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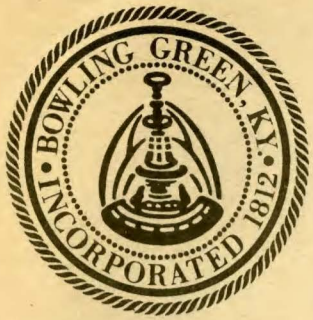
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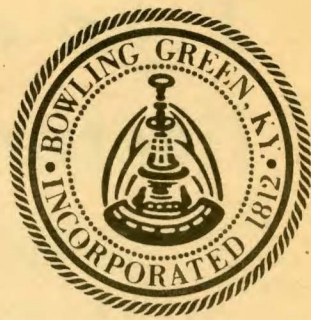
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Tom Davidson

A big brother to all he knew

Thomas Hackney Davidson Jr. was born in Bowling Green, Ky. the son of the late Thomas Hackney Davidson Sr. and Nealie Davidson.

He was born June 20, 1928, and departed this life, May 6, 1973.

He was a cast technician at Graves-Gilbert Clinic, and also director of Bowling Green's Citizens Participation Council of the local Model Cities program.

He was a noted republican and a member of the Open Space Commission.

He was a member of the Taylor's Chapel A.M.E. Church, and confessed his hope in Christ under the leadership of Rev. R. S. Stokes. He was appointed Steward under the leadership of Rev. E. Russell.

Tom was a big brother to everyone he met.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs.

Ruby Davidson; eight daughters, Mrs. Mary Helen Robey, Misses Tawanna, Tamikia, Thomasine Deborah, Phyllis, Portia and Mar Lin Davidson, all of Bowling Green, and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; four sisters, Mrs. Louisa Jenkins, Mrs. Catharine Offutt, and Mrs. Gonzella Johnson, all of Bowling Green, and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; three brothers, Leonard and William Davidson, both of Bowling Green, and Karl Davidson, Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren, two aunts, two uncles, four nephews and four nieces, and a host of cousins and friends.

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family acknowledges with deepest appreciation all deeds of kindness, floral tributes and expressions of sympathy extended them in their sorrow.



Tom Davidson

Tom Davidson will be missed by all

By F. O. MOXLEY

I got to my hotel in Tampa last December very tired from a full day of trying to digest Hillsborough County's Community Education Program, to find the red light on the telephone indicating a message.

The message was to call Tom Davidson back in Bowling Green.

When the call was completed, Tom's voice came through, "Sit down, Frank, I have bad news."

I replied OK with a sinking feeling in the lower half of my body. Again Tom's voice: "Bob is dead. He was electrocuted a couple of hours ago."

I don't recall what else he said, as the sinking feeling was total now.

Friday again a phone message from Tom's office this time — and the same sinking feeling. Later at the hospital in talking to

Ruby (Mrs. Davidson) the feeling of helplessness, and Sunday the telephone again.

This time the message was, "Tom passed".

Tom Davidson was Citizen Participation. It is difficult to picture any C.P. activity without Tom Davidson. The spirit and meaning of C.P. as well as its thrust, all involved Tom Davidson. His philosophy about people and the community promoted C.P. activities and directions.

The impact of C.P. became a reality only after Tom Davidson became Co-ordinator. What has Tom Davidson meant to the Model Neighborhood residents? He has meant to many a sympathetic listener — a person who could relate to their concerns and problems in a meaningful way.

He has meant a source to arrange money advances for many expressed needs. He has meant

someone who could arrange health services, including medicine and out patient services.

He was called on to go to bat many many times about express MN feelings of abuses in housing and relocation allotments. He meant someone, like them, encouraging MN residents to participate and learn to be responsible in community activities and government.

On the Open Space board and the former city manager's agency group, he was the standard bearer for the MN residents.

The fourth year program of Model Cities recognized the talent and role, with Tom Davidson focusing C.P. activities around those things Tom Davidson did so successfully.

In 1970-72, he led efforts to relocate High Street residents

and the concern about relocation monies.

In 1970-71, the Roland Bland Park consumed much of his time.

In 1971-72, the Center Street Area problems were resolved by Tom Davidson with Center Street becoming a stronger group.

In 1971-73, Three MN resident workshops were organized and implemented by Tom Davidson.

In 1972-73, CP researched and led the push for community education. A community survey was completed by Tom Davidson.

In 1973 there was expansion of the C.P. executive board to include four associate members.

Also in 1973, steps to help economic development were being taken by Tom Davidson.

The above are a few of the many

things we can remember Tom Davidson for — many other things will go unrecognized. The one on one and/or personal activities are too numerous to mention.

What kind of man did these things? What kind of man was Tom Davidson?

Tom Davidson was an individual striving to produce a product that would speak well of him and Bowling Green. Tom fought for an equal opportunity marketplace where a product could compete fairly on its own merits.

Tom's intense desire to create a quality product should impell those following that they would do no less.

There are very few men molded from the pattern of Tom Davidson. Very, very few.

Referred to as necessity

Future of CP looks good

As it appears now there will be some form of Citizens Participation under all three of the proposed community development plans.

All three plans, proposed individually by the Senate, the House and the administration, are similar in language declaring that the C.D. structure should include some method of input and feedback from citizens affected by C.D.

The Senate version requires the certification that the community:

— has determined that its C.D. program is consistent with local and areawide comprehensive deve-

lopment plans and national growth policies.

— has afforded or will afford an adequate opportunity for public hearings prior to any acquisition or private land.

— has afforded adequate opportunity for citizens participation in the development of the annual application and has provided for the meaningful involvement of the residents of area in which C.D. activities are to be concentrated in the planning and execution of these activities, including the provision of adequate information and resources.

The administration's bill, although it does not specifically call for Citizens Participation by name, does indicate a need for some form of citizens input to C.D.

The administration's proposal calls for the final plan of programs to be given public exposure at least 60 days before it is submitted.

It is expected to be late summer before a final decision, presumably some type of compromise bill, will be made.

But no matter what decision is made, it appears that Citizens Participation in some form will be a major requirement for the C.D. program.

Vote!

Free transportation to register

Call 843-1196 (CP Office)

Teen center has Easter egg hunt

More than 50 youngsters were on hand for the Easter Egg hunt and party last month.

Mrs. Earl Keown, a neighbor to the center, made all the preparations for the party and assisted in the party itself.

On April 19, members of the remedial reading class at the center, produced the play "Cinderella." A total of 40 youngsters were involved in the play, produced by Sister Vivian Mary, the center's remedial reading teacher, and her volunteers.

The remedial reading class meets Monday, Tuesday and Th-

ursday evenings from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Other activities at the center include basketball in the St. Joseph gym on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Tony James, staff member of the parks and recreation department, assists the center with the basketball program.

In addition, several recreation classes from Western Kentucky University have hosted different parties for the kids, including hot dog and marshmallow cook-outs behind the center.

Ecological move

Roadbank seeding planned for area

By CURTIS M. CALLOWAY

U. S. Soil Conservation Service

Julius Strande, superintendent of the Bowling Green Street Department, and Charles Rogers, Bowling Green's city engineer, have plans for roadbank seeding and stabilization of the filled and disturbed areas.

The seeding will be done on critical areas along the sides of streets and roads in the Model City Area.

The purpose of this project is to prevent erosion and sediment damages on roadbanks and street sides. Erosion damages are prevented by establishing a vegetative cover over disturbed roadbanks and street sides.

Parker-Bennett area is praised

Local officials of Model Cities have praised residents of the Parker-Bennett area for their apparent concern for the area.

Residents of the area met and exceeded attendance requirements for neighborhood meetings.

Parker-Bennett was only one of the five MNA that met the requirements.

Crown vetch will be seeded to the "filled in" areas on Beech Bend Road next to Barren River. Crown vetch provides good protection for erosion control and adds to the attractiveness of the heavily traveled route to Beech Bend Park.

Street sides having erosion will be stabilized with a seeding of Kentucky 31 tall fescue.

This project will have rewarding results that will benefit the Bowling Green environment in the following ways:

1. Street sides and roadbanks will be more attractive.
2. Drainage and water disposal systems will not be clogged with silt.
3. Streets and walkways will not be covered with silt.
4. A mud problem will not exist during rainy seasons.
5. The dust content will be decreased.
6. The community will have an increased value.

Anyone needing assistance on conservation of soil and water resources, may contact the Bowling Green Field Office of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. The office is located in Room B-2 of the Federal Building.



LOCAL OFFICIALS view the "filled in" area along Beech Bend Road, a project done with the cooperation of several city agencies and the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service. Standing from left are Charles Rogers, City Engineer; Dewey Henry, WSSC Superintendent; Curtis Calloway, Soil Conservationist and Julius Strande, Street Department Superintendent.

People programs, perhaps

Could the city be using its dollars in more useful ways?

By DR. JACK FROST

The first general revenue sharing grants were made to cities, counties, and states as outright gifts. In other words these funds were granted with no strings attached. The city, county, and state governments were permitted to use this money in any way that they wished.

Although local public officials have publicly voiced their interest and concern in establishing programs to help people, it is interesting that all of the city and county revenue sharing funds were spent for hardware, police and fire stations, etc.

Certainly police and fire stations and equipment are important to provide for the safety of the people. One wonders if there are not other needed improvements of equal importance to the citizens of Bowling Green and Warren County.

Many other cities, counties and states across the nation spent their revenue sharing funds on a divided

basis. One-half of their funds were spent for hardware (fire stations, etc.) and one-half for social programs (day care centers, skill centers, health clinics, community education, etc.)

One begins to wonder if the people of Bowling Green and Warren County were asked how they think their tax money (revenue

sharing funds) should be spent, if the citizens would agree with the decisions of local officials.

In Washington, D. C., and across the nation these days there is a lot of talk about the misuse of executive privilege. Maybe it is time to ask the people how they think their tax money could best be spent.

Local official's program taped

On April 17, F. O. Moxley presented a program at the A.P.C.A. St. Louis Regional Convention that focused on the role of the elementary counselor in career education.

This program was selected to be taped. The cassette tape may be purchased from A.P.C.A. at \$7.00 each.

Dr. Jack M. Frost, Western: Don Asinnault, Detroit; M/S Lang Richardson, Mt. Sterling and M/S Josephine Horn, Cleveland, were participants.

Dr. Frost and Moxley have developed a career education inventory which is being validated by educators in ten states. Chronicle Press will publish this inventory this summer.

Dr. Frost and Mr. Moxley also have a book that looks at Career Education that Houghlin-Miffin will publish.

Dr. Frost, who with Linda Ratliff developed the PWAK Kit (Chronicle Press) is also developing additional levels of this kit.



MORE THAN 50 YOUNGSTERS were on hand Easter weekend for an Easter Egg hunt and party at the Church Street Teen Center. Refreshments and of course, eggs were the order of the day.

The Neighbor is conducting a survey to determine how the public thinks the revenue sharing funds should be spent.

If you have some ideas, fill out the form below and return it to the C. P. Office, 640 Center Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101.

I THINK BOWLING GREEN AND WARREN COUNTY SHOULD SPEND ITS REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING (LIST IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Model Cities' budget gets approval

The operating budget for the fourth and final year of the local Model Cities program has been given approval by the Model Cities Executive Board.

The new budget includes a total expenditure of \$838,000, about \$300,000 less than had been anticipated. The cut was due to the phasing-out of the Model Cities, following the recently passed revenue sharing plans.

The funds are budgeted over the current fiscal year, which concludes July 1, 1974.

During its meeting, the board also approved the reallocation of just over \$200,000 in funds not spent under the Third Year program to a capital improvement program.

According to Mayor Spero Keriakes, chairman of the board, specific projects to be carried out with the funds have not been determined as yet.

Under the revised budget, \$75,600 would be spent for planning and evaluation, about three times what had been allocated in the original fourth year plan.

According to Vanaey Absher, fiscal administrator, the increased planning and evaluation funds will be used in the conversion of the current Model Cities Agency and other federal agencies into a new city department of community development, which will have the duty of handling special revenue sharing funds which the city expects to receive.

Under the revised budget, the Better Living Construction Program will be eliminated. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for the program originally.

The program was responsible for employing and training unskilled and unemployed in the field

Family planning again refunded

The local Family Planning Service has been refunded for the 1973-74 fiscal year, according to its director Craig Evans.

In addition, Evans said the local agency is currently awaiting word on the possibility of expanding into eight more counties of the Barren River Area Development District.

Total cost of the expansion move

of carpentry and related areas. The men constructed several houses in the area under the direction of qualified personnel.

The new budget also leaves out the \$135,000 which had been allocated for the extension of Chestnut Street between Main and 10th.

According to guidelines set up by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, no new projects can be started during the fourth year, with all funds going toward completing and carrying on projects already underway.

Money for the project is expected to come from a portion of the city's general revenue sharing funds.

A sum of \$25,000, which had been budgeted for the proposed neighborhood facilities building, and the \$50,000 for the Neighborhood Development Program, are also eliminated from the new budget.

A grant application for the neighborhood building, proposed as part of the civic-government complex, had been rejected by HUD and there currently appears little chance the building will be constructed in the near future.

HUD has also rejected a proposal for the purchasing of land in the complex area bordered by College, Eighth, Kentucky and Sixth Streets. Urban Renewal had sought \$50,000 to be used to help provide matching funds for the grant.

Also under the revised budget, Project New Hope will be phased out. The project pays the salaries of hard-core unemployed men to work in the city street and recreation departments.

According to Richard Rector, Model Cities coordinator for the project, said the \$9,500 allocated during the fourth year will be used

would be slightly more than \$235,000.

The local agency is currently preparing a program for application to the State Department of Aging Services to sponsor a nutrition program for the elderly.

The program would allow the local agency to provide lunch five days a week to persons 65 or older, with the cost based on their ability to pay.

to pay salaries of the 10 men until permanent employment can be found for them.

The budget allocation for the Developmental Health Program was cut more than half under the revised plan. A total of \$41,000 is going to the program. The original application had sought \$93,000 for the project.

Because of the budget cut, the pediatrics clinic, currently conducted three days a week at the local health department, will be discontinued according to Louis Shelton, program director.

The last of this month will be the last of the clinic, unless some funds budgeted for the out-patient clinic could be diverted. The out-patient program is not in operation as yet, according to Shelton. A total of \$24,000 was budgeted for the out-patient program.

Because of the cut, the staff of the Development Health Program will be eliminated this fall, according to Shelton.

Further funding of the community education program has been eliminated, but \$25,000 allocated during the third year has not been spent as yet.

The budget also eliminated funds for the environmental specialist, but according to Ms. Absher there are enough funds in the project to pay a portion of the salary of the specialist until the end of the fourth funding year.

The allocation for the Full Employment Commission was increased from the original \$132,000 to just under \$181,000. The in-

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crease was made necessary by the taking over of the operation of two day care centers by the commission.

Although the allocation for the Comprehensive Family Services program was cut in half, the program will continue according to Craig Evans, head of the program.

The agency has found another source of funding, according to Evans. The program will receive \$20,000 from Model Cities.

The only other program to be funded at the original level is the Public Defender program, which

will receive \$17,000.

Other programs and their allocations under the revised fourth year budget include: Citizens Participation, \$64,623, just over \$10,000 less; services, \$92,000 revised, \$87,400 originally; Youth Bureau, \$60,000 revised, up \$11,500 from the original budget; work release-first offender, \$4,500, half the original request; Model Neighborhood Employment Services, \$25,000 revised, \$27,000 originally; returning dropouts, \$2,000, a cut of some \$7,000; and teacher aide, \$42,000, a cut of \$9,000.

The Neighbor speaks

By F. O. MOXLEY

Again this column should address itself to a number of concerns, that reflect the feelings and trials of the MN resident. It is now apparent that the concept of New Federalism will hit the people that this paper speaks for hardest and lowest.

One of the films used to encourage youngsters to stay in school has for years told those that would drop out that, "the dropout is the last to be hired and the first to be fired." New federalism is pushing this truism to include those that have not achieved economic stability. Their lot has been to be the last to get the opportunity to gain economic stability and now they are the first to feel the pinch of this new concept fostered by the Nixon administration.

As jobs are eliminated and combined to change the thrust of federal aid, the social programs and those employed in these programs are "the first to go." Qualification and effectiveness of these individuals means nothing. Time and service are of little value and small concern to those who are making the changes.

It would seem that relations are becoming more impersonal and cold even in those areas like education and professions as we revert to the law of the jungle. The days when loyalty and service were rewarded are not a part of today's scene. It's who you know and/or the clout you as an individual can generate.

We cannot tell youngsters that perservance and hard work are sure means to economic stability today. The American dream is not for all Americans. It may have been the intention of our founders that every boy and girl would have equal opportunities to achieve, but its not that way.

Last week I listened to Dr. Robert Williams of Washington University, St. Louis, discuss "Match-Mismatch in Black and White" and call for schools that meet the needs of all children, not just the children of one segment of the community. Dr. Williams focused on youngsters of different cultural backgrounds being out of step with schools and school offerings as now organized.

As I look at our own situation I find myself very tolerant as I recall Jesus said "They know not what they do." I see that total unawareness of the problems, a lack of expertise to meet the situation and rationalization, "We are doing all we can."

My feelings and the general feelings of MN are not accepted and examined by those that should take a good hard look at this community - the personal relations that should but do not exist.

The word is "toleration" and to most MN residents it is a degrading dirty word. It generates an insecure and defensive feeling as the MN resident moves in a community where this is the hidden agenda. He senses the resentment if he is able or knowledgeable beyond a point.

The thickness of the atmosphere indicates to him that he will not be accepted as able or knowledgeable let alone equal. If he shares his knowledge or skills he can expect to be relieved or any credit or rewards.

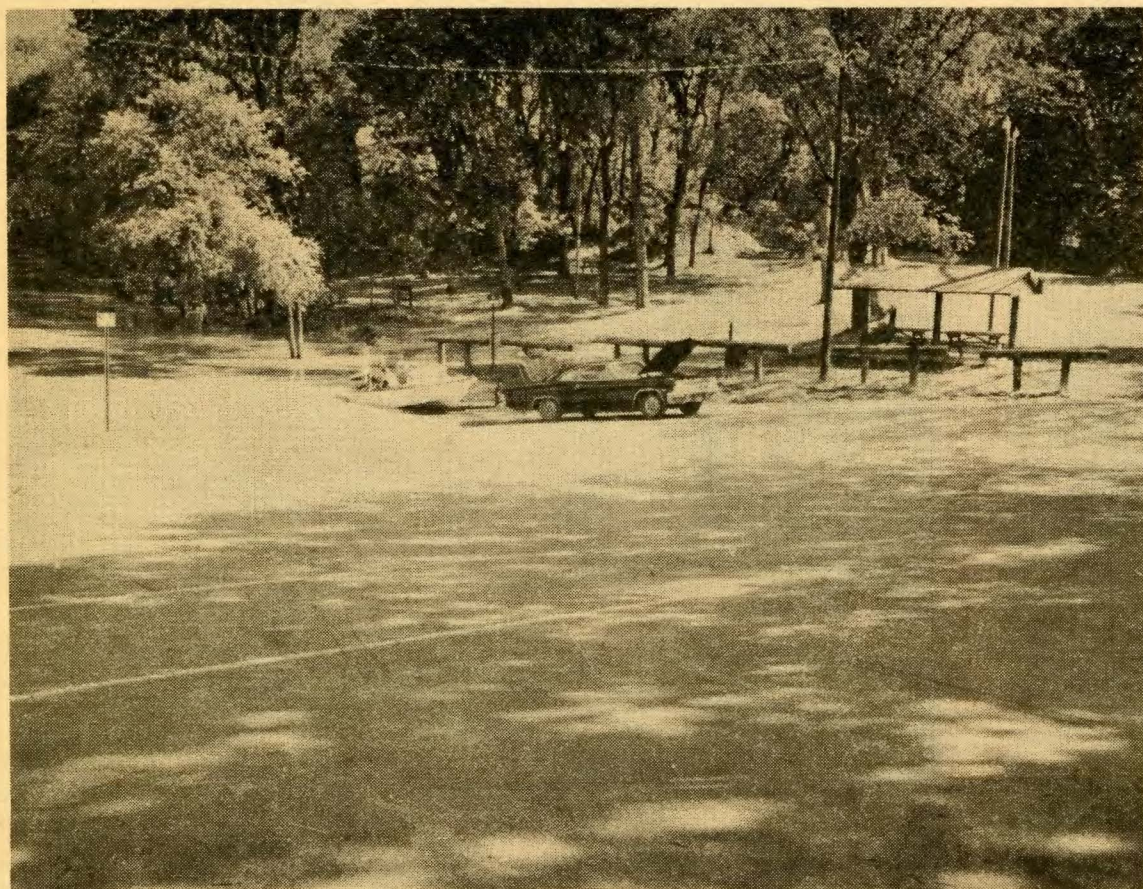
Someone will usurp his contribution and call it his own. The offended individual is supposed to take all this in stride with a smile as he accepts his inferior role.

This is the real Bowling Green that our youngsters will find after school - it starts in school!

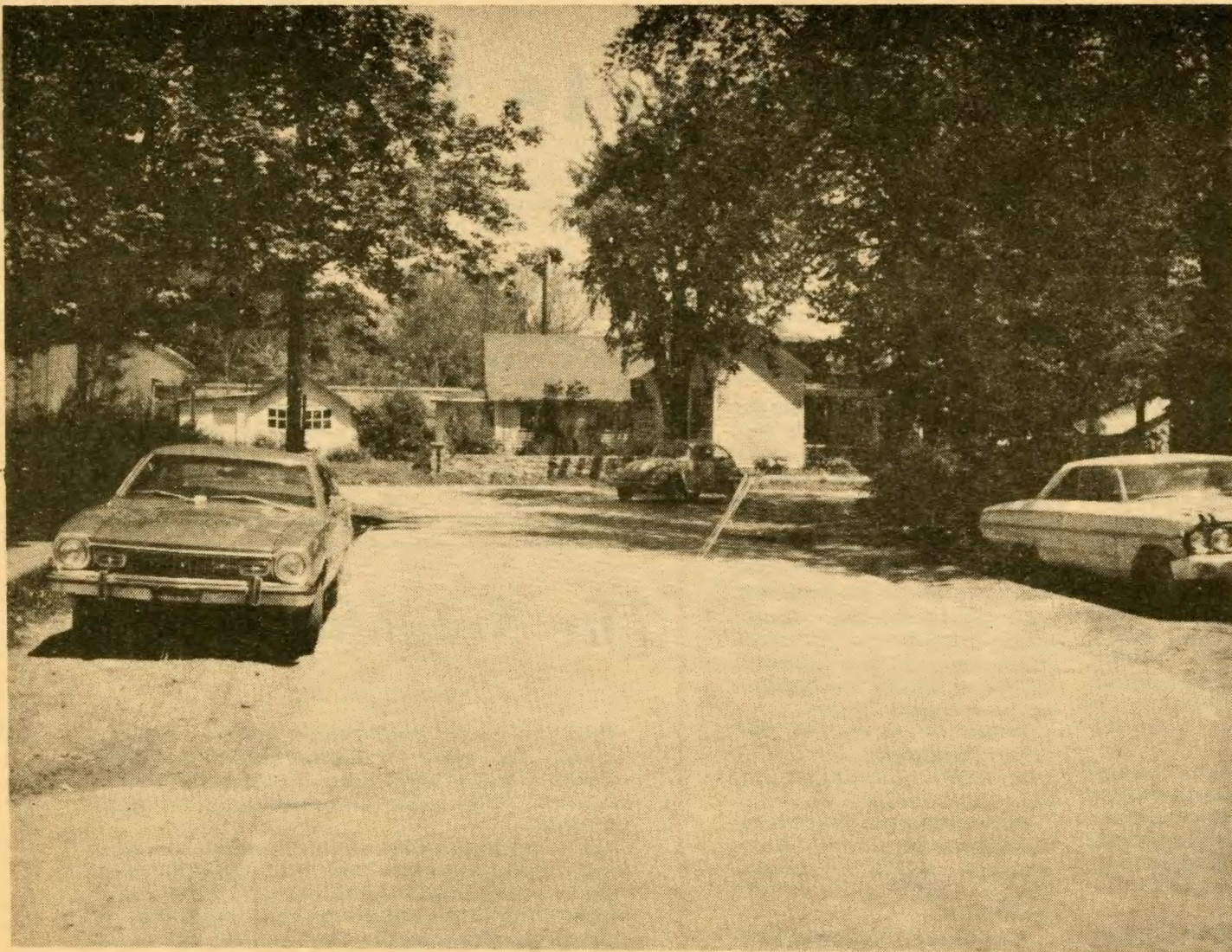
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THE BOATLANDING ROAD PARK, completed last summer, is expected to see quite a bit of use this year, especially the boat launching ramp. The park was a joint project between the city, county and the U.S. Army.

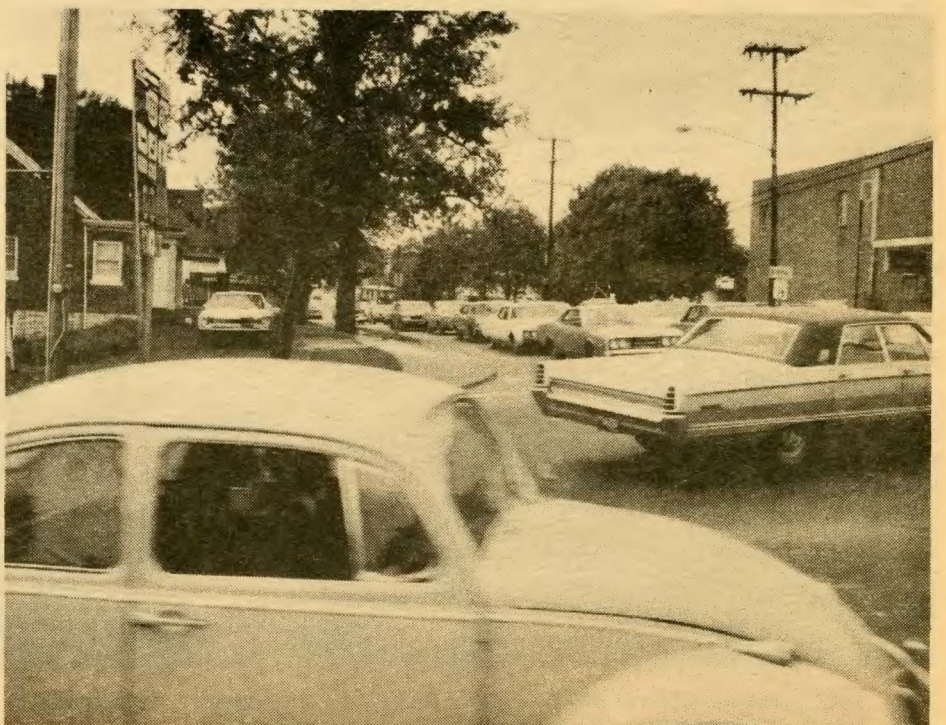
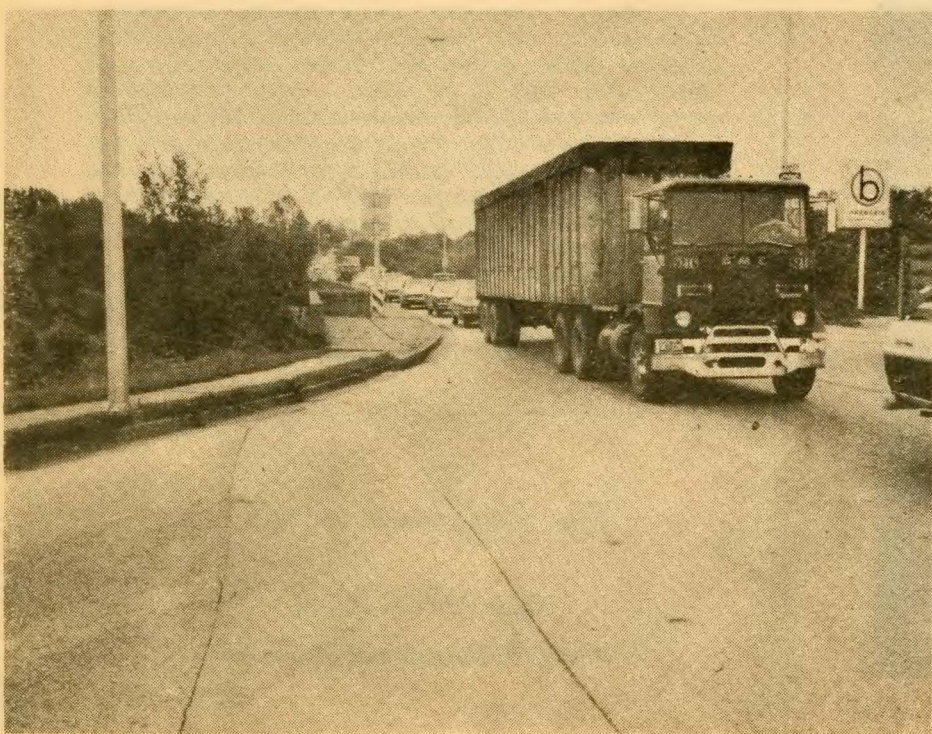
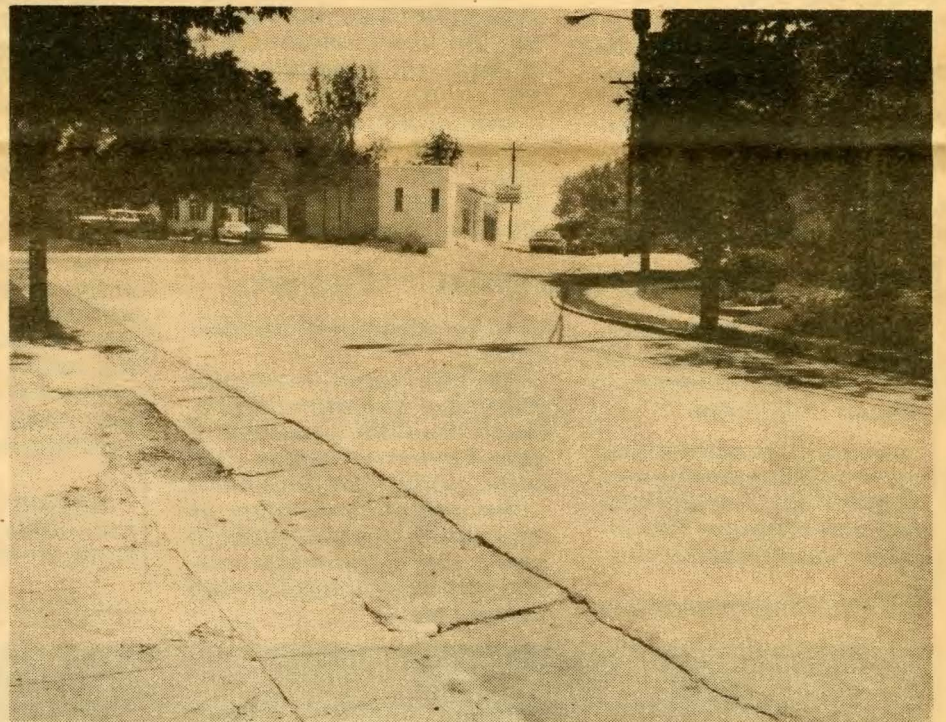
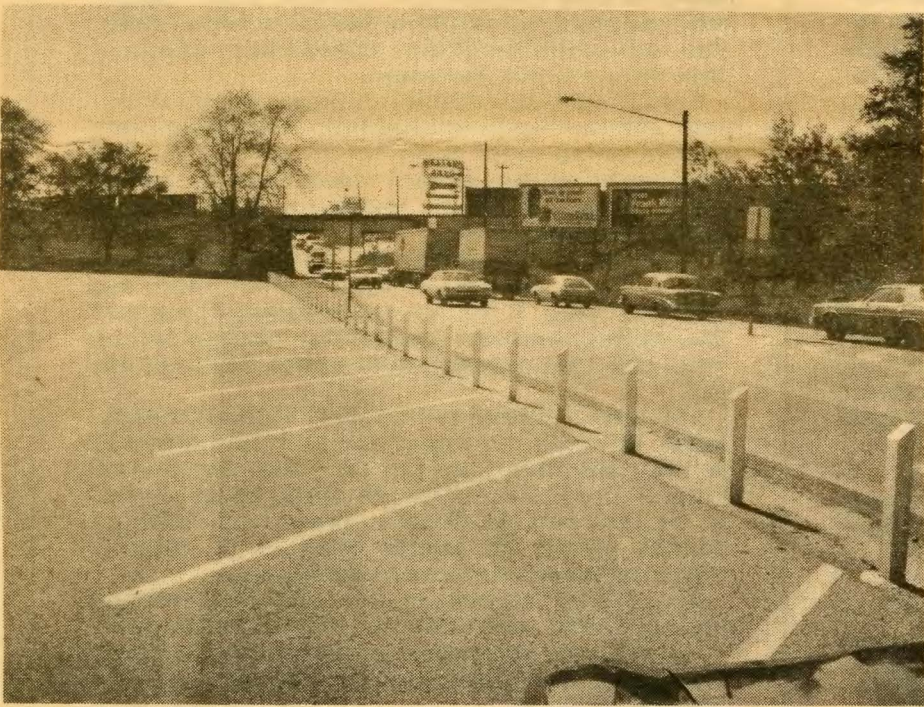


As Bowling so do its t

Bowling Green is a city on the grow, and like all things which grow, the city's traffic is no exception.

Many a driver has met with frustration when he tried to travel on the Russellville Road at 3:30 in the afternoon, or at First and State a little bit later, or at Broadway and the By-Pass at just about anytime.

Like everything else, the city's traffic problem has continued to grow.

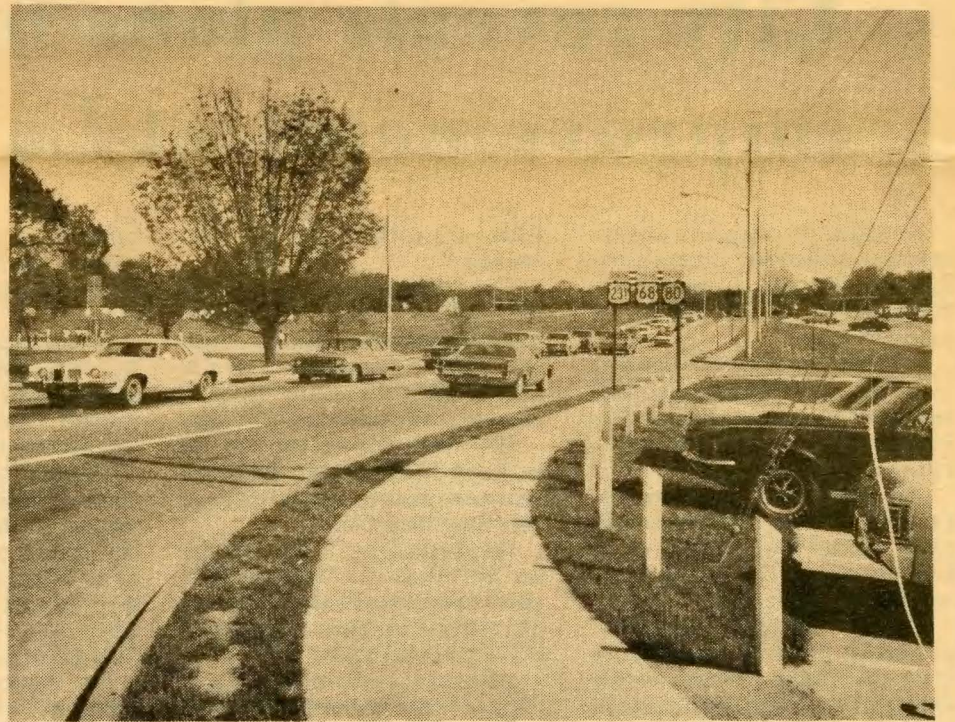


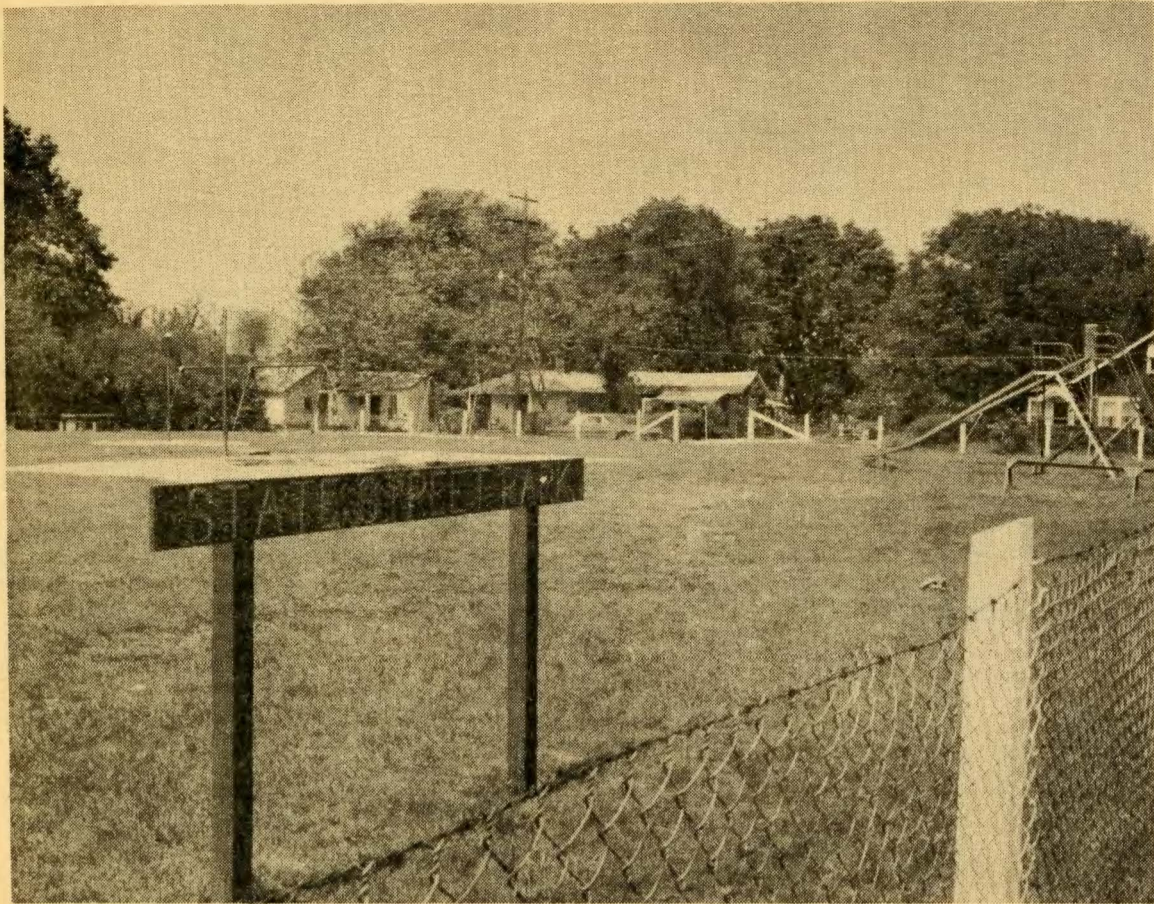
Green grows, traffic jams

The city and the state highway department have made surveys to determine traffic flow patterns and both have made recommendations for easing the situation.

Everyone agrees that something must be done, but just exactly what and how soon remains to be decided.

Whatever the decision, one thing is certain - the traffic situation is not going to get better by itself. It is going to take the cooperation and consideration of all of us to help keep Bowling Green on the grow.





WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION on the renovation of the State Street Park. Included in the project was the installation of air conditioning for the center building, new equipment and sidewalks, an additional basketball court and some landscaping. Total cost of the project, funded by Model Cities, was just over \$6,200.

City's largest, most-used park

City reveals plans for extensive improvements at Lampkin Park

According to city parks and recreation department superintendent Paul Walker, extensive improvements have been planned for Lampkin Park.

Included in the improvements would be the relighting and redesigning of the softball field and the construction of additional restrooms and parking areas.

The parks and recreation department is also planning supervised recreational programs at five city schools this summer, according to Walker.

Most of the funds for the improvement projects will come from the general revenue sharing funds which the city has earmarked for the parks department.

Walker commented that Lampkin Park is used "more than any other park in the city, but its fac-

ilities are outdated and just about used up."

The superintendent added that the softball lights are old and probably dangerous and the roads are in poor condition. There is also a need for more designed parking area, according to Walker.

The first project set for the park will be the construction of new restroom facilities near the present Babe Ruth field.

The Great Onyx Job Corps will lay the blocks for the restrooms which will have flush toilets and all modern equipment, according to the superintendent.

Additional restrooms will also be built near the softball fields, but no construction date has been set as yet.

The city has allocated just over \$4,000 in revenue sharing funds for

construction of the restrooms, to go with the more than \$3,000 already in the parks department budget.

Walker said the Tennessee Valley Authority has completed a lighting plan for the park's two softball fields and plans call for that work to begin soon.

The lighting plans call for the two fields, which are currently adjoining, to be back-to-back. The diamond on one field will be moved to where right field is now and the diamond on the other field would be moved to where left field is currently.

The reason would be get the maximum use out of the lights around home plate.

The lights currently in use were constructed in 1957 with used poles and used wiring.

For May primary

Candidates given ballot positions

Ballot positions for the May 29 primary have been announced by County Clerk Charles Morehead's office.

Drawings for positions on the ballot were conducted earlier.

In order of appearance on the May 29 ballot in these races: 32nd State Senate District—Raymond McClard, Joseph Huddleston, Walter D. (Jody) Richards, C. L. Cundiff and Frank Miller.

20th State Representative District — Nicholas Kafoglis and B. J. Booth.

21st State Representative District — Gale Stiles, Edward G. Brown and John Lockerty.

Sheriff — Jerry Gaines, Glen Wood, Joe Hodges, Calvin Stout, James Bunch, Audie Montgomery and Duncan Houchens.

Tax Commissioner — Floyd Hays Ellis and J. T. (Temp) Flowers.

Coroner — Earl Manco and J. C. Kirby.

Jailer — Sewell White and Herbert Phelps.

Magistrate, District 2 — Houston Kirby and R. C. (Bob) Shive.

Magistrate, District 4 — Bob Lawrence, Ronald S. Doughty, Guy Dethridge and Roy (Toots) Cline.

Magistrate, District 6 — Horace Stahl and William Barnes.

Constable, District 1 — Herschel Glass and Charles Rutledge.

Constable, District 3 — Leroy Brown and Garland Neely.

Constable, District 4 — John Epley, Jr., Roy Waddle, Elwood Glass, David Payne and James Padgett Jr.

Constable, District 5 — Fred Vanderpool, Rodney Lee Mathews and Forrest Stice.

Constable, District 7 — Earl Flora, William Dale Wilson and Wendell Duckett.

Free transportation to the polls will be provided those who need it by phoning the Citizens Participation office at 843-1196.

Trash pickups slated to begin on regular basis

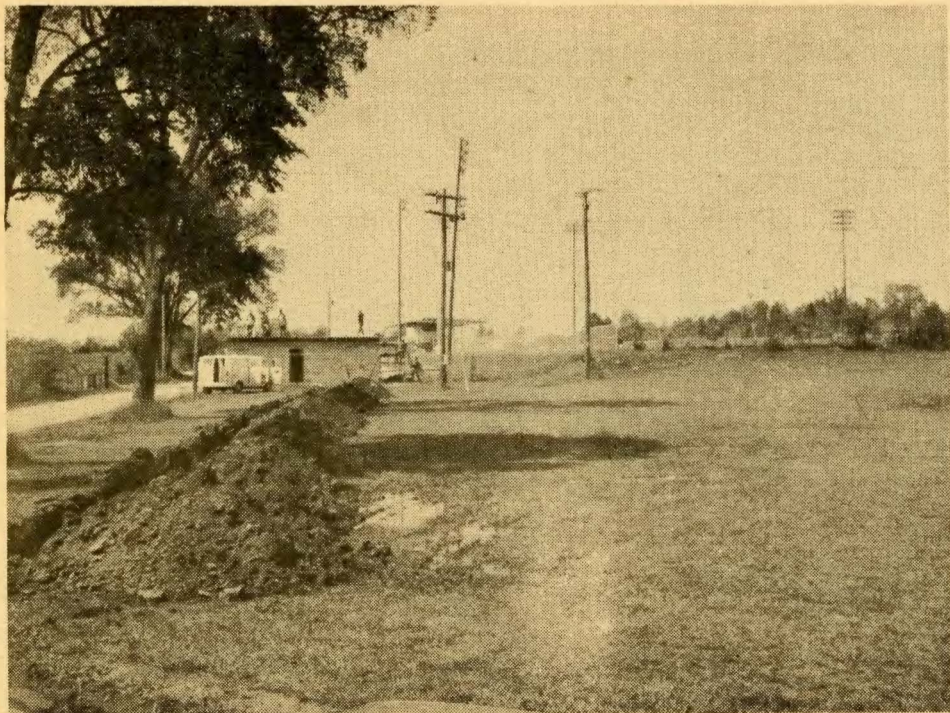
A regular trash pickup schedule has been set up by the city following several weeks of experimental pickup of trash in certain sections of the city.

According to officials, street department and Water-Sewer and Sanitation Commission trucks will work in the northwest section of the city on Mondays, including the area west of State Street and north of 12th and Woodford Streets and the Barren River Road.

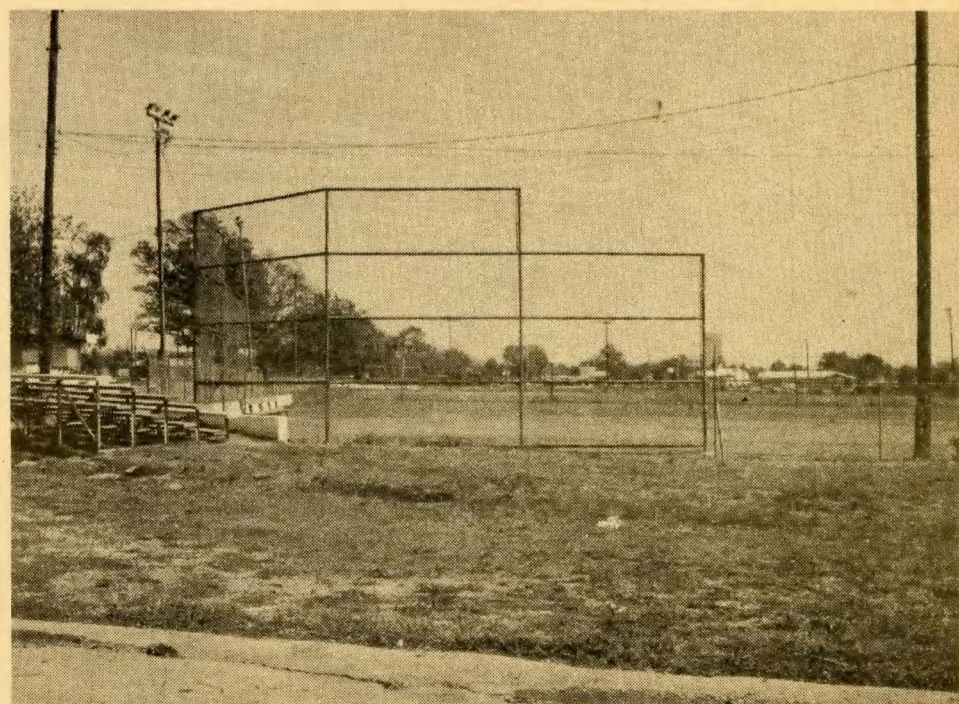
On Tuesday, the trucks will be working in the northeastern section of the city.

On Wednesday, the trucks will be picking up trash in the areas east of the Nashville Road, Normal Drive and State Street and south of 12th Street, Broadway and the Scottsville Road.

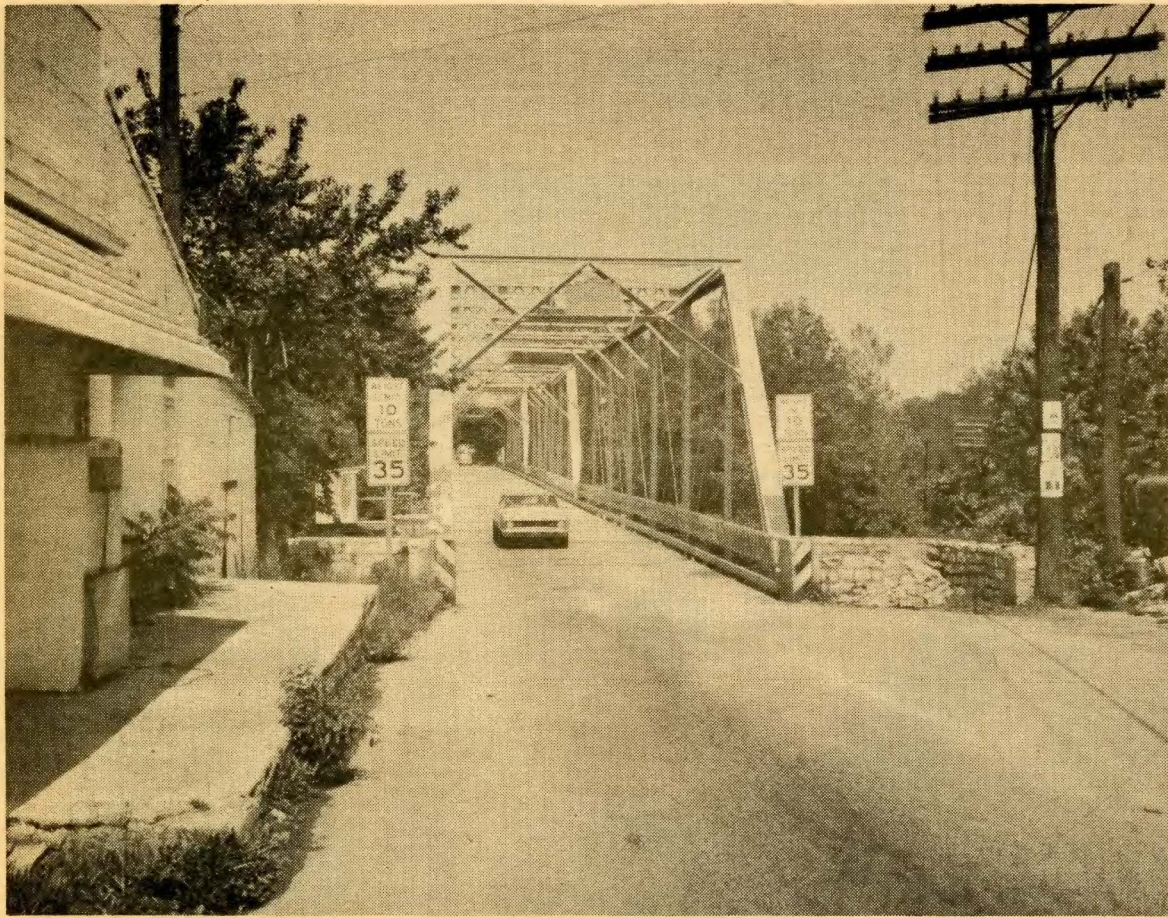
Thursday, the trucks will travel the remaining areas of the city including the area west of State Street, Normal Drive and the Nashville Road and south of the Barren River Road and Woodford and 12th Streets.



WORK IS ALMOST done (left) on the construction of new restroom facilities near the Babe Ruth field in Lampkin Park. Meanwhile, these two



(right) softball fields would be completely renovated as another part of the revitalization of the Morgantown Road facility.



THE BRIDGE across Barren River at the foot of College Street is getting a new look. The old structure is getting a fresh coat of paint while plans progress for the construction of a new bridge at the end of Center. Cost of the repainting was just over \$6,000.

City to form department of community development

A new city department of community development is expected to be formed by the first of July, according to City Manager Paul McCauley.

The new department will be an incorporation of the local Model Cities Agency, Urban Renewal, Municipal Housing, the Full Employment Commission and the planning division, and will be authorized until the 1973-74 fiscal year budget which becomes effective July 1.

The position of a director for the department will also be established by the new fiscal year budget. Although no one has been hired for the post as yet, he would be responsible for the formation of the new department.

The new department is expected to be a key to the city receiving special revenue sharing funds.

The formation of the new department was one of the recommenda-

tions made by Elliott Associates of Washington, D.C.

The company has made a study of the local governmental operation and is in the process of preparing its final report now.

Although there has been no formal announcement of what the study will report, it is also expected to recommend the conversion of all independent city boards and agencies to an advisory capacity only under the direct control of the city manager and the formation of a committee to study the feasibility of a merger between the city and county governments.

The study is expected to also recommend the parks and recreation department and the public works department also be a part of the community development department, but the city manager said he disagrees with that idea.

McCauley said he felt that including those two departments wo-

uld make the new department too big and difficult to manage.

McCauley said the funds to be used for the creation of the new department could come either from the independent agencies or the city. Model Cities has budgeted funds for this purpose in their fourth year plan.

Plans are also being discussed which would make the parks and recreation department a city department under the control of the city manager. Under the plan, the parks and recreation board would serve as advisors to the city commission.

Previous attempts along this line have been unsuccessful.

As seen by the director

Learning center: a new look at it

By GEORGE ESTERS

Due to time, changes and forgetfulness, I felt that it was time for the total community to take another look at the Adult Learning Center.

In the past, the Adult Learning Center's main objective was only to help build up a person in all subject areas whereas he might be able to pass his G.E.D. and obtain his high school diploma.

The Adult Learning Center has changed tremendously since Oct., 1970. Today the Adult Learning Center:

1. Can build up a person to pass his G.E.D.
2. Can offer credits to adults to obtain their diploma from the city high school.
3. Prepare a person to pass promotional tests in a job, work of business concerns.
4. Prepare a person to pass tests for a job.
5. Help students that are terminated from school to still continue their education and eventually get back into the mainstream of education.
6. Help students that have failed subjects which in turn will build them up psychologically toward continuing their education.
7. Work with expectant high school ladies in a credit program.
8. Have night educational lectures for the community.
9. Help build up a person in subject areas whereas he might handle his vocation better.
10. Have basic courses for college students that are having trouble trying to master a certain area.
11. Help persons that are lodged in jail, to continue their education and eventually gain their high school diploma.
12. Have built up materials in all basic subject areas to the extent

a person can be helped to read and learn how to do their income tax.

The future of the Adult Learning Center really is determined by the community although the Learning Center is looking forward to bringing about a better educational facility.

Adult Learning Center coordinators will be used in the future to train other A.B.E. teachers toward Adult Education and newer type of materials. Educational television will also play a part in Learning Centers.

If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve or add to this educational institution contact the below address; or if you would like to enroll, contact George Esters, 877 Eleventh St., Phone 781-1911.

Congressman to fight for MC

Dear Frank:

I want to thank you for your letter of Feb. 26 concerning the Model Cities program.

As you know, under the President's budget for fiscal year 1974 the Model Cities program will be phased out. This, to me, is a serious mistake and as you will recall, at the time of the General Revenue Sharing legislation the President promised that the Model Cities program would not be affected.

I have believed all along that the Model Cities program is an excellent program and that is the main reason why I made every effort possible to see that Bowling Green was named as one of the Model Cities. I intend to continue my efforts to see that this program stays in existence.

With kind personal regards, I am

William H. Natcher

Complaint holder now at City Hall

Got a complaint about street repair, weeds, drainage, trash, street signs?

If so, a new table set up in City Hall provides you with a way to see that something is done about that problem.

The table includes forms on which to write the service requests, different colored pins for different types of service requests and a large map of the city on which to pinpoint the problem areas.

Bob Herbert, city administrative assistant, explained how the table works:

A person knows of a problem at some point in the city. He explains the problem on a service request form located at the table, signs his name and address on the form, and places it in the box provided for it. He then takes a flag of appro-

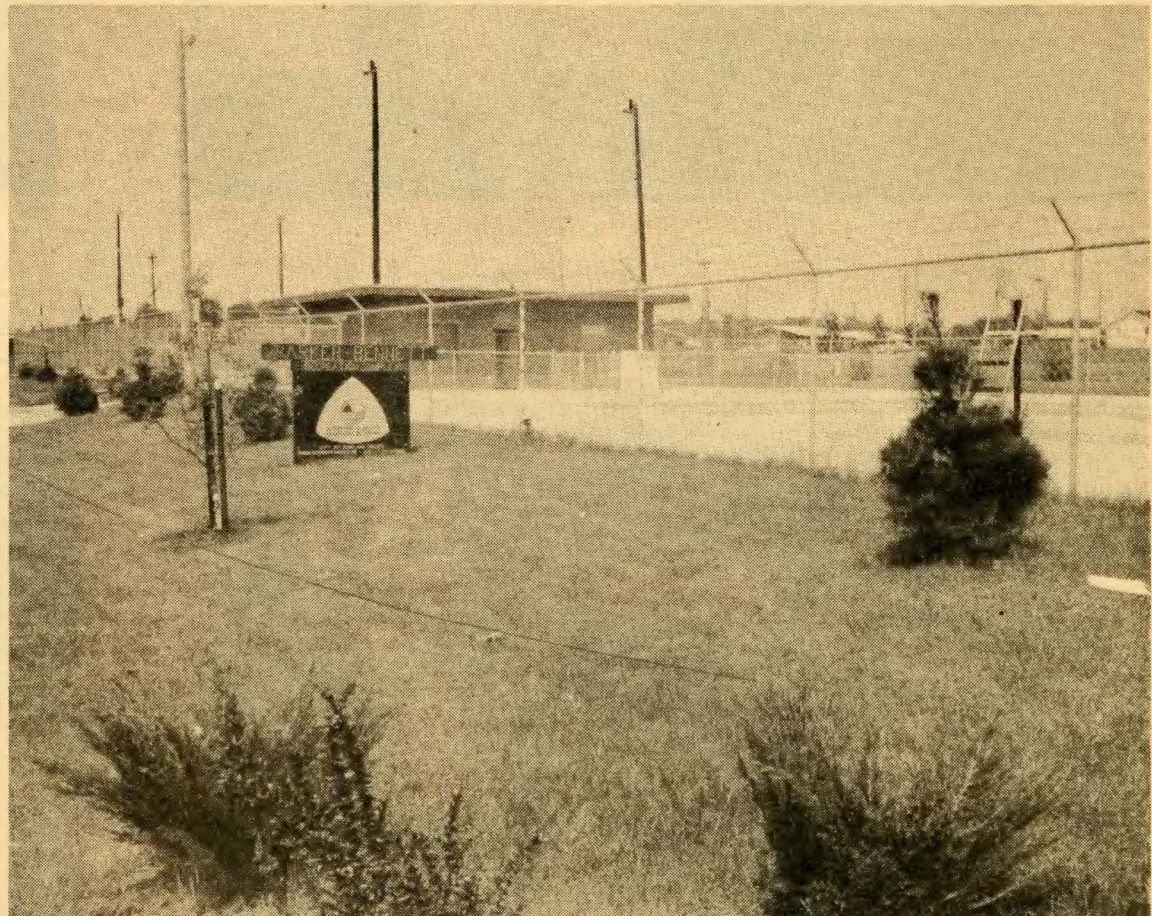
appropriate color and places it on the map at the location of the problem.

Herbert said that within 24 hours a city employee will have investigated the problem and reported to the citizen what action, if any, the city plans to take on the request.

The idea of the table was originated by Herbert, who said the main reason for setting up the table was because of the large number of citizens who come to city hall with problems that should be handled by people whose offices are not in the building.

Rather than that person having to go to some other office, the table will permit them to explain their problem without leaving city hall.

The table is apparently meeting with good response, with several requests being made each day.



ALTHOUGH THINGS ARE PEACEFUL here at the Parker-Bennett pool now, its all expected to change in just a few weeks. The recreation area includes a teen center, tennis and basketball courts and the swimming pool completed late last summer.

Tom Davidson was a leader for all people

Tom Davidson was a man who stayed on the go, always working to help his fellow man no matter where or when.

This series of pictures shows Tom's interest in the many phases of community life.

Right: Tom (left) and Joe Denning admiring the standards of the Citizens Participation Council.

Middle left: Tom (right) and Rev. S. H. Grider standing with a pair of lucky youngsters at High Street School during a C.P. doll giveaway.

Middle right: Tom (third from left) and other officials - (left to right) Leonard Davidson, Keith Burroughs, Lou Shelton, F. O. Moxley and Joe Denning - planning a workshop.

Bottom left: Tom (left) meeting with community leaders (left to right) Frank Haney, Dr. D. B. McIlvoy and Joe Owmbly.

Bottom right: Tom (left) standing with Mayor Spero Kereiakes (center) and parks superintendent Paul Walker (right) while Louisville HUD official Jesse Wallace speaks at dedication of Roland Bland Park.

