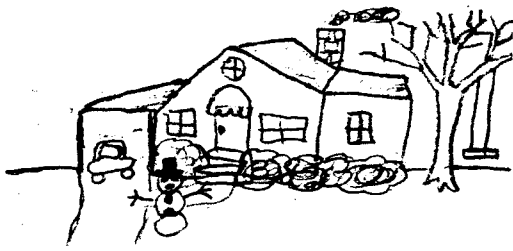


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PARKWOOD PICAYUNE

A NEWSPAPER FOR ALL SEASONS

WINTER 1995



ICE STORM OF 1973

On Sunday, January 5, 1973, the residents of the Parkwood neighborhood awakened to see a wintry wonderland outside their windows. Every inch of the ground was covered in snow. Icicles hung from tree branches. It was just beautiful.

The only problem was that thousands of homes in the Atlanta area were without heat and light for several days. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution stated that this was the "worst ice storm since 1960" and that hotels as far off as Conyers and Newnan were filled to capacity with ice storm refugees.

SARAH WESTBROOK of 211 East Parkwood Road recalls waking up on that Sunday morning to what sounded like the cracking of rifles. It was really ice cracking and tree limbs breaking down in the ravine. When Sarah and her husband Clarence realized their power was going to be out for a while, they packed up their bedding and headed to Clarence's realty office to camp there until their power came back.

VERA IRELAND of 251 East Parkwood Road declined her nephew's invitation to go stay with his family in Snellville. Vera was well prepared to weather the storm with a kerosene lamp and stove, plenty of kitchen matches, and skid proof snow boots. She was enthralled by the beauty of the snow and ice and enjoyed watching and feeding the birds and taking walks in her yard. Sometimes it was so cold Vera would climb in bed to get warm.



RICK NARDIN of 150 East Parkwood Road (another of our second generation residents) was home for the holidays from graduate school in Oxford, England when the storm broke out in 1973. His girlfriend was also at his home visiting. He recalls that on Saturday evening, January 4, it was sleeting and snowing, and suddenly their power went out. By 9 p.m., the Nardins realized it wasn't coming back on for a while, so they gathered flashlights and turned on their gas stove in the kitchen and left the door open for warmth. Rick's mother and girlfriend prepared to sleep in the guest room next to the kitchen, and Rick and his father set up cots in front of the kitchen stove. It wasn't easy going to sleep that night in the cold, so they all ended up around the kitchen stove telling ghost stories until very late. Rick remembers this episode in his life with much fondness. One sad thing that happened though was that his grandmother died in a nursing home that night.

SARAH MANNING of 125 Parkwood Lane escaped the cold weather and lack of electricity by going to her son's apartment to stay. Sarah's husband happened to be on a hunting trip in South America at the time! Sarah was overwhelmed by the beauty of our glistening neighborhood--it reminded her of Russia. She remembers the trees looked like "magic trees."

On Wednesday, January 8, at around noon, power was restored to the Parkwood area. Everyone returned to their homes and the routine of daily life. The ice and snow began to melt, but not the memories. EHD

CAT BURGLAR ON THE PROWL



I don't want to alarm you, Neighbors, but several break-ins have been reported in the Druid Hills area, some even in our own Parkwood neighborhood.

We spoke with Allison Gilmore of 177 East Parkwood Road about her recent break-in. In the middle of the night, the burglar stealthily climbed up the Gilmores' 15-foot high deck and went through the back kitchen door which had been locked by the Gilmores before going to bed. He or she passed a bag of fresh apples on the counter, a pantry full of food, and sleeping children in nearby bedrooms, in order to take Allison's pocketbook which was hanging on a hat rack in the interior hall. The intruder then apparently left the same way he or she came, without waking anyone. The next day, Allison's husband Joel found his wife's purse in a wagon in the back yard. Fortunately, there was no money in the purse to begin with, and the burglar did not take her credit cards.

From reports we've heard on this and other area break-ins, this cat burglar is interested in cash only. In one instance, he or she took the owner's \$10's and \$20's and left the \$1's and \$5's.

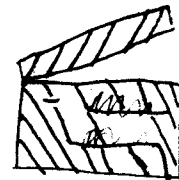
I contacted the Dekalb County Public Safety Commission and was given the following safety tips:

1. Put good locks on windows and 1" dead-bolt locks on doors.
2. Place purses and wallets where not visible to outside.
3. Put covering on garage windows.
4. Don't open door to strangers, but do let them know you're home.

If anyone is interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch, this would be a wise idea. You can call Sharon Dorcan at Dekalb County Public Safety Commission (294-2610) to learn how to start one.

One last warning--no matter how many safety precautions you take, God is our ultimate source of protection. NFD

TV FILMING AT ORTH RESIDENCE



Anyone passing by Elizabeth and Charles Orth's attractive home at 206 Upland Road on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week would have been perplexed by what they saw. They would have seen men attaching plastic autumn leaves to the large tree in the Orths' front yard and spray painting their lawn green--snow and all. Artificial ivy was entwined around their lamp post, and extra pine straw and shrubbery had been brought in.

What was going on? A TV commercial for an electric tree lopper was being filmed. The film crew worked diligently on Tuesday and from 5:30 a.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, lopping and rewiring the same imported tree limb over and over.

Stay tuned for this exciting commercial featuring one of our own Parkwood neighborhood homes, not to mention the electric tree lopper.

CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE



We had a great time at our Christmas party--the one we advertised in the last edition of the Parkwood Picayune. Charlie and Scotty Candler, Katie and Molly Daly, Kristen Dorage, Alex and Andy Jones, Isaac and Olivia Ordway, Lain and Susanna Shakespeare, and Allison Stewart were our 12 guests.

We played such games as "Pin the Star Over the Stable" (won by Molly), "How Many Words Can You Find in 'Merry Christmas'?" (won by Katie), and we guessed how many pieces of candy were in a bag. (Susanna guessed the exact number!) We also had a "Bethlehem Star Cup" (won by Scotty) and a Door Prize (won by Lain). My mother read the Christmas story, and then we made candle holders out of baby food jars. Afterwards, we had refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch.

We missed all of you who couldn't come this time, but we hope to see you at our next party, to be announced. EHD

SECOND EDITION OF PARKWOOD PICAYUNE

Thank you so much, Readers and Subscribers, for your gracious response to our first edition of the Parkwood Picayune. It was really fun to hear from you and have the chance to get to know you better. May God bless you all.

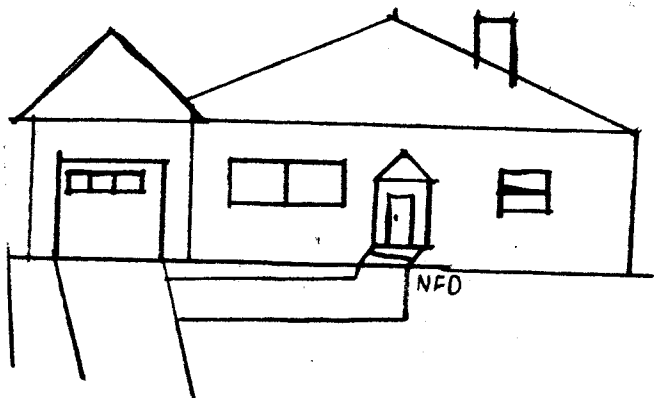
As we wrote last time, the Parkwood Picayune, not to be confused with the New Orleans Times Picayune, is a quarterly newspaper published by the Joseph Dicks family of 192 East Parkwood Road. As homeschoolers, we would like to get practice in writing. At the same time, we hope to inform you of happenings in the neighborhood. We hope to make you think and make you smile. Thank you for reading our newspaper. If you would like to subscribe, the cost is \$.25 per issue or \$1.00 per year. Call us at 373-1466 with any questions you may have. AHD & NFD



"ITSY BITSY"--AN UNUSUAL PET

We have a tarantula named Itsy Bitsy that my parents won at a white elephant Christmas party last year. We have to feed it crickets, water it and also keep a lamp over its cage to keep it warm. We don't ever pick him up. Sometimes Itsy spins a web.

If you have a special pet, please tell us about it, and we may use your story in our newspaper sometime. EHD



THE AMAZING DUNHAM FAMILY!!!



Mark and Jean Dunham and their son Simon, 11 (a fifth grader at Westchester), have lived at 247 East Parkwood Road for a year and a half. We've learned that their hobbies and talents are truly amazing! In their free time, the Dunhams practice low trapeze and Spanish web tricks, unicycling, juggling, and tree climbing using professional tree climbing equipment.

About five years ago, Simon and his mother began classes at a place called Carrie Heller's Circus Arts. They've gotten so good at their low trapeze tricks that they've performed at several local festivals such as First Night and the Inman Park Caterpillar Ball. Mark participates in the festivals also, helping with the rigging of the trapeze (a major production in itself) and sometimes doing his unicycling and juggling tricks. As we interviewed Jean and Simon, they actually performed for us on their backyard trapeze. Some of their difficult tricks were called "cradle," "side," "flagout," "knee hang," "belly balance," "catcher's hang," and the "cross."

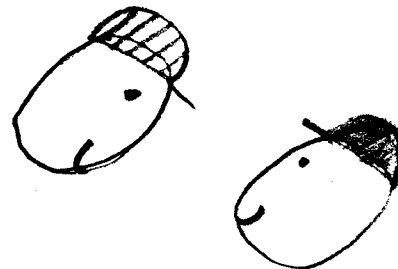
Before becoming involved with Circus Arts, the Dunhams took up recreational tree climbing and are members of Tree Climbers International. They enjoy the thrill, challenge, and beauty of tree climbing.

It was fun meeting and getting to know the Dunhams, and we are glad to have them in the neighborhood. NFD



PERSON TO PERSON

FEATURING...JONATHAN LAIN SHAKESPEARE JR.
One Wimberly Court



Q. What is your favorite subject, Lain?
A. Science.

Q. Why do you like it?
A. We get to dissect earthworms, starfish, frogs, etc.

Q. Do you have a hobby or favorite activity? Tell us about it.
A. Swimming. Favorite stroke is freestyle.

Q. Tell us about a person you admire.
A. John Stockton of the Utah Jazz. He's an award-winning basketball player, but he doesn't brag.

Q. What is your goal in life?
A. To win the President's Cup in swimming again at the Druid Hills Country Club. Lain won it in 1993, and his sister Susanna won it in 1994.

Q. Please complete this sentence: I think the world would be a better place if...
A. There was no war.

Personal Profile

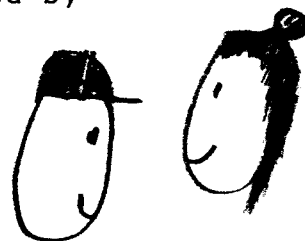
Age: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Birthday: May 12, 1983

Family Members: Jonathan Shakespeare (father and CPA)
Annette Shakespeare (mother and homemaker)
Susanna, 9 (sister and student at Pace Academy)

Pets: Two cats, Smokey and Rascal
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Food: Chicken and Shrimp
Favorite Sports: Tennis, swimming

Special Trips: Las Vegas to ski with his father; France;
tennis camp in Canada.

This exclusive interview of Lain Shakespeare was conducted by Nathan Dicks on February 4, 1995.



Poems and Book Reviews

The Wolf's Tooth

by G. Clifton Wisler



The Wolf's Tooth is about a 13-year old boy named Elias Walsh who moves with his father and mother from Waco, Texas to an isolated Indian reservation where his father is to be a school teacher. Elias makes an Indian friend named Thomas Tree Feathers. After killing two wolves, Elias earned the Indian name, "Two Wolves."

I like this book because I like adventure and excitement, and my mother likes me to read history. Wisler has written many other books that you may enjoy: Red Cap, Thunder on the Tennessee (both about the Civil War), The Raid, and Piper's Ferry (about Texas independence). NFD

The Haunted Cabin Mystery

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden's parents died, and for a while these children lived in an abandoned boxcar out in the woods. Then they went to live with their rich grandfather and were ever after called "The Boxcar Children."

I like The Haunted Cabin Mystery because it is exciting and scary, and it is fun to figure out the mystery. I like the Boxcar Children because they like to help. Benny and Henry are my favorite characters. I recommend this series of books to all first through third graders. BBD

Anne of Green Gables

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

In the book Anne of Green Gables, you read about a red-headed 11-year old orphan named Anne who is adopted by accident by Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert. (They are brother and sister and had really wanted a hard working boy to help them on their farm.) The Cuthberts live at "Green Gables," a charming house on Prince Edward Island, Canada. Anne meets a friend named Diana Barry, and they "swear" to be friends forever. The story continues with Anne's ups and downs and her romantic ways.

This book is the first book in the Anne of Green Gables series. I highly recommend it for girls, age 10 and up. EHD



We were delighted to receive Katherine Swint's couplet, and we would love to hear from other poets in our neighborhood as well.

Also, we would like to receive reminiscences of your childhood dollhouses and playhouses. Or, if you're still a child, tell us about a special dollhouse or playhouse you may have now.

A Couplet

I blow upon a dandelion sphere
And half its galaxy lifts puffward
through the air.

by Katherine M. Swint
128 Parkwood Lane

February Holidays

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON



Did You Know that

... George Washington was really born on February 11, 1731 instead of February 22, 1732? The calendar was changed in 1752, so everyone born before 1752 was supposed to add 11 days and one year to his birthday.

... George did not really chop down a cherry tree? A man named Parson Weems made up this tale for a book he wrote about George in 1806.

... Washington gradually lost his teeth, supposedly by cracking walnuts with them? A set of false teeth was made for him from a hippopotamus tusk!. Have you ever noticed how he presses his lips together in his portraits?

... when Washington died in 1799, his big white horse marched in the funeral parade carrying George's saddle and stirrups and that George's boots were in the stirrups facing backwards? This was to symbolize that the horse's master had died.

... George was a friend of General Robert E. Lee's father, "Light Horse" Harry Lee? Lee proclaimed George Washington to be "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none." BBD with help from AHD.

Facts about George were taken from Childcraft, I Did It With My Hatchet, and Encyclopedia of Presidents.

Happy Presidents' Day, Feb. 20!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



On Valentine's Day, we think about love. Here is God's definition of love:

"Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous, love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."

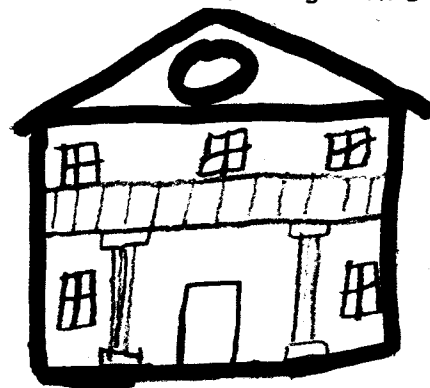
1 Corinthians 13:4-9a; New American Standard version.

GENERAL BEAUREGARD LEE PREDICTS EARLY SPRING

On Groundhog Day, February 2, Georgia's official weather prognosticator, General Beauregard Lee of the Yellow River Game Ranch, did not see his shadow when he first came out of his mansion that day. If you believe this old superstition brought to America by German farmers, you can expect an early spring.

When we visited the Yellow River Game Ranch on Groundhog Day last week, General Lee the groundhog would not come out of his house. We were privileged, however, to see his lovely mansion with a fountain, satellite dish, Georgia flag, mail box, and his own stone monument.

Have a good early spring! NFD

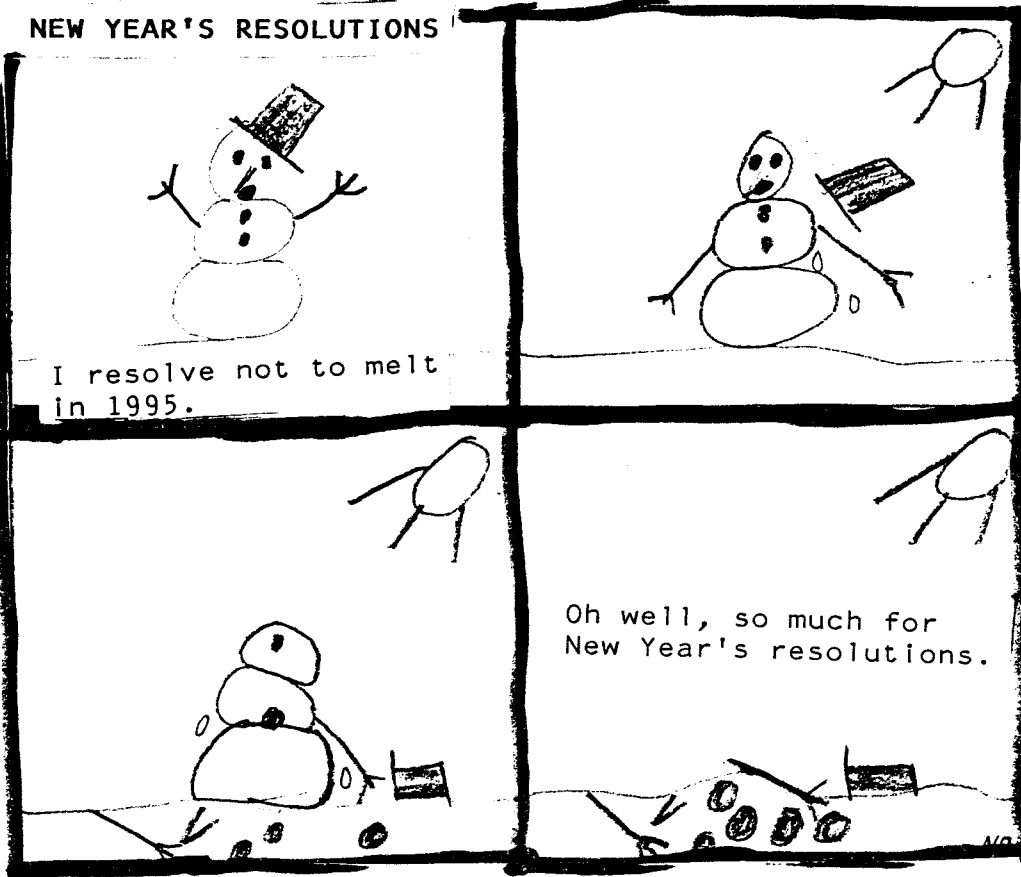


CARTOONS

by "NATE THE SKATE"

JOKES!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



Q. What's white and goes up?
A. A confused snowflake.

Q. What did George Washington say to his men before he crossed the Delaware?
A. Get in the boat.

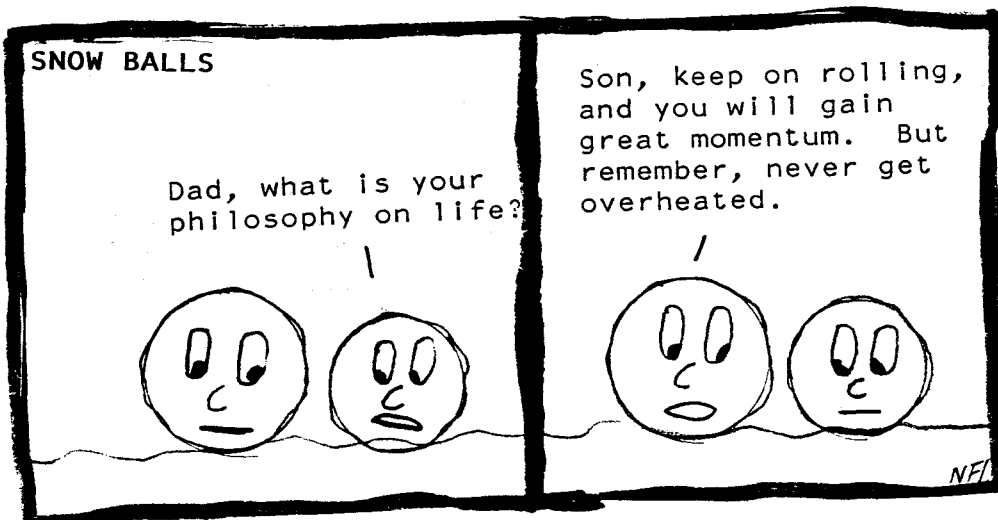
Above jokes taken from American Girl.

Q. What does a lazy dog chase?
A. Parked cars!

Q. Where do you take a sick watch?
A. To the tick doc!

Above jokes compliments of the Mini Page.

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