HVUD, shows on a map routes of the new water and sewer lines

Most of the projects scheduled by HVUD, however, involve water systems. Project number 1, already completed, is 6,000 feet of 16-inch pipe and 1,500 feet of 12-inch pipe on Bellevue Road Sneed Road and Hicks Bend.

Project 2, already completed, is 10,000 feet of

12-inch water pipe and 2,500 feet of 12-inch pipe from Hicks Bend to Vaughn Road.

Also contemplated is project 2-A, 800 feet of 16-inch pipe to a two-million gallons stand-pipe (reservoir) on Hicks Road near the entrance to Iroquois Apartments.

Now under construction is Project 2-B, the Sawyer-Brown Pump Station, and project 2-C, and addition to the water filtration plant.

Four projects are planned for 1979. Project 3 goes across country from Poplar Creek to Hooten-Hows Road, and will bring more

## Bellevue Firehall holds open house



On Tuesday evening, Bellevue residents were guests at an open house at the new Bellevue Metro Firehall number 34.

Firemen have been occupying the hall for more than a week, after camping out with their equipment under the trees for several weeks, awaiting completion of the hall. Chief Willie Ackerman told *The*

*Westview* that the firemen were selected on the basis of being a West Nashville or Bellevue resident, who would be more likely to know the area of scattered rural roads in the Western part of the county.

Captain Raymond Buttrey said the firemen were proud of their new hall, and anxious to be considered part of the community.

## "Signs of the Times"

Evelyn Underwood, better-half of ye Ed, spotted some signs of the time in a recent drive through South Georgia. Besides a number of billboards pointing the way to Plains, Ga., home of President Jimmy Carter, she saw several others which said, "We, the farmers of Georgia, on strike, apologize to the people of the United States for helping elect J. Carter to the office of President."

Like a good newspaperman's wife, she stopped for some interviews. Farmers like Allen Fitzgerald and Calvin Stone expressed confidence on the honesty and good intentions of "J. Carter" but felt he was "just too small for the job."



# Bellevue Regional Mall Opening Set For '81

The Bellevue Regional Mall and the nearby service Merchandise plaza, will make Bellevue a regional shopping center for all Central Tennessee, according to local representative Roy Shainburg.

The Service Merchandise complex will be completed by summer of next year and the major shopping mall will be ready for occupancy by Spring of 1981. Shainburg confirmed to The Westview that the Bellevue Shopping Center will be almost as large as Rivergate and 100 Oaks combined.

"The new mall will contain 1.25 million square feet," Shainburg said, "and the combined square footage of Rivergate and 100 Oaks is 1.5 million square feet."

The Service Merchandise complex, slated for the earliest opening, will contain a major grocery store chain outlet and a major drug store chain store. Shainburg declined to identify the stores, awaiting the signing of contracts and the release of the information by the store management.

The complex will also have a Baskin Robbins ice cream store and some 2,700 square feet of additional space for specialty shops, etc.

The tract of land included in this development runs behind the Pizza Hut Restaurant, and includes the corner of Sawyer Brown Road and Highway 70-S at River Plantation. Shainburg said this corner is being retained for future development, and there are no firm plans for it at this time.

The large mall contained in the triangle of I-40, Highway 70-S and Sawyer Brown Road, is a joint venture of Taubman, Inc. of Troy, Mich., Belz Enterprises of Memphis and the M.H. Hausman Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Taubman Company," Shainburg said, "is the leading developer of shopping centers in the world, and owns 16 regional malls in the United States. This includes Woodfield Mall near Chicago, with 2.25 million square feet and 350 tenants.

Why Bellevue for this mall? Westview asked.

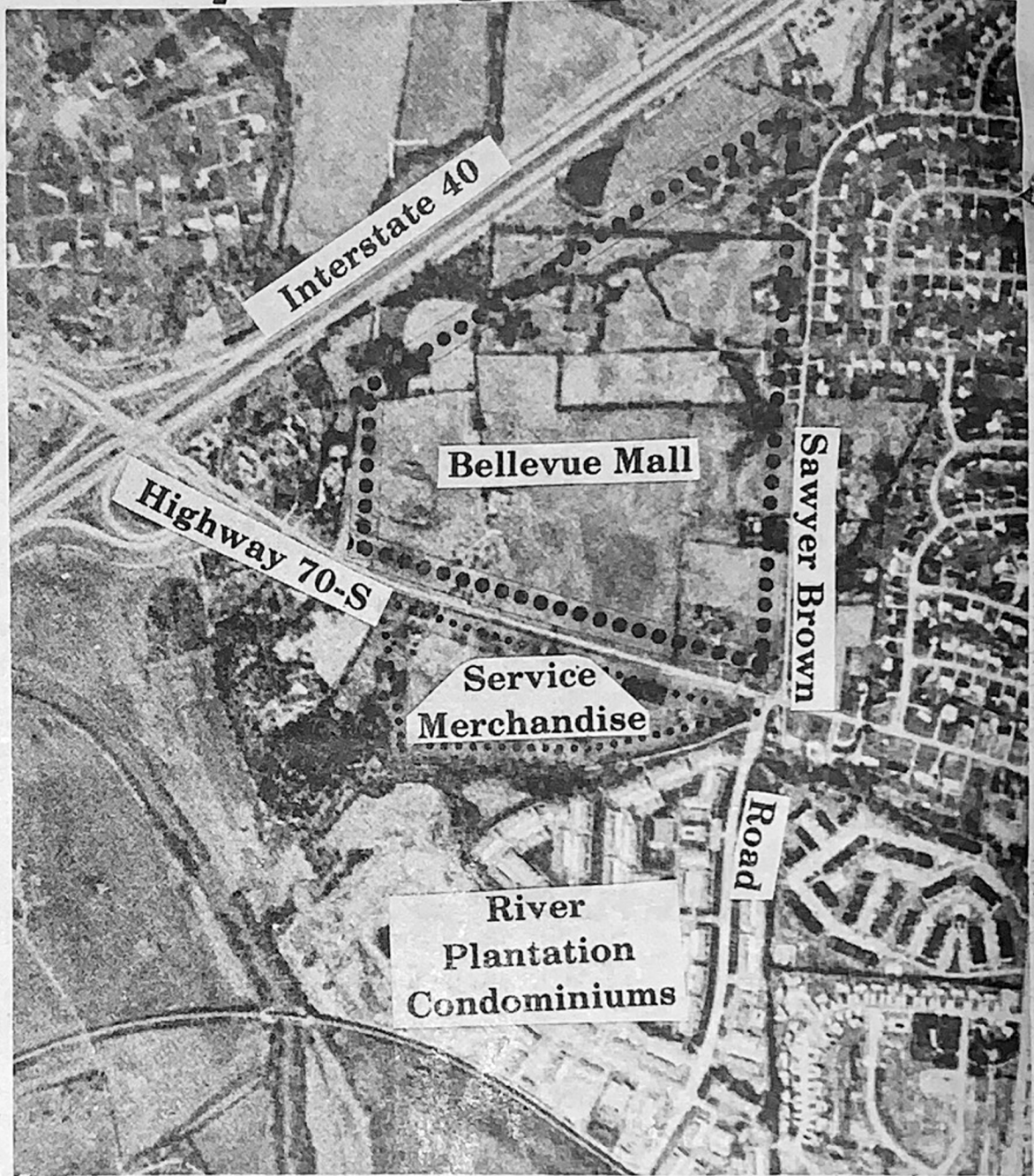
"Because Bellevue is the fastest growing area of Nashville with the highest per-capita income," he explained. Shainburg went on, "Every city has a main street, right? Then consider Broadway, West End and Harding Road as segments of Nashville's main street. It's easy to see where the next segment lies."

Shainburg said the Bellevue Mall would contain four and possibly five major department stores. When asked what they were, he smiled and said, "I'm not going to tell you, although I expect that's the worst kept secret in Bellevue."

When contacted, the stores with a guarded "no comment" were Cain-Sloan and Castner-Knott. The two others, according to the consensus of rumor in downtown Bellevue, are Sears and J.C. Penny.

Shainburg predicted that within five years Bellevue will be "like downtown Nashville."

Not a pleasant thought to many Bellevue residents.



This photograph shows an air view of the location of the proposed Bellevue Mall and the Service Merchandise plaza

## Legion Endorses Pension

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of The American Legion convened in New Orleans August 22-24, 1978, adopted Resolution Number 220 to amend Title 38, United States Code, so as to provide a special pension program for World War I veterans.

If the veteran is unmarried (or married but not living with his spouse) and his annual income does not exceed \$8,000.00, a pension shall be paid the veteran at the rate of \$150.00 per month.

If the veteran is married and living with his spouse, or has one or more dependents, and his annual income does not exceed \$10,000, a pension shall be paid the veteran at the rate of \$150 per month.

The Tennessee delegation unanimously supported this action on the Convention floor.

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# EDITORIAL

By DOUG UNDERWOOD  
Westview Publisher

I hope Nashville is proud of the Metro Police Department. We all should be.

Last Thursday's situation in the Pasquo area could have resulted in injury or death to dozens of area residents or police officers. When dealing with a mental patient armed with an arsenal of high powered weapons, the situation is explosive if cool heads don't prevail.

We've heard a few comments that the police over-reacted by sending a large force of officers into the area, blocking streets and surrounding the house. Anything less would have been under-reacting and could have led to much more serious criticism.

During the evening the disturbed man fired dozens of rounds of high powered ammunition. Police fired only once, when Davis had charged to within 13 yards of their position, and then fired only to wound. How many men, even seasoned combat veterans, could have been that cool in that situation?

This reporter spent many years covering the police beat for newspapers and television stations. I have been with Metro officers in prison riots, civil disturbances, and on those long lonely nights when anything could happen at any moment. I've crouched with them behind retaining walls as they were fired at during civil disturbances, and I've sat with them during the long, boring days in a dusty garage as they staked out a drug cache.

Granted, an occasional rotten apple shows up in the barrel. It does in any barrel. Usually this bad apple is discovered and thrown out by the department itself.

As far as I am concerned, they deserve the title Nashville's Finest.

## A. Bellevue

### Chamber of Commerce ?

It might be time for the merchants and business people of Bellevue to consider the formation of a Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

As this community, with its strong community pride and spirit is rapidly engulfed by Metropolitan Nashville, its identity is bound to slip away. When it is gone, it can never be recaptured.

# Report from Councilman Ruben

The Westview makes its pages available to all our elected officials as a way in which they may communicate with their constituency. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the publisher. If you have a question you would like Councilman Ruben to answer in this column, address it to him in care of The Westview, Box 39, Bellevue, Tn., 37221.

First let me introduce myself, I am your Councilman, I have had the privilege to date to serve you for a little over three years as your representative in the Metropolitan Council and I want to initially thank the editor and staff of The Westview for giving me the opportunity to bring you up to date on the happenings and the future happenings in the West Meade-Bellevue area. It is very difficult to be able to communicate with every member of this district without the use of mass communication such as this publication.

In the past three years we have been able to see some benefits from our government, and in our district. We have dedicated a new fire hall located near the intersection of 70 South 70 North on Charlotte providing fire protection for an area that never has had this type of protection before.

We have already dedicated a new fire hall at the intersection of Davidson Road and Brook Hollow Road for the residents who were recently annexed into the Urban Service. As result of this extension of fire service, those residents who have been annexed have their homeowner's insurance ratings reduced to a class 3 and those who are in the general service district, who will be serviced by the new fire

### LETTERS TO THE ED.

The Westview will appreciate hearing from readers who wish their letters published. If you request it, we will hold your name from publication, but every letter must be signed. Also, please include your telephone number (not for publication) so we may verify the writer if necessary.

If you wish to address your letter to a particular columnist, please so indicate on the envelope. Letters to columnists not answered in the published columns cannot be answered by letter.

halls and the existing Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department, are expected to have their fire insurance ratings reduced from the present class 9 or 10 to a possible class 6 or 7, which will be a savings to each and every property owner.

Further, the Harpeth Valley Utility District is presently providing a major expansion of their services which when finally completed, will provide water and sewer lines to many residents of the 35th District who have not had these facilities in prior years.

During my three years as your Councilman, I have tried to adopt a policy of repairing and repaving many streets in the rural section of the county of this district, streets which have not been paved in over 20 years. To date I am very happy to announce that for the past three years a great

majority of these rural roads have been paved. There are many others that are in great need of repavement, and we certainly hope that in the next year's program many of these streets will be paved.

Presently before the Council there are several very important matters, one of which is the repeal of the one and one-half percent sales tax which could create some very serious problems for the citizens of this community, should it pass. As it now stands, if this measure is repealed then the school will lose \$19,000,000.00 for this fiscal year and these funds would have to be appropriated from other sources which in essence means a possibility of a tax increase.

Further, before the Council is the questions of a salary raise for the office of Mayor and office of Vice-

Mayor. I am sure many of you have read recently where the salary of our Mayor and Vice Mayor are considerably lower than other communities of similar or smaller size than Nashville. It is my desire that we increase the salary for the office of Mayor and Vice-Mayor, which will be on the ballot in November of this year if the Council passes this ordinance.

In closing, let me state that I hope that through the use and facilities of The Westview we have an opportunity to express our views to each other and eventually work to the goal of maybe having question and answer, that is, you write this paper with some questions or problems that you have and I will try to answer them to the best of my ability and all the citizens will have the benefit to hear your problems and possible solutions or answers.

## CAPITOL COMMENTARY

By M. LEE SMITH

NASHVILLE--In the race for governor, Democrat Jake Butcher and Republican Lamar Alexander are mousing a lot about the need for more efficiency and economy in state government.

In almost every speech Butcher says he wants to put his business experience to work in government. With Joe Taxpayer talking loudly these days about the high cost of government, this campaign rhetoric should surprise no one. Promising more efficiency is a vague and easy promise to make and is like promising more apple pie.

But when it comes to specifics, neither Butcher nor Alexander has much to offer. And in fact, both have recently stated views contrary to a comprehensive reorganization plan to provide a more efficient and business-like delivery of state services.

When he met recently with representatives of veterans' groups, Butcher told them he is opposed to the proposal in the reorganization plan which would merge the Department of Veterans Affairs with other departments of state government. Alexander says he agrees.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has only about 60 out of almost 38,000 state employees. The budget of the department is less than one-fourth of one percent of the total state operating budget.

An agency this size became a separate department of state government only because of political pressures exerted by veterans' groups. It makes no sense from an administrative standpoint and results in an unnecessarily large number of separate state departments. Stated briefly, it is an inefficient way to do business.

In another recent statement,

Alexander spoke against the reorganization recommendation that would fold the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency into another department of state government. At the present time the TWRA, which promulgates state hunting and fishing regulations, is an independent agency not under the jurisdiction of nor answerable to the Governor, the state's chief administrative officer.

Most Tennessee sportsmen prefer to have the TWRA kept out of the executive branch of state government and set off to one side so they can exercise more control over agency programs. But state wildlife resources belong to all Tennesseans, not just those who buy hunting and fishing licenses. And the independent agency structure fragments state government and results in poorly coordinated and inefficient delivery of services.

Tennessee sportsmen often say that continuing the TWRA as an independent agency keeps it out of politics. But there is no agency of state government that has been more involved in political bickerings in the last several years than the state wildlife agency. And whether the TWRA remains independent or is merged with another department of state government, it will continue to be subject to political pressures.

Undoubtedly, statements such as those made recently by Butcher and Alexander will be appealing to the interest groups they are designed to appease. But what the statements also indicate is that, other rhetoric to the contrary, neither candidate is willing to make the tough decisions necessary to organize state government on a well-structured, efficient, business-like basis.

And for Joe Taxpayer that's just too bad.

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# as i see it

By Ilene J. Cornwell

The opinions expressed in the "As I See It" column are those of Ms. Cornwell. Westview's "staff rabble rouser", would appreciate comment from her readers. Address your response to As I See It, in care of Westview, Box 39, Bellevue, Nashville, Tn. 37221.

"I believe in Bellevue." You've seen those bumper stickers, right? When I drive to and from work in Nashville each day, I see them on about one-fourth of the cars. That's a good sign; we have lots of folks who "believe in Bellevue," and lots of folks — period.

Sometimes the wheel that squeaks does get oiled. Bellevue residents raised a ruckus about the lack of a traffic light at Old Hickory Blvd. and Highway 70-S (resulting in a number of horrendous, heartbreaking accidents in a relatively short time), and Councilman Leon Rubin did, indeed, make that traffic light a priority item — which is now installed.

And a lot of us yelled about the two-lane Highway 70-S several years ago and begged to have it widened (trying to turn off 70-S into a street or driveway was suicide in heavy traffic), and, State Representative Mike Murphy sponsored action to widen the road and the Tennessee Department of Transportation did make the highway into a four-

lane road, and added a turning lane. That's progress — constructive progress.

Another example of constructive progress was in the early '70s, when the General Assembly was considering action to remove the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act (environmental protection which prohibited dumping of sewage into waterways, among other things) from the Big Harpeth River. Spearheaded by the Bellevue Women's Club and Bellevue Historical and Literary Society, and sponsored by Rep. Mike Murphy and Sen. Doug Henry, Big Harpeth in Davidson County — our Big Harpeth — remained protected by the environmental protection law. Legislative action removed only the portions of Big Harpeth in Cheatham and Williamson counties from the Scenic Rivers Act.

Those were real victories for the "caring" Bellevue residents. But what about destructive "progress"? It's rampant. With the slick commercial buildings and signs taking over the landscape, we're beginning to look like the Las Vegas-East of Tennessee — that is, if Gatlinburg is excluded. Is this what we, the homeowners and residents, want for Bellevue? The tinsel and neon lights along 70-S don't, of course, include bright or adequate street lights, which we have asked

for and not received. There is not enough lighting along 70-S nor Old Harding Road or any busy thoroughfare to prevent the raping of a woman — as happened in a Bellevue shopping center about a year ago.

Now, I'm not politicking or plugging candidates who will be running for office in November. I'm just saying that we often get results if we raise our voices and let our desires be heard by those whom we elect to public office. The question is: If you believe, or are even interested, in Bellevue, are you taking time to care for this community and making your voice heard? We have families who must be cared for, lives which should be peaceful and productive, and we pay our share (or more) of the designated Metro taxes. Ah, taxes. I shouldn't mention that now. That subject will take an entire column — to enumerate what we're not getting for our tax dollars. Well, maybe next time.

Frankly, I'm curious. Am I a lone crusader? Or are there more advocates of "controlled progress" out there? Do you care if you're getting ripped off or receiving less than you should?

Let me hear from you! If you want to speak out on an issue (and that includes you, Gloria), write to me in care of Westview. "As I See It" is your column of opinion... let's use it, huh?

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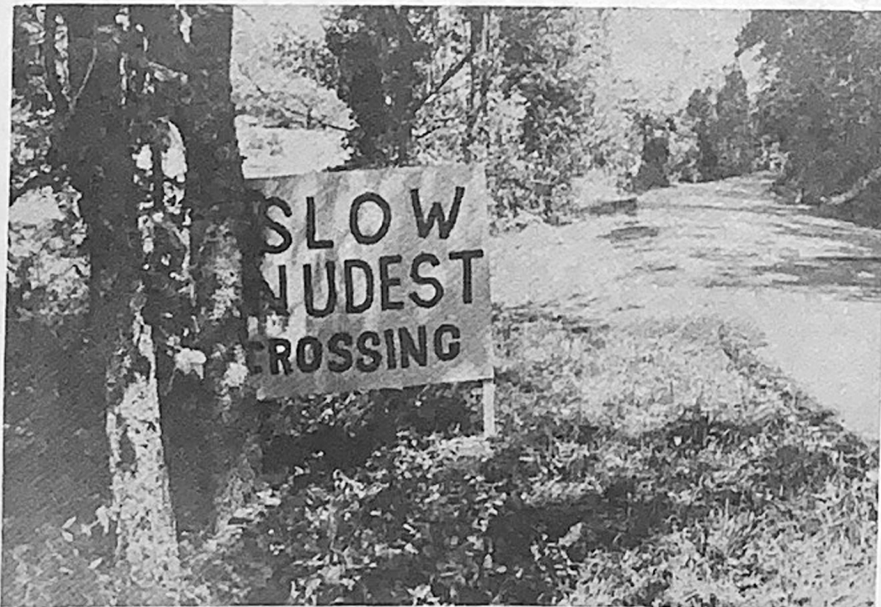
Then Your Library Must Contain "Footsteps Along The Harpeth" by Ilene Cornwell

The 20-page booklet features a line drawing or photograph on each page, and a center-fold map locating historic sites in the Bellevue community. Subjects include "First footsteps," a history of Indian inhabitants; "Natchez Trace," the Indian trail winding along Backbone Ridge, Pasquo and into Nashville; Devon Farm on Highway 100; Riverside, Belle Vue (I) and Belle Vue (II); the Christian and Methodist churches; "Following the Railroad," "Richland Turnpike," and Newsom's Mill, as well as others.

Footsteps is a "trail blazer in the history of the Harpeth Valley, and is sure to stimulate wider interest in the subject."  
-Hugh Walker  
Davidson Co. Historian

"... this is a valuable addition to the historical literature of Tennessee."  
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Tenn.'s State Historian

Footsteps "contributes much to the history of that area which has been much neglected."  
-Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director,  
Tenn. Historical Com.



And no one sighted a single crossing! Not only that, no one will admit knowing anything about this sign which mysteriously appeared on Buffalo Road recently and disappeared just as mysteriously two days later. Some speculated it might have been put up by a safety-minded individual who was trying to slow traffic on the dangerous curves on Buffalo Road. Others think it was more dangerous to traffic... it slowed the cars, but the drivers didn't keep their eyes on the road. One thing was certain. It wasn't put up by a spelling contest winner

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# YOU AND THE LAW

By Osta Underwood  
J. D., C. L. U.

*Ms. Underwood is an attorney and a Chartered Life Underwriter. She is one of the leading authorities on estate planning in the Southeast. If you have further questions about the subjects discussed in her column, please consult your attorney.*

## Why Should I Have A Will?

Everyone has a will. If you have not had one drawn for yourself, the State has done it for you under the laws of descent and distribution, but chances are, the one the State has done is not drawn the way you would want it. For instance, if you are married, you may have all of your property titled in such a way that your surviving spouse would inherit it all, and this is as you want it. But would you not like to appoint an Executor, and perhaps waive bond? If you do not, the Court appoints an Administrator to settle your affairs post mortem for you.

You may want to leave part of your property to your spouse and part in trust for minor children to qualify for the "Marital Deduction" under the Federal Estate Tax Laws. You need a Will to do this. If both you and your spouse should not live until your children are 21, you may want to take advantage of the new "Orphan's Benefit" to save Estate Taxes, and this can be done only if you have a Will.

If you have children under 18 years of age, do you not want to name the guardian who will rear the children instead of having the Court do it for you? Then, you need a Will, if you want to name your own chosen person. And you may wish to choose the Trustee who will handle the money you leave to minor children. If you do, you will need a Will.

What do you want done if you, your spouse and your small children are all killed in a car accident — who do you want to have your property, your insurance? Chances are, in this instance, you definitely would prefer to choose your beneficiary than to have the one the state would choose for you.

If you are single,

widowed, or divorced, the probabilities are very strong you would prefer to make your own Will rather than have the one the State has written for you.

Wills are not for wealthy people only. Wills are for everyone who wants to name an Executor, who wants to name a guardian, who wants to name a trustee, who wants property to go differently to the way the laws of descent and distribution would distribute it, anyone who wants to make charitable bequests. The less you have, the more important it goes where you want it to go with the least delay and the least expense. Therefore, you need a Will.

*Westview's column You and the Law will be written by our panel of local attorneys. Your questions may be submitted to this column in care of Westview, Box 39, Bellevue, Tn. 37221. Questions to be answer-*

*ed will be chosen on the basis of universal interest. Some questions, for reasons of length or technical problems, cannot be answered. If your question is not answered with the detail you would like, please contact your personal attorney.*



Westview photo by Doug Underwood

*Metro Unusual Situations Team (MUST) officers crouch behind a police car outside the home of Donald Davis throughout the long afternoon. It was one of these officers who wounded Davis as he charged police lines around mid-night.*

## Police MUST Officers at Area House

By DOUG UNDERWOOD  
Westview Editor

It is a strange feeling to be suddenly projected back in time to a career you left ten years ago, only after you have decided to re-enter it.

I spent almost 22 years as a newspaper-then-television reporter, mostly on the police beat. Time was when every prison riot, bank robbery or shoot-out found me in attendance, no matter what the hour. Ten years ago I left that life, and only recently realized that a reporter can't be happy doing anything else. Hence *The Westview*.

Last Thursday as I drove along Highway 100 I suddenly arrived at an intersection clogged by police cars. The Marcia Tremble Mobile Command Post was just arriving. I discovered

that an armed man was holding a hostage in a house on that road. Seems like old times, I thought.

I arrived near the scene to find a gang of my old news media cohorts, along with what seemed like dozens of fresh young faces, sitting in the shade amid tons of camera and recording equipment, awaiting developments.

I made my way down the street, keeping a row of houses between me and the hostage house, in order to get the above picture. A youngster from a local TV station where I worked when he was probably in grammar school, shouted, "Who are you with?"

When I replied *The Westview*, he shook his head as if he hadn't heard correctly and asked, "The whut?"

## Plants and Answers

By Teresa Anderson

**Q.** When I bring my geraniums inside for the winter the leaves always turn yellow and fall off. Please tell me what I can do to have better looking geraniums.

**A.** It's a good idea to place the geraniums on a shady porch to adjust them gradually to coming indoors. Spray for bugs and fertilize them lightly at this time. Next, place the geraniums in the sunniest, but coolest spot of your house. Gradually decrease watering, stopping completely by November.

Withholding all water through the winter months seems to work best for me. In the spring, water the plants and set pots outdoors.

**Q.** My new False Aralia is dropping all its leaves. I've moved it from spot to spot trying to find a good location for it, but nothing seems to stop the leaves from falling. What should I do?

**A.** First, place the Aralia in a shady and humid area outside and fertilize the plant. Pinch back top

growth to promote bushing. In the house these plants need a very bright room with added humidity. Water the soil only when it is thoroughly dry. Also, the False Aralia is subject to shock, so only handle them when absolutely necessary. There are many different members of the Araliaceae family, most of them easier to grow than the False Aralia.

**Q.** My leaf begonia has done beautifully for six weeks, constantly bloom-

ing. Yesterday I discovered a whitish mold on the bases of the main stalks. What could it be and how can I get rid of it?

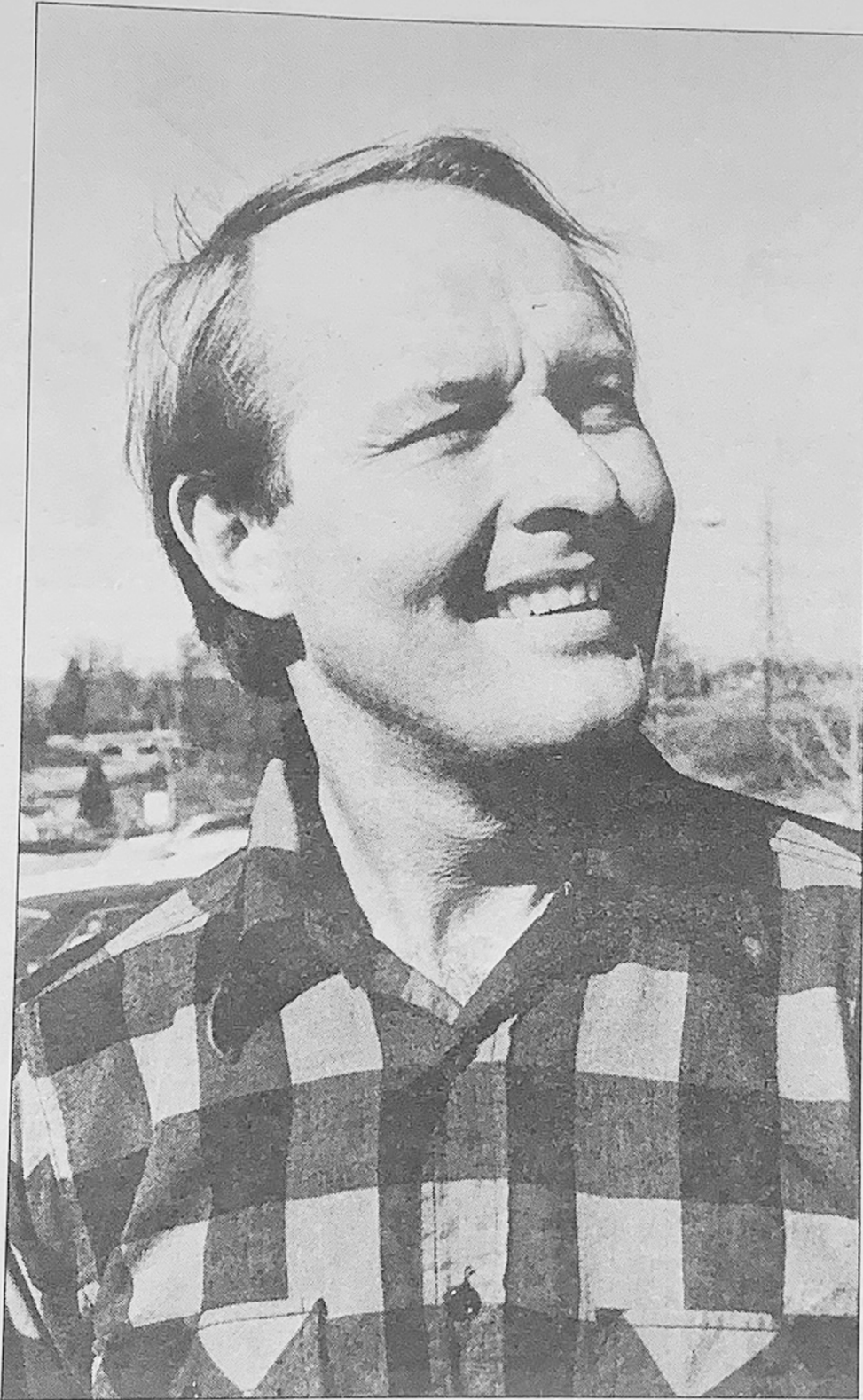
**A.** The powdery mildew on your begonia was probably caused by prolonged soil wetness and poor air circulation. Next time the soil is thoroughly dry apply a fungicide to the soil. Provide your begonia with cool temperatures and good air circulation. Always let soil dry out before watering.

### September Garden Tips

September usually brings cool nights and clear days, an ideal tonic for plants. Keep fresh air circulation at a maximum. Now is a good time to repot any plants that still need it, especially those pretty ferns purchased this summer.

If you have any questions about house plants, you may ask Teresa to answer them by writing to Plants & Answers, *The Westview*, Box 39, Bellevue Post Office, Nashville, Tn. 37221.





**“After walking  
1000 miles  
across  
Tennessee,  
the message  
is clear.**

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people can't be pleased.

However, while occupying the firehall in the woods, they had an excellent opportunity to watch the deer which inhabit the nearby hills, and have become almost tame. With a smile, Chief Ackerman told *The Westview*, "I told them they had better not let me

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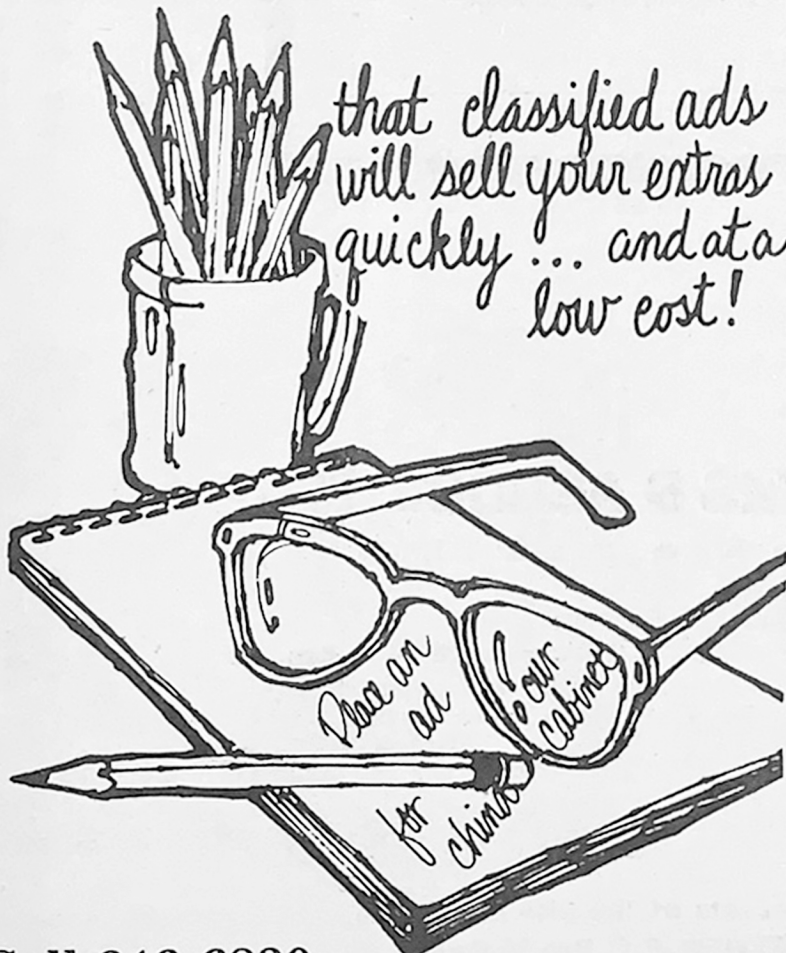
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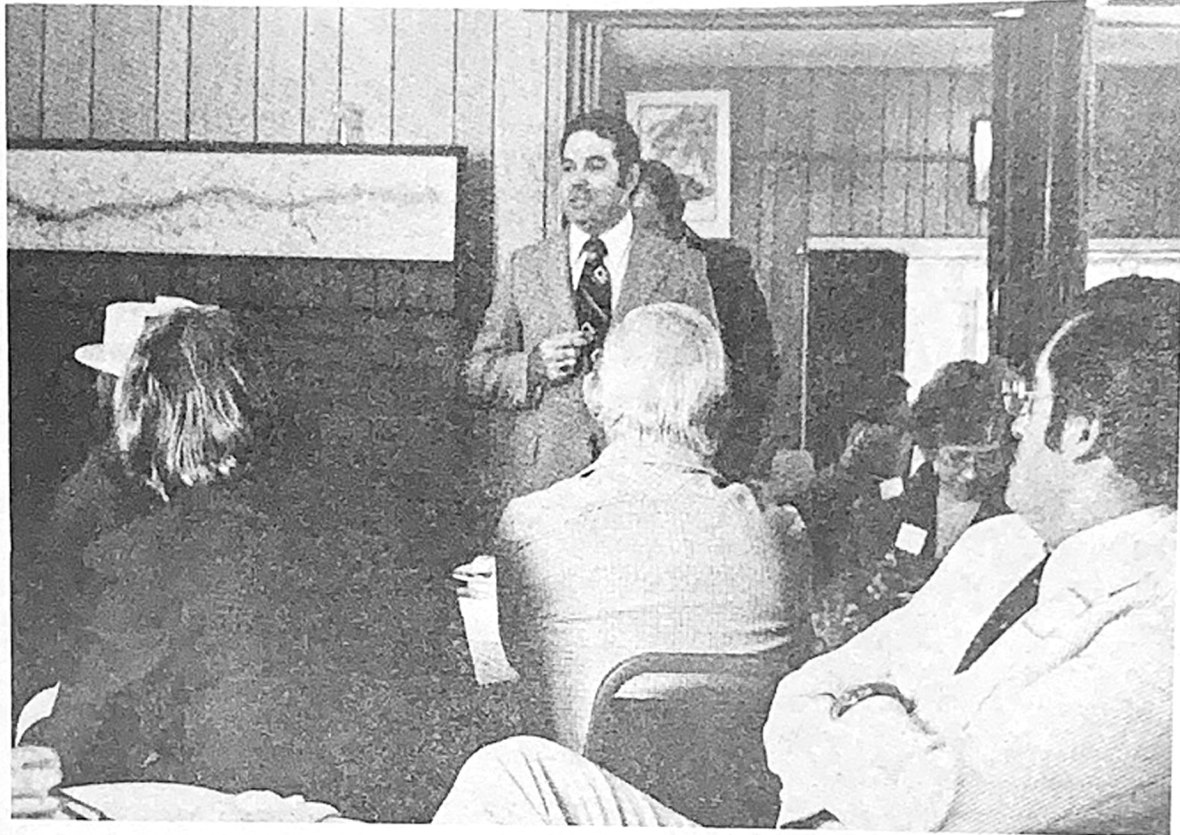
# Contract let for new stretch of Natchez Trace Parkway

Contracts will be let this week for completion of a six-mile stretch of the Natchez Trace Parkway in Lewis County, Tennessee, according to an announcement by Natchez Trace Parkway Superintendent Jack Ogle.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the Natchez Trace Association of Tennessee at a country ham breakfast at Loveless Motel, near where the parkway will eventually find its way into Highway 100 near the Pasquo community.

The Natchez Trace Parkway, a project of the National Park Service, will be a broad two-lane highway, following the trail of the historic trace from Nashville to Natchez, Mississippi. All but a few scattered stretches totaling 103.9 miles of the 450-mile parkway have been completed. With the completion of the six-mile stretch which is being let this week, only approximately 30 more miles will remain to be completed in Tennessee, bringing the Tennessee end of the Parkway into Davidson County.

The entire parkway will be under the supervision of the National Park Service, and will serve not only as a means of transportation



In the above picture, Natchez Trace Parkway Superintendent Jack Ogle addresses a large meeting of the Tennessee chapter of the Natchez Trace Association

but also as a scenic route with speed controlled to 30 miles an hour.

The Natchez Trace Parkway project began in 1934, with the original funding by Congress for land acquisition to commemorate the historic trace which, since prehistoric

times had been a migration route for animals and a primary trail used by southeastern Indian tribes. Construction has been slow and erratic, but there are presently 246 miles open to traffic along the parkway.

Ogle also announced that the last of many obstacles such as environmental impact studies has been cleared, and the only thing now standing in the way of the completion is funding.

When it is completed, access and exit routes in Southwest Davidson County will carry an additional load. This problem prompted a question by State Senator Douglas Henry about the availability of funds to improve routes such as McCrory Lane and Highway 100, Ogle responded that there are no provisions for this in the Park Service funding or planning, and local governmental agencies must take the initiative to solve these problems. It is estimated that as many as several thousand cars a week may be funneled through the Highway 100-McCrory Lane area each week when the Parkway is completed.

Co-hosts for the breakfast meeting were the Natchez Trace Parkway Association of Tennessee and Loveless Restaurant owners Mr. and Mrs.

Charles McCabe Association president Ilene J. Cornwell urged the group to make its voice heard in Congress and among the citizens of Tennessee.

"We must stir up interest," Cornwell said, "so that people will realize the importance of the completion of the Parkway."

NTAT treasurer Tom Green introduced the many guests, representing a cross-section of business, civic and governmental interests, and called attention to the growth of the association in Tennessee. "In Mississippi," he said, "a Natchez Trace Association meeting draws several hundred people. But interest is growing in Tennessee." The breakfast meeting was among the best-attended ever held by the Tennessee branch of the association.

Guest speaker Jack Ogle, a Tennessee native who is now superintendent of the parkway, gave a status report on the entire project. He said that some 100 miles of existing parkway are now being given new overlay treatment because of decay resulting from the lack of traffic. "Some of the segment is already constructed ended up in the middle of nowhere," he said, "which meant they

have not been properly used. The completion of new connecting segments will make these useful to the public and will bring added use."

In stating that all hurdles had been cleared except for funding, Ogle cited the need for appropriation from Congress's 1979 fiscal year. "We expect to have funds from the House-Senate Conference Committee to make considerable strides forward," he said. "That goal includes \$15 million for construction, which includes the Tennessee-Tombigbee Bridge; \$3.5 million for Alabama, and \$500,000 for planning programs."

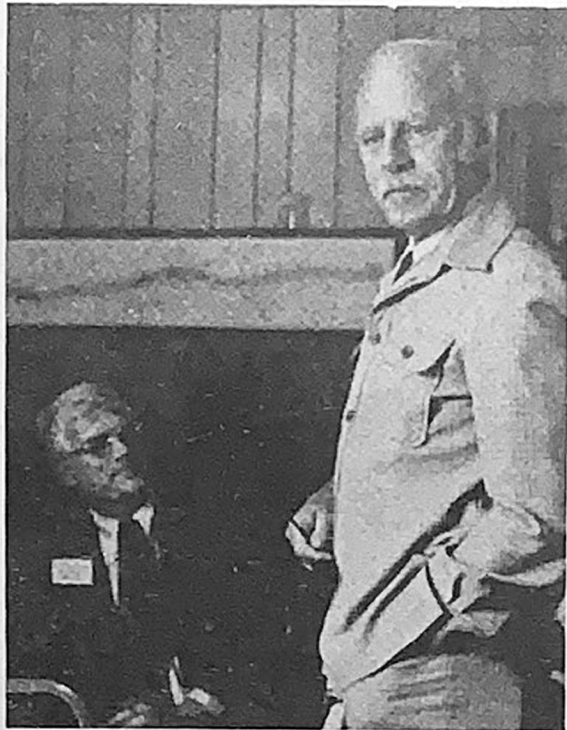
Among those attending and pledging support for completion of the Natchez Trace Parkway were Fred Wheeler, representing Commissioner Eddie Shaw, State Department of Transportation; Dr. and Mrs. Fayette Williams, Natchez Trace Assn. of Mississippi, from Corinth, Miss.; State Senator Douglas Henry (21st District), Nashville; Dave Rogers, representing U. S. Senator Howard Baker; Dave McDole, representing U. S. Senator Jim Sasser; Kathy Lindsey, representing Senator Sasser; Bob Horton, representing Mayor Richard Fulton; Melanie Morris, representing gubernatorial candi-

date Jake Butcher; Bill Lamb, director of Metro Public Works; Frank Keown, executive director of the Tennessee River Valley Association, based in Decatur, Alabama.

Also Herbert L. Harper, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission; George Heeron, northern district ranger for the Parkway; Tom Price, president of the Mid-South AAA; Calvin LeHew, parkway supporter and owner of Carter's Court in Franklin; Dennis Crawford, deputy director of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, and Polly Lewis, assistant commissioner of Tourist Development; Jim Sorrells, vice-president of Commerce Union Bank; Bob Logue, vice-president of the Third National Bank; and Bill Shuff, industrial representative for the Third National Bank.

Others are Dick Kenny, vice-president of tourism for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Fred Harris, assistant commissioner of Tennessee Department of Economic Development; Will Rogers, representing Congressman Robin Beard; Gene Brymer, executive director of Tennesseans for Better Transportation; Hunt Helm, representing Ken Morrell, member of the board of NTAT (and executive vice-president of *The Nashville Banner*); Lucy Hendrix, industrial representative of the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Assn.; Marshall Stewart, executive director of the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments; Ilene Cornwell, president of the Natchez Trace Assn. of Tennessee; Tom Green, NTAT treasurer and president of the Tennessee River Valley Assn.; Fritz Niggler, executive director of the Tennessee Indian Council; Ray Emanuel, finance director of the Tennessee Indian Council; Bill Goodwin, candidate for Fifth District Congressman; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCabe, owners of the Loveless Motel and Cafe.

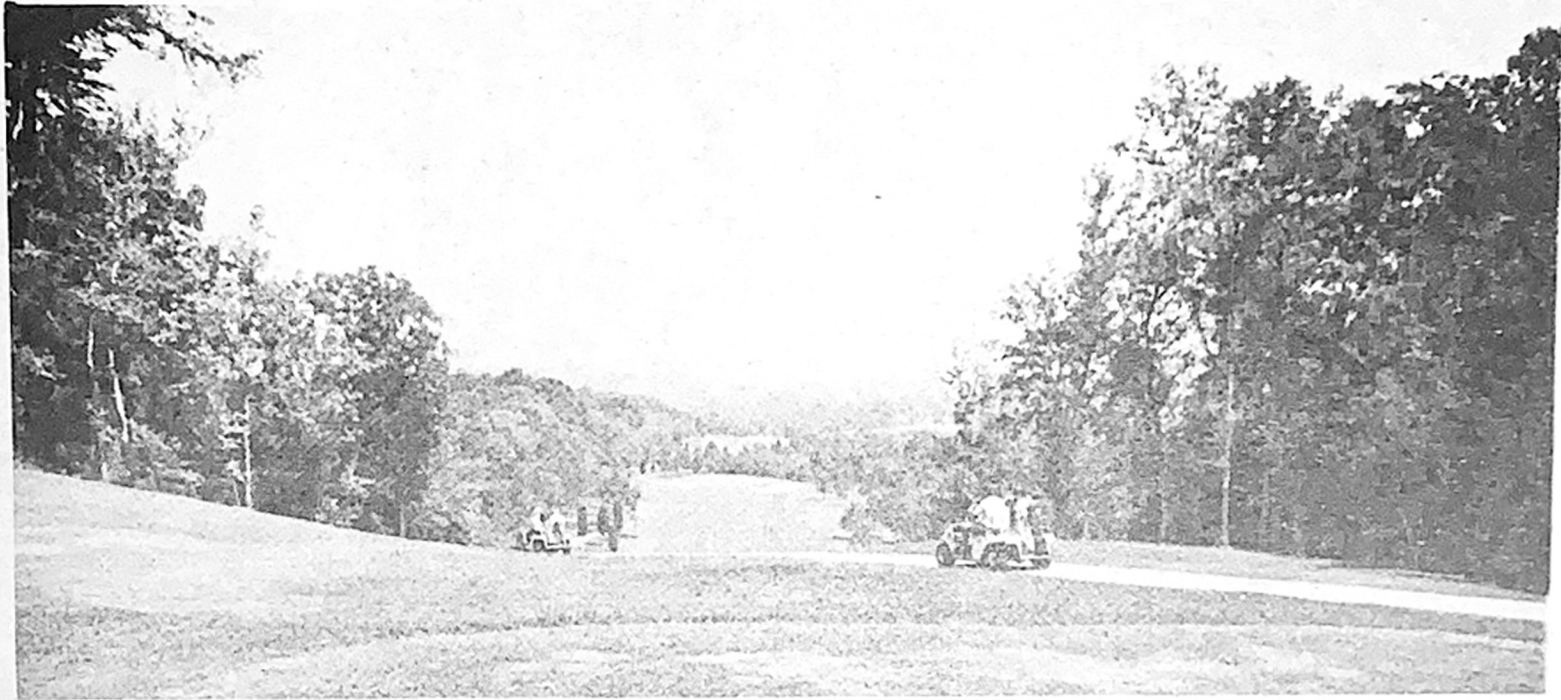
"This has been a 'family affair'," said Cornwell, at the conclusion of the breakfast. "Everyone here this morning was invited for obvious reasons: because you've cared about the Natchez Trace Parkway and because you've worked for its completion."



Commissioner Buck Allison of the Department of Conservation has long been a supporter of the completion of the Natchez Trace Parkway.



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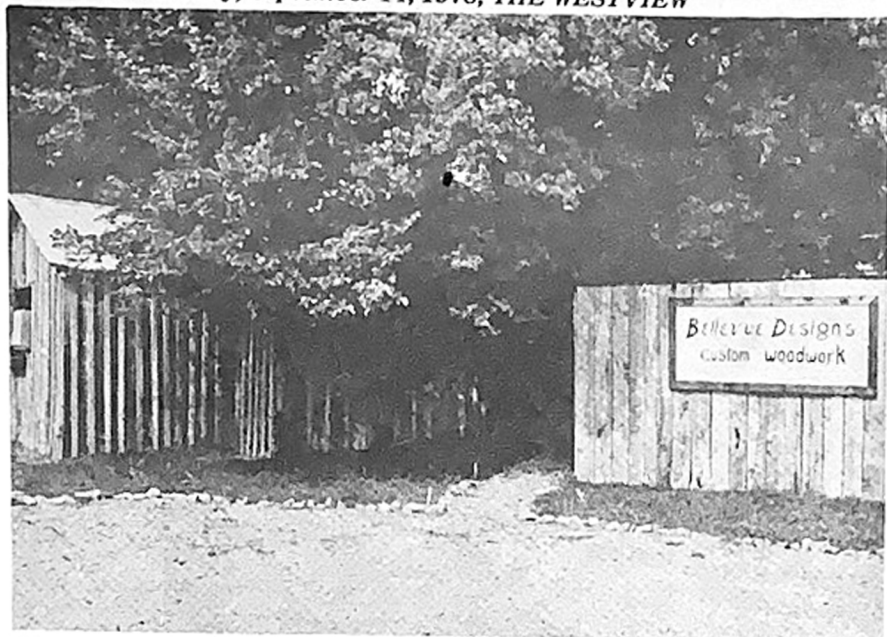


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## Wells Works With Wood

Mike Wells, a young man following an ancient and dying craft, says he feels he is "making somebody's family heirloom" when he turns out a piece of his one-of-a-kind hand crafted furniture.

Mike maintains his shop in a small frame building behind the Bellevue Market in Old Bellevue, at Old Harding Road and Bellevue Road. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wells of Willow Creek Drive isn't following in his father's footsteps, however. His father is vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank, in charge of the Nashville office. His

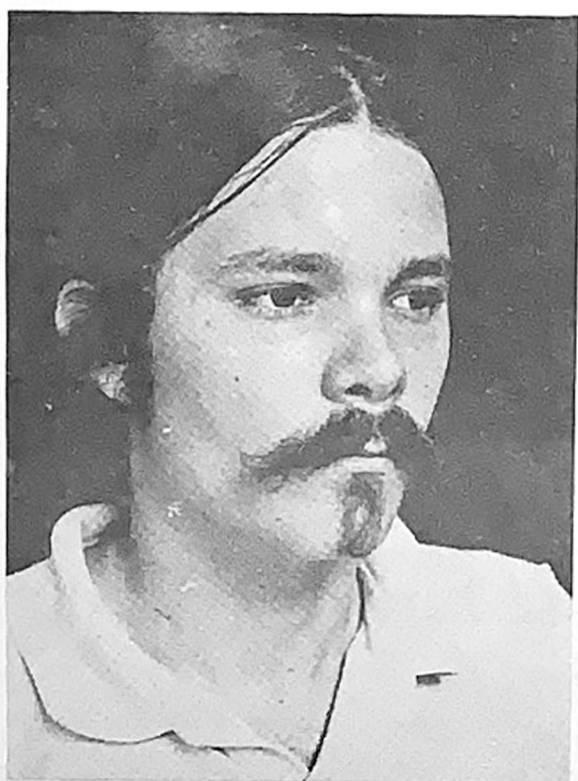
mother, Gloria Wells, operates the Bellevue Bookkeeping Service, and is active in the Bellevue Women's Club.

Mike is a graduate of Bellevue High School, and has been making furniture for three years. "I wanted to be independent," he says, "and not have to work for somebody else. Besides, I like to be able to see the creative results of my efforts."

Although Mike's father is not a woodworker, his grandfather, the late Ray Donaldson of Atlanta, worked for many years building wooden mock-ups

of cockpit interiors for Lockheed Aircraft in Atlanta. Mike's grandfather died recently at the age of 81, without seeing the workshop in which this young Bellevue resident works in his craft.

Mike approaches a beautiful piece of wood with almost a reverence. "I like to think," he says, "that I am creating a piece of furniture that is unlike any other in the world, because each piece is individual. Also, I like the feeling that something I have created will be treasured in someone's family even after I am gone."

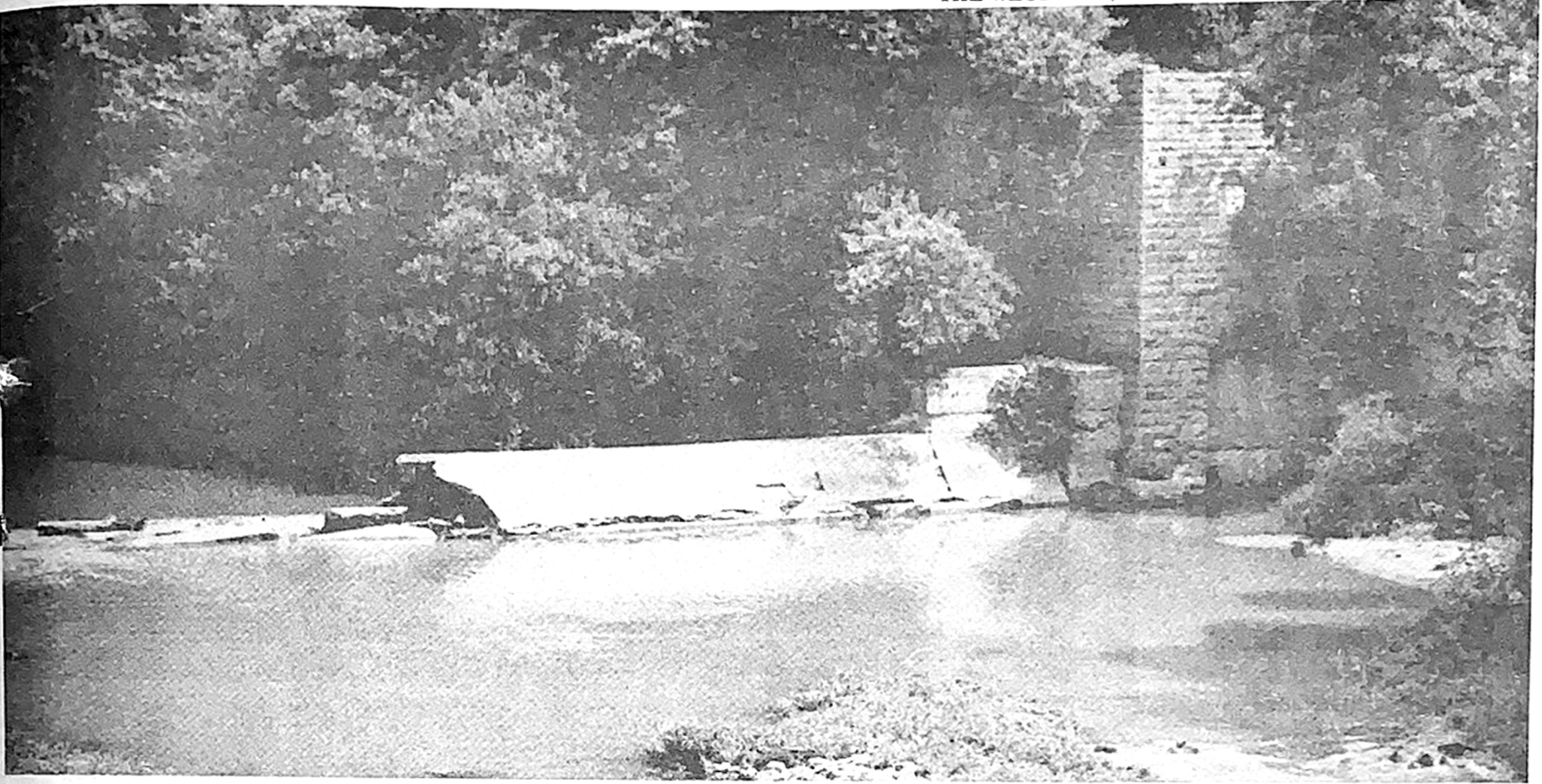


Mike Wells, a young man following an old craft



In the background young Mike Wells works with some of his equipment, while in the foreground is an inlaid coffee table, currently under construction





# Newsom's Mill on the Harpeth may be Restored

By JOHN JIRAN

If Tennessee Conservation Commissioner B. R. Allison has his way, the state-owned lands along the Harpeth River in Davidson and Cheatham Counties will be developed as a unit in a scenic-historic recreation corridor.

Included in the state properties is historic Newsom's Mill located between U.S. Highway 70 and Interstate 40 near the Cheatham County line. The sturdy stone block mill was built by Jimmy Newsom in 1862.

Now only the stone work remains of the beautiful old mill, but under Commissioner Allison's plan, the mill building will be reconstructed and will once again operate for visitors to the area.

Allison will soon ask the Tennessee State Building Commission to approve pending \$45,000 for two concrete canoe access ramps on the Harpeth, one of these to be located at Newsom's Mill.

The other ramp, for which state funds have already been appropriated, will be located at the Highway 100 bridge on the Harpeth at the Davidson-Williamson County line. Both access points will benefit residents of Southwest Davidson County interested in floating the river.

At the same Building Commission meeting, Allison will outline a plan of development for the Harpeth River corridor that will turn the area into "one of the most popular scenic historic recreation areas in the country," he said.

In addition to the access point at Newsom Mill, Allison will ask the Building Commission for pre-planning approval of picnic facilities, hiking trails and the restoration of the mill.

Allison's request to the Building Commission will be for the release of pre-planning funds enabling the department to hire an architect to come up with a development plan for the entire Harpeth River package.

The Department of Conservation recently purchased 101 acres that included the historic Narrows of the Harpeth River where Montgomery Bell built and operated the Patterson Forge.

The land has been held in a trust by Potter Foundation of Nashville and has been used over the years by the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts decided to sell the land to the department for a state historic area.

Under Allison's plan, the Narrows will be part of the scenic-historic corridor. The commissioner would

like to see Patterson's Forge reconstructed and a network of trails developed to help visitors enjoy the history of the area. Plans also call for picnic facilities, primitive camping sites and a bridge across the Harpeth leading to Mound Bottoms.

Mound Bottoms is a significant historical and archaeological site now under state ownership. Under the development plan, a visitor and interpretation center and a museum will be constructed to aid visitors in their exploration of Tennessee pre-history.

If the department get's approval to begin this project along the Harpeth, the project will be "a very dramatic restoration of Tennessee history and the preservation of more to Tennessee's loveliness as a state," Allison said.

"This Harpeth River corridor will offer something for just about everyone, including history and pre-history buffs, canoeists, hikers, picnickers, and campers," he added.

The area has the potential of becoming one of the most popular scenic-historic areas in the country and certainly could be of great value to the tourism industry of Southwest Davidson County.

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# Church of Christ Expanding Facilities

By JOHN JIRAN

The Bellevue Church of Christ has come a long way since the congregation first met in 1967 in a vacant school building on Hicks Road, and now the church is undertaking a \$370,000 construction project as further evidence of its growth.

Now going up at the church, located at 7401 Highway 70-S in Bellevue, is a new wing that will include 20 new Sunday school rooms and a large, multi-purpose activity room.

A general growth in the congregation has necessitated the construction of this new wing, explained Ralph Ferrell, chairman of the church's building committee.

This growth can also be seen in the portable Sunday school classrooms on the church property.

The new wing, which was designed by architect Edgar L. Baldwin of Nashville, is being constructed by T. W. Frierson Contractors, also of Nashville. Ferrell said with good weather, the new wing should be completed by May of 1979.

The 16,000 square feet of the new wing provides a multi-purpose room for a variety of other activities, 20 new classrooms, a youth room, kitchen space, and additional restrooms. Under this contract additional parking spaces will be provided as well as a new entrance onto Highway 70-S.

The congregation's first worship service was held in the school building on Feb. 26, 1967, with 117 persons attending. Today, more than 500 persons attend each service.

Marlin Connelly Jr. became the first regular minister of the congregation in July 1967 and has served the church since then. Ground was broken on April 14, 1968 for the present building and the congregation moved into the facility in early 1969.

Serving the congregation in addition to Connelly is Greg Hines, the associate minister. On the building committee with Ferrell is Sparky Foster, elder-in-charge, Edgar Baldwin, Roger Baskette, Robert Brewer, Lloyd Esmond, Greg Hines, Jim Lincoln and H. Larry Smith Jr.



Construction is under way at the Bellevue Church of Christ for a large addition

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The Building Finance Committee consists of Riley Holliday, chairman; Jere Bailey, John Dillion, Talford Gainey, H. Larry Smith Jr. and Romey Suggs.

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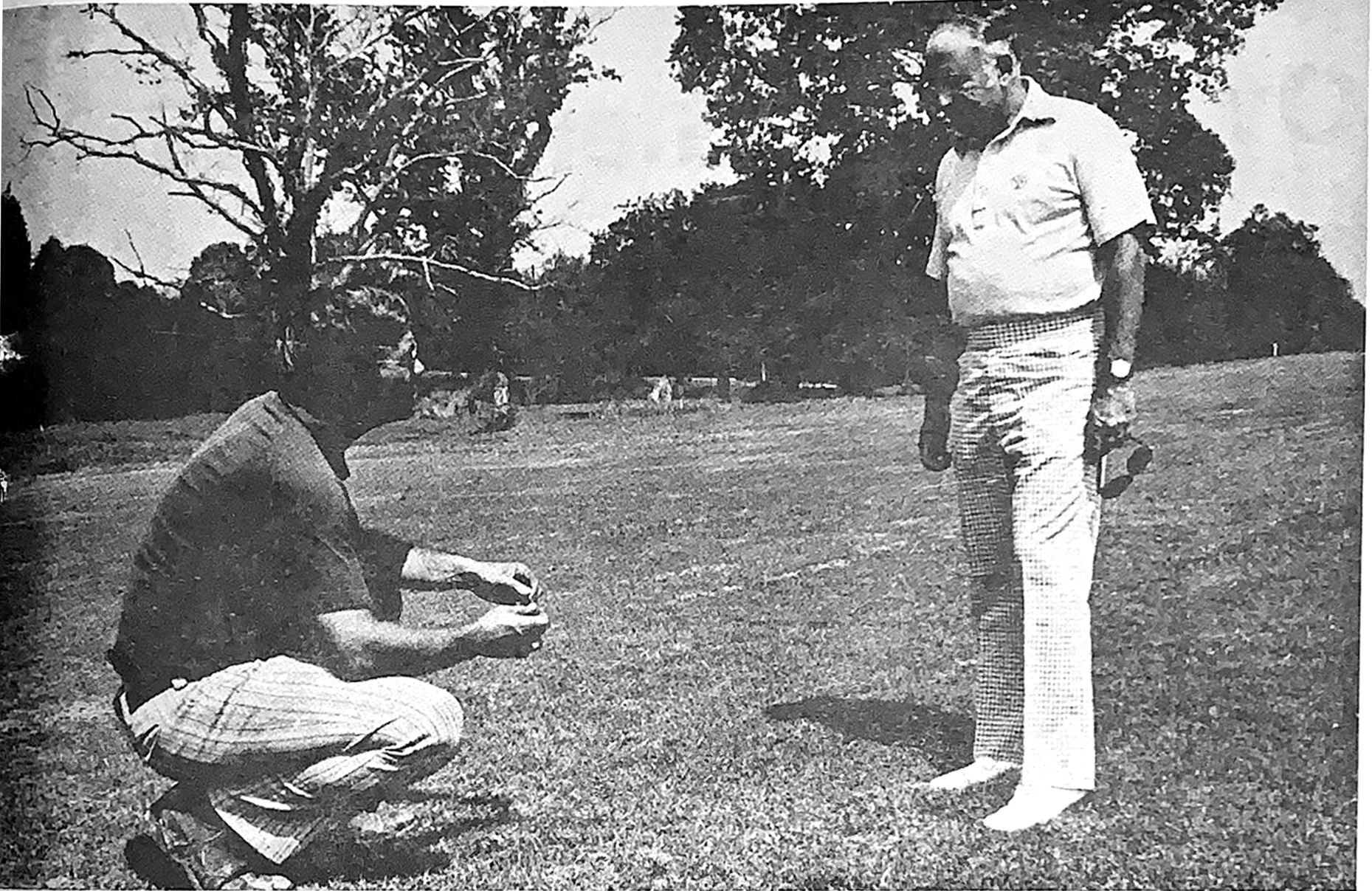


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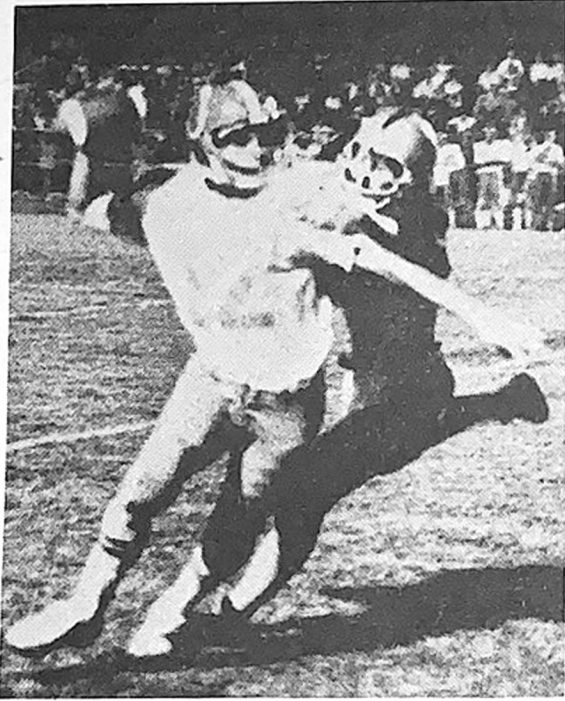
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# Owls roust Glencriff, 28-12



*Noseguard Tory Cassety breaks up a pass attempt by Glencriff's quarterback*

The Bellevue Owls rolled to an impressive 28-12 win over Glencriff last Friday night at Owl field.

The Owls took to the air early, with Tim Arrington passing for 18 yards to John Wade for the first score, and teaming with Wade again for 12 yards and a TD to score again, both in the first half.

Kirk Mitchell converted for the extra point on both these touchdowns, and the Owls went into the locker room at halftime with a 14-0 lead.

The Owls were also impressive defensively, stopping Glencriff both up the middle and on their wide plays. Owl defenders dropped their opponents for lost yardage several times, and harried their quarterback into too-quick passes several times.

In the second half the Owls stretched their lead to 28-0 before allowing their visitors a place on the scoreboard.

Keith Garston broke into paydirt from one yard out in the third quarter and Jeff

Flershaur contributed a fourth quarter smash from a yard out. Mitchell's talented toe added the extra point after each of these.

Glencriff began cutting into Bellevue's comfortable lead in the final quarter, with James Simpson contributing TDs from three yards and one yard.

Both their attempts for conversion points failed.

The Owls were a considerably improved team from last week, when Hillwe dropped them. More of smooth teamwork which rolled up 180 rushing yards against Hillsboro was evident, coupled with a very good defensive effort.

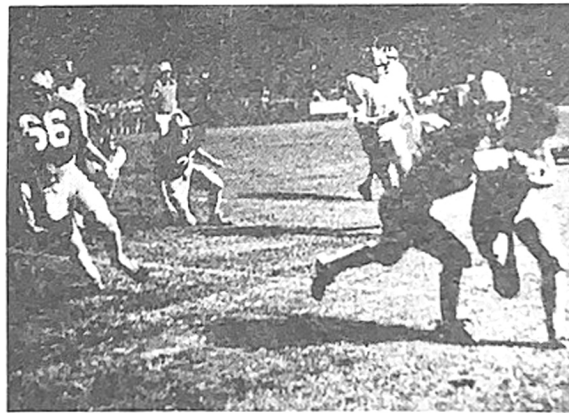


*Mundy up the middle, getting yardage the hard way against some determined Glencriff defenders*

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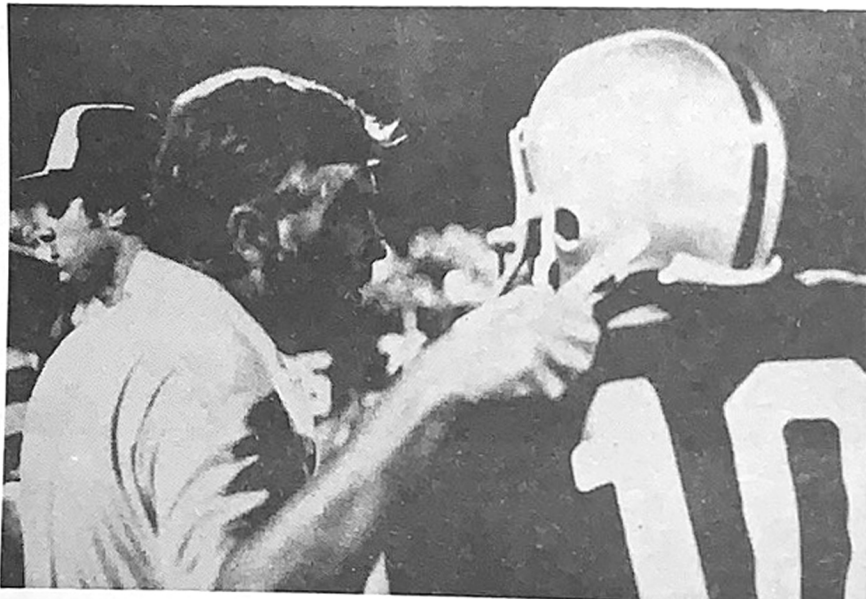
*Tim Arrington goes for a long gainer. To the left is Tommy Mundy*



*Halfback Ted Potter gains 12 before being stopped by a defender. In the background are guard Tony Keaton (66) and left halfback Tommy Mundy*



*Bellevue's first TD of the evening. Mike Wade pulls in a Tim Arrington pass for six*



*Coach John Crawford gives offensive instructions to quarterback Arrington*



*The Bellevue flag squad approved heartily of the performance of the Owls on the field*



# The Comics:

# An American Art Form

By TRACY PERNELL

The comic strip is as much a part of Americana as is baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and a certain automobile company I can't mention without permission. The characters of this unique American mythos have become just as much a part of the American family as the family members themselves. We have laughed at the antics of such characters as Blondie Dagwood, Peanuts, Heathcliff and Beetle Bailey, and have cheered the exploits of Howard the Duck, Flash Gordon, The Phantom and Dick Tracy.

In this column, and in the weeks to come, I will explore the realms of this unique fantasy world, and hopefully you, the reader, will learn more about the comic strip, the comic book, and their many characters.

This week's column, though, concerns itself with the mightiest hero of all time: SUPERMAN! (All information in this column obtained and reproduced through the courtesy of DC Comics, Incorporated, Jenette Kahn, Publisher.)

*Superman: From*

*Conception to Krypton*

Superman was created in the summer of 1933 by Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, two Cleveland, Ohio youths. The inspiration for the character of Superman came to Jerry one night while he was lying in bed. He jumped out of bed, wrote it down, and went back to bed to think for another couple of hours, got out of bed, and wrote down more thoughts. By the morning, Jerry Siegel had a complete script.

Without stopping for breakfast, Jerry ran twelve blocks to see his friend Joe Shuster, an artist. The two 17-year-olds began to develop their "Superman" into comic strip form.

It was a great idea, but it got absolutely nowhere. The strip remained unsold, unwanted, and generally ignored until 1938, when a new comic named ACTION COMICS featured Superman as its lead story. This was a sign that the character was strong enough to have its own magazine, due to the incredible foresight of M.C. Gaines, a pioneer of the comic book field, and Harry Donenfeld, head of the company which produced ACTION COMICS. The comics field would never be the same.

The original Superman costume, as drawn by Joe Shuster, looked something like riding breeches and an undershirt. It wasn't until several years later that the Man of Steel began sporting the familiar red, yellow, and blue skintight

outfit that has become his trademark.

How did Superman come to our planet Earth? And how did he gain his fantastic super powers? Here then is the origin of Superman.

*Superman: From Krypton to Smallville*

Superman was born as Kal-el on the remote planet Krypton, which was light-years away from our own galaxy. Krypton revolved around a red sun and had tremendous gravity due to the influence of the red sun. Kal-el was born in the city of Kryptonopolis, Krypton's second capitol city (Krypton's first capitol, Kandor, was shrunken and stolen as part of a collection by the super-criminal Brainiac.) Kryptonopolis was located in Krypton's Western Hemisphere or the "New World" Hemisphere.

Superman's father, Jor-el, and his mother, Lara, were both prominent citizens of Kryptonopolis.

Jor-el was a member of the Science Council, the ruling body of Krypton. Kryptonians lived under a technocracy (government by scientists and engineers), and their leader was the most prominent scientist on the planet. Life on Krypton was almost a perfect Utopian society. Then the tragedy started.

For three Kryptonian months, the planet's surface had been racked by earthquakes caused by violent internal stresses at the planet's core. Jor-el, prophesying doom for Krypton, introduced a plan to the Science Council which would allow for the construction of giant "space arks" which would transport the entire Kryptonian population to another habitable planet in the event of the feared explosion of Krypton. (It should be noted that the planet selected for relocation was our own Earth.) Calling it madness, the Science Council rejected this plan and dismissed Jor-el's theories as so much

hogwash. Jor-el was not stopped by this, and he began constructing a rocket for his family.

The fateful day arrived as Krypton began its own destruction. Jor-el, returning from a Science Council meeting, hurried home through massive destruction. He and Lara secured the baby Kal-el in a prototype of the rocket that he had not had time to construct a full-scale model of. He tried to convince Lara to go, but she refused. She was a faithful wife, and she stayed with her husband. Finally, they resigned themselves to their fate and launched the rocket containing Kal-el.

As the rocket sped from the gravitational pull of Krypton, thanks to special warp-drive engines designed by Jor-el, the entire planet exploded in a paroxysm of flame and fury.

The rocket sped through space at an unbelievable rate, completing an interstellar journey in days. Soon it came into the

gravitational field of Earth, orbited the planet several times, and then fell to earth, landing alongside a road outside of Smallville, Illinois.

Fortunately for Kal-el, driving by just as the rocket landed were an elderly couple from Smallville, Jonathan and Martha Kent. Jonathan was a highly respected man in Smallville, and he owned a general store in the rural community. He saw the rocket crash-land in the nearby field and, racing for the space vehicle, he heard the sound of crying emanating from the ship. The hatch burst open, and baby Kal-el popped out into the arms of Mr. Kent.

Mr. Kent quickly loaded the rocket onto the back of his truck and gave the baby to his wife. His wife was delighted with the child and wanted to adopt it. Knowing full well a baby from space would cause unwanted publicity from

unscrupulous newsmen, Mr. Kent suggested that they leave the child at the County Orphanage in Smallville and then return and claim him.

At the County Orphanage, the baby Superman began to exhibit some very peculiar tendencies different from those of normal children his age. He showed tremendous strength by lifting up playpens to retrieve toys. He would fly through his room, much to the delight of other children who wanted to ride also. Doctors found out they could not immunize him, for his skin was so impenetrable that hypodermic needles would break or bend against his body.

Finally, the Kents returned to adopt the baby, much to the delight of the Orphanage Directors, who were glad to get rid of him. The Kents decided to name their super-baby Clark, after Martha Kent's maiden name. The Kents were unable to have children, so having a son of their own at last was an occasion of great joy for them.

When Clark reached the age of 10, his super powers began to develop. As well as having super-strength, super-speed, and invulnerability, his eyes began to emit certain kinds of beams, thus giving him heat, x-ray, telescopic, microscopic, and infrared

vision. Working with his father, both Clark and Jonathan discovered that Earth's yellow-sun radiation and lighter gravity gave him his powers. The lighter gravity gave him his flying ability, and a mixture of gravity and yellow radiation gave him his super-strength, while yellow-sun radiation alone gave him his vision and hearing powers. While on Krypton, under the red sun, Kal-el had no powers, but

Earth's sun charged him with energy, even at night, due to ultra-solar radiation bombarding the Earth at all times. It has also been discovered that when Superman is exposed to red-sun radiation, he becomes as vulnerable as any normal man, due to his earlier non-powered environment on Krypton.

Superman's other weaknesses are: Magic, Q-Energy, and his greatest (and deadliest) weakness: Kryptonite!

I'll go into depth about his weaknesses and meet some of his friends at home and at his job when I continue with "Superman: From Smallville to Metropolis" in next week's column.

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# Bellevue Landmark, Hows-Hutton Home— Then & Now



The old Hows-Hutton home on Highway 70 near Buffalo Road is shown as it appeared in 1895 and as it appears today. Shown seated in the first picture are Tennessee Jordan Hows and her husband, Frances Belfield Hows. Standing behind are (left to right) Kate, Joe, Earl and Steve Hows. The home is shown to the right as it appears today. It is now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. James Madden. They have lived there for almost two years,

since Dr. Madden moved here to open his practice in plastic surgery. The old picture was loaned by Mrs. Nancy Grimes who lives on Highway 70-S. Kate Hows, shown in the picture, is Mrs. Grimes' grandmother. Before we start getting letters, let me say that no one remembers the name of the mule.



U. S. Senator

## Jim Sasser

### A Report for Tennesseans

I was very encouraged by TVA Chairman David Freeman's decision to reject the proposed four percent increase in TVA's rates.

Late last month, I participated in TVA's

hearing on the rate proposal, calling on Chairman Freeman to deny the four percent increase. I felt that the increase should have been denied for the following reasons:

First, the rate increase proposal was inflationary, and the last thing we need is to feed the inflationary spiral.

Second, denying this increase will encourage

internal economies within TVA and should assist in developing a more efficient operation.

Third, the TVA should carefully examine alternative financing proposals.

In addition, I called on the TVA to reclaim its traditional mission as the power cost yardstick of the nation. Although TVA's rates are lower than those in other sections of the nation, TVA rates have increased at a faster pace over the past few years. The average price for a kilowatt hour of TVA electricity has increased by 157 percent over the past ten years, much higher than the national average of 62 percent.

Fourth, the denial of this rate increase helps assure the people of the Tennessee Valley that their interests come first in TVA considerations of rate proposals.

During the TVA hearing, I also urged Chairman Freeman to consider some changes in TVA's operation. For example, the fuel adjustment clause simply passes along directly to the consumer the costs of coal. As long as this pass-through is automatic, there is little incentive for the coal industry to hold down prices. In this sense, the fuel adjustment clause is inflationary. I believe that the elimination of the clause would set up a firmer cost discipline at TVA and encourage greater efficiency.

As I see it, this increase is due to three factors: (1) the

high interest costs on borrowings by TVA, (2) the escalating costs of coal and other fuels, and (3) the delays in getting new power supplies on line.

Consumers in the Tennessee Valley can seek some relief from the federal government. For instance, I favor legislation to allow TVA to charge off the costs of pollution control facilities against the payments and repayments TVA is required to make on its annual power investment.

Private utilities have certain advantages under tax laws in this regard that TVA does not now have. The people of the Tennessee Valley deserve the same consideration.

## BEARD'S EYE VIEW

By  
Congressman

## ROBIN BEARD



A speech by national pollsters Robert Teeter and Peter Hart at the National Governors' Association meeting in Boston recently raised some points about Americans' attitudes toward their government I find very disturbing.

According to pollster Teeter, the most prevalent attitude of persons surveyed is that the individual can no longer affect the operation of public or private institutions.

And according to pollster Hart, the voter sees no link between his taxes and government spending.

In my opinion, it is this second attitude that makes

the first one true.

It has continued to amaze me during my three terms in Congress how many members of the House and Senate continuously denounce the evils of inflation and wasteful government spending and high taxes, yet these same members have voting records that, when examined, clearly mark them as the biggest spenders in Congress.

Unfortunately, they are able to perpetuate their false images as fiscal conservatives simply because few voters ever take the time to examine their voting records before casting their vote for their

representation in the government.

It has always been a source of lively debate whether or not the size of the national debt has any real impact on the taxpayer. While the national debt may be an intangible thing that the average taxpayer finds difficult to comprehend, the fact is that the interest on that debt is now the third largest item in the Federal budget every year. And the interest payment comes right out of the taxpayer's pocketbook every year. So there is a definite link between taxes and governmental spending.

Recently, Rep. Morris Udall came under fire from a Utah newspaper for denouncing inflation in his latest newsletter to his constituents. The newspaper pointed out, rightfully that Mr. Udall's voting record did not match his rhetoric.

If more voters took the time to examine their representatives' voting records and challenge their campaign rhetoric, fewer politicians would be able to get away with these deceptions.

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# TEA Head Claims Teachers In Middle

Many classroom teachers feel helplessly caught in the crossfire of impossible demands, says Cavit Cheshier, executive secretary of the Tennessee Education Association, an organization representing more than 43,000 teachers in the state.

In an editorial in the September issue of TEA's journal, *Tennessee Teacher*, Cheshier says that "for years, classroom teachers have complained about the absence of adequate time to teach the three Rs."

"Obviously," he added, "their desires and requests in years past have largely gone unheeded while the list of 'good and valuable things to teach' has continued to grow.

"As the schools...are called upon to teach parenting, drug awareness, driver education, the evils of smoking, procedures of voting, bicycle safety, sex education, citizenship, and on and on, the time must be taken from some subjects — but which ones?" he asks.

In a separate article, Sisk, executive

director of the Knoxville Education Association, says that "knocking teachers has become the 'in' thing to do."

He argues that teachers, however, have little to do with most educational decisions, including:

Textbooks: "Classroom teachers may select textbooks only from lists already approved by the State Board of Education; even then their choices are subject to the approval of local administrative staff and ratification by the local school board."

Curriculum: "Classroom teachers do not determine curricular requirements for graduation. These are set by state school boards."

Pupil placement: "Classroom teachers have very little control over placement in individual classroom situations and still less over the pupil-student ratio of any school system."

Regarding public criticism that unqualified persons are entering the teaching profession, Sisk notes that "classroom teachers have little or no

input into certification or employment standards ... nor textbooks or course content of the subjects offered in colleges of education."

Other articles in the September issue deal with the struggle between public and private education, the

negotiations process and items teachers can negotiate other than salaries and fringe benefits, a humorous look at TV's impact on the student, and the public's view of teachers and education as evidenced by the results of a national public opinion poll.

## TSMA Offers Public Three Fall Courses

The Tennessee State Museum Association, the public support organization for the Tennessee State Museum, announces three fall courses, open to the public. The courses are "Genealogy", "The Sky Above Us", and "Photographing Your Children".

Virginia Watson of Franklin will teach the ten-week genealogy course on Tuesday mornings, September 19 through November 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon, at the University of Tennessee at Nashville. The course covers the fundamentals of American

ancestral research and records interpretation and research. Mrs. Watson, who worked for the State Library and Archives for 12 years, is an author on genealogy and serves as Chairman of the TSMA. The cost is \$32 for TSMA members and \$40 for non-members.

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Special medical insurance is now available to supplement general health care coverage

Last month, cancer insurance turned 20 years old. Designed to supplement other coverage provided by general health insurance policies, cancer insurance is now offered by an estimated 300 companies in the United States.

In response to growing curiosity about it, John B. Amos, originator of cancer insurance and chairman of the American Family Corporation—the largest underwriter of cancer coverage in the world—agreed to answer a number of key questions about it.

**Q. Is cancer so rampant as to warrant special insurance for it alone?**

**A.** According to the American Cancer Society, one out of every four Americans now alive—and two out of every three households—will be struck by cancer, and the percentages are increasing. Most tragically, cancer is especially cruel to children; more youngsters 3 to 14 years of age are killed by cancer than by any other disease.

**Q. But doesn't general health insurance do a good job in covering the cost of cancer?**

**A.** The average internal cancer will cost the patient more than \$20,000 in hospitalization, radiation, drugs, and doctors' bills, according to the American Cancer Society. Even with

general health insurance, between 19 and 38 million people have "less than adequate protection against catastrophic expenses," reports the Congressional Budget Office. What with deductibles, co-insurance, and limits on what policies will pay for each individual treatment, general health insurance is like a giant sieve. On the average, close to 30% of the medical cost seeps through that sieve.

**Q. Is cancer insurance limited to reimbursing medical costs?**

**A.** No. General health insurance policies don't cover such very real expenses as loss of income, transportation, lodgings, etc. that are incurred by the patient or family during a typical bout with cancer. A cancer insurance non-medical expense policy is intended to cover a substantial portion of those costs, too.

**Q. Who is eligible to buy cancer insurance?**

**A.** Anyone who has not had the disease. American Family requires no medical test, just a statement that the applicant has not had cancer.

**Q. How much does cancer insurance cost?**

**A.** American Family has several plans. Bought directly from the company, the annual cost is \$50 for an individual or \$75 for a family. Bought through an association, those costs are \$45 or \$62. Through a payroll deduction plan at work, the costs are further reduced to \$42 or \$57. (The rates vary by pennies from

state to state.)

**Q. Are there different rates for different ages?**

**A.** No. American Family charges the same premium to a 75-year-old as to a 21-year-old.

**Q. What benefits are available?**

**A.** Policyholders are entitled to a wide range of benefits (always paid directly to them), currently covering hospital confinement, drugs and medicine, convalescence, surgery, physician and private nursing care, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, anesthesia, blood and plasma, ambulance and government hospital confinement. The average claim paid by American Family amounts to \$101 per day; there is no lifetime maximum on aggregate benefits payable by the company.

**Q. Can a policy be canceled by the company?**

**A.** No, only by the insured.

**Q. Won't a cancer insurance policy become obsolete if the United States gets national health insurance?**

**A.** No, because no national health insurance proposed is ever intended to fully cover such catastrophic diseases as cancer. In Japan, for example, which does have national health insurance, American Family's policies cover close to three million people.

## Dr. Kelly Visits Historical Society



Dr. James Kelly of the Tennessee State Musieum was a recent guest speaker at the Bellevue Historical Society. Dr. Kelly brought with him several artifacts from the musieum. Above he shows a pistol belonging to Tennessee's first governor, John Sevier. It is believed to have been captured at the Battle of Kin'gs Mountain. Examining the pistol are Mrs. Mark Hicks and Mrs. G. R. Plummer



Society members Verla Hodges and Dr. Edgar Duncan look at a sword held by Dr. Kelly. This sword was presented to General Sevier by the North Carolina legislature for his service against the British at King's Mountain

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# book views



by Ilene J. Cornwell

We heard a lot during the Bicentennial Fever of 1976 about books dealing with history and in Tennessee, about the history of the settling of our state. Titles appeared like "Flashes in the pan" and soon were heard of no longer; one can only guess how important they were.

A notable exception was Jim Kelly's *From Settlement to Statehood: A Pictorial History of Tennessee of 1796*. Even a cursory reading of *Settlement* was enough to let the reader know that the author had spent a great deal of time in research prior to assembling the book; his "homework" was obvious! Adding to the appeal of the text was the work done by Dan Pomeroy in designing

the cover and layout. Only non-profit organizations (such as the now-defunct Tennessee American Revolution Bicentennial Commission) can offer a quality publication for such a nominal price (\$5.00).

Every private and public library should contain a copy of Kelly's *Settlement*. This volume offers a concise, factual synopsis of the "making of a state" and of a country, and this book is profusely illustrated—sure to appeal to all elementary and secondary students who may be struggling through classes in Tennessee American history!

Chapter titles fairly well sum up the significance of this book: "First Settlements and The Watauga

Association" tells the beginning of Tennessee (as we now know it). The *American Revolution* tells of how our ancestors faced the various conflicts with the British, Indians, and dividing factors at home; "The Cumberland Settlements and the 'Lost' State of Franklin" tells of our "growing pains" and the push for independence; "The Achievement of Statehood" tells of our state's finally coming of age to face responsibility for what was wrought; and "The Fabric of Frontier Society" offers insight into the cultural development of early Tennessee. It's all fascinating, simply fascinating.

James C Kelly has appeared in *Bellevue*

during the past three or four years as a speaker on Bicentennial activities (remember "Bellevue Bygone Days"? He was a staunch supporter of that activity and helped us greatly during our planning of that event) and just this past August was the speaker for the Bellevue Historical and Literary Society, speaking on his

new role as director of research for the Tennessee State Museum (deviating every so often to enter into acquisitions for the museum).

There are several titles in the Bicentennial series produced by the TARBC in its halcyon years; *Settlement*, however, is one you cannot afford to let pass! It's available from the

Tennessee Historical Commission, 170 Second Avenue North, Nashville, TN. 37201.

*From Settlement to Statehood: A Pictorial History of Tennessee to 1796*, by James C. Kelly. Hardback, illustrations, 1-54 pp., Notes, \$5.00 (which included postage and handling).

## Highway Tax Notices Are Mailed

Approximately 1400 notices of possible Federal Highway Use Tax delinquency have been mailed to Tennessee truck and bus owners and users, District Director James A. O'Hara today announced. The mailing is part of the IRS's annual Highway Use Tax Returns Compliance

Program. Truck and bus owners who do not respond, or give an incomplete response to the notices, will be contacted by IRS personnel beginning in September.

Taxpayers who are delinquent in filing their highway use tax returns should not wait to be

contacted, but should file immediately to avoid additional penalties and interest, O'Hara said.

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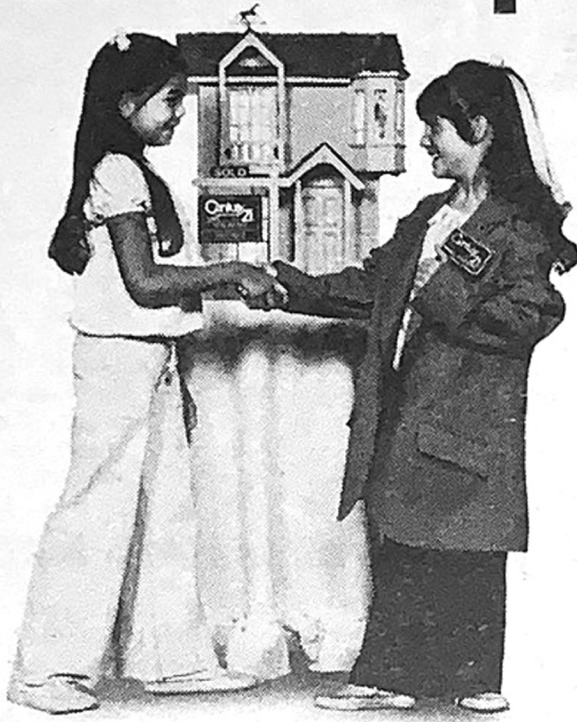
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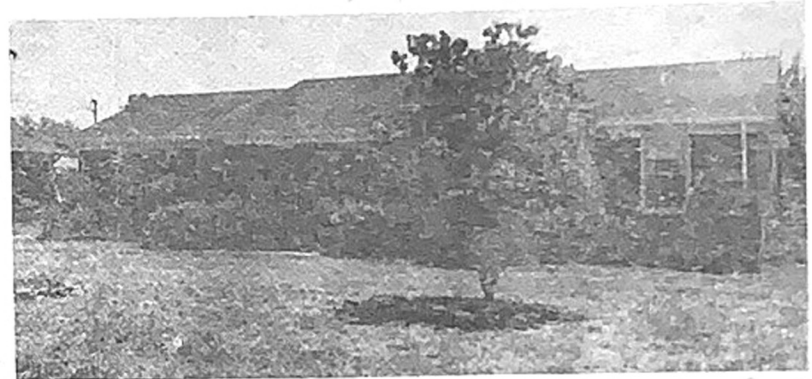


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