

St. Clair United Way close

By Cindy Warner

Home staff writer

Things are definitely looking good for agencies asking for funding from the St. Clair United Way, according to Allocations Committee Chairman Guin Robinson.

Robinson said the final approval for the local agencies' requests will be announced by United Way of Central Alabama on Dec. 17.

Preliminary indications show that St. Clair will actually get more money back than was raised during the fund-raising campaign.

The campaign was a success,

Robinson said.

A total of \$74,000 was raised this year, which put St. Clair at 90.8 percent of its projected goal, said Dick Whatley, co-chairman of the campaign.

"There is some money still outstanding that should help us come a little closer to our goal once it comes in," Whatley said. "We are still looking at \$2,000 to \$5,000 more coming in. That should put us real close to our goal of \$79,000."

Some of the campaign officials said big donations from last year were down a little this year, but there was a lot of new money raised from first

time donations.

"We raised a lot of new dollars, and I feel good about what we did," said Philip Slusher, a loaned executive from the St. Clair campaign.

Mary Jane Marcus, the campaign's other loaned executive, said more than \$12,000 of the money this year came from the new contributors.

Kmart, for instance, gave \$4,000 with their employee and corporate donation combined, she said.

"Heavy Duty Electric was also a big new contributor with their employee gift of over \$2,000. With their corporate gift included, Heavy Duty gave a total of \$3,000," Ms. Marcus

Local

to goal at campaign's end

aid.

And, she said, there were some rather large increases by previous contributors.

Energy Absorption Systems Inc. increased its gift by 115 percent, and Riverside Refractories increased its contribution by 36 percent, Ms. Marcus said.

Now that the money has been raised, it is up to the allocations committee to see how it is allotted to the various agencies.

Robinson pointed out that the committee members who determine how the money will be dispersed are all local residents.

"That is what I really like about this process," he said. "It isn't a committee in Birmingham that is determining how our agencies will fare, it is local people. We know these agencies and what their needs are."

Robinson said the members of the committee look at several different things during the allocations process.

The committee looks at the agency's request and what their needs are for the upcoming year. Those factors are considered along with the agency budget to determine how much funding they will receive.

One new agency that was requesting funding this year was the

Children's Place Advocacy Center, Robinson said.

The Children's Place was told at the beginning of the campaign that they would only be funded if enough money was raised.

Because United Way of Central Alabama did meet its overall goal of \$19.6 million, The Children's Place is expected to receive some funding, Robinson said.

Other agencies that will receive funding are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Hospice Care, Department of Human Resources, Community Action, Christian Love Pantry and Association For Retarded Citizens.

Pell City Council OKs annexation of Mays Bend community

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It was four years in the making, but all the hard work of the citizens of Mays Bend was rewarded with a vote by the Pell City Council Monday night to officially annex them into the city limits.

The annexation approval will bring 141 of the 145 homes in the Mays Bend community into the city limits, according to Frank Hobson, president of the Mays Bend Homeowners Association.

Hobson said there are 230 lots in the entire community of which 15 decided to stay un-annexed. There are 187 lot owners and 12 of those decided not to come into the city.

For those who did, they will now be eligible for all city benefits, including police and fire protection and free garbage pickup.

The city will also be taking over the water system that currently provides the area with water, including the well and all existing water lines.

Tommy Bowers, vice president of the Mays Bend Homeowners Association, said those people who voted not to be annexed should have received a certified letter explaining their options about the water system.

Bowers said the residents will have the option of getting the water through the city for the same price the residents who voted to annex will. If they decide not to join, the city will shut off the water to their homes when they set up the meters and they will have to dig a well for their water.

The cost of joining the city water system is an initial tap-on fee of \$750 per house and a meter deposit of \$35.

That same price was quoted to a group of residents on Blue Cut Road that came before the council Monday night asking the city to provide them with city water.

The council did approve the request as the residents live in fairly close proximity to existing city water lines.

Councilman Mack Abercrombie said it would take about 3,000 feet of pipe to provide the service at a cost of about \$13,500.

In other business, the council heard a proposal from the St. Clair County Humane Society about dog collection for the city.

The city is no longer covered on the former contract and currently has no means of picking up the stray dogs.

Peggy Burgess, the newly-elected president of the Humane Society Board of Directors, said the Humane Society's new contract would include a charge of \$75 an hour for dog collection.

Burgess said the society can only collect for two hours a day to avoid causing the animals too much stress from being in a vehicle for long periods of time.

The council voted to table action

on the item until it can look for a less-expensive alternative.

Also Monday, the council:

□ Presented a resolution to June Brasho, Pell City's Good Citizen of the Month.

□ Presented a resolution to Betty Haynes in honor of being the states president of the Alabama Garden Club.

□ Voted to close Alleys 53 and 54 at the request of Aderick Goodgame, but tabled the request to vacate certain parts of Chambers Street and Virginia Avenue until the state decides how those streets will be affected by the Highway 231 right-of-way-acquisitions.

□ Tabled a request from Dick Whaley, who was representing the Martin estate, to vacate portions of Turner Street and Fifth Avenue until the Planning and Zoning Board decides what to do about rezoning the area.

□ Approved a new street light at the intersection of Pine Harbor Road, but denied the request for new lights at the entrance of Pine Harbor Way and Wolf Creek Road near New Hope Baptist Church.

□ Approved retail beer (off premise) and table wine (off premise) requests for The Country Store and the two Cigo stations.

□ Voted to approve the following paving recommendations: Crest Street, Ball Street and Alexander Road in District One; Green Street and 16th Street in District Two; 2nd Avenue North and 18th Street North in District Three; Red Hawk Trail in District Four, and Valleyview Circle in District Five.

AIDS not just big city disease

By Sheryl Marsh
Home staff writer

Since the first cases of AIDS surfaced in 1981, the dreadful disease has claimed thousands of lives and threatens many more every day.

A lot of myths have also spread concerning the disease, including "it's a big city disease" and can't happen in small towns like Talladega, according to an official with the State Department of Public Health.

Cases of AIDS have been reported

in counties throughout the state and the number of confirmed cases has grown within the past year, according to a statistical report from the department.

So far this year in Talladega County, six cases of the disease were confirmed, bringing the total to 28 in a population of 74,107. There has been only one confirmed case of AIDS in St. Clair County thus far, bringing that total to seven in a population of 50,009.

Area III, which is made up of five counties including St. Clair, has a total of 20 cases reported so far this year; and Area IV, made up of 11 counties including Talladega, has 40 reported cases.

To date, Area III has a cumulative total of 59 cases and Area IV has a cumulative total of 168.

In 1992 there were only two cases reported in Area III, and 26 in Area IV.

The overall total of AIDS cases reported in the state this year is 2,352.

it's in Talladega and St. Clair

Acquired Immune Deficiency syndrome is the advanced stage of infection with the Human Immunodeficiency (HIV) virus.

When HIV enters a person's bloodstream, it damages a type of white blood cell responsible for regulating the immune system.

Once in the system, the virus grows and attacks more cells, eventually taking over the immune system. It leaves the body unable to ward off infections, according to a

report from the Public Health Department.

HIV is transmitted through body fluids such as semen, vaginal fluids and blood. A person can become infected by having sex or sharing needles with someone who is a carrier of the disease.

Babies born to infected mothers may have HIV.

Also, people who received blood transfusions or blood products between 1978 and 1985 risked contracting the disease.

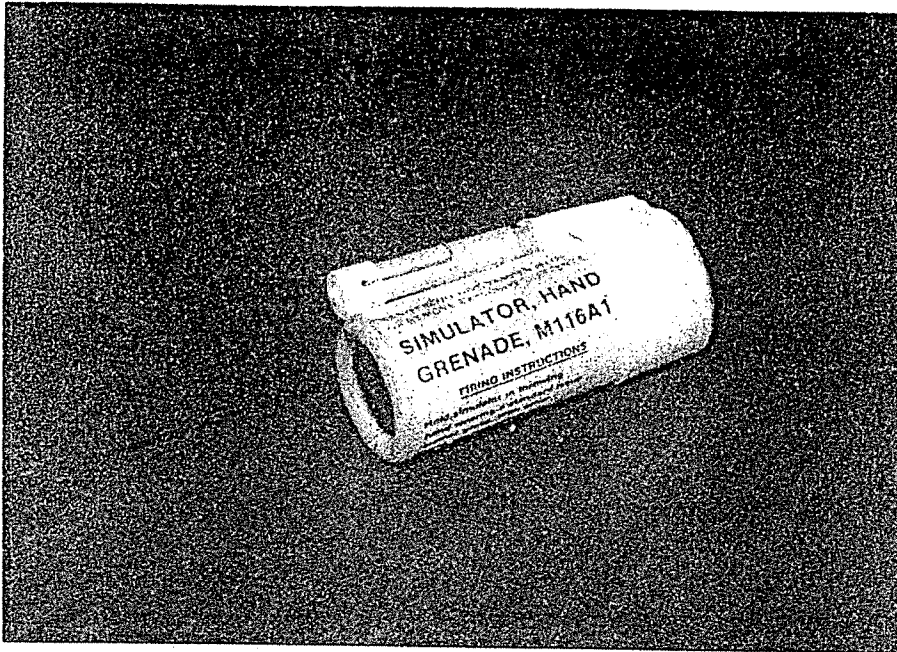
Since 1985, blood donors are screened, and all donated blood products are tested before use, the report states.

There have been no reports of anyone being infected with the virus through casual contact, such as shaking hands, embracing, public eating, swimming pools or sharing toilets.

It's difficult for the virus to survive outside of the human body

For more information concerning AIDS, call 1-800-228-0469.

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Explosive found in clothing box at Alabama Thrift Store in Pell City

By Cindy Warner
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A box of clothing donated to the Alabama Thrift Store in Pell City Monday had a little more in it than the usual assortment of shirts, pants and blue jeans.

Nested inside was an Army explosive device used to train soldiers for real combat situations.

Pell City Police Investigator Roy Davis said employees at the Thrift Store contacted the police department after they found the device in the box.

Pell City Police then contacted the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit from Fort McClellan to come and take care of the overgrown firecracker.

Specialist Walter Jerald and Staff Sgt. Judson Boles, who came to get the explosive, said the device is a hand grenade simulator.

"It is used in training to simulate a hand grenade explosion," Boles said. "The only difference is that this doesn't fragment when it explodes like a real hand grenade would. It does produce a very loud boom though."

Although it doesn't cause the damage a real hand grenade would, it is still a powerful explosive that could have seriously injured anyone that

might have tried to set it off, the soldiers said.

"It is much more powerful than a M-80 firecracker," Jerald explained. "You would not want to be holding it or standing anywhere close to it if it did go off."

The men said the simulators have been used to train soldiers for real combat since the Vietnam era. The appearance of the explosive has not changed any in that time, so it is hard to tell how old this particular device

might be.

They did not know how the simulator could have found its way into a box of clothing, but their best guess was that a soldier probably accidentally took it home in the pocket of a pair of Army fatigues and then didn't know what to do with it.

"This might have been their way of getting rid of it," Jerald said.

Officials said the device would be taken back to the Army base where it would be properly destroyed.

Pell City seeing fruits of

By Cindy Warner
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The Pell City Tree Commission has just finished its first beautification project and is gearing up for the next one, much to the delight of the group's chairwoman, Bobby Holtram.

The first project was to plant trees, shrubs and annuals at the Comer Avenue entrance to Pell City Industrial Park.

The second project will be to beautify the median on Bruce Etheredge Parkway, she said.

The main goal of the Tree Commission, which was formed in April,

is to help Pell City become a Tree City USA.

The commission funds the beautification projects through grants and from local donations.

The cost of the first two projects was about \$5,000, Ms. Holtram said.

The commission used Sam Galloway of Galloway Gardens, for the Industrial Park project. Another local contractor, Lonnie Phillips, has been hired to do the landscaping for the Bruce Etheredge project, Ms. Holtram said.

"We felt it was important to keep the money here in Pell City with our local landscape contractors," he said.

The money for those projects came

from a state grant of \$5,500.

The Beautification Board recently donated \$300 to the Tree Commission to help with a future beautification project at the 158 Pell City/Ashville exit ramp of I-20.

Ms. Holtram said the group is currently working on a master plan of future projects that they would like to do.

Some of the ideas that have been mentioned include beautifying the High School, the city walking track, some areas at Lakeside Park, the U.S. 78 side of Industrial Park and replacing dead trees all over the city.

Another idea that is being considered is a memorial park, Ms. Holtram said.



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Ms. Holtram stands with some of the group's handiwork. Under her direction, the Pell City Tree Commission has finished one beautification project and is ready for another.

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Tree Commission's labor

"We would like to start a park where people could plant a tree in honor or in memory of friends or loved ones," she said.

Ms. Holtram said the group would also like to hear from the public about any other areas that might need some work.

Of course, work on these projects can't begin until the commission raises some more money.

The group is accepting donations, applying for other grants and a state Tree Trust.

"With a Tree Trust, the state will supply us with whatever kind of trees

we want for free," she said. "All we will have to do is plant them."

The members of the commission are Holtram, Porter Bailey, Joseph McGraw, Lynn Ervin, Ray Bowman, Councilman Johnnie DeCaris, Councilman James McGowan and Mayor Lawrence Fields.

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From the Front

Pell City Council agrees to make decision on Goodgame's request to vacate streets

Preliminary plans for new campground area approved

By Cindy Warner
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For nearly five months Pell City businessman Aderick Goodgame has been asking the Pell City Council to vacate two dedicated streets. And as of yet, he still doesn't have a definite answer.

But, he is one step closer, as the council did agree to meet with Goodgame and his attorney, Elizabeth Parsons, to settle the matter once and for all before the next council meeting.

Goodgame, along with Don Raughton, first approached the council about closing two alleys and Chambers Street and Virginia Avenue.

The alleys and the streets do not physically exist, but they are dedicated to the city on the 1903 plat.

Goodgame wants to expand his business, but he can't until the city gives the approval to vacate the property.

He said the expansion would add more jobs for the community, which in turn will add to the local tax base.

The city previously voted to vacate the alleys, one of which was Raughton's request, but tabled a decision on the streets indefinitely until it could be determined what the U.S. Highway 231 expansion project would do to that area.

Ms. Parsons and Goodgame approached the council at Monday's meeting to ask that they make a final vote on the issue, as the land acquisition on the highway project is still speculative.

Ms. Parsons told the council that the state Highway Department has already explained that the acquisition should not even effect the parcel of land in question, so really the only thing holding up his expansion plans is their failure to act on his request.

The City Council has maintained that the property could be of future use to the city and that vacating it would also mean that the city would lose the utility easements that are there.

Councilman George Williams said the area could be used to extend 23rd Street to open up a new downtown block.

Williams, who has strongly opposed vacating the property since the very beginning, also quoted a Supreme Court opinion that states that a city should only vacate a street due to

public need and not for an individual's private gain.

Ms. Parsons countered that the decision, which is based on a 1993 case dealing with the city of Alabaster, was made regarding the closure of an existing street that was being used by city residents.

"We are not talking about an existing street," she said. "We are talking about a dry piece of land."

Goodgame also brought up the fact that the city just voted at its last meeting to vacate an area on hospital drive so businessman John Perry could build a new service station there.

The council passed that measure, despite opposition from nearby residents, and Goodgame feels that they are setting a double standard.

"I don't even have anybody that voiced opposition to what I am doing," he told the council. "Streets all over town have been closed in the past. You've closed streets where people opposed and you've closed some that were already built and opened."

Pell City Realtor Dick Whatley told the council he feels that they are making a mistake by not granting Goodgame's request and he stressed that many local residents don't understand their reasoning behind the decision not to vacate.

"A lot of people don't understand why you are denying this man the right to expand his business when it is the best thing to do for this city," Whatley told the council. "The streets will never be needed with today's layout of the city. You don't have any justification in denying him this right."

Williams told Whatley that he is well aware of pros and cons of what residents' opinions are on the matter and he feels there are just as many that agree that the property should not be vacated.

Councilman Mack Abercrombie eventually made the motion get the matter settled.

"I think it is time we settled this thing once and for all so it won't keep coming up every other meeting," he said.

In other business, the council approved preliminary plans to build a new campground area at Pell City Lakeside Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Al Murray told the council the plans call for a 50 lot recreational vehicle (RV)

campground with electric, water and possible sewer hookups.

The city agreed to spend the needed \$35,000 for materials for the project and to supply the equipment and the labor to build the campground.

Murray said the labor would come jointly from the Street Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The city currently owns around 65 acres of land at the park, but only 9 to 11 acres have been developed, Murray said.

"This campground will probably take up another 10 acres," he said.

Williams, who serves as the city finance chairman, said the proposed rental on the campground would be \$16 a night if sewer is not provided and \$18 a night if it is.

Based on 100 percent rental at the \$16 rate, Williams estimates the city could generate \$96,000 in revenue just during the peak summer months.

"We could pay for the cost of the campground in just one season," he said.

Abercrombie agreed that the park's revenue could be greatly increased with the RV campground.

"It could be a big revenue draw for the city," he said. "A park in north Alabama used to be a big money loser, but with their new RV park, it is a big money generator."

Murray said the campground will be located in the back portion of the park, past the pavilions, just off the road.

No definite plans have been set as to when construction on the project will begin, he said.

Also Monday, the council:
□ Named local Hospice founder Janice Miller as Pell City Citizen of the Month.

□ Tabled a petition to vacate an eight foot section of right of way on Old Wagon Road. The home of Ray and Kelly Goggans, which was built in 1956, encroaches on the property and the city must vacate under current real estate laws before the home can be sold.

□ Amended an ordinance for the 1993 bond issue to include paving in the Description of Improvements section.

□ Tabled an application for a Lounge Retail Liquor license for William Geary Blaylock's business, Damfino, located at 1903 1st Avenue South (formerly Rick's Tavern).

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Pell City Kiwanis: Small club

By Cindy Warner
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When the Pell City Kiwanis Club saw a need in the community last year, it filled it. For its efforts, the club is being honored with a state award for its service projects.

The club was notified on Dec. 29 that the Alabama District Committee on Achievement for Kiwanis had named the Pell City club the winner of the Multiple Service Award for the Coral Section.

The Coral Section includes all clubs with 30 members or less.

"This is the first time our club has won an award of this magnitude," said immediate past president Guin Robinson. "And what is so unique is that these were all projects that were done locally."

Robinson said the club had the

choice of entering just one project or entering the multiple project category, which is the one the club eventually chose.

The Pell City club submitted five of its projects from the past year, Robinson said.

The projects were Coats for Kids, the new pavilion at Lakeside Park, the Jean Dean Reading is Fundamental program, Pell City Teacher of the Month, and the Children's Hospital local phone fund-raising drive.

The Pell City Kiwanis Club designated funds from the annual "Radio Day" as the means for financing the Coats for Kids campaign. The Coats for Kids Committee worked jointly with school personnel to generate a needs assessment, and the local Key Club pitched in matching funds for the project.

A total of \$1,082 was spent, and

122 school children received coats from the project.

The new pavilion was dedicated in August 1993 after three years of planning.

The club originally took on the new pavilion as a long term project after the mayor and council expressed a need for a new recreational area at the park.

The Kiwanis Club established a new fund-raising event by cooking and delivering chicken dinner plates to businesses and schools.

The pavilion cost \$5,300 to construct with Kiwanis Club members pitching in to help the St. Clair County Homebuilders build it.

The Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental program is actually a state Kiwanis project and one that the local club is happy to participate in, Robinson said.

The club worked with the local administrator of Head Start to access the financial needs of providing books for under privileged children.

The \$300 the Pell City Kiwanis Club donated to the project, resulted in more than \$1,500 in the direct benefits to the at-risk children in St. Clair County.

Kiwanis Club members took time out of their schedules to read to more than 141 children, and each child became the proud owner of his or her own book, Robinson said.

Working in conjunction with Pell City School Superintendent Dr. Billy Pack, the Board of Education and area principals, the Kiwanis Club established a guideline for choosing a "Teacher of the Month."

No funds have been necessary for this project, but Kiwanis members spend about five manhours a month in the selection process. The nomi-

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wins big award

nee is then honored at a meeting.

With the Children's Hospital drive, Kiwanis members wanted to do something to help the medical facility since it provides service to young children all over the state, including many from St. Clair County.

The Kiwanis Club set up a local phone bank in Pell City to contact contributors in St. Clair County.

Club members later spent an evening manning the phones to raise more than \$1,000 for Children's Hospital.

Robinson said of all of the project,

he feels the new pavilion was probably the "crowning jewel" that helped the club snag the state award.

"The pavilion was a major undertaking," he said.

Robinson, along with David Jackson, Lynn Bateman, Liz Parsons and Roger Haynes, will be traveling to the awards ceremony at the Alabama District Mid-Winter Conference in Auburn on Feb. 19.

By winning the state award, the Pell City Kiwanis Club will also be competing for an award from Kiwanis International.

Belgian firefighter looks ov

By Cindy Warner
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While visiting a friend in Pell City, Belgium firefighter Michel Simon decided to take a tour of Pell City Fire Station No. 1.

What he saw, while similar to what he is used to, was still very different, he said.

Simon and his wife, Marcelle, have been in the United States visiting Roxianne Burrows.

Ms. Burrows, who has lived in Pell City for about two years, was the Simons' neighbor when she was stationed in Belgium with the Army in 1983.

Simon took the tour of the fire department facility on Monday.

He said some things are the same, but there are several differences between the local station and the station where he works in Belgium.

His station is located in the town of Mons, which is located near the border of France.

The city is geographically about the same size as Pell City, but it has a population of about 200,000 people.

Pell City has an approximate population of about 17,000, said Pell City Fire Chief Greg Barnes.

Simon, who has been a firefighter since 1974, said there is only one fire station to cover the entire city and the 28-square mile radius surrounding the city that is in its coverage area.

There are 126 people employed at the station, he said.

Of those, 26 are medics, two are operators, six work in administration, and the rest are firefighters.

NINETEEN MEN ARE on duty at all times. The shifts are scheduled so that each firefighter works 12 hours on (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), 24 hours off; 12 hours on (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.), 48 hours off and then back to 12 hours on again, he said.

The swing shift type of hours make it long and grueling work, he said.

The men usually work about 42 hours a week. They are required to work a minimum of 36 1/2 hours, and they only get one day off every three weeks. If they don't use the days, they accumulate into vacation pay, Simon said.

Simon has worked his vacation pay up to 26 days a year, and then he gets 19 days of holiday pay.

On a typical day, the crew responds to at least two big fires, and numerous medical calls.

There is usually not that many traffic accidents to respond to, he

said.

"We probably have about 15 wrecks a month," he said.

Simon said the country loses about \$200,000 a day because of fires.

"The most common type of fire is chimney fires because of the cold weather," he said. "People use their fireplaces a lot."

Barnes said Pell City has been fortunate this year in that there hasn't been a lot of fires.

"We have had more this year than I would have liked to have had, but we haven't had a big, costly fire since the P&O lab burned in July," he said.

Simon said all of the firemen in Belgium really are fire "men." There are no female firefighters in his unit, or the entire country, for that matter.

WHEN ASKED BY Pell City's female firefighter the reason for that policy, Simon said the women would like to be allowed to serve but so far, politics have stood in the way.

"They usually get around it by saying there isn't enough money to make room for the women in the stations," he said. "They just don't want to deal with it, so they are not chosen."

Firefighters in his country currently number around 3,000. They have to be chosen, and it is not an easy process, Simon said.

They must attend college (which the government pays for) and get a degree that would be equivalent to an engineering degree in the United States. Then they are selected on their qualifications and training.

They also must be able to speak the three languages that are spoken in Belgium. The country recognizes both French and German as official languages, but a lot of people also speak Flemish.

"It can be very confusing," Simon said. "The country is only 180 miles in width and 70 miles in height, which mean it could easily fit in your state of Alabama with plenty of room to spare, but you have people on one side that can't understand the people on the other."

Simon speaks all three languages, as well as English, but still says it can be very frustrating.

As far as equipment is concerned, the fire trucks are not that different, he said. The big difference is in how they are set up.

For example, his trucks still have rolled hoses, which means they have to hook the hoses together after they are unrolled.

His Pell City counterparts use a

technique called an "accordion load" for their hoses. The hoses look like an accordion when they are lying on the truck, and firefighter Tony White said they can easily be pulled out that way.

"IF THEY STILL have to roll their hoses, they are doing some work," White said. "All we have to do is pull and our hoses come out."

Simon said another big difference is that all of the emergency agencies in Belgium use blue lights instead of red, or red and blue.

The fire stations in Belgium are big, he said. His station in Mons houses 19 large fire engines, four ambulances and a rescue truck.

The medicines that are kept on board the ambulances and the rescue trucks are the same as here, Simon said, with the exception of morphine.

Trucks in Pell City are not allowed to carry morphine, Ms. Wolfe, who works as a firefighter and medic, said.

They do have fire hydrants in Belgium, but they aren't used much because the water pressure is too low, he said. They must depend on the water pumping trucks at most of their fires.

As Simon continued to tell of the differences between the two departments, he mentioned something that caused the Pell City firefighters that were listening to sit with their mouths hanging open.

In Belgium, firefighters and police do not get along. And what's even more amazing, he said, they seldom try to cooperate with each other.

"They follow us to the scene a lot of the time and if we get over the speed limit, which is 42 miles an hour, they give us speeding tickets."

SIMON WENT ON to tell the astonished Pell City firefighters that they must pay for the tickets out of their own pockets, too.

"They don't try to pull us over to prevent us from getting to a fire or to a medical call," he said. "They just follow us there and give us the ticket then."

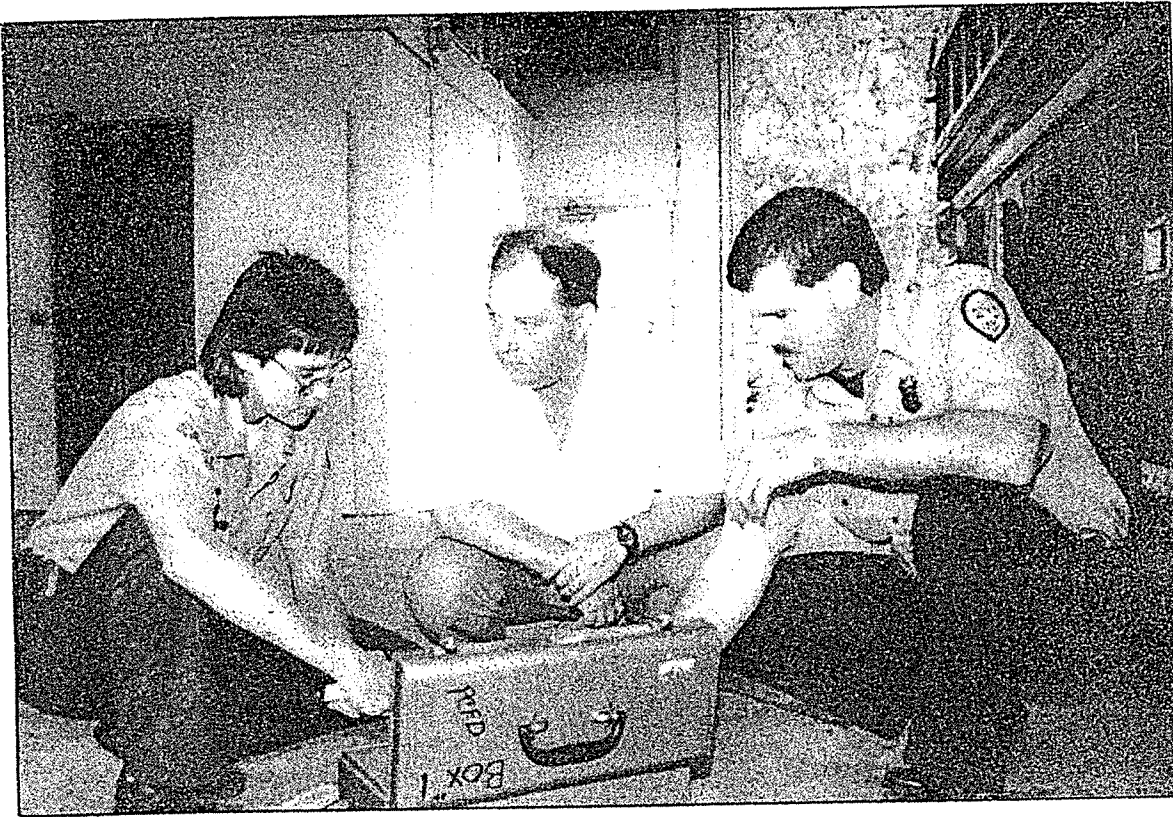
Cars, however, are usually allowed to go as fast as they want to, he added.

Simon said his country has the equivalent to our Emergency-911, but there the number is 100.

"That is because we still have rotary dial telephones and it is easier for blind people to find the 1 and the 0 to dial," he said.

He added that they do have a prob-

er Pell City fire department



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Simon, center, is shown discussing the differences between the two departments concerning the medicines that are kept on their trucks. Also

pictured are Pell City firefighters Kim Wolfe, left, and Tony White, right.

lem with people not reserving the line for emergencies and instead, using them as a personal information line.

"We have had people call us just to ask what time it is."

Simon and his wife made a video tape of the Pell City station to take

back to show his fellow co-workers. "They are not going to believe the size of this kitchen," he said in amazement.

When he was shown the living quarters for the Pell City personnel, Simon just shook his head and smiled.

"We have to share one big room,"

he said. "But we work 12 hour shifts so we really don't sleep that much."

As Simon finished his tour, he thanked Barnes and the other firefighters for allowing him to look around.

"I can't wait to get back and show everyone my video tape," he said.

Attention-getting prevention message rolling in Pell City

By Cindy Warner
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Pell City Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer Donnie Howell has a new baby.

But it isn't one that cries and needs its diapers changed. This baby has four wheels, and the only changing it needs is the oil every 4,000 miles.

The Pell City Police Department is the proud new owner of its very own custom DARE car.

The idea to get a DARE car was a joint venture between Howell and

Pell City Police Chief Joe Davis.

The car, a 1986 white Ford Mustang, was bought by the city last month. Since then, local businesses have generously contributed materials and time to help get the car "jazzed up."

"The car will be used for the DARE program," Howell said. "I will use it for transportation between the two schools and at all the DARE functions so that when people see it, they will know that the Police Department is working toward drug prevention for their children."

Anyone who has seen the car can't help but look twice.

The car has a fresh coat of white paint and is newly decked out with custom made DARE logos and a shiny blue light bar on top.

The response from the community so far has been positive, Howell said, and the kids at the school have gone wild over the new vehicle. "They absolutely love it."

But the best part of all is that every time someone sees the car, it is a rolling advertisement for the program

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Pell City DARE officer Donnie Howell is riding in style now that Pell City has its own DARE car. The 1986 Ford Mustang is a real show piece.

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that Howell so strongly believes in.

"People put money into this program, and I want them to see that we are helping to fight drugs with prevention along with enforcement," he said.

Howell thanked the city of Pell City and all of the businesses that donated the needed materials for the car.

Those businesses are: Daffron Auto Parts, Auto Parts Supply, Envision Signs, Pell City Ford, Poe Auto Painters, Miller-Sutherland Chevrolet and Pell City Auto Parts (NAPA.)

"We really appreciate all the help

we got from local businesses," said Davis. "The car is going to be great advertisement for the DARE program."

Mayor Lawrence Fields is pleased with the car as well.

"We got a tremendous deal on the car through ADESA Auctions in Moody. They basically made a contribution to the program by letting us have the car at the price they did," Fields said.

"I think it is great. The whole purpose of the DARE program is to get the word out and grab the kids' attention. That car is going to grab their attention."

RV park proposal seen as boon to Pell City's economy

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The idea to build a recreational vehicle campground at Pell City's Lakeside Park has actually been kicked around for about five years.

But it wasn't until recently that the idea became a reality with the City Council's approval to go ahead with the project.

"We started doing a cost estimate study back in October," Parks and Recreation Director Al Murray said. The City Council gave the final approval at its last council meeting in January.

Preliminary plans for the campground call for 50 lots, located just past the two existing pavilions. The

lots will be located conveniently near the boat launch, and they will have electric and water hookups.

"We are still debating on whether to put sewer hookups at all of the sites or just some of them," Murray said.

Initial plans do not call for grills or picnic tables, but Murray hopes to see some added within the first year of business, if they are needed.

Ten lots will be lakeside, and the others will be scattered throughout the woods, he said.

Lakeside Park sits on 65 acres, but only 11 have been developed thus far.

The RV campground should take up another 10 acres, Murray said.

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The original cost estimate for the project is \$35,000 for materials, and the city will be providing the labor for the project jointly from the Street Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

If the city decides to provide sewer for the entire project, it will probably be about \$2,000 more, Murray said.

The majority of the construction to be done is clearing the sites and then putting in the hookup for power and water.

"We hope to be able to clear the sites without destroying too much of the natural setting," Murray said. "We will selectively put in the lots and leave as many trees as possible."

Using city labor is just one way to save money on the project, Murray said. "We got help from local Alabama Power people, and we designed the park ourselves."

Councilman George Williams, who serves as the city's finance chair-

man, announced at the last council meeting that the estimated rental rates for the park will be \$16 a night if sewer is not provided and \$18 a night if it is.

Based on 100 percent bookings at the \$16 rate, Williams estimates the city could generate \$96,000 in revenue just during the peak summer months.

"We could pay for the cost of the campground in just one season," Williams said at the meeting.

WIND CREEK IN Alexander City was a model for Pell City's new park, and Murray also got advice from General Lee Campground owner Floyd Goodgame on what would be needed to run a successful park.

"He stays full year round and usually has to turn people away," Murray said.

To market the new facility, Murray said the Civic Center information packet that is distributed through the

Greater Pell City Area Chamber of Commerce will need updating. "We are also looking at putting brochures in all of the state welcome centers."

Murray said he hopes to see some initial clearing started this spring with a projected opening date of spring or summer 1995.

Right now, Lakeside Park closes during the winter months of December, January and February, but if the RV campground is a success, they might start leaving the park open year round.

The park may also put another city employee on the payroll since a full time security guard will be needed at the front gate instead of keeping the gate locked.

The city would pay for the salary from the revenue generated from the park, Williams said.

Officials also hope the park will provide enough revenue to not only support the park, but other Civic Center projects that haven't been feasible in the past due to lack of funding.

Pell City dog owners beware

By Cindy Warner

Home staff writer

Pell City residents who let their pets run free are running the risk of losing them to impoundment.

In an effort to help control a growing animal problem in Pell City, the City Council hired Mark Johnson as the city's new animal control officer.

Johnson, who started his duties on Jan. 24, has already picked up 30 dogs in two weeks time.

Once the animals are picked up, they are taken to the St. Clair Humane Society in Odenville.

The city pays \$8 a day for each dog's upkeep for up to five days, said Mayor Lawrence Fields. Anyone who has had a pet impounded can get their animal back, but it is going to cost them a fine.

The fine is \$15 for the first offense, \$30 for the second and \$45 for the third.

Of the 30 animals that Johnson has picked up, two have been reclaimed by their owners.

Johnson, who is assigned to the Police Department, said he has been patrolling the entire city limits looking for stray animals and those in violation of the leash law.

"One misunderstanding is that as long as the animal is in the owners yard it is OK," Johnson said. "But they still have to be chained or in a pen. They can't be running at large or I will have to pick them up, even if I have to come in the owner's yard to do it."

Johnson also will pick up animals that he feels are being abused or treated inhumanely. "We want the animals penned or chained by a leash, but not by a rope around their necks," he said.

Meanwhile, city officials are working on a new dog ordinance, but right

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Now, Johnson is working under the old one.

"I think Mark is doing an excellent job," Fields said. "We are beginning to get the strays up, which gives these dogs a better chance at maybe being adopted and finding a home instead of getting killed in the field."

Before Johnson came on board, Police Chief Joe Davis said his office was answering about five complaints a day concerning stray dogs.

"The number of calls we have been receiving has gone down a lot," Davis said.

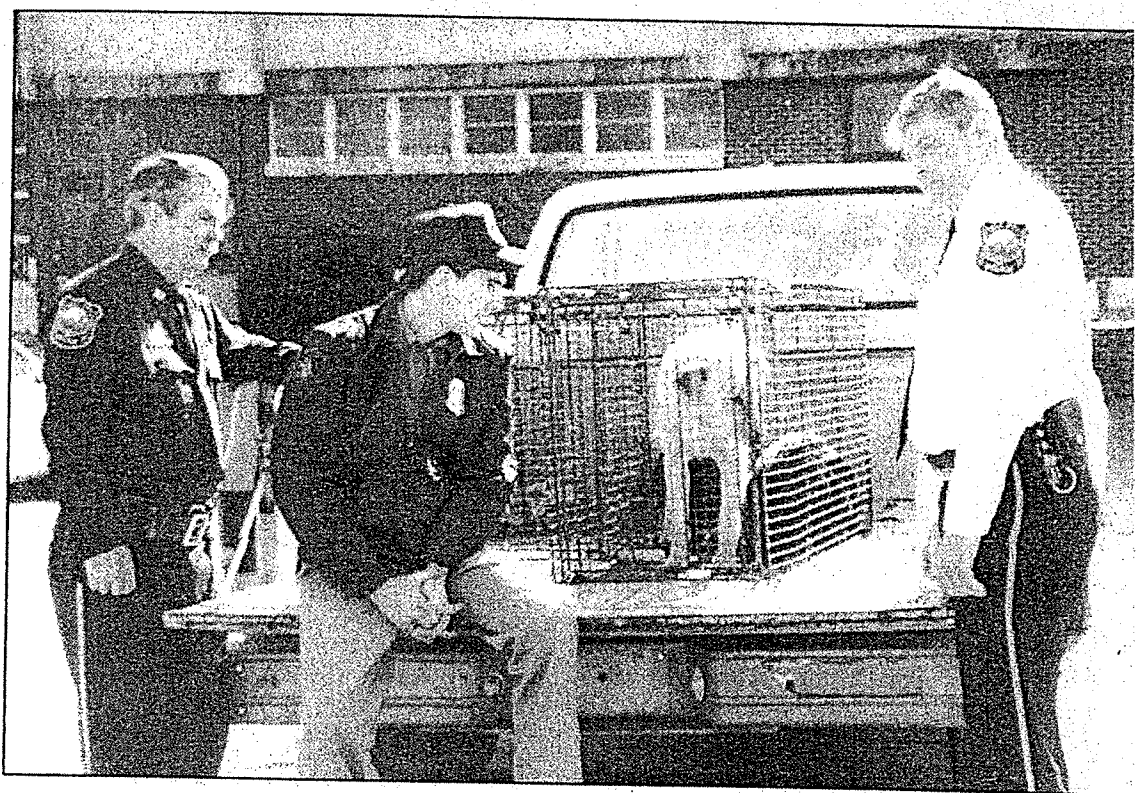
Johnson said he is giving pet owners a fair warning of the possibility of their animal being impounded.

IN FACT, HE HAS been giving two and three warnings in the past, but he is only going to give one from now on. "I don't want to have to pick up their pet, but they have to obey the ordinance."

Police Capt. Ed Pennington urged owners to have their animals spayed or neutered. "That would at least help control the problem we have with stray animals."

Details of the new dog ordinance have not been officially voted on, but the idea under consideration is a way to get the dogs vaccinated and registered with identification tags.

"That would not stop us from picking up dogs that are being a nuisance, it would help us be able to identify who their owners are so we could get in touch with them," Fields said.



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Pell City once again has a full-time animal control officer on duty with the addition of Johnson to the city payroll. Johnson, center, is shown with Capt. Ed Pennington, left, and Chief Joe Davis.

The identification tag would be provided once the dog has been inoculated for rabies. If the dog has already had its shots, the owner would simply have to show records of the vaccination in order to obtain the tag.

Fields said he does not know when the new ordinance will be ready for an official vote by the council, but he does feel like it might be discussed at the meeting this Monday.

Anyone who is having a problem

with an animal that needs to be picked up may call 884-3334, 884-3335 or 884-2039.

To retrieve a dog, the owner may call 884-2244 or come by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

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vacating streets

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

A recent decision by the Pell City Council not to vacate two dedicated streets has left some residents divided over what was the right thing to do.

The issue was first raised Sept. 28 when Aderick Goodgame and Don Raughton approached the council about closing two alleys and Chambers and Virginia avenues.

Goodgame and Raughton own the property surrounding the streets. Goodgame was interested in the property because he is expanding his business, Goodgame Welding.

The streets do not currently exist anywhere except on an original map of the city that was drawn in 1903.

The city has an easement right to build the streets if they should ever wish to do so.

If not, the streets could be vacated and the property would revert to the adjoining property owner, which in this case would be Goodgame.

The city did vote at its last council meeting to close the two alleys.

The Goodgame Welding building is built where one of the alleys would have been and has been there for 40 years. Raughton's property is where the second alley would have been and now reverts to him.

The council voted not to abandon the streets until they could determine what effect the Highway 231 expansion project might have on the property.

Goodgame maintains that it would not be feasible to build the two streets.

Virginia Avenue runs behind his building and deadends at the railroad viaduct that runs on Highway 231.

"That street should never be built because it wouldn't go anywhere," Goodgame said.

Chambers Avenue runs parallel between Goodgame's business and Pell City Recycling.

Goodgame said if the city ever built that street, it would be an expensive endeavor because of the specifications that would have to be met concerning the railroad crossing.

"They won't just let you put a road through today without building a bridge over the railroad," Goodgame said. "I don't think the city has the money to build something like that."

But, Councilman George Williams claims that a road could be

erty," he added.

Goodgame, however, thinks the city is holding up progress right now.

His expansion plans include opening up a warehouse for O'Neal Steel in Birmingham, which will bring more jobs for his business.

"I have worked really hard to improve my business. I have invested a lot of money and equipment in this expansion," he said.

"I have tried really hard to clean up down here and improve the looks of my property. I don't understand why they would single me out," he said.

The council has batted around several reasons why the streets should not be vacated since the matter first came up. The first idea was that the land should be sold and not just given away. Council members later backed away from that idea after they were told that it isn't legally their land to sell.

According to attorney Elizabeth Parsons, all the city could ever do with the property is build the dedicated streets. The city only has an easement to the land, not a clear deed, therefore the land can not be sold.

"The land is either dedicated for public use as a street or it could be vacated and revert to the adjoining or original property owners," Ms. Parsons said.

After further discussion, the council announced the idea to wait until the Highway 231 expansion was completed and then look at the situation again at that time.

Williams said the latest decision is being looked at with the city's best interest at heart. He said the decision not to vacate is not being done because of any personal animosity toward Goodgame, nor is it being done for political reasons.

Goodgame, however, doesn't understand what the difference is in his request and those that were approved by previous Pell City councils.

"They have vacated lots of streets in years past," Goodgame said. "I don't see where what I am asking is any different than what has been done for other people before."

According to city records, the last time the city vacated a street was in June 1992. The present council took office in the fall of 1992, and so far have not voted to close any dedicated streets.

And, in Williams's opinion, the matter will be seriously looked at before he votes to close any streets during his term of office.

"I feel like there have been streets

Pell City's 'Aluminum Petunias' hold court

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

In the 1990 movie *Steel Magnolias*, Sally Fields, Dolly Parton and Shirley McLaine stole viewers hearts as the perky close-knit friends that used the local beauty parlor as their hangout.

Pell City has had a bunch like this for well over 10 years. They just never had a name until after the movie came out.

It was then that the group decided to rectify the situation.

Vicki Harmon, owner of Hairworks, said the group was sitting around talking one day, discussing what they could name themselves.

"I had just had my new aluminum awning put up, so one of the husbands suggested that we be the aluminum something instead of steel," she explained with a laugh. "The petunia part came next."

Along with Vicki, the Aluminum Petunias consists of best friends Peggy Anderson, Janet Jones, Jane Ferguson, Sara Guinn, Joan Golden and JoAnn Richey.

And while they aren't accepting membership into their group, they have made regular customers, such as Chris Wester and Helen White, honorary members.

Janet said the group started getting together for afternoon chats back when Mrs. Harmon's shop was still located on U.S. 231.

The name for the group came

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Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

Peggy Anderson, left, and Sara Guinn are just two of the members of the Aluminum Petunias in Pell City. The group has been meeting for more than 10 years, but they didn't give

themselves a name until after the movie *Steel Magnolias* came out three years ago. Also pictured is Hairworks employee Kim Hill and an unidentified customer.

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just after Vicki had moved into her new location on 26th Street.

Hanging out with this feisty bunch of women is nothing but fun.

It's easy to see why they enjoy their ritualistic visits; the laughs never stop when they're together.

"I always wanted a place where we could get together," Vicki explained. "I wanted a place for the women like the 'round table' at Pell City Drug is for the men."

The only problem is that the men come, too — especially the Aluminum Petunias' husbands.

"They think it's a hoot," Peggy said.

So just what goes on at these get-togethers?

Well, it is mainly a time for the long-time friends to catch up on current events, exchange recipes and enjoy some quality time.

One thing they do quite well is police each other's children, they all agreed with a laugh.

Between them all, there are four kids in college, seven in high school, three in junior high and one in grammar school.

The children, who have grown up good friends, too, do some keeping up of their own.

"They always know they can find us here," Peggy said. "We have a joke about the 'Lost Mother Alert.'"

As for current events, John Wayne Bobbitt has been a hot topic at the



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

Peggy Anderson, pictured in the middle, and Sara Guinn share a laugh over a joke told during a meeting of the Aluminum Petunias at Hairworks

in Pell City. Also pictured are Hairworks employees Lisa Spradley, left, and Kim Hill.

shop, and Peggy, for one, thinks Tonya Harding is guilty as sin.

While the group normally has these chats at their Tuesday and

Thursday shop meetings, conversation and fun isn't limited to there.

For the past three years, the couples have gotten together to go on a once-a-year vacation. No kids allowed.

In fact, the bunch just returned from Gatlinburg, Tenn.

They also go to high school football games together. They meet at the shop to leave together for the games.

After the games, they gather at Sara's home to discuss the game with her husband, Donnie, who happens to be the assistant football coach.

And, since they are all Crimson Tide fans, they usually get together to watch those games, too.

They kick off the beginning of summer with a bash at Vicki's house, and if there is a holiday or birthday, you can bet the Aluminum Petunias are celebrating it together.

The story behind this group's friendship is that most of them grew up together.

Peggy and Sara consider themselves transplants to the area, but they are just as much as part of this circle of friends as the longtime Pell City residents.

"I'm a transplant to the area, and I don't have any family that lives here," Peggy said. "My husband has had heart problems, and this bunch has always been there when I needed them. They are my family here."

Like the characters in *Steel Magnolias*, the group has had plenty of good times, but it has been forced to pull together through hard times as well.

"Like *Steel Magnolias*, we have

had a member who has lost a child, we have gone through a divorce, unemployment, and we have dealt with Jane having cancer," Janet said.

But unlike the movie, they haven't had to go through the famous wedding scenes yet.

"And I hope we don't have to for some time," Janet said.

"But we have gone through prom and pageant season with all of our girls that come in to do hair, nails and tans," Vicki added. "I've done these girls hair so long, I feel like they're my own."

The women love to play practical jokes on each other, and they do admit to sharing personality similarities with some of the movie characters, but they weren't at liberty to give any examples.

With a sly smile, Janet said, "We can't tell because it is too personal."



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

Hairworks owner Vicki Harmon said she always wanted a shop where people could gather and have a good time. And that is exactly what she got. Vicki is pictured with fellow "Petunia" Jane Ferguson who not only came to see her friends, but also for a haircut.



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

The conversation is always light and lively at Hairworks when long-time friends like Joan Golden, back, and Janet Jones get together.

Red Farmer, Miss Alabama to lead Pell City's parade

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

NASCAR legend Red Farmer and Miss Alabama Kalyn Chapman will be the featured co-grand marshals of the Pell City Christmas parade Thursday night.

Farmer, who began his racing career in 1949, has won more than 715 races both on asphalt and dirt tracks. He also has Superspeedway victories at Daytona and Talladega, which makes him one of the winningest drivers of all times.

He has been voted most popular driver four times, and in 1990 was voted to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Chapman, a junior at the University of South Alabama, was representing the city of Leeds when she won the 1993 state crown.

She went on to win the preliminary talent competition and placed in the top 10 at the 1993 Miss America pageant.

The parade is set to kick off at 7 p.m. from Pell City High School, according to Pell City Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon Hardy.

The parade route will continue to downtown Pell City via Cogswell Avenue, and then will turn down Comer Avenue.

From Comer Avenue, the parade will make another turn onto Martin Street where it will eventually wrap up at Food World.

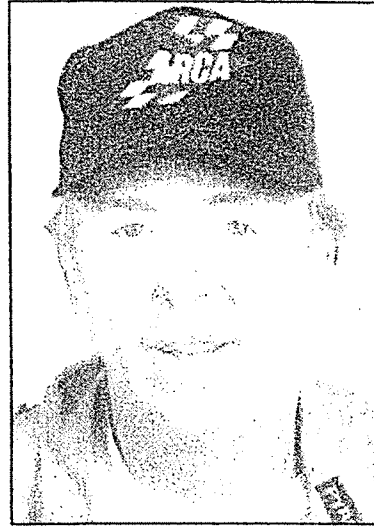
Mrs. Hardy said this year's parade promises to get everyone in the Christmas spirit, as it is one of the biggest parades to date.

The parade, which will follow the theme "Christmas Carols," has almost 130 entries, including 23 floats.

Mrs. Hardy said there are a lot of new participants this year for floats with new business, such as Kmart, The City Club and Smith Brothers on the Water getting into the Christmas spirit with entries.



Kalyn Chapman



Red Farmer

"We're seeing some new faces with floats this year," she said.

The float competition will be broken down into four categories this year, industry, retail, church and civic organizations.

The judging will be done by an out-of-town panel, according to parade chairman Red Goode.

Along with the floats, the parade will also feature marching bands from Pell City High School, Duran Jr. High, Ashville High School, Ragland High School and Lincoln High School.

The Huffman ROTC Color Guard will also make their annual appearance, Goode said.

The Fire Department will also be on hand with the fire engine, along with all of the local dignitaries and beauties.

Hardy said the generosity of several local sponsors has helped to make this year's parade something to look forward to.

Those sponsors include Ahlstrom Kamy Services, Alabama Power, Alfa Insurance (Jim Shigley), Avondale Mills, Benjamin Moore, Blue Giant Equipment, Bob Barnett, Dr. Don Brasho, Cisco Auto Service, Colonial Bank, Coosa Cable, Robert DeShazer, Energy Absorption Systems, F & G Real Estate;

Ford Meter Box, G & M Meter Loop, Goodgame Welding, Helms Insurance Agency, Kilgroe Funeral Home, The Pell City Kiwanis Club, McDonalds, Metro Bank, The Pell City Rotary Club, Raughton and Company, Riverside Refractories, Shoe City, St. Clair Federal Savings Bank, St. Clair News-Aegis, Traylor Chiropractic, Union State Bank, and Dick Whitley Real Estate.

Bargain Town, Big B Drugs, Family Dollar, Food World, Harco Drugs, Kmart, 3-B Warehouse Foods, and Winn-Dixie also pitched into help by donating candy for the parade, Mrs. Hardy said.

Chamber of Commerce is putting

By SUSIE THOMPSON
News-Aegis Editor

PELL CITY—The Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce can claim a large chunk of the credit for convincing the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society to hold the "Super-bowl of fishing" right here on Logan Martin Lake.

Chamber Executive Director Joyce Nix said that when she read an article in *The Birmingham News* that said the BASS Masters Classic would be held at Logan Martin, she got on the phone immediately to BASS Director Dewey Kendrick.

Since then, her phone has been a hotline to Kendrick's office.

When the *News* broke the story, nothing was official. In fact, BASS was considering fishing Logan Martin from Riverside instead of from the Pell City Lakeside Park, which it has now officially declared as the boat launch site.

"We expect 3,000 to 4,000 people here every day," Nix said of the

seven-day tournament. And those people will leave huge amounts of money in Pell City by patronizing local businesses.

But landing the BASS Masters Classic here isn't the only thing that's been keeping the Chamber busy.

"What I'm most proud of is our Banquet of Champions," Nix said. That's another event that brings people to our town from all over North America.

Last year, 520 people attended the banquet to dine and visit with banquet honorees Dale Earnhardt and Harry Gant.

"Over 100 ticket orders had to be returned — we sold out a month ahead of time," Nix said.

This year, the banquet will be just a little different. The price of tickets has been raised and proceeds from the banquet will be used to create two scholarships for deserving Pell City High School students.

"I expect them to be a minimum of \$2 each," Nix said.

To add to money raised from

banquet tickets, Earnhardt, who will be one of the 1992 banquet honorees, has agreed to bring his souvenir trailer to the event and donate proceeds from souvenir sales to the scholarship fund.

"We also have plans for a silent auction of a major item donated by each of the drivers," Nix said. "We can't say exactly what, but it might be something like a uniform," she said.

"Some people don't think the banquet does anything for Pell City, but I disagree — you never know when that businessman or that potential retiree will look us over and like us."

Speaking of retirees, the chamber has focused its attention on luring more to Pell City to spend their lives — and their money — here.

"We're trying to make Pell City the retiree capital of the South," Nix explained. Attracting retirees here is just one of the functions of the chamber's Recreation and Tourism committee headed up by June Brascho.

That committee is also working

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ward making Pell City more attractive to ski and fishing tournaments. Brascho was at the Pell City City Council meeting Monday to ask the city to pull stumps from a lough adjacent to Pell City Lakeside Park to make the area safer and start the wheels in motion for locating tournaments here.

"We have not really exploited the potential of the lake as far as really getting people know the lake is here," Nix said. "Just having the lake is wonderful, but what are you going to do when you get here if you don't have a boat?"

Protecting the lake is another one of the chamber's priorities. To that end, Harold King heads up a committee which keeps a close watch on threats to the water level.

"Another thing I'm really proud of is Business After Hours," Nix said. Business After Hours is a monthly reception sponsored by the chamber in conjunction with a local business. Anywhere from 85 to 225 people attend Business After Hours, swapping business cards and socializing.

"A lot of business gets done," Nix said.

This May will feature the Industry/Service Awards banquet, at which the annual Industry of the Year and Service Organization of the Year awards will be presented. Fred Frost and Tom Zimmer are co-chairs of the Industrial Relations committee, which coordinates the banquet.

"We're trying to get Gov. Hunt to be the speaker," Nix said. If that plan comes to fruition, the event will be a nighttime banquet. If not, it will probably be a luncheon, she added.

One of the chamber's most widely-enjoyed events is the annual Christmas Parade.

Nix estimated that 10,000 people attend that annual event. Rod Goode has chaired the parade committee for the past two years and has agreed to head it again.

One of the main draws to the parade is the lively Shriners, who come in costumes and with wild and fanciful cars.

"The Shriners love our Christmas Parade," Nix said. "Maybe it's because of the big party we throw for them afterward." Shriners from Birmingham, Anniston, Gadsden and even two towns in Georgia turned out for the last parade.

The parade, of course, also features a host of marching bands, floats, cars, beauty queens and dignitaries from Pell City and its surrounding areas.

"It just seems like it gets bigger every year," Nix said. "This year there were 210 entries."

The chamber tries to stimulate business growth and development in Pell City. Gene Morris will chair the Commercial and Retail Development Committee this year.

Nix said the chamber is concentrating its efforts on wooing businesses to fill gaps in Pell City. Priorities include restaurants, a shoe store, a men's clothing store, and stores that sell other items that aren't already available here. Also, the chamber is hoping to help locate another chain hotel to Pell City.

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Mardi Gras ball helps needy kids

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The fifth annual Pine Harbor Dance Club Mardi Gras Ball will help benefit three local charities this year, according to event organizer Cledith Fisher.

The dance will once again feature a silent art auction featuring local artists.

The proceeds from the auction will help benefit The Children's Place, Camp Fire Boys and Girls and the Christian Love Pantry.

Featured artists this year are Ann Day, Jimmie Nell Miller, Helen Fitzpatrick, Mary Wadsworth, Nora Martin, Evelyn Whatley, Lee Tuggle, Doris Capps, Martha Johnston, Ludy Turner, Helen Harmon, Catherine Lewis and Francis Kirkland.

All of these artists are from St. Clair County.

The featured artwork is currently on display at the gallery at St. Clair Federal Bank.

Mrs. Fisher said bids on the artwork will be taken until 10 p.m. the night of the dance. The results of the bidding will be announced shortly after that, she added.

Last year, the proceeds went to help the Pell City Educational Foundation. The ball has also benefited St. Clair Hospice Care and the St. Clair County Cancer Society.

The Children's Place, operated by the St. Clair Children's Advocacy Center, is used as a resource and training facility in areas that enhance family function.

The purpose of the facility is twofold, education for preventing abuse and neglect and advocacy for providing services to abused and neglected children.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls was founded in 1910 originally as an all girls organization. Today, the group



Cindy Warner/Home staff photo

Proceeds from the ball and silent art auction will go to benefit The Children's Place, Camp Fire Boys and Girls and The Christian Love Pantry. Shown from the left, are Cledith Fisher with Camp Fire Boys and Girls, local artist Jimmie Nell Miller, local artist Evelyn Whatley, local artist Ann Day, Dianne Deshazer with the Children's Place and David Clark with the Christian Love Pantry.

is co-ed with the Central Alabama Council located in Birmingham.

The money raised by the ball will go to help sponsor St. Clair County children who normally could not afford to attend Camp Fletcher in July, according to Mrs. Fisher, who is director of the organization.

The Christian Love Pantry has been in operation for 10 years. It was started by Alan Holt from the United Methodist Church.

Since then, it has branched out and many of the local churches now help sponsor it.

The Christian Love Pantry, located on Cogswell Avenue and open Monday through Friday, is there to help feed the needy.

According to David Clark, director of the service mission, about 800

families and 2,300 individuals were fed through the program in 1993.

"Our purpose is to not see anyone go hungry," Clark said.

The Mardi Gras Ball will be held Feb. 5 at the Pell City Civic Center. The dance is by invitation only, but some are still available through the club president, Gingie Clark.

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Fall home beautification award

The Pell City Garden Club recently presented their fall home beautification award to Bill and Judy Ellison who live in the Pine Harbor Community in Pell City. Pictured from

left are garden club members Polly Warren, Lynn Erwin, and Mary Olson, Judy Ellison and Bill Ellison.

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'Rudolph' crashes through Pell City store

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The sign on the door of Pell City's Shoe City store Saturday read, "Store will open around 12:00 due to Rudolph's early visit."

Though the sign might have appeared cute, inside the store there was nothing cute about what had happened there early that morning.

According to a witness from Kmart, a dog apparently chased a deer across the road, through the parking lot and into the plate glass window of the new Pell City Marketplace store.

Once the deer was inside the store, the witness called police to the scene.

Thelma Turner, manager of the store, said the police called her just after 7 a.m. to tell her of the incident.

When she arrived at the scene, the whole front of the store was covered in blood, glass and scattered merchandise.

"The store was in a shambles, but it really wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be," Mrs. Turner said.

The deer was in the back of the storeroom in a bathroom and had to be sedated to be removed.

Dr. Larry Chasteen said the deer

was tranquilized and was then taken to his office for treatment.

"He had numerous cuts, and he had lost a lot of blood," Chasteen said. "He was in shock, but I sewed him up and turned him over to (conservation officer supervisor) Stanley Batemon to try to release into the wild. A deer will do a lot better if you

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return it to its natural environment as soon as possible."

Batemon said the attempt to release the deer did not have a happy ending, however.

"The deer could not recover from the shock, and he died while we were trying to set it free," Batemon said.

The deer was about four and a half years old, had a 10-point rack and weighed about 200 pounds.

"We tried to keep him as calm as possible, but deer usually don't do well when they have to come out from under a tranquilizer," he said. "It just freaks them out, and this deer was already in shock from the blood loss."

Batemon said that area of town is a common sighting spot for deer, and several have been killed trying to cross the road there.

"He had probably crossed the road there before the shopping center was built and didn't realize that he couldn't go that way anymore," he said. "We

have ruled that there were no hunters involved. This was probably just a yard dog that jumped him and spooked him."

Batemon said the meat from the deer was not fit to eat due to the tranquilizer, but the hide will be used to build a decoy for the Conservation Office.

Fortunately for Shoe City, the glass was replaced the same day and once everything was cleaned up, the only damage incurred was to two pairs of shoes.

"We were lucky it wasn't a complete loss," Mrs. Turner said. "But it took a while to clean up the mess."

Pell City Youth Football

ODENVILLE - Pell City Youth Football Association teams in three divisions won three games and settled for a tie in a fourth in a youth football jamboree held here last weekend. The 100-pound team beat Ragland 8-0 and ended a game with Odenville in a 6-6 deadlock. In the 125-pound division, Pell City shut out Odenville 8-0, and in the 150-pound game, Pell City blasted Odenville 28-0.

Brian Isbell led the 150-pound

squad at quarterback, with Nick Schell, Narada Garrett and John Marsh at the back positions. Randal Strong led the defense with three quarterback sacks and four tackles for losses, and Michael Fletcher also made four tackles. Coach Jason Callahan would said he was proud of his team's improvements, after a 0-8 season last year, and also praised coaches Decker, Fletcher, Oneal and Vernon.

In the 125-pound game, Adam

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dominates jamboree

Tollison, Josh Kindrick, Maul Moss and Drew Moss led the offensive attack. On defense it was Shea Moses, Stefan McGraw, Ira Bowie, Jason Ledlow, Travis Smith and Josh Nairmore leading the tackling tally sheet. Smith also had an interception, and Nairmore recovered a fumble for Pell City. Coach Leslie Smith was pleased with the performance, but says work is still needed before the next game.

Wendall Young took care of the

touchdown scoring for Pell City in 100-pound division action. He had a 40-yard run in the 8-0 win over Ragland and a 26-yard run in the 6-all tie with Odenville. Matthew Singleton and Jacob Rodgers had outstanding defensive plays in the first game, and Curtis Hand and Michael Bolton did the same in the second. Coach Autie Stewart said his team needed some work in some critical areas, but was pleased with the performance.



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

Pell City UMC Christmas Bazaar Saturday

The First United Methodist Church in Pell City will have a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 6. Coffee will be served at 8 a.m. with the sale beginning at 9 a.m. On sale will be all kinds of Christmas goodies: wreaths, painted chairs, doll beds and ornaments. Cakes and cookies

will also be on sale. Pictured are Christian Outreach members Virginia Thomason, Dot Williams, Eloise Ellis, Leona Boutwell, Ann Day, Helen Reddoch, Evelyn Whatley, June Hayes, Willie Earhart and Margaret Jones.

Pell City sued over 'illegal landfill' on county commissioner's land

By Cindy Warner

Home staff writer

A St. Clair County commissioner and his father have filed suit against the city of Pell City over what they claim is an illegal garbage dump.

Filed by Lewis Manning and Paul Manning, who holds a seat on the County Commission, the suit maintains that the city trespassed and operated an illegal landfill on their property.

Pell City Councilman Mack Abercrombie, who also serves as the department head for the Street Department, said the mistake occurred during the time the city was trying to clean up the damage left by the spring snow storm.

The city owns about 99 acres of land on Dry Creek Road, so that was where they decided to haul the limbs and brush from the storm clean-up, Abercrombie said.

The city had a map from the county courthouse to locate where the back of their property was, but found out later that the map was wrong, Abercrombie said.

"We had a logger who was going to come in and clear out some trees so we would have more room for some more brush, and he called it to our attention that the map he had said we were not on city property after all," he said.

The city hired a surveyor to come out to clear up the confusion, and it was revealed that the city had in fact crossed over onto about 11 acres of the Manning property.

"Once we realized our mistake, we immediately notified the Mannings and told them we would do whatever it took to correct the matter," Abercrombie said.

Abercrombie said the city never dumped any garbage on the property. The only thing that was ever taken

out there was natural bio-degradable refuse.

And the city never buried anything, not even the limbs, Abercrombie said.

"I want it understood that we never dumped anything out there except brush and limbs," he said. "We had to have somewhere to take that stuff."

The city admits it made the mistake and is willing to make amends for it, Abercrombie said.

What the Mannings are asking for in the suit is \$150,000 in compensatory and punitive damages. Abercrombie maintains that amount is just too high for the damage that was done.

"We cleaned up what we had put there and in doing so, we actually improved the looks of the property," he said. "If you could have seen it before and then see it afterward, I

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think you would agree with me."

The city isn't the only party to trespass on the land either, Abercrombie said.

The county approached the city about using the area to store gravel used to pave county roads, and the city gave them permission to use it.

"The county looked at the same map we did and thought it was our land, too," he said.

Abercrombie said the map at the courthouse has been corrected with the information from the new land survey.

The city will make every effort to try and settle the matter in a fair matter, according to city attorney Billy Church. "There is no doubt that it was our mistake," Church said. "We will try to settle this thing."

Paul Manning and his attorney Bill Trussell both refused to comment on the suit.

Pell City youth soccer grows up quickly and competitively

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By Scott Adamson
Home sports editor

Two years ago Milton Hale, a Los Angeles transplant living in St. Clair County, was scrambling to find potential players and coaches for a brand new youth soccer program. One hundred thirty-two kids, a district title and a state championship matchup later, all Hale is scrambling for now is more soccer balls.

Pell City Youth Soccer, coordinated by Hale out of the Pell City Recreation Department, has grown into a major athletic force in the St. Clair County town after just 24 months. This afternoon (Saturday) at Alumni Stadium, the 15-and-under Pell City squad, coached by Chris McKee, will battle Jasper for the state title. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m.

The 9-and-under team, led by Dottie Rogers, won District play at Jacksonville (2-1 and 2-1 over Anniston), and coach Worth Borham's 11-and-under club is in Cullman today competing in the state tournament, after knocking off Jacksonville in a shootout, 2-1.

Not bad for a program still in its infancy.

"Al Murray (Pell City Civic Center director) and I had no idea in such a short time we'd win the District in one age group, make the state tournament in another and play for a state Invitational title in another," said Hale. "It's very gratifying to me, but it's a real tribute to the kids and the volunteer

coaches. They've been playing against leagues that were established a long time ago, and to make this good a showing in only two years is almost unbelievable. Soccer is a sport that is intelligent and it gives children who can't play football or basketball another avenue to pursue."

The well organized program features everything from an age 4-5 instructional league to coaching clinics that draw the likes of college mentors Mick Payne and Mike Gettman. Payne, former head coach at Alabama-Birmingham, conducted clinics this year and last and is currently the coach of the Australian National Soccer Team.

In October a banquet was held to honor coaches and players, and a crowd of nearly 400 attended. Gettman, current UAB soccer coach, was the main speaker, and Houston Astros hurler Todd Jones also participated in the program.

"The support across the board has been outstanding," Hale explained. "The parents come out in droves to watch their kids play, especially when the little ones are out there, and the quality of coaches is terrific. Most of our volunteers have coaching and playing experience, with some former college players involved and one who played in Germany."

When the program was implemented in 1992, Hale had a five year plan. The ultimate goals were to establish a league covering

most of St. Clair County, and create enough interest to form an Alabama High School Athletic Association contingent at Pell City.

Both are within reach.

"We'd like to follow the same lead as Talladega High," Hale said. "Youth soccer got big and the next thing you know the high school had a team, and it went over quite well. In fact a couple of Talladega players referee in our league."

"Right now Pell City is the only place in the county that has a soccer program, though we get some players from Ragland and Moody. What I hope is that we can get some towns here to have their own leagues, then we could form a St. Clair County League. Now we have to go to Jacksonville or Anniston or Piedmont to play."

Hale also hopes that by 1995 a co-ed young adult team can be formed, and between 600 and 800 young athletes will be participating in the various age divisions.

"We're going to have a brand new soccer field (at the Pell City Civic Center) by 1994, and by then I'm trying to get Alabama A&M and UAB to play a regular season game here," Hale added. "Both coaches are all for it, it's just a matter of having the proper facilities in place and we will next year."

"To think we started with next to nothing and will soon have a college game played here is really something."

St. Clair E-911 system coming together

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

St. Clair County officials are busy installing the equipment that could save someone's life once it is all up and running.

The equipment that is being installed this week is one of the last vital elements needed to get St. Clair County's Emergency Enhanced-911 system on line by the Feb. 1 target date, according to County Commission Chairman Donnie Todd Jr.

Todd said the equipment, which was installed on Tuesday, is the two-way radio equipment.

That equipment, added to the radios that were leased from Pell City, will give the operation a total of three dispatching consoles, Todd said.

The recording equipment was expected to be installed today.

"We will be recording every call

that comes in 100 percent of the time," Todd said.

He said the centralized dispatchers, who will be working the E-911 operation when it comes on line, currently have to log every phone call that comes in.

But, other than that log, there is no proof that the phone call did indeed take place.

The new recording equipment will have the capability of recording the call, the time it was answered, the date it was answered and where the call was placed.

The recording equipment will help protect against liability and will also help the E-911 administrators ensure that the dispatchers are handling the calls correctly.

Todd said the E-911 answering equipment is scheduled to be installed the week of Dec. 20.

That is the equipment that will provide the automatic number iden-

tification and automatic location identification information for the dispatchers.

With this equipment, even if the caller can't complete the call the dispatcher will still be able to locate where call came from, Todd said.

The last set of equipment to be installed will be the computer assisted dispatching equipment, which should be ready by the first of the year.

With this equipment, the dispatchers will be able to keep up and track the officers on duty to ensure their safety, Todd said.

"For instance, the dispatcher will put in the time an officer checks in to report that he has stopped a car for a check," he explained. "That dispatcher will put in a time that he

should radio back in. If the dispatcher gets busy doing something and that officer doesn't call back in, the computer will start beeping to remind the dispatcher that they need to check on the officer to make sure he is OK," Todd said.

With the equipment coming in, all that is left to do is complete just a small portion of the addressing to be able to go on line with the emergency system.

Todd said the addressing is 90 to 95 percent complete and the only areas left are back roads in rural areas of the county.

"We are targeting Feb. 1 as the date to have the system up and running and I feel very sure we will make that goal," Todd said.

Second house fire in week in Pell City

by Cindy Warner
staff writer

Pell City firefighters got another busy workout Monday, as they fought to extinguish the second major house fire in a week's time.

Fire Chief Greg Barnes said the cause of the fire appears to be a faulty gas heater.

The fire destroyed the front portion of the house, and the rest of the house is more than likely going to be lost due to water and smoke damage, Barnes said.

"I would say that the house is going to be a loss," he said. "They might be able to salvage some of the items from the back."

The house, located at 600 Kings Circle, is owned by Edna Buckhanon.

Mrs. Buckhanon and her family — four children and one grandchild — were not injured in the fire, but most of their possessions were destroyed.

One of Mrs. Buckhanon's daughters had just left with a neighbor, when another neighbor spotted the flames and called for help.

The fire department had just finished responding to a kitchen fire on Third Avenue North at 10:30 a.m., when the call for the Kings Circle fire came in 15 minutes later.

It took firefighters about an hour and a half to bring the fire under control.

A fire last Wednesday on Leacs Road destroyed the home and possessions of Debra Caldwell and her three children.

Ironically, the fire department had just responded to a kitchen fire



Cindy Warner/Home staff photo

Pell City firefighters were called Monday to their second major fire in just five days. This fire destroyed the biggest portion of the home located on Kings Circle and most of the six family members' possessions.

prior to that house fire, too.

"I hope we're not developing some type of trend here," Barnes said.

This time of year typically is the time for an increase in house fires, mostly due to heating related problems with space heaters and chimneys that weren't properly cleaned.

"Most fires could be helped, es-

pecially kitchen/grease fires, if the family would take the time to get smoke detectors and fire extinguishers," Barnes said.

"And use common sense when you're cooking and don't leave the item unattended," he said.

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As with the Caldwell family last week, the fire department will be accepting clothing donations for the Buckhanon family.

Mrs. Buckhanon's children are ages 19, 17, 15 and 7. She also has a 3-year-old granddaughter.

The family will need clothing in the following sizes: women's sizes, 7/8 and medium and shirts; women's size 18/20 and large shirts; men's size 34 jeans and large shirts, boys' size 10 and 12 jeans and medium shirts, and children's size 5/6.

The family shoe sizes are: women's size 7 1/2 - 8 and 10, men's size 12, boys' size 2 and children's size 9 1/2 or 10.

The clothing should be dropped off at Station No. 1.

Pell City Council passes \$6 million 1993-94 budget

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

Pell City Council members say the new \$6 million budget that was passed Monday night is one that is reflective of the city's improved financial position this year.

The 1993-94 budget is projected at \$6,010,160.

That amount has been balanced without having to provide for additional indebtedness that would increase the city's short-term or long-term debt, according to a written statement from the council concerning the budget.

The new budget includes a 3 percent salary increase for all city employees, except those with less than one year's service. Continuing education classes and training of employees is also included in the budget.

It also includes provisions for the repayment of all the city's annual service debt from current operating funds and appropriations for the payment of current contracts that are in progress.

Finance Chairman George Williams, who prepared the written statement with the council's approval, said the budget is an ambitious one based on the anticipated projected increase in revenue in gross receipts tax, water and sewerage revenue, and anticipated revenue that will be generated by recent commercial developments within the city limits.

Councilman Mack Abercrombie said the projected revenues that will be generated from the Pell City Market Place Shopping Center have been considered, but not actually worked into the budget.

That money will go to help pay for capital improvements that were not provided for in the new budget.

The improvements that were not

appropriated in the new budget include a new well for the city's water system at a cost of \$180,000 and a new water tank, Williams said.

Equipment in the Fire Department and the Street Department will have to be either replaced or repaired also, the statement said.

The statement also said that equipment in the Police Department must be purchased or updated to ensure continuing improvements, and major expenditures will ultimately be needed for the street and highway departments.

The council said all of the needs are being addressed and will be paid for as the money comes in.

"Those areas critical to public safety will be given the highest priority and it is anticipated that all of these needs will be satisfied in a timely fashion as the financial health of our city continues to grow," the statement said.

Abercrombie said the council addressed the areas of salary and repayment of debt with what it knew for certain would be coming in.

No one really knows for sure what kind of revenue the shopping center will bring in, so that money is being looked at as "gravy" that will be spent where it is needed as it comes in, Abercrombie said.

Council members said the budget is not going to require another increase in water and sewerage rates, and they voted to keep the rates as they are.

In other business, the council tabled a request from Adrick Goodgame and Don and Linda Raughton to vacate Chambers Street, Virginia Avenue and alleys in Blocks 53 and 54.

The streets are not even built, but they do exist on the original map of the city, as to where they would be laid out.

According to the city code, the land for the streets, which belongs to the city, would revert to the adjoining land owners if the roads were officially closed.

Goodgame, who wants the land to expand his business, said the city should vacate the property because it would not be feasible to try to do anything with it.

"All of the streets, if they were built, would deadend at my business and the Highway 231 project is going to get some of it anyway," he told the council.

Several members of the council, however, feel that the land actually belongs to all of the citizens of Pell City, and it isn't right to just "give the land away."

They offered to sell Goodgame the land, but he said he wasn't interested in "buying it."

The council voted to review the matter further before making a final decision.

Three injured in two-vehicle wreck

Three people sustained injuries in a two-vehicle accident Monday night at the intersection of Ninth Avenue N.W. and First Street N.W. in Childersburg, according to Sgt. Chuck Brown of the Childersburg Police Department.

Injured were Lawrence Barker, 53, of Childersburg and his wife, Doris, 49. Barker was the driver of a 1987 Chevrolet involved in the accident.

Also injured in the accident was Clara Jackson Wright, 40, of Childersburg who was driving a 1984 Chevrolet Celebrity station wagon.

A spokesperson at CVMC said all three were treated and released.

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Hereford is Pell City's Citizen of the Year

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The title most Pell City residents associate with Bill Hereford is that of Circuit Court Judge. But Friday night he added the prestigious title of Citizen of the Year as he was honored as the 18th recipient of the distinguished award.

During his acceptance speech Hereford, who was visibly stunned by the announcement of the award said he was truly honored.

"If I had known I would have gotten in touch with Dick Ely to write me an acceptance speech," he said.

"But seriously I guess the best thing I ever did was marry Paula," he continued. "The second best thing I ever did was move to Pell City."

Hereford was nominated for the award by the organization PALS (People Against a Littered State), of which he currently serves as president.

As Circuit Judge, Hereford has helped the PALS cause of cleaning up local roadways by sentencing individuals to serve a certain number of community service hours by picking up trash. This gives the convict a



Bill Hereford

chance to pay his debt to society at no expense to the city or the county.

The participants pick up an average of fifty bags of roadside litter each Saturday.

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As president of PALS, he also helps supervise school environmental programs, the Adopt-A-Mile Program and Earth Day events.

Hereford, a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, has been a practicing attorney for 23 years.

Along with his service in the PALS organization, he is the president of

the St. Clair County Historical Society.

Hereford, a United States Marine, is also the Commander of the American Legion Post 109.

His other activities include serving on the Blount County Literacy Council, and he was once president of the Heart Association.

He is married to Paula Duncan

Hereford, and they have two children. Gibson is a student at Tulane University and Trip is a student at the Altamont School.

Health Care Authority gives awards

By Denise Sinclair
Home staff writer

The St. Clair Health Care Authority and Cropwell resident Marilyn Grubbs were both honored recently by the Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System (BREMSS) for outstanding service in the organization.

The St. Clair Health Authority was one of six recipients of a 20 Year Award plaque given in the six-county BREMSS service area.

BREMSS is celebrating the 20th anniversary of EMS service in the Birmingham area. The awards ceremony honored those who helped build and improve EMS in the region.

St. Clair County Commission Chairman Donnie Todd Jr., who presented the award to the Health Care Authority, said the group was originally chartered as a hospital board.

As its role developed more as a health care entity, the Board's incorporation was revised to the Health Care Authority, he said.

"Besides the obvious task of managing a quality hospital and being involved in the delivery of health care services through the Health Department offices in Ashville and Pell City, the Authority has diligently supported all aspects of Emergency Medical Services," Todd said.

"It has provided funds to purchase or assist purchase everything from small tools to entire rescue units."

Todd said there are five Hurst tools in operation in St. Clair County that the Authority either purchased or supplied matching funds to purchase.

Ms. Grubbs was recognized for 20 years of service with the R. Floyd Yarbrough Award.

The award is named for the former executive director of BREMSS and is given by the staff to the person who most promoted the goals of the organization for the last 20 years.

Ms. Grubbs, a retired city clerk for the city of Homewood, was a member of the Demonstration Project Advisory Board in the early 1970's which led to the Pilot Program, which helped train the first paramedics and helped purchase their equipment.

She has served 20 years on the BREMSS Executive Committee, 10 of which as chairwoman.

"I was extremely honored by the award, especially knowing that the entire staff, past and present, voted for it," Ms. Grubbs said.



Cropwell resident Marilyn Grubbs, right, received the R. Floyd Yarbrough Award for 20 years of dedicated service to BREMSS. Presenting the award was C.M. Jones, from the BREMSS Executive Committee.



St. Clair County Commission Chairman Donnie Todd Jr., right, presented the 20 Year Award to The St. Clair Health Care Authority at the BREMSS awards banquet in Birmingham. Accepting the award was John McHugh, a member of the St. Clair Health Authority.

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Lifestyles

Lifelike carvings keep Pell City man's pastime busy

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The curio cabinet in the home of Charles and Jerri Rich is the showcase of his artwork.

At first glance, the beautiful works of art appear to be ceramic or porcelain figurines. But a closer look reveals that the tiny birds, the bucking horse and the wolves that howl up at the moon are not porcelain at all.

They are wood carvings so lifelike, the wings of the birds look like they might flutter in an attempt to take off in flight if given the chance.

Rich, known as "Boot" by his friends and family in Pell City, has been doing wood carvings for the past three years.

His original interest was in cabinetmaking and furniture, but friends kept encouraging him to give wood carving a try.

Pell City resident Bill Coleman, who also has a love for wood carving, was the one who finally got Rich turned on to the craft.

He and Coleman travel together to wood carving seminars in Montgomery and Crossfield, Tenn. The men are also members of a wood carving club in Winterboro that has about 50 members.

Rich said he gets a lot of ideas and patterns from the seminars and friends who share his love for wood carving, but a lot of the things he carves are his own creations.

He has carved all types of animals, including a black panther that sits on the desk of Pell City Mayor Lawrence Fields.

His favorite animals to carve are birds. In fact, his all-time favorite piece is a dove that sits in the prized living room cabinet.

Rich has also done some character pieces, including some funny combinations such as the coon dog, which is part raccoon and part dog. Then there is the duck hunter, a duck that is all decked out in camouflage clothes, boots and a hunting rifle.

Santa Claus wood carvings are keeping Rich busy with Christmas just around the corner.

Rich has carved jolly old St. Nick in pencils, designer pins and Christmas tree ornaments. He also carves a Santa Claus figurine out of cypress knees.

The process of doing the carving can take as long as a year or it might take just 10 minutes.

On the average, Rich said, he can do a piece in a few days, depending on the detail involved.

The tools Rich uses include hand-made knives, power tools and paint to finish the detail.

Seventy-five percent of his work is done with just a knife, which is made out of a hand-carved handle and straight razors, he said.

But, power tools are used to help give pieces detail and a polished finish.

The wings on the birds and the fur coats on the animals are done with power tools, he said.

The wood that is used for a piece plays a big part in the carving process, too.

Besides the cypress knees, Rich uses Bass wood and Tupelo wood.

"We go to Florida to get most of the wood," he said. "The grain of this kind of wood is better for carving."

Rich also orders some of the wood and other supplies through wood-carving supply companies.

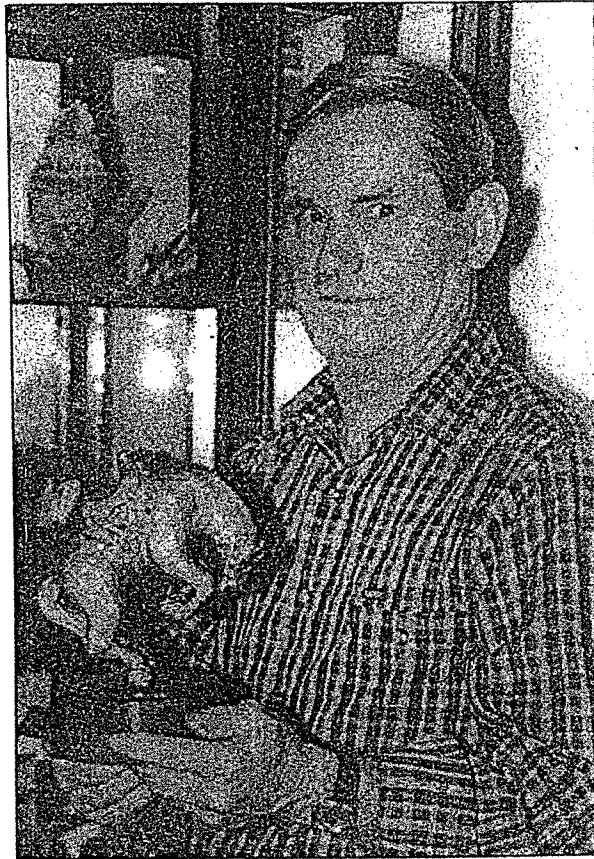
Once the carving of the piece is completed, Rich uses watered-down paint to complete the detail of features.

"I have to water the paint down to keep it from covering up the details," he explained.

Jerri Rich, who goes by the nickname of "Tootie," said she is amazed at the things her husband can see in a piece of wood even before he starts to carve on it.

"I don't have that knack," she said.

"I see a Santa Claus in that piece right over there," Rich said, pointing to a piece of cypress.



Cindy Warner/Home staff photo

Charles "Boot" Rich has been making beautiful works of art through his hobby of wood carving for the past three years. He is shown with just one of the many pieces he has done, which are housed in a curio cabinet in his living room.

Rich said he doesn't do commissioned work because then he has to worry about pleasing someone else, and he prefers to only have to please himself.

But he does sell his finished work at craft shows and to anyone who sees something they might want.

When asked if he is his toughest critic, he smiled and said that distinction belongs to Tootie.

"I am the one that is critical of his work," she admitted.

As far as her own work is concerned, Tootie has done a shell and a

shoe, but she said she is laying down her knife.

"I just don't get anything out of it like Boot does," she said.

What he gets out of it, he said, is relaxation.

Rich does the carving as a hobby. He works a full-time job with Square D in Leeds.

But when he needs to unwind and relax, Rich said the wood carving does the trick.

"I can go out to the shop with a headache and before long, it's gone," he said.

Despite opposition, Pell City Council approves rezoning

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The Pell City Council voted 4-1 Monday night to approve re-zoning a piece of property near Hardee's restaurant despite previous opposition from nearby residents who were against the change.

While several residents attended the council meeting, no one openly voiced an opinion prior to the council's vote.

A couple of Oak Ridge subdivision residents have stated their objections to the change at previous meetings, saying their main complaint is with a proposed building plan of a 24-hour service station/food mart.

The council was first approached by Realtor Dick Whatley about changing the parcel of land, located on Hospital Drive, from a P-R (Planned Residential District) to a B-2 (General Business District).

Whatley told the council that Pell City businessman John Perry wanted to build another service station on the vacant lot.

Residents in the area had previously told the council they opposed the proposed building plan because it would be too close to their residences and that it would attract large diesel trucks off the interstate.

Residents had also argued that the land, which is owned by the R.A. Martin Estate, had always been designated by Martin to be a residential area.

The council, with the exception of Councilman Forrest Walls, voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the lot should be used as a commercial piece of property.

The council also voted to vacate about 240 feet of Fifth Avenue south of Hardee's and 200 feet of Green Street east of Hardee's to allow for the zoning change.

In other business, the council approved the annexation of the Sunset Strip subdivision into the city limits.

The annexation will bring about 16 homes into the city limits.

Sunset Strip residents approached the council several months ago with the annexation request due to their desperate need for water.

The residents were able to get an easement from Eagle Point developer Don Raughton that will allow them to connect to that water system.

That system, which serves the Eagle Point and Mays Bend areas, will eventually belong to the city as part of that annexation agreement.

Also Monday, the council voted to extend the city sewer system about 200 feet in order to serve a proposed apartment complex development of the Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health Authority, the governing body of Eastside Mental Health in Pell City.

Chris Baulles, who spoke to the council on behalf of the group, said the building plan calls for the construction of an 11 unit, one person apartment complex on 19th Street behind the Pell City Food World.

The complex would be located near the present group home across from Jacobs Chapel Church, and would also be the site of Eastside Mental Health's new satellite office.

The extension will cost the city about \$1,600.

The council also voted to:

□ Tabled the proposed dog ordinance for further discussion. The city has hired Mark Johnson to be the new animal control officer, but stated there are a few details to be ironed out in the ordinance.

□ Voted to buy a hydraulic excavator for \$86,958 plus financing cost. The city currently leases an excavator for \$3,700 a month and will soon have to pay an additional interest rate of the rental rate. The monthly cost of the new piece of equipment will be \$2,022.34.

□ Tabled the purchase of new Christmas decorations in order to get some cost estimates.

□ Tabled advertising bids for concessions at the Civic Center in order to give Parks and Recreation Department Head Johnny DeGaris an opportunity to draw up the guidelines for the bid.

□ Declared an emergency situation in order to get several thousand gallons of sludge cleaned up at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The plant is scheduled for a Jan. 20 inspection by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and city engineer Charles Tucker advised the council that the cleanup needs to be done immediately. The council asked Tucker to do a complete study of the plant and make a recommendation for a preventative maintenance plan.

231 South widening project on road again

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

A State Highway Department project to widen U.S. 231 South in Pell City is back on track, and acquisition of right of way is expected to begin soon.

That was the word Tuesday from Dick Whatley, chairman of a special Chamber of Commerce committee appointed to look into the hold-up on the project.

"There were several business people that were getting upset about the lack of action that has been taken so far on this project," Whatley said. "When this project first started, we were given some firm promises. But since then, it has rocked on and on until it was becoming more and more obvious that they were at some kind

of standstill."

Chamber Executive Director Sharon Hardy said many local businessmen have gotten upset because they feel that their hands are tied.

"They can't expand or sell their businesses until they could find out what was going on with the land acquisition on the highway project," Ms. Hardy said.

But that problem may be solved, officials say.

The committee — Whatley, Councilman Mack Abercrombie, Tommy Bowers, Richard Ely, Joe Dorrough, Bill Gossett, state Rep. Hugh Holladay, Mayor Lawrence Fields, Ray Miller, County Commission Chairman Donnie Todd Jr. and Tom Zimmer — met for the first time

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Monday.

They found that Holladay was already checking into the problem and had some good news to report.

The hold-up apparently has been trying to get attorneys appointed to oversee the right of way acquisition, Whatley said.

Holladay, who has been working on this project all along, reported to the group Monday that four local attorneys have been appointed by the attorney general's office.

Holladay said he doesn't think the project has been held up, but rather it just hit a "bump in the road."

The appointment of the attorneys to handle the acquisition is part of the normal process.

The Highway Department has already done the appraisal work, so the attorneys' work will include doing title searches on the property and getting the Highway Department's

offer approved with the property owner.

"The appraisal work has been done, and the acquisition is still left to be done," Holladay said.

The attorneys are expected to begin work on the project as soon as possible — maybe even this week, Whatley said. "Now that this action has been taken we should see the ball start rolling again."

And it will have to start rolling soon because the Chamber committee does expect the Highway Department to meet the November date that was originally given to let the contract.

The project includes five-laning the highway from 9th Avenue by Miller-Sutherlin Chevrolet, to Alabama 34, and building a new bridge over the railroad track at Bowman's Building Mart, Whatley said.

"If they go ahead and get started, they will have time to meet the November date," Whatley said.

Pell City family loses all in house fire

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

Pell City Fire Chief Greg Barnes said a short in the electrical wiring started the fire that destroyed a home on Lees Road Wednesday afternoon.

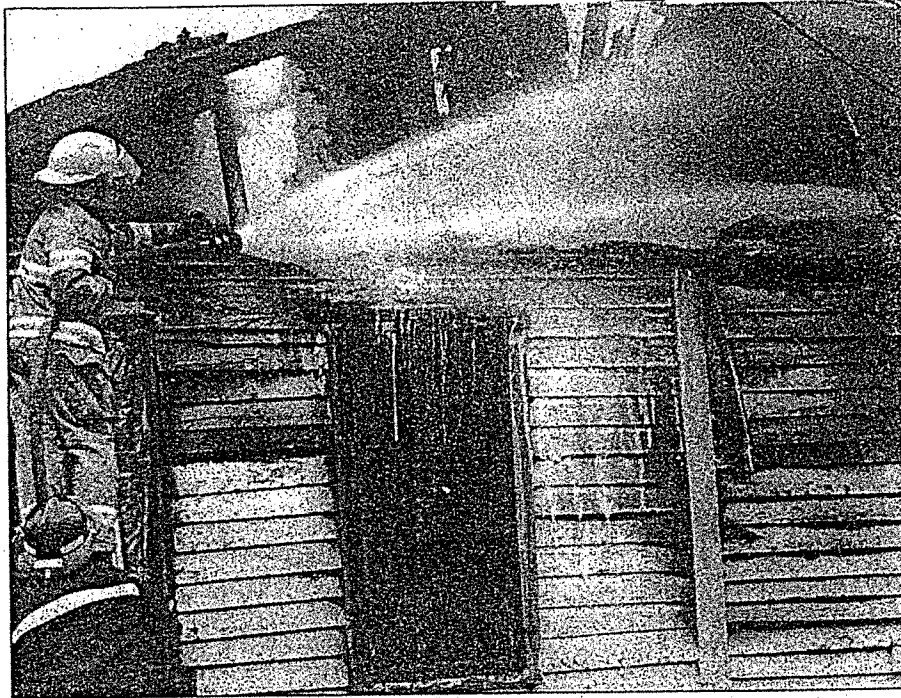
The home was being rented by Debra Caldwell and her three children. The family lost everything in the blaze, but no one was injured.

Mrs. Caldwell's sister, Linda Robinson, who lives next door, said her sister had been gone about 10 minutes when she noticed the blaze coming from one of the front rooms.

Mrs. Caldwell had gone to the laundromat with her mother and returned about 40 minutes later to find her home smoldering on the ground.

Barnes said the building was entirely engulfed in flames when they arrived on the scene about 7 minutes after receiving the call.

Barnes said the home is located in



Bob Crisp/Home staff photo

Pell City Fire Chief Greg Barnes attempts to extinguish a house fire on Lees Road in Pell City Wednesday afternoon. The house, rented by Debra Caldwell, was a total loss, as were the contents.

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a newly annexed area near Berkley Cove and is not yet equipped with fire plugs.

That made the job of putting out the blaze that much harder. The firefighters had to make trips back and forth to the end of the road to the nearest plug to fill up the trucks with water.

Barnes said the trucks had to make the trip to the hydrant at the Pell City Water Treatment Plant four times before the fire was completely extinguished.

The two engines being used Wednesday hold between 500 and 650 gallons of water, so Barnes esti-

mates that it took about 5,000 gallons of water to fight the fire.

The Mays Bend area, which was just annexed, will have the same problem until it gets fire hydrants installed. Barnes said the residents of that area will get their fire plugs soon, though, because the contractor that put in the water system will install them as part of the water system's contract.

The Caldwell family's wood frame house was estimated to be anywhere from 30 to 60 years old, and the pine wood that it was constructed out of caused it to burn quickly, Barnes said.

"We had been having electrical trouble for quite a while," Mrs.

Caldwell said. "I was going to get in touch with my cousin who owns the house to try to get it fixed."

The Fire Department will be accepting clothing donations for the family all this week at Station 1.

Mrs. Caldwell has three children, ages 10, 6 and 3. She said she also had a male friend staying at the house who also lost all of his possessions.

The family will need clothing in the following sizes: ladies size 13-14 dress and medium to large shirts; men's size 32 pants and medium to large shirts; girls sizes 5 and 6 and a ladies size 7; boys size 4 or 5.

Barnes said the fire Wednesday brought the total number of structural fires to 34 for the year.

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Lifestyles

Rotary International governor speaks to Pell City club

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

Dale Wallace, District 6860 Governor for Rotary International was guest speaker at the Pell City Rotary Club meeting Tuesday.

Wallace, a member of the Birmingham East Rotary Club, spoke to the Pell City club on what he feels is the top four reasons for being in Rotary.

The top reason is because of the outstanding fellowship Rotary provides its members among each other and with the community.

The second is because of the tremendous impact Rotary has on the community with projects such as its statewide literacy campaign and through sponsorships of programs such as Camp ASCCA (Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults).

Third is the international scope that Rotary provides its members for service causes.

Rotary International is established in 187 countries. There are 502 districts worldwide and more than one million members, Wallace said.

Clubs across the world have the opportunity to help each other with

projects both big and small, he said.

And the most important reason for being in Rotary is because of the principles for which the club stands.

All Rotary members are encouraged to live by themes such as the international theme for 1993-1994, "Believe In What You Do, Do What You Believe In."

Wallace said District 6860 covers the whole northern half of the state of Alabama.

Wallace is a native of Birmingham and is a partner and founding member of the law firm Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff, Byers and

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Subdivision residents petition Pell City Council for annexation

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By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

Residents of Sunset Strip subdivision told the Pell City Council that the main reason they want to be annexed into the city limits is because they desperately need a water system.

The residents said they all have to depend on well water for their water source and sometimes the water is contaminated and isn't suitable for drinking.

The water also contains a lot of iron, they said. That means that most of their laundry has to be taken into a local laundromat because the iron stains clothes.

The residents came before the council Monday night with signed petitions from homeowners in the area asking the city to consider them for annexation.

The Sunset Strip subdivision is in between two subdivisions that the city recently did vote to approve for annexation, Mays Bend and Eagle Points.

Councilman George Williams said the Eagle Point subdivision has been officially annexed and the Mays Bend area is slated to be annexed soon.

The council explained to the residents of Sunset Strip that those areas were allowed to annex only because they agreed to put in their own water

systems.

When the city was first approached about the Eagle Point/Mays Bend annexation, the city was not in a financial position to finance a major water project, Williams said.

So, a plan was presented where Don Raughton, developer of the Eagle Point area, would pay to put the water system in for both subdivisions, Williams said.

The city agreed to take the system over upon its completion, pay the money back interest free, and provide the water service.

The city has one year after the system is completed before it has to start paying the money back, Councilman Mack Abercrombie said. After that, the city has five years to pay it back completely.

The city will repay the system from the fees it will charge the residents to tap on to receive the water service, Williams said.

Council members told the Sunset Strip residents that they would need to come out with city engineer Charles Tucke, to inspect the area before they could recommend what would need to be done about getting water to that area.

Mayor Lawrence Fields did mention that Commissioner Paul Manning had agreed to help get the roads in that area resurfaced to bring them up to city specifications in order to be

brought in.

Also Monday, the council:

☐ Tabled action on a petition to vacate certain parts of Chambers Street, Virginia Avenue and alleys in blocks 53 and 54.

☐ Approved a sign variance request from Captain D's seafood to erect a sign that is 35 feet high. The city ordinance currently states that signs be restricted to 26 feet in height.

The council also approved a request from Gil Edge for a sign variance that would allow him to construct a high rise advertisement on I-20.

Edge said the advertisement would be located on I-20 near Old Coal City road. The council had to approve the variance because the sign's placement would violate the city's ordinance that the signs be set back 660 feet from the right of way.

Edge said his sign would be about 150 feet from Old Coal City Road and about 10 feet from the interstate.

☐ Discussed a sewerage rehabilitation project to upgrade city's manholes and also to extend the sewerage line behind Highway 78 and Pell City Steakhouse.

Fields said the rehab project is being mandated by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to help prevent storm water drainage from flooding the city's sewerage system.

St. Clair auxiliary holds 'successful' card party

The St. Clair Regional Hospital Auxiliary held its fifth annual Card Party, and it appears that this year's event was another success.

According to auxiliary volunteer Mary Olson, there were about 100 players that turned out to play bridge at the Pell City Civic Center.

The total figure of how much money was raised from the event hasn't been determined yet, but that money will once again be used by the auxiliary to buy needed hospital equipment.

Mrs. Olson and Polly Warren, who is also a member of the hospital's volunteer organization, said the group will use the money to purchase a trauma stretcher and a new DynaMap monitor.

Last year the group used the money from their various fund-raising activities to purchase two trauma stretchers, stainless steel table for the kitchen and a new microscope for the lab, Mrs. Olson said.

The next fund-raiser for the auxiliary will be the annual Tree of Lights.

Each year, a huge Christmas tree is placed in front of the hospital, and lights can be bought in memory of in honor of someone. An honor roll with the names listed on it is placed in the lobby of the hospital.

Tickets for this year's tree will go on sale Nov. 1, and the tree will be lit near Christmas.



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Enjoying the card party, from left, are: Kay Mickle, Irene Sexton, chairman; Frances Wright, co-chairman; Polly Warren, Beverly Patterson and Libby Mull.

Hospice *Daily Home 10-20-93* has new director

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The board of directors of Hospice Care in Pell City have named Wayne Melvin executive director following the retirement of Janice Miller.

Mrs. Miller has been executive director since the Oct. 18, 1992, death of her husband, Dr. Alex Miller, who founded Hospice in 1990.

Melvin said Mrs. Miller, whose retirement was effective Oct. 1, has plans to pursue personal interests.

"Janice stayed on long enough for us to get on our feet," Melvin said. "She wants to pursue some other things and rest."

The board named Phyllis Brown to fill Melvin's former position as assistant director.

Mrs. Brown will continue with her previous responsibilities as volunteer coordinator and will also fill the remainder of Mrs. Miller's term as secretary on the board of directors.

Mrs. Miller is not the only well-known Hospice employee to retire, Melvin said.

Sylvia Darnall, the administrative assistant in charge of marketing and public relations, also retired on Oct. 1.

Mrs. Darnall's retirement was due to her relocation to the Birmingham



Wayne Melvin



Phyllis Brown

area, Melvin said.

Melvin said the job responsibilities left by the two positions are being assumed by the Hospice care staff.

"The day-to-day operations haven't changed," Melvin said. "We have just taken on the extra responsibilities."

Nancy Odom, patient care coordinator, said a few changes in policy have been made, but they are changes she thinks will be for the better.

"We have made some changes in our patient care policy," she said. "We have eliminated a lot of the paperwork, and it will give us more quality time with the patients."

Mrs. Odom said Hospice is also continuing to work on establishing a closer relationship with its patients' personal physicians.

Hospice Care provides terminally

ill patients with health care to help make their last days as pain-free as possible.

Mrs. Odom said a lot of the changes have been made by Dr. William Dunham, Hospice Care's medical director since Jan. 1.

"He has made quite a few changes to ensure our patients are receiving better care," she said.

Patient demand has increased lately with more and more patients coming from the Blount County area, Melvin said.

Hospice Care provides service to St. Clair, Blount and southern Talladega counties, Melvin said.

The new directors said they are excited about the future, including plans for National Hospice Month in November and a spring walkathon fund-raiser.



Cindy Warner/Home staff photo

Fall beautification award

The Pell City Garden Club presented the fall beautification award for a school or business to the St. Clair County Head Start at Coal City. The flowers in the front-yard of the school were planted by the children who attend head start and Mr. Walter Kennedy. Pictured, front row, from left, are Robert Martin, Feleshia Williams, Cornisha Singleton, and Demarcus Jones. Second row, from left, Holly McCombs, Christo-

pher Clough, Darcell Jordan, Brett Burke, and Courtney Beavers. Third row, from left, Justin Byers, Tiffany Lowder, Megan Majors, Melanie Posey and Lamar Pickett. Back row, from left, Polly Warren, Elsie McGowan, Lynn Erwin, and Mary Olson. Mrs. McGowan accepted the award for Kennedy who was unable to be there due to illness.

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Pell City Kiwanis Club officers

Pell City Kiwanis Club recently installed new officers. They are, left to right, Liz Parsons, president; Roger Haynes, vice president; Lynn Batemon, secretary; Virgil Siddall, treasurer; Guin Robinson, chairman of the board.

Pell City Chamber looking for 1993 Citizen of the Year

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

George Williams, chairman of the Pell City Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year awards banquet, said it is the dedicated volunteers and civic leaders that truly make Pell City a wonderful community.

Williams said the nomination forms for this year's award were mailed out on Tuesday.

Every church, civic, social or service organization is encouraged to nominate someone who has truly contributed to the community and mail in the forms by Jan. 3, 1994.

The 18th annual banquet will be held at the Pell City Civic Center on Jan. 28, 1994.

Williams said it is important to mail the nomination forms in as soon as possible so the ballots can be made and sent out in time.

"We want to encourage everyone to nominate someone," Williams said. "There are so many people that deserve to be a nominee whether they are elected or not."

Williams added that there is no better way to recognize a fellow peer's accomplishments than to place their name as a nomination for this prestigious honor.

Williams said the nominee must

live or work in Pell City and the nominating group is requested to purchase banquet tickets for the nominee and their spouse.

"We decided a few years ago not to limit it to just city limit residents only because there are so many people who contribute to this town that don't live right inside the city limits," Williams said.

"The person doesn't have to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to be nominated," Williams added. "And you don't have to be a member of the chamber to attend the banquet. Anyone can purchase a ticket."

Once the nominations have been made, Williams said the ballots will be mailed out to all Chamber of Commerce members. Each principal member, whether it be an individual or a business, will get one vote.

The winner of the award is not known until the night of the banquet when the ballots are counted, he said.

"Only the people counting the votes know who is going to win," Williams said. "The winner is then announced from a sealed envelope."

There have been two different occasions where there were co-winners due to a tie, Williams said.

The guest speaker for this year's

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banquet will be Elmer Harris, president of Alabama Power. Harris will also make the Citizen of the Year presentation.

Bob Cornett will make the introduction of all the nominees, Williams said.

Previous winners of the award from 1976 to 1992 are: James Tyus, A.J. Blake, Ed Ash, Mrs. Willie King, George Williams, Harold King, Joe T. Moore, Mary Mays and Dick Whatley (tie), Millie Ann Lawley, Sara Beth Blair and Billy Seales (tie), Keith Porter, June Brascho, Dan Roods, Tommy Turner, Wayne Spradley, Richard Ely and Tommy Bowers.

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New buses on the way for Pell City schools

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

The problem of overcrowded buses in Pell City was lessened Monday night, as the Pell City Board of Education voted to spend \$190,944 for the purchase of four new buses.

The board had voted at a previous meeting not to purchase some buses that did not meet the state's requirements.

The buses purchased Monday night do meet the state requirements and will be delivered within 30 days, according to Board Chairwoman Carol Barnett.

The stock 78-passenger units were purchased for \$47,736 each from Transportation South.

Prior to the vote, board member Jack Hagan voiced concern that the Transportation South bid was the only bid received.

Superintendent Dr. Billy Jack Pack said Transportation South was the only company that was able to meet the bid requirements on the state's specifications.

Also Monday, the board voted to write a letter of support for a group of parents interested in constructing a new baseball field on the property behind Duran Jr. High School.

The parents had contacted the National Guard, asking them to prepare the site for the field. The letter of support from the board is needed before the National Guard can consider the parents' request.

The board would be responsible for the field's design and for the cost

of fuel used by the Guard during construction.

The board also voted to declare property on Highway 34 near the Pell City Civic Center surplus property as requested by area Veterans groups.

The Veterans groups have expressed a desire to purchase the property, which is currently used by the Boy Scouts, but the land must be declared surplus before being sold.

The board authorized Dr. Pack to solicit bids for the property.

In other business the board:

Voted to accept the retirement request of Laura Martin Smith, seventh grade English teacher at Duran Jr. High School. The board approved the employment of Staci Parker as Smith's replacement for the remainder of the school year.

Voted to accept the retirement request of Jesse Hare, a Support Service Mechanic for more than 30 years.

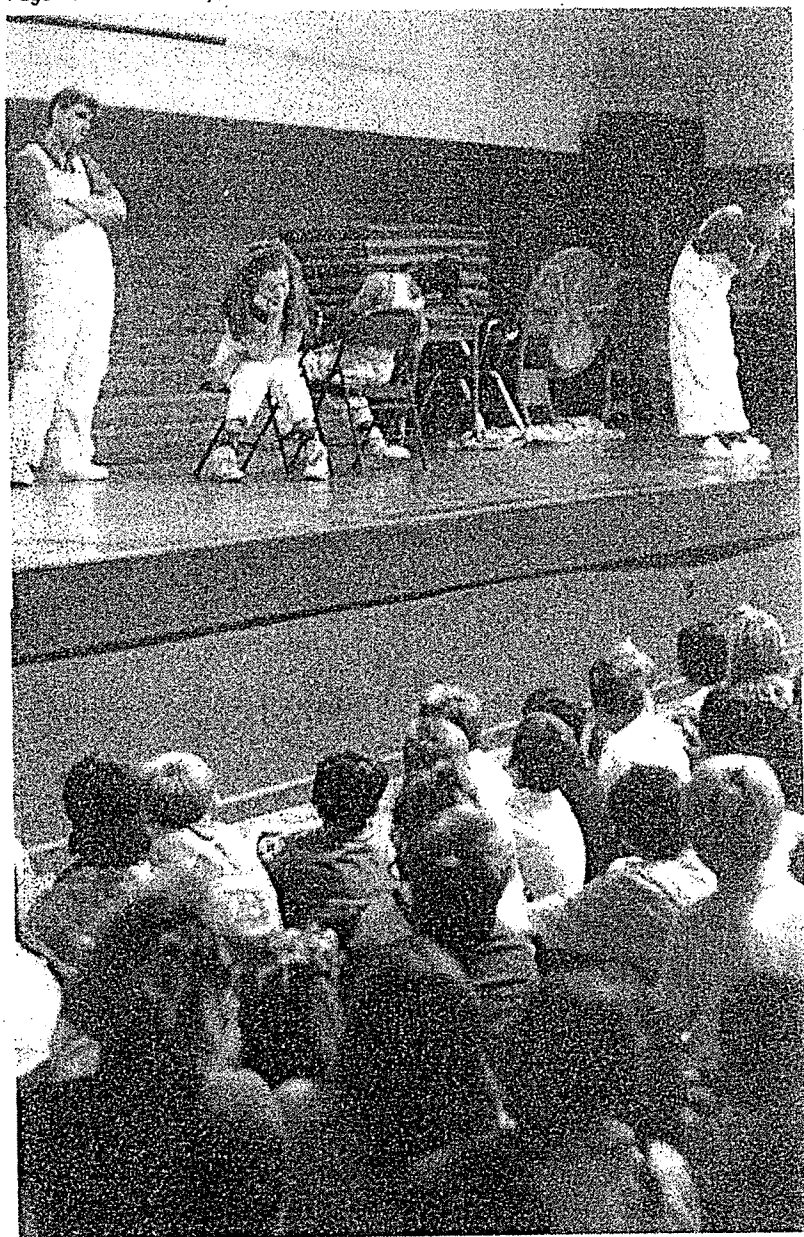
Voted to accept a leave of absence request by Karen Oliver Bush, the Special Education teacher at Pell City High School. Bush will be on maternity leave.

Voted to hire Carol Hill as the new music teacher at Iola Roberts Elementary School.

Awarded a bid for premium unleaded gasoline to Green Oil Company for .496 cents per gallon.

Voted to replace a boiler at Eden School at a cost of \$9,370. The bid for installation of the new boiler was awarded to Adco Boiler Company.

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Bookends making a point

UABs "Bookends" made a point with students at Kennedy School last week as they performed "Molly and Her Marvelous Mind" before students there as part of a culmination of Red Ribbon Week. The play, especially for third, fourth and fifth graders, told children to use their minds and read rather than let television do their thinking for them or allow drugs to destroy their minds. (PHOTO BY WAYNE RUPLE)



Crime dog visits school

McGruff the crime dog visited Kennedy School last week where he presented a plaque to the school and was presented a 10 year birthday cake, compliments of Food World and the school, in return. Pell City Police Department officer Harold Carswell joined McGruff. During the month of October the school has participated in activities centered around Crime Prevention Week. (PHOTO BY WAYNE RUBLE)



A Chinese play

A Chinese play This Iola Roberts first grade class of Mrs. Marie Roe recently did a play about two Chinese brothers. One had a short name (Wing) and his brothers' name was Tikki Tikki Tembo No So Rembo-Icka Na Noo Na Konna Ron Tombo. -- PHOTO BY GARY HANNER.

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A bright year ahead

Pell City saw

By SUSIE THOMPSON
News-Aegis Editor

PELL CITY—1992 looks bright for the City of Pell City.

Soon the city fire trucks will have yet another home. A new \$290,000 fire station is on the way to Cogswell Ave. near the fire practice field.

"The reason for the new fire station was to keep the ISO rating down," said Mayor Lawrence Fields. The city's Insurance Service Organization rating is a low four, and to keep up with the city's growth and keep the rating low, a centrally-located fire station is necessary, Field's explained.

The station will feature four bays for trucks.

Also new to Pell City are several freshly paved streets.

Last year, the council approved

expenditure of half a million dollars to pave 119,370 feet — or 22.61 miles — of streets. That money was part of a city bond issue, Fields said.

The council hired Louise Campbell as a grant application writer last year for \$10,000. The city was awarded enough grants to pay her salary several times.

Among the grants the city received recently were a \$5,000 tree planting grant and a \$10,000 recycling grant.

The tree planting money will be used to help beautify the city walking park and Lakeside Park, Fields said.

The recycling money is being used to purchase specially-equipped trailers to help the city get started on an ambitious recycling program, the mayor explained. State law requires a 25 percent reduction in

growth in 1991

recycling, and Pell City plans to do its part, Fields said.

But the biggest grant the city won was a Community Development Block Grant to extend sewer service to several areas with great needs. The grant amount is \$372,000. However, the city will have to come up with \$300,000 to match the CDBG money in order to get the full amount. Fields said the city would try to do just that.

Also helping to improve city services, new water meters were installed all over town — including some computerized meters installed on an experimental basis, Fields said.

Pell City also made strides in improving recreational facilities last year.

The city resurfaced the civic center tennis courts and added soccer to the youth sports program.

"Kiwanis has made a commit-

ment to fund a new pavilion in the park," Fields added.

To help educate young people about the serious dangers and consequences of drug use and abuse, the city reactivated its Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program in 1991.

"The D.A.R.E. program is one of the best things we've ever done," Fields said. "Education is the only chance we've got," he said.

Overall, the city is looking forward to bright times.

"In spite of the so-called recession that we experienced, we still made progress in 1991," the mayor said. "It's good, steady growth, and in spite of all the growth, it still has not changed the quality of our living," he added.

"As you look at the city now, you can see the pick-

DARE: Impact right on schedule

By CAROL PAPPAS

PELL CITY — Hands fly into the air. Throughout the classroom is heard the reverberant sound of children's voices: "Call on me, Officer Cars, call on me!"

While there is plenty of learning going on in this classroom, it isn't a typical class, nor is this a typical teacher.

Officer Cars is Pell City Police Officer Harold Carswell, and the class is one of the many kindergarten through fifth grade classes he is teaching through DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Financed by the city, the program seeks to prevent drug and alcohol abuse by arming Pell City elementary school students with the facts they need to know.

But, it's more than just facts that seem to make this program so effective.

Carswell and DARE call it "the three R's." No, it's not reading, writing and arithmetic, but these three R's are just as essential to these kids' successes or failures in everyday life.

"Is it easy to say no to drugs?" Carswell asks of a fourth grade class at Kennedy Elementary School. "Yes!" some answer, almost immediately.

Carswell shakes his head, knowing with a few more years of wisdom behind him, what the answer should be. "If it was that easy, nobody would be doing them, would they? Saying no is easy," he admits, "but it's hard at the same time."



Officer Cars doesn't just tell kids to say no to drugs, he's teaching them how. DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), implemented in the Pell City School System this year, already seems to be having a positive impact on youngsters, inspiring them to say no and to know why they're saying no. (Bob Crisp photo)

To say no, he continues, "you have to know the three R's" Number one is recognize. You must recognize it's dangerous for you in order to know to turn it down, he tells the class.

REFUSE, IS the second R you

need to know . . . and to use.

And third is report. "Drugs can harm not just you," Carswell warns, "but your classmates, too. You've got to tell somebody."

Like a football coach inspiring his "men" to defy the odds, Carswell inspires his "friends" to defy

the odds by staying away from drugs and alcohol.

"Friends" is the appropriate word here because Carswell is more than just a police officer to these kids; he is becoming their friend, their confidant.

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Weeks, the length of the . . . rsc, their friend is giving them advice, knowledge, encouragement and a sense of self worth — weapons they'll need to fight the war on drugs once Carswell is gone.

He teaches them not only to say no, but more important, how to say no.

His lessons in the classroom are fast paced, excitable and guaranteed to earn 100 percent class participation.

Hands wave wildly in the air with each question he asks. Even if the answer is wrong, it's OK, there's no fear of ostracism in this class — only friends helping friends find the right answer.

Before his school year began, Carswell said DARE targets the fifth grade class because that is usually the age kids become curious about drugs and alcohol. "We want to get those first. We want to teach them not to even get started . . . not after the consequences."

Judging by the impact Carswell and DARE seems to be having in the first few weeks of this program, they're right on schedule.

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Pell City boom: Pluses, minuses

 By Rose Grace
 News staff writer

PELL CITY — The population of this city has almost tripled during the past 10 years, from more than 6,000 in 1980 to almost 18,000, according to a local census just completed.

Officials agree that Logan Martin Lake is the biggest attraction in pulling people from Birmingham — and even Atlanta — to this small St. Clair County city.

Joyce Nix, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said the boom is a combination of lakeside residents, retirees and employees of new industries.

One of the retirees is J.G. Wheat, 67, who moved from Birmingham to a house on the lake in Alpine Bay.

Wheat said he used to bring his family to Pell City for weekends of skiing and fishing.

"I finally got tired of pulling the boat back and forth," he said.

Now he says he wouldn't live anywhere else.

He likes Pell City's proximity to Birmingham when he wants to go to a mall, but the things he doesn't like about that city — crime and congestion — aren't here, he said.

A few more restaurants and fast-food places wouldn't hurt because the ones that are here are getting more crowded with the growth, he said.

"They just about load the cafes," he said, and "boats line up at the pier to fish."

Housing deficit

The 18,000-acre lake is seeing more houses built on its shoreline, many by summer residents with permanent homes elsewhere, Mrs. Nix said.

But people need more than just water and sunshine, and Pell City is suffering some growing pains in trying to keep up.

Housing is lagging behind the influx, she said. The city's 10 real estate companies have little available to rent. New subdivisions built within the past five years are costly, with price tags for new homes ranging from \$100,000 to \$450,000, Mrs. Nix said.

"We don't have enough condos and apartments, but it's growing," she said. "Demand outweighs the supply."

Dick Whatley, owner of a local real estate company and member of the chamber's board of directors, said developers can't afford to build here because they can't charge higher rental rates.

Rent in Pell City is 25 percent to 40 percent less than for comparable property in Birmingham, he said.

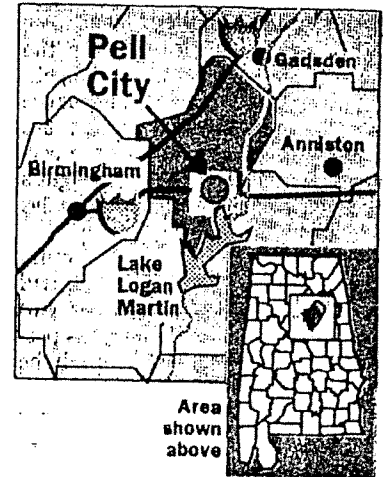
"We'll have to charge 50 percent more than what we do now to be able to build without some kind of subsidies," he said. "It's a long process to raise rent so the market can pay for itself."

Whatley said his 64 rental units stay full most of the time because of the shortage of housing.

With new waterfront houses selling for prices ranging from \$70,000 into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, "that's still cheaper than in most areas of the country," he said.

Another shortage is in shopping, Mrs. Nix said. The city doesn't have a large department store, forcing many people to do their shopping in Talladega, Anniston or Birmingham.

Mayor Lawrence Fields said the city paid for a census to survey the population, and he hopes the new figures encourage retail growth. A large chain, such as Wal-Mart, could be building in the city by the end of the year, he said.



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The city is working hard to provide other services for new residents, Fields said. A new sewer system is about to be started, and a 45-acre lakeside park has been developed with a fishing pier, floating dock, walking trails and pavilions packed with picnic tables.

Mrs. Nix said the Civic Center has many activities, including programs for senior citizens, and is "packed full from morning till night."

Fields, who moved here from Birmingham 17 years ago after spending almost every weekend on the lake, said that despite its shortcomings, Pell City has a quality of life that people can't find anywhere else, and that's why they're coming in droves.

"We've got all the things that make a good community," he said. "There's some mystique about it. The total surroundings are just unique. I'm happy as a fat hog in the sunshine."

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Pell City finally getting across its message on census

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By CAROL PAPPAS

PELL CITY — Mayor Lawrence Fields is still talking census, and, finally, someone in Washington is listening.

With more than a year's work invested in counting residents in Pell City, city officials were aghast when the bureau's figures just didn't add up.

The bureau first issued a count of 7,510 and later revised it to 8,118. That falls well short of Pell City's own figure of 17,658.

Fields has tried to garner support from congressmen and senators over the past few months, but it wasn't until lately that he was able to get his message across.

Edwin Wagner, assistant chief for operations of the Bureau of Census, has requested all Pell City's documentation on its population count and will review the case in coming weeks.

Up to now, the bureau refused to review Pell City's documentation, but an aide in Sen. Richard Shelby's office was able to get the bureau to reconsider, Fields said.

"All we asked for was an opportunity to present our case to them and show them what we had documentation on. We're not asking for something that's not there. We were asking them to reconsider because we know how many people we've got," Fields said.

The city hired an experienced census worker more than a year ago, and she and a team of workers from the fire department began documenting the city's population count.

Candy Davis, who coordinated

the count, spent more than a year obtaining census information and cross referencing to ensure accuracy.

WITHIN THE next two weeks, she will even be able to provide the bureau with a computer printout of more than 17,000 people who live within the city limits of Pell City, Fields said. "We'll have names, addresses and phone numbers they can check.

"We were so thorough. I'm satisfied Candy Davis and the fire department did an outstanding job in making sure everyone was counted," he said.

Included in the information packet now on its way to Washington is:

—A computer printout of the 5,292 water bills sent to households each month.

— The latest city maps with newly annexed areas that were not included on the map used during the Census Bureau's count.

— A voter registration list of 4,760 voters at the time of the last election three years ago.

—A copy of Pell City's directory and telephone book.

In his letter to bureau officials, Fields pointed out that not all of Pell City's residents have city water and some residents share one meter.

Using the bureau's own system of 3.2 people per household, that still gives Pell City a total of 16,934.2 residents, more than twice the number the bureau counted.

Fields said the city's greatest concerns on the low count center on

Census

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funding that is based on population, such as grants. Legislative and Congressional representation also hinges on population counts.

"We know how important numbers are," Fields said. "We're underfunded now. We've got the people, but we can't provide them with the services."

(Cont., see Census, Page 2)

Information on demographic trends in St. Clair released

By Ron Barthet

Updated information on demographic trends in St. Clair County were recently released by the Alabama Newspaper Advertising Service, based on data from the National Planning Data Corporation of Ithaca, New York.

The statistics showed that St. Clair County had an estimated population of 48,865 in 1988, and by the year 1993, the county's population was projected to be at 54,385 persons.

The population change from 1980 to 1988 was set at 18.59 percent increase, and the projected change from 1988 to 1993 was set at 11.30 percent higher. The population increase in St. Clair County from 1970 to 1980 was reported at 47.39 percent, according to the information.

The number of households in St. Clair County in 1988 was an estimated 17,238, and the projected number of households in 1993 was set at 19,551.

The estimated increase in county households from 1980 to 1988 was 24.46 percent, while the projected increase in households from last year to the year 1993 was set at 13.42 percent.

The income of those households was also a key piece of data reported. In 1969, the per capita income of St. Clair County residents came in at \$1970 per person, with the average income being \$6591.

The 1979 per capita income figure came in at \$5617, with the average income increasing to \$16,687. This meant a percentage increase in average income from 1969 to 1979 of some 153.18 percent for St. Clair County residents.

The estimated 1988 per capita income for the county is \$8996, while the estimated average income is \$25,557. The percentage change from 1979 to 1988 in average income was an increase of 53.16 percent.

The projected per capita income for St. Clair County residents for the year 1993 was \$10,792, and the projected average income comes in at \$30,116 for 1993. The projected change in average income is a 17.84 percent increase between 1988 and

1993.

In noting the distribution of income among residents, the 1988 figures showed 15.9 percent of the population with incomes under \$7,500, some 18.6 percent of the county population with incomes between \$7,500 and \$14,900, and 11.5 percent of the county residents with incomes between \$15,000 and \$19,900.

Ten percent of the population has incomes between \$20,000 and \$24,900, it was reported. Two point three (2.3) percent of the county population has incomes over \$75,000 a year, the estimated figures showed.

In the year 1969, some 64 percent of the county residents had incomes under \$7,500 and 30 percent had incomes between \$7,500 and \$14,900. Only one ten of one percent of the St. Clair people had incomes over \$50,000 a year in 1969, the reported said. Then in 1979, the percentage of people who had incomes below \$7,500 had decreased to 25 percent, and the percentage of people with incomes between \$7,500 and \$14,900 had decreased to 26.5 percent, with significant increases in the number of people with incomes between \$15,000 and \$25,000 a year.

Under the category of age distribution, St. Clair County in 1988 had 17.6 percent of its residents in the 25 to 34 years of age bracket, 15.4 percent of its people in the 35 to 44 years of age category, and 10 percent of its people in the 45 to 54 years of age bracket.

Of the 41,205 people living in St. Clair County in 1980, some 36,935 of those were white (89.64 percent), 4128 of those were black (10.02 percent), and some 283 were of Spanish origin (.69 percent).

The population was further detailed by the number of people all over 15 years of age (30,678) being broken down into male, 14,797 (representing 48.23 percent) and female, 15,881 (representing 51.77 percent).

Of the 30,678 people over 15 years of age, 5615 of those were single, 20,683 were married, 388 were separated, 2392 were widowed, and 1600 were divorced.

In explaining the 1988 consumer spending patterns, the report noted that the average household in St. Clair County spends \$3463 a year on food. That was broken down into \$79.93 on cereals, \$238.97 on bakery products, \$478.84 on meats and \$110.70 on poultry.

Fish and seafood got another \$66.96 on the average from St. Clair County households in 1988, and eggs cost the average family \$33.47.

Some \$260 was spent on dairy products last year by the average St. Clair family, with \$122 going for fresh fruits, \$73 going for processed fruits, \$120 going for fresh vegetables and \$74 going for processed vegetables.

The average county family spent \$71 on sugar and sweets last year, \$57 on fats and oils, \$181 on non-alcoholic beverages, and \$265 on miscellaneous prepared foods.

However, in the category of buying food away from home (in restaurants), the average St. Clair family paid out an estimated \$1225 last year.

Also, the report showed that county households, on the average, spent \$324 last year on alcoholic beverages, \$169 on tobacco and smoking products, \$294 on personal care and services, \$97 on non-prescription drugs and \$363 on housekeeping and garden supplies.

The statistics also showed that St. Clair County residents last year bought \$14,413,000 worth of new cars and trucks, \$10,395,000 worth of used cars and trucks and bought \$18,870,000 worth of gas and oil to run them.

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|
| DEPARTMENT STORES | 2861 | 525.51 | 90 | 22 |
| VARIETY STORES | 188 | 34.54 | 90 | 3 |
| CATALOG SHOWROOMS | 200 | 36.67 | 88 | 1 |
| GROCERY STORES | 5578 | 1024.39 | 88 | 22 |
| CONVENIENCE STORES | 339 | 62.22 | 89 | 2 |
| APPAREL STORES | 1277 | 234.46 | 90 | 11 |
| SHOE STORES | 235 | 43.15 | 92 | 2 |
| JEWELRY STORES | 216 | 39.71 | 85 | 1 |
| FURNITURE STORES | 494 | 90.74 | 90 | 6 |
| APPLIANCE STORES | 190 | 34.87 | 94 | 1 |
| RESTAURANTS [1] | 1998 | 366.96 | 75 | 440 |
| DRUG STORES | 1095 | 201.04 | 99 | 7 |
| LIQUOR STORES | 305 | 56.08 | 73 | 2 |
| HARDWARE STORES | 270 | 49.59 | 102 | 3 |
| LUMBER STORES | 1312 | 240.88 | 108 | 11 |
| LAWN & GARDEN STORES | 89 | 16.29 | 98 | 1 |
| PAINT STORES | 128 | 23.59 | 106 | 1 |
| FLOORING STORES | 187 | 34.32 | 94 | 2 |

NOTE:

[1] GLA: Supportable floor space (gross leasable area, thou sqft),
except for restaurants: total supportable seats

*Market Index Reference Area:
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Source: Jan. 1, 1989 UDS Estimates

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COMMUNITY CENTERS:
 ANNUAL SALES POTENTIAL, 1989

| | AGGREGATE (\$000) | PER CAPITA | MARKET INDEX* | GLA [1] | MIX [2] |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| DEPARTMENT STORES | 2861 | 525.51 | 90 | 22 | 31 |
| VARIETY STORES | 188 | 34.54 | 90 | 3 | 4 |
| CATALOG SHOWROOM STORES | 200 | 36.67 | 88 | 1 | 1 |
| GROCERY STORES | 5578 | 1024.39 | 88 | 22 | 13 |
| APPAREL STORES | 1277 | 234.46 | 90 | 11 | 8 |
| SHOE STORES | 235 | 43.15 | 92 | 2 | 2 |
| JEWELRY STORES | 216 | 39.71 | 85 | 1 | 1 |
| RESTAURANTS | 1998 | 366.96 | 75 | 440 | 4 |
| DRUG STORES | 1095 | 201.04 | 99 | 7 | 5 |
| LIQUOR STORES | 305 | 56.08 | 73 | 2 | 0 |
| OTHER STORES | | | | | 29 |

Notes:

[1] GLA: Supportable floor space (gross leasable area, thou sqft),
 except for restaurants: total supportable seats

[2] MIX: Suggested tenant mix

*Market Index Reference Area:
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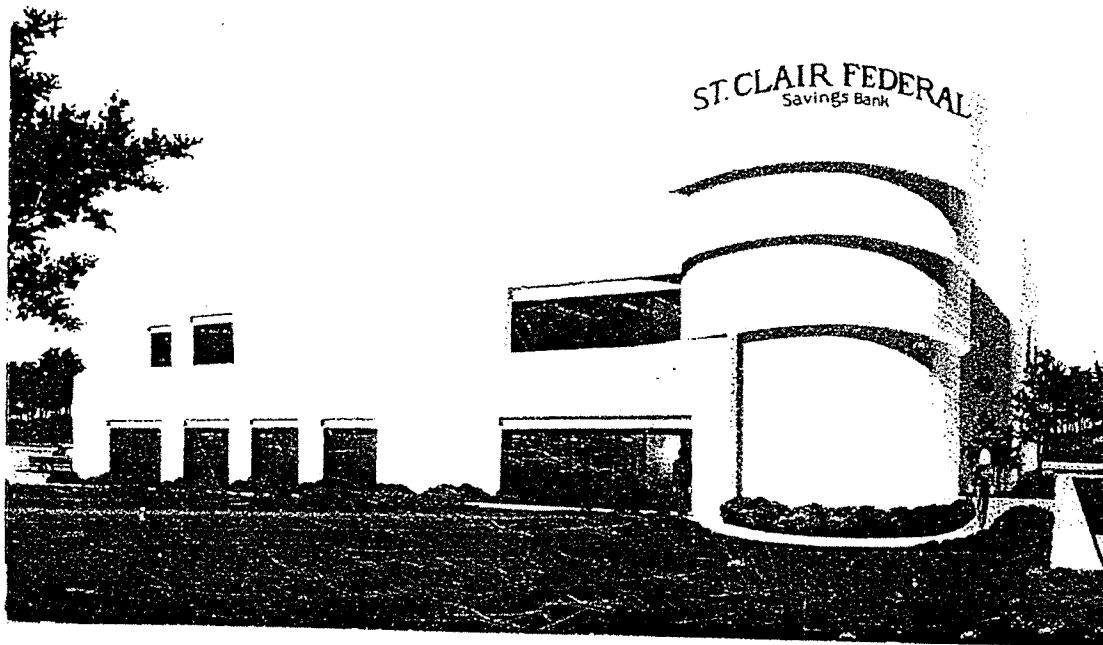
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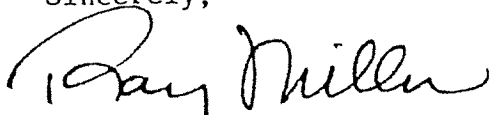
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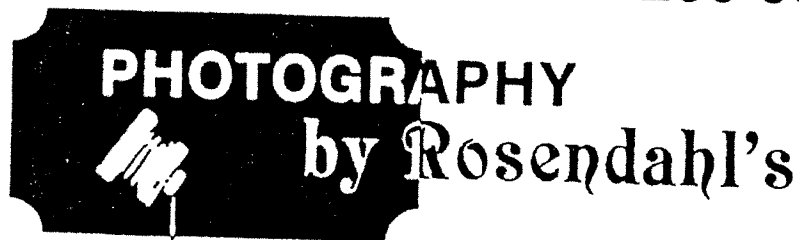
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HISTORY

Nestled between the granite ridges of the lower Appalachian mountains and the scenic Coosa River, Pell City began as a settlement in 1887, first as a land company which surveyed the site, laid out its streets, built a few houses and then officially chartered the town.

The community was immediately chosen as the location of a joint train depot by three railroads, the East and West, the Coosa River Valley Railroad and the Southern Railroad. The East and West was later sold to the famous New York Pell family from whom is derived the name of the town.

Sumter Cogswell helped acquire the property for the Pell City Land and Iron Company in 1890, and it was officially incorporated in May of 1891 after being re-surveyed. Cogswell was also instrumental in bringing in the Hercules Pipe Company and that made the community prosper. W. G. Evans served as the first mayor. While times were good at first, adverse national economic conditions soon closed down the land company and the pipe company was forced to relocate.

In 1901, however Cogswell returned to Pell City with his family and, with \$3,000, bought the original land company holdings. Since it was so difficult to travel over Backbone Mountain to the county seat in Ashville, a second courthouse for St. Clair County was soon created for those living south of the mountain. After a heated controversy, Pell City won out over several other communities for the courthouse, and once again the town soon thrived.

Cogswell donated a plot in the center of town for the courthouse and jail, and he also donated 150 acres and a spring to attract industry. With George W. Pratt, he brought the Draper autoloom industry and Howard Bullock of New England together, and the cornerstone of the first saw-tooth cotton mill in the South was laid in August of 1902. When the cotton mill was completed in 1903, some 1500 more people moved to the town. In the fall of 1919, the property was sold to Avondale Mills, and it is still in operation today.

Miss Dadie Griffith taught the first school, which was located where the present city hall stands. Col. N. B. Spears reorganized the council and served as mayor, followed by W. J. Purdy, Sumter Cogswell, E. A. Thompson, Frank Embry, Dr. J. O. Gray, W. T. Starnes, Joe Kilgroe, Sam Burt and Otis Perry.

Dr. R. A. Martin came as a young physician in 1903 and helped promote several subdivision developments which much improved the city. Mrs. Carol Anderson and Mrs. Ella Miller organized the first Sunday School, and one by one, churches were built — first the Methodist, then an Episcopal, and then a Baptist church, with many of them located on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell.

The nearby communities of Eden to the west (originally a railhead for track workers) and Oak Ridge to the east (originally incorporated in 1947 through the efforts of E. J. Doby) were merged with Pell City in 1956. Other neighboring communities to join Pell City were Avondale Mills Village, Cropwell and Seddon.

Construction of Logan Martin Lake Dam by Alabama Power Company transformed Pell City into a recreational lake center, while continued emphasis on the purchase and development of industrial parks insured a steady flow of desirable new industries to the area. New financial institutions have recently joined the long-established banks, and economic expansion progresses as main thoroughfares are four-laned.

Interstate Highway 20 already offers easy access to both giant commerce center of Birmingham and Atlanta, and the city's leaders continue to focus on the community's many outstanding attributes for industry, retail business and comfortable individual lifestyles.

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CLIMATE

Mean Temperatures: Annual - 60 degrees; January - 39.4 degrees; July - 82.5 degrees.

Average Rainfall: 41.8

Average Annual Snowfall - 1.3 inches

Relative Humidity - 62%

Average Elevation: 650 feet

GOVERNMENT

Mayor & City Councilmen (5)

UTILITIES

Electrical Power Supplier: Alabama Power and Coosa Valley Electric Co-op

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Electric: Alabama Power

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Lines: The buses leave from Henson Shell at 8:15 a.m. going to Atlanta and 10:10 a.m. going to Birmingham.

Railroads: Norfolk Southern Corporation

Airports: The nearest Commercial Airport is the Birmingham Municipal Airport. Its serving airlines are:

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Navigable Waterway: Port Birmingham, Warrior River, and Locust Fork are fifty miles from Pell City. The channel width is 200 feet and the depth is 9 feet. The nearest deepwater port is in Mobile which is 298 miles from Pell City.

Overnight Package Service: Federal Express, Purolator, United Parcel Service (UPS), Emery, and DHL

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POPULATION: St. Clair County's 1980 population of 41,205 reflected a growth of 47.4% over 1970, and the projected 1990 population is 55,000. The current estimate of Pell City population is 8,000, as compared to the official 1980 census of 6,616

HOUSING COSTS: The average price for a 2,000 square foot home on the water is \$100,000 to \$150,000. The average price to buy off of the water is \$80,000.

Apartment rentals range from \$200-300 for two bedrooms and \$350 and up for three bedrooms.

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DRIVER'S LICENSE:

Driver's license is renewable every four years upon expiration date. Applicants for driver's license must be at least 16 years of age and usually are required to present a birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age. New residents must secure driver's license within 30 days.

PERSONAL TAXES:

State, County and Municipal ad-valorem taxes (except motor vehicles as stated above) are due October 1 and delinquent after December 31 each year.

If you purchase real estate in St. Clair County, you should record the deed in the Probate Judges Office. This deed will be picked up by the Tax Assessors Office and assessed in your name the following October 1st. Taxes are paid in arrears so you should have a clear understanding who is to pay the taxes on October 1st following the purchase. Property taxes are due on the 1st day of October and delinquent after December 31st.

If you purchase a home, you can sign for homestead exemption between October 1st and the third Monday in January following your purchase. For homeowners over 65 years of age or disabled there are special exemptions based on income. You may call the Tax Assessor Office for the specifics (884-2395).

State income tax returns are due on April 15th. Forms are available from the Alabama State Department of Revenue, Income Tax Division, P. O. Box 2401, Montgomery, Alabama 36140. Returns must be filed by a single person with an income of \$1,500 or more, and by married persons whose family income amounts to \$3,000 or more.

REGISTRATION OF BOATS:

All boats must be registered each year in the Probate Judge Office by November 15.

VOTING LAWS:

In order to vote in Alabama, a person must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years or older. There are constitutional and statutory requirements which must be met before one can be registered. Your one registration makes you eligible to vote in national, state, county, city and special elections. For information and instruction concerning physically-disabled voters, absentee ballots, precincts and polling places, call the Board of Registrar's Office in the courthouse, 338-2511.

MARRIAGE LICENSE:

Marriage License are issued by the Probate Judge's Office. Both parties must be 18 years of age to secure a license without parent's consent. Minimum age with parent's consent is 14 for both parties. A minor must have written consent of both parents unless one parent has full court-ordered custody. Evidence of blood test must be presented not more than 30 days old.

UTILITY DEPOSIT COSTS

Water: Rental Customers - \$15.00; Homeowners - \$5.00.

Gas: Deposit on Gas is \$100 at Alagasco

Electricity: Alabama Power Company Residential Deposit - \$25.00

Telephone: Information available on request from Contel Telephone Company, phone 884-1610.

GARBAGE PICK-UP: \$4.00 per month

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Pell City has 17 full-time policemen and St. Clair County has 14.

Pell City has 14 full-time firemen and 35 volunteers firemen. St. Clair County has 35 full-time firemen and 265 volunteers.

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Mortgage Table

The table below has been designed to show the approximate monthly cost of a 30-year mortgage. All figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar.
 Example: \$60,000 mortgage at 12 1/2% = \$640 per month.

| | 8% | 8½% | 9% | 9½% | 10% | 10½% | 11% | 11½% | 12% | 12½% | 13% | 13½% | 14% | 14½% | 15% |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| .0,000 | 73 | 77 | 80 | 84 | 88 | 91 | 95 | 99 | 103 | 107 | 111 | 115 | 118 | 122 | 126 |
| .2,000 | 88 | 92 | 97 | 101 | 105 | 110 | 114 | 119 | 123 | 128 | 133 | 137 | 142 | 147 | 152 |
| .6,000 | 117 | 123 | 129 | 135 | 140 | 146 | 152 | 158 | 165 | 171 | 177 | 183 | 190 | 196 | 202 |
| 10,000 | 147 | 154 | 161 | 168 | 176 | 183 | 190 | 198 | 206 | 213 | 221 | 229 | 237 | 245 | 253 |
| 14,000 | 176 | 185 | 193 | 202 | 211 | 220 | 229 | 238 | 247 | 256 | 265 | 275 | 284 | 294 | 303 |
| 18,000 | 206 | 215 | 225 | 235 | 245 | 256 | 267 | 277 | 288 | 299 | 310 | 321 | 332 | 343 | 354 |
| 22,000 | 235 | 246 | 257 | 269 | 281 | 293 | 305 | 317 | 329 | 342 | 354 | 367 | 379 | 392 | 405 |
| 26,000 | 264 | 277 | 290 | 303 | 316 | 329 | 343 | 357 | 370 | 384 | 398 | 412 | 427 | 441 | 455 |
| 30,000 | 294 | 308 | 322 | 336 | 351 | 366 | 381 | 396 | 411 | 427 | 442 | 458 | 474 | 490 | 506 |
| 34,000 | 323 | 338 | 354 | 370 | 386 | 402 | 419 | 436 | 453 | 470 | 487 | 504 | 521 | 539 | 556 |
| 38,000 | 352 | 369 | 386 | 404 | 421 | 439 | 457 | 475 | 494 | 512 | 531 | 550 | 569 | 588 | 607 |
| 42,000 | 374 | 392 | 410 | 429 | 448 | 467 | 486 | 505 | 525 | 544 | 564 | 584 | 604 | 625 | 645 |
| 46,000 | 411 | 431 | 451 | 471 | 491 | 512 | 533 | 555 | 576 | 598 | 619 | 641 | 664 | 686 | 708 |
| 50,000 | 440 | 461 | 483 | 505 | 527 | 549 | 571 | 594 | 617 | 640 | 664 | 687 | 711 | 735 | 759 |
| 54,000 | 462 | 484 | 507 | 530 | 553 | 576 | 600 | 624 | 648 | 672 | 697 | 722 | 746 | 771 | 797 |
| 58,000 | 484 | 508 | 531 | 555 | 579 | 604 | 629 | 654 | 679 | 704 | 730 | 756 | 782 | 808 | 835 |
| 62,000 | 528 | 554 | 579 | 605 | 632 | 659 | 686 | 713 | 741 | 768 | 796 | 825 | 853 | 882 | 910 |
| 66,000 | 558 | 584 | 612 | 639 | 667 | 695 | 724 | 753 | 782 | 811 | 841 | 871 | 901 | 931 | 961 |
| 70,000 | 587 | 615 | 644 | 673 | 702 | 732 | 762 | 792 | 823 | 854 | 885 | 916 | 948 | 980 | 1012 |
| 74,000 | 617 | 646 | 676 | 706 | 737 | 768 | 800 | 832 | 864 | 897 | 929 | 962 | 995 | 1029 | 1062 |
| 78,000 | 646 | 677 | 708 | 740 | 772 | 805 | 838 | 871 | 905 | 939 | 973 | 1008 | 1043 | 1078 | 1113 |
| 82,000 | 675 | 707 | 740 | 774 | 807 | 842 | 876 | 911 | 946 | 982 | 1018 | 1054 | 1090 | 1127 | 1163 |
| 86,000 | 705 | 738 | 772 | 807 | 842 | 878 | 914 | 951 | 987 | 1025 | 1062 | 1100 | 1137 | 1176 | 1214 |
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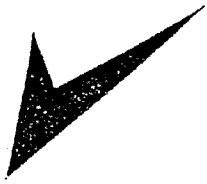
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Before You Leave

Address Change

- 1 Post Office: Give forwarding address.
- 1 Charge Accounts, Credit Cards.
- 1 Subscriptions: Note requires several weeks.
- 1 Friends and Relatives

Bank

- 1 Transfer funds, arrange check-cashing in new city.
- 1 Arrange credit references.

Insurance

- 1 Notify company of new location for coverages: Life, Health, Fire & Auto.

Utility Companies

- 1 Gas, light, water, telephone, fuel.
- 1 Get refunds on any deposits made.

Delivery Service

- 1 Laundry, newspaper, milk; change over of services.

Medical, Dental, Prescription Histories

- 1 Ask Doctor and Dentist for referrals; transfer needed prescriptions, eyeglasses, X-rays. Obtain birth records, medical records, etc.

Church, Club, Civic Organizations

- 1 Transfer memberships, get letters of introduction.

Pets

- 1 Ask about regulations for licenses, vaccinations, tags, etc.

And Don't Forget To:

- 1 Empty freezer; plan use of foods.
- 1 Defrost freezer and clean refrigerator. Place charcoal to dispel odors.
- 1 Have appliances serviced for moving.
- 1 Remember arrangements for TV and antenna hook-ups.
- 1 Clean rugs or clothing before moving; have them moving-wrapped.
- 1 Check with you Moving Counselor; insurance coverage, packing and unpacking labor, arrival day, various shipping papers, method and time of expected payment.
- 1 Plan for special care of infants.

And on Moving Day:

- Carry enough cash or travelers checks to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in your new city.
- Carry jewelry and documents yourself; or use registered mail.
- Plan for transporting pets; they are poor traveling companions if unhappy.
- Carry travelers checks for quick, available funds.
- Let close friend or relative know route and schedule you will travel, including overnight stops; use his as message headquarters.
- Double check closets, drawers, shelves to be sure they are empty.
- Leave all old keys needed by new tenant or owner with Realtor or neighbor.

And At Your New Address:

- Obtain certified check or cashiers check necessary for closing Real Estate Transaction.
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, and water.
- Check pilot light on stove, hot water heater, incinerator, and furnace.
- Have appliances checked.
- Ask Mailman for mail he may be holding for our arrival.
- Have new address recorded on driver's license.
- Visit city offices and register for voting.
- Register car within five days after arrival in state or a penalty may have to be paid when getting new license plates.
- Obtain city inspection sticker and transfer motor club membership.
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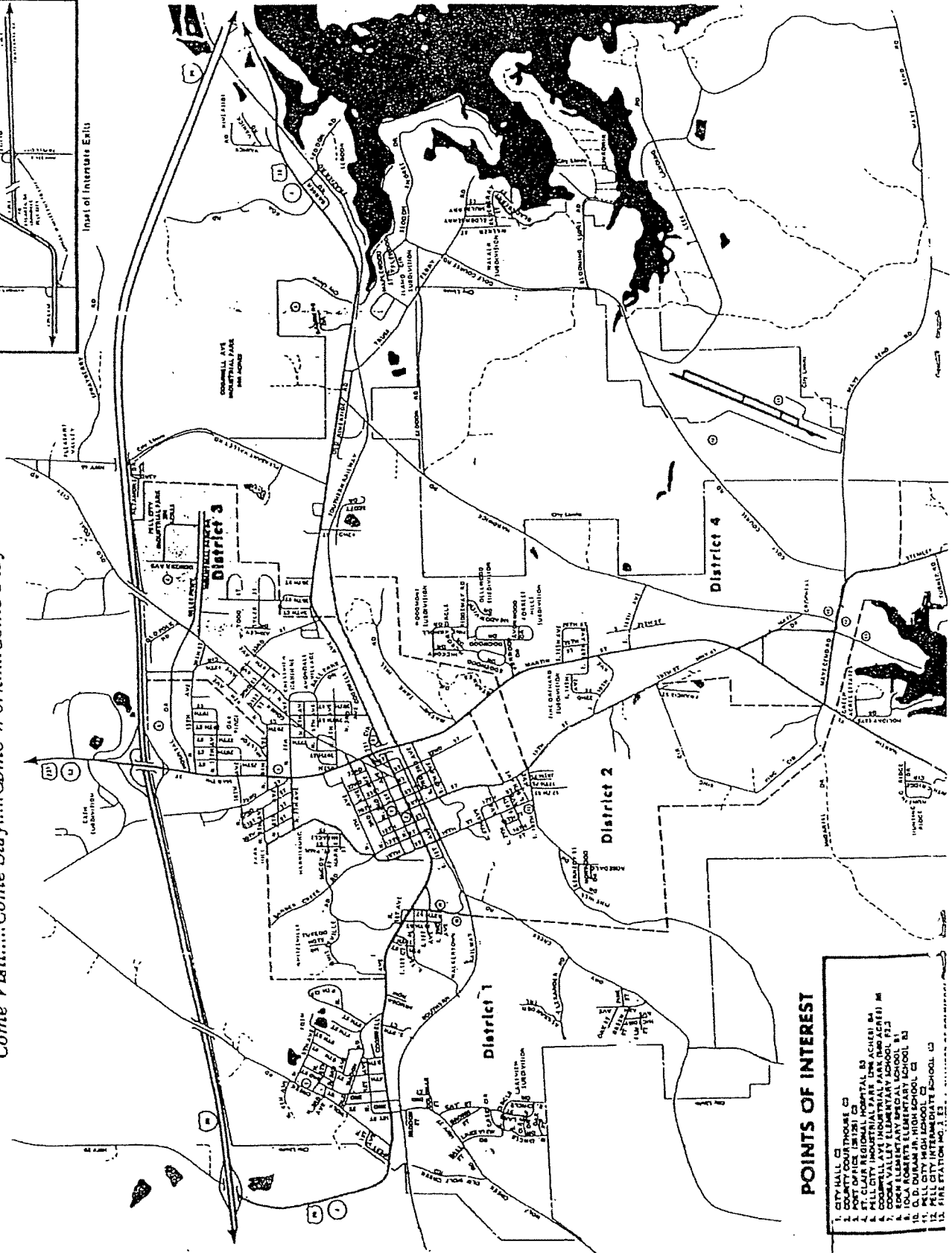
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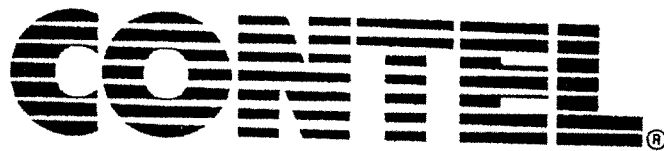
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Banquet of Champions (July) is a banquet honoring the race winners of the previous Talladega and Winston 500.

Industry of the year banquet is in May of each year. The community expresses its recognition and appreciation of existing industry which is so vital to the economic welfare and development of the Pell City area.

Basketball camp (June) is conducted by former Alabama player Mike Davis and has special appearances by selected NBA players.

Horseshow (June) is sponsored by the Pell City Jaycees and is walking and racking competition.

Pageants are numerous for girls and boys of all ages. The Miss Logan Martin Pageant is a Miss Alabama preliminary pageant.

CIVIC CENTER features a banquet room (\$75.00 rent), gymnasium (75.00 + 10% of gate), weight room, shower/locker room, games/concession room, conference room, indoor jogging track, and stage. Membership fees for Pell City residents are \$40 for an individual and \$55 for a family; non-resident fees are \$50 and \$65 respectively. A non-member may pay \$2.00 per visit.

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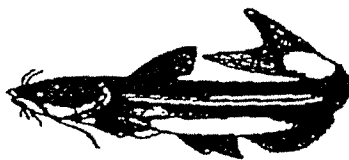
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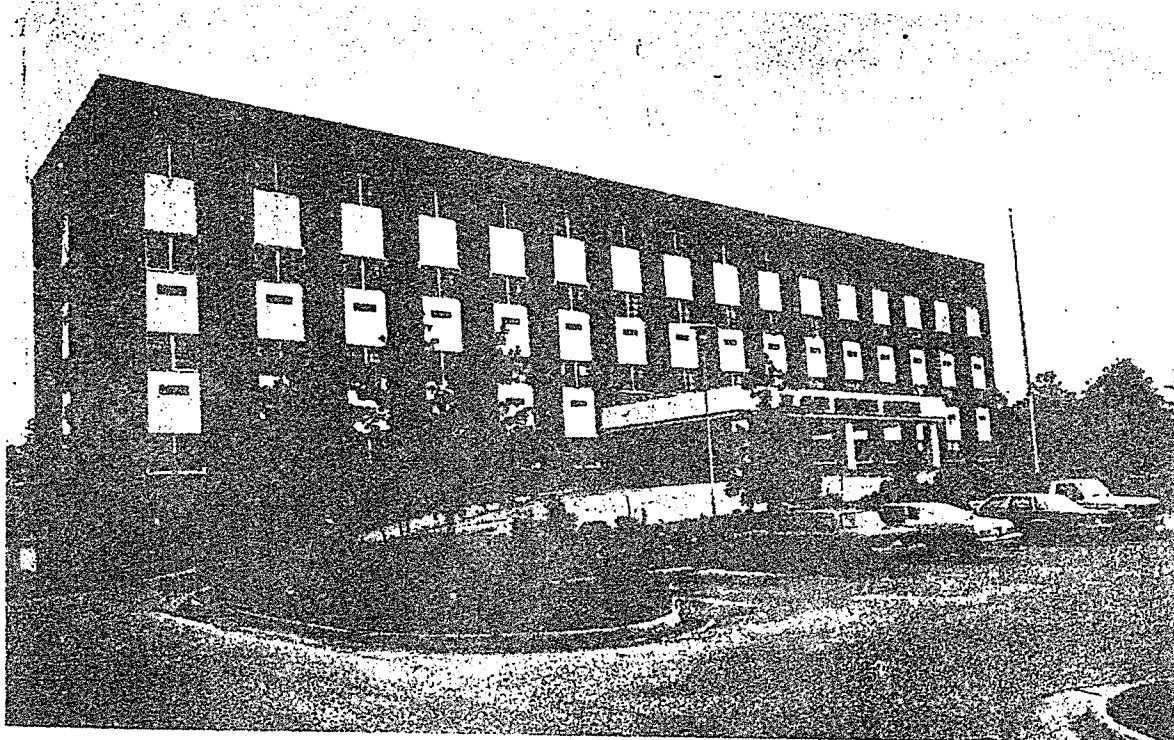
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Schools in Pell City are operated by the Pell City Board of Education which officially began on July 1, 1982. The city fathers realized the need for a better education for our youth would require local financial assistance. The City Council of Pell City passed a resolution calling for a one cent sales tax to support the city school system. Since this time a new high school has been build, all school buildings have been painted (some for the first time since being built), ten teacher units have been added, additional courses have been offered, close to 100 computers have been purchased, and policies implemented to improve the education of our youth. All classrooms are now air-conditioned and each school has a functioning parent-teacher organization. Pell City residents are proud of their school system.

The Pell City School System operates three elementary schools, a middle school and a senior high school, within the city limits. The senior high school is new, with 41 classrooms, two science laboratories and a library. Approximately 200 students graduate from the high school each year, and 50% of these seek higher levels of education. There are also four private schools and a public library.

St. Clair County has 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and 5 senior high schools. Approximately 270 students graduate from county high schools each year.

Handicapped students are entitled to equal opportunities for participation in regular programs provided to non-handicapped students. Special education meets the needs of each exceptional student through specifically designed instruction, ages 6-21 where implementation through the regular programs is not possible. Gifted students have a choice of a gifted teacher in grades 9-12 and advanced classes in grades 7-12.

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Housing Requirements

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Type of Heating _____ Type of Air Conditioning _____
Garage _____ Carport _____ Porch _____ Patio _____
Special Requirements _____

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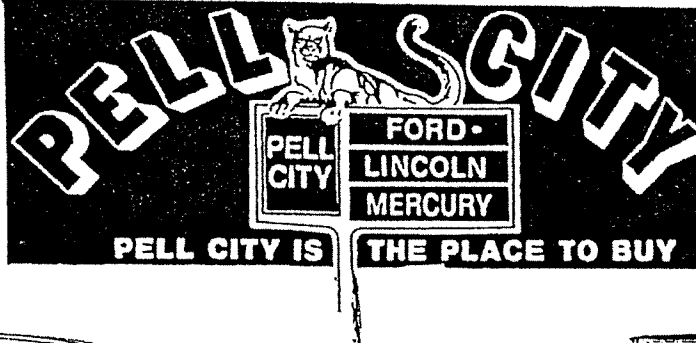
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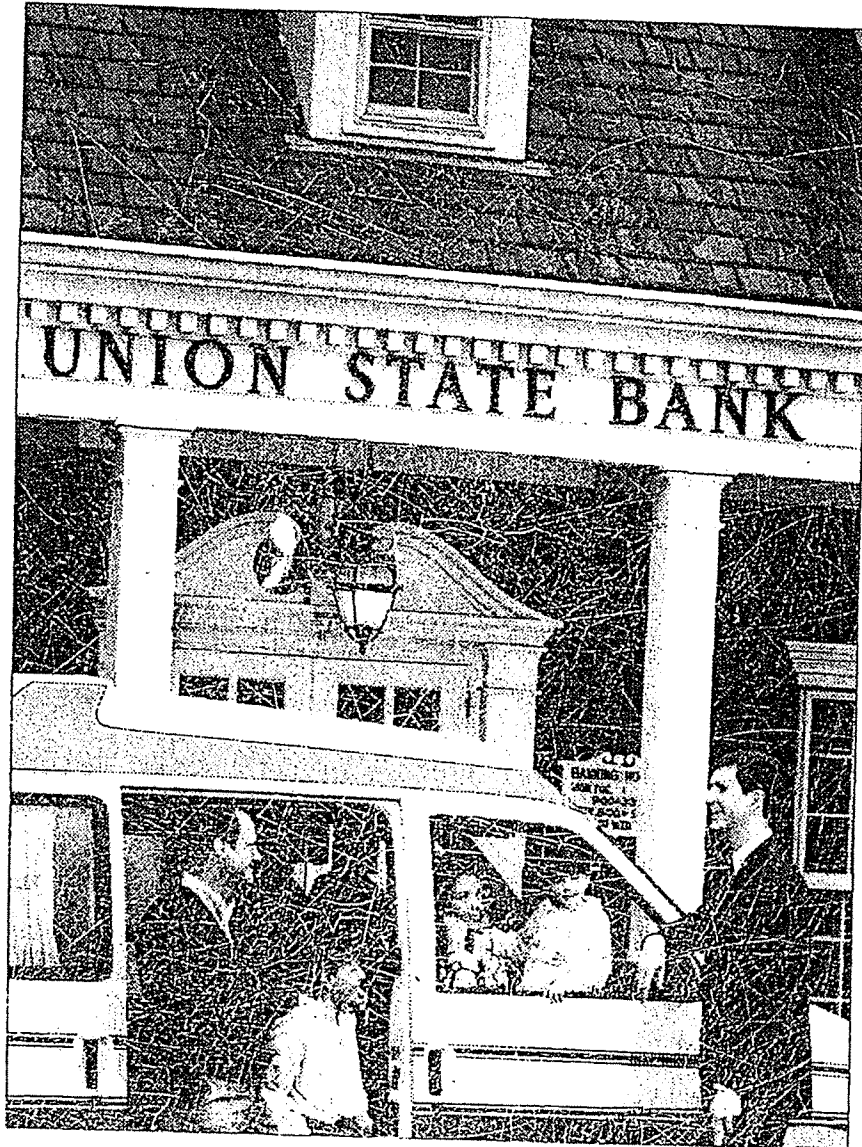
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Turn the pages to experience our proud home.... Pell City! Feel free to call on the Pell City Chamber of Commerce when you're in town. Or, give us a call.

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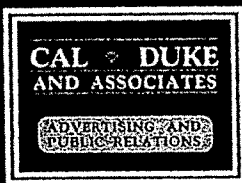


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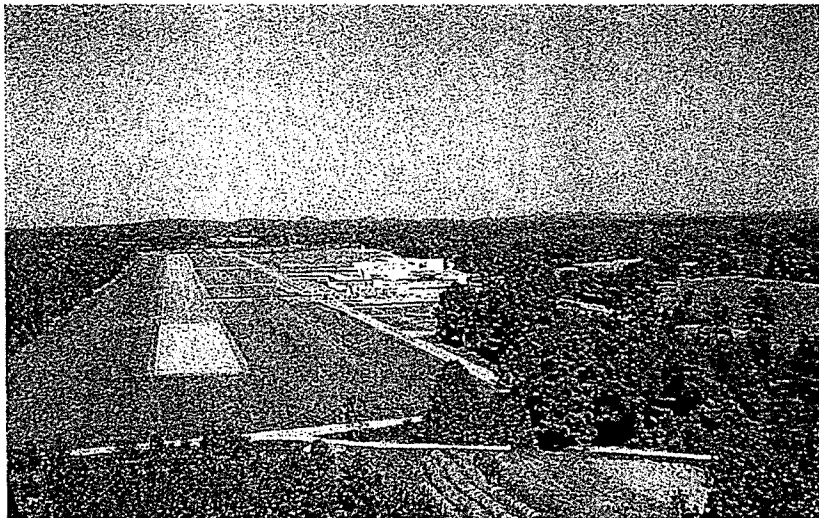
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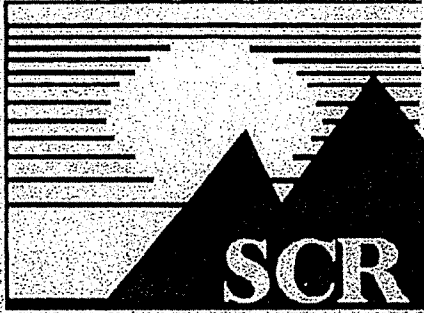
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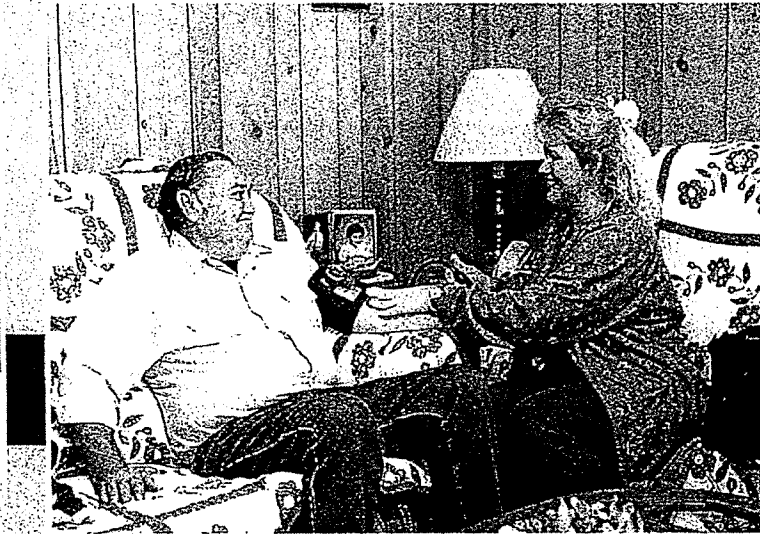
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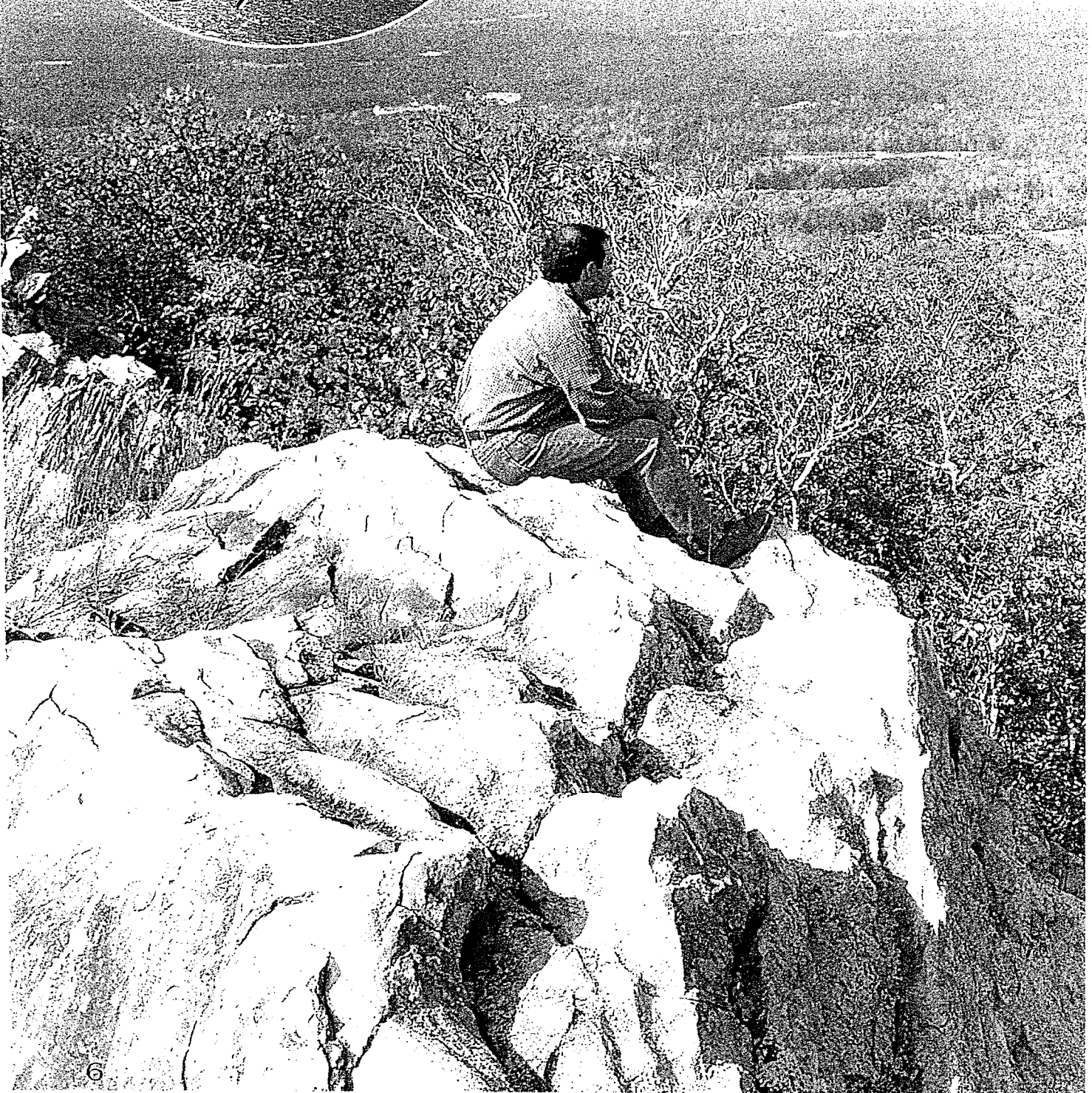
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Growing, growing. That's the word you hear all over Pell City, from the tree-shaded soda shop and drugstore downtown to the brand new mansions on Logan Martin Lake. *Growth*. From historic Avondale Mills, the town's oldest and still largest industry, to the new and expanding Benjamin Moore industry producing high tech coatings.

Growth. No wonder since this is the third fastest growing area in the state of Alabama. In less than ten years the population has doubled. It is predicted to double again in the next ten. From nearby urban areas, from out of state, from far-ranging locales they came and they are still coming. There are many reasons—location, lake, small town friendliness, plenty of jobs—or there could be just

one reason. As a newcomer explains, "Everybody wants to live in a town where you can walk the streets at night and not be afraid."

In the first place, it is so easy to get here, to this east central Alabama town located south of the main artery between Birmingham and Atlanta. "Just slip south from I-20," says one citizen, "and you will find a welcome here." Pell City, in southeastern St. Clair County, seems to be just what more and more people are looking for. A small town, close to but not part of the urban bustle, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains that form a blue scallop on the northern horizon and ringed on the southern and eastern borders by a sparkling 18,000 acre lake for

homes, water sports and world famous fishing. To paraphrase a favorite patriotic song, 'From the mountains to the river...My home, sweet home.'

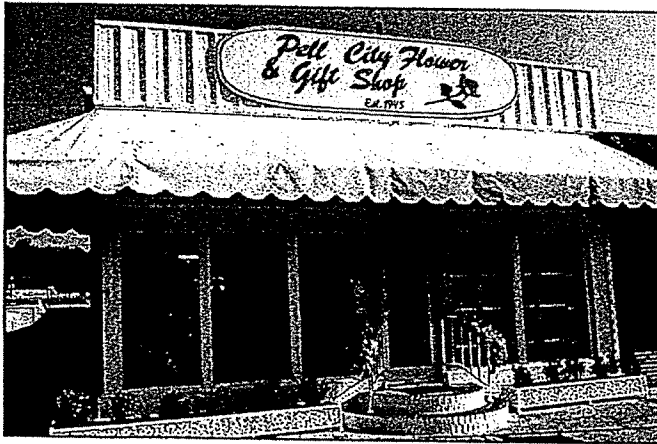
The features that attract people to Pell City today are the same features that fired the imagination of Sumter Cogswell, an insurance agent traveling through in 1890. He was enchanted with what he found: an infant village composed of a depot built by the three railroads that met here and one hotel for the train travelers. Cogswell was so impressed with the natural beauty of Pell City he immediately saw the possibility of a thriving town. Near the river. Looking into the hills. Close to two major markets, Birmingham and Anniston and the

three railroads. He organized the Pell City Iron and Land Company which bought the 400 acres for \$50,000 and incorporated the town on May 6, 1891.

A few years later, in 1901 Cogswell again passed through town and found that the panic of 1893-94 had left it virtually a ghost town of only 40 people. This time Mr. Cogswell himself bought the town. No wonder that the main street bears his name. He became a one man industry hunter, donating acreage to bring a textile mill to town. 1,500 people followed. For many years, "the mill was the town, operating the school and the hospital," according to a local historian. That established a lasting legacy of industry and town supporting

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each other. Retail thrived when the Pell City Drug Co. was founded in 1902 and is still the center of town. In the early 1900's all roads, it seemed, led through Pell City. The famed Washington to the Pacific Coast highway was routed through town. The Bankhead Highway from Birmingham to Atlanta was completed in 1933.

During World War I only one other town in the United States furnished more soldiers and subscribed more for liberty bonds in proportion to population than Pell City.

In 1956 there was more growth when neighboring towns, Eden and Oak Ridge, merged with Pell City. The town experienced steady growth but still, says one resident, “We were kind of a hidden treasure and the lake was kind of a kick-off.”

**A HIDDEN TREASURE
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The Coosa River winding south of Pell City transported river boats and cotton in the early days. After the steam boat era it was known mostly to fishermen. In 1982, all that changed when Logan Martin Dam was built forming a lake with 275 miles of shoreline, so beautifully curved that it was christened ‘The Lake of a Thousand Coves.’ This, along with the discovery of a friendly town so close to the city yet so far removed in tranquility caused a population boom. In 1989 there were 8500 citizens. Less than ten years later, the population reaches 16,000.

Yet all this growth has only added to the community's

spirit. "You go to the grocery store and you don't know everybody now," explains one long time resident, "but all you have to do is speak and pretty soon you'll know them." Growth is an opportunity for every citizen to benefit. "We're not going to be able to keep it as small so we might as well grow with it." Another old timer says with a smile, "Most are good people and when we draw those who are not I think we kind of reform 'em."

The mayor and city council, a combination of long time citizens and new residents, is an example of the blending of old and new in this city described by one as, "popping at the seams. If we are going to grow the city must take a major role in controlling its destiny. We believe that

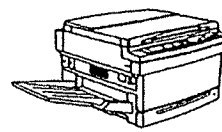
while Pell City is in a period of substantial growth, we were elected to see that we maintain a high quality of life while guiding the growth."

Artists, crafters and potters are drawn here, finding in this tranquil atmosphere a setting for creativity. They are welcomed by Pell City native and internationally-known watercolorist, Wayne Spradley.

CHURCHES

"I would say if you want to find friends, find a church," advises a long time resident. The town's first Sunday School was held in the building which stood behind Pell City Drug Company. Small kegs and wooden boxes were used for seats. The Cogswell family donated land for church sites to a number of denominations. From that

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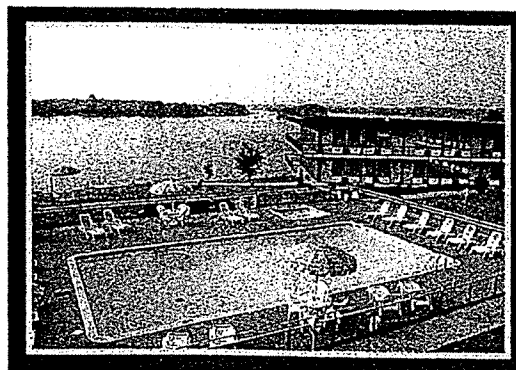
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beginning the town's religious life has grown to 30 churches in the city representing eight denominations with dozens more in the surrounding area. Even with such diversity of denominations, when the community has needs these churches often work together, supporting such efforts as the "Love Pantry" which supplies food for those with special needs.

Industry is finding in Pell City, with interstate access, two industrial parks, a county airport and impressive medical facilities, a nurturing environment. There is a rich pool of loyal skilled employees to encourage success. Executives are delighted to transfer to this idyllic spot, some choosing to live within walking distance of down-

town, others choosing Lake Logan Martin and all finding a climate that varies just enough, "but no extremes," to keep everybody happy. In the summertime average July temperature is 82 degrees while January's average is 39 degrees.

Building permits, both residential and business, are up 42% and still climbing. Every style and price of home can be found. Demand for apartments has grown and is being met by a number of established as well as new complexes. Town houses are emerging. Around Logan Martin Lake waterfront property is a sought after treasure. Off water lots are increasing in popularity for their price and accessibility to the lake. Summer homes account for

some lake houses but many are owned by full time residents who work in Pell City or by commuters, working in Birmingham, Anniston and other nearby towns who prefer to come home to Pell City. Retirees are constantly seeking out the comforts of a small town on a lake with Fort McClellan close enough to provide military benefits and the VA Medical Center in nearby Birmingham. "I am meeting new neighbors from all over the world," says one lake resident.

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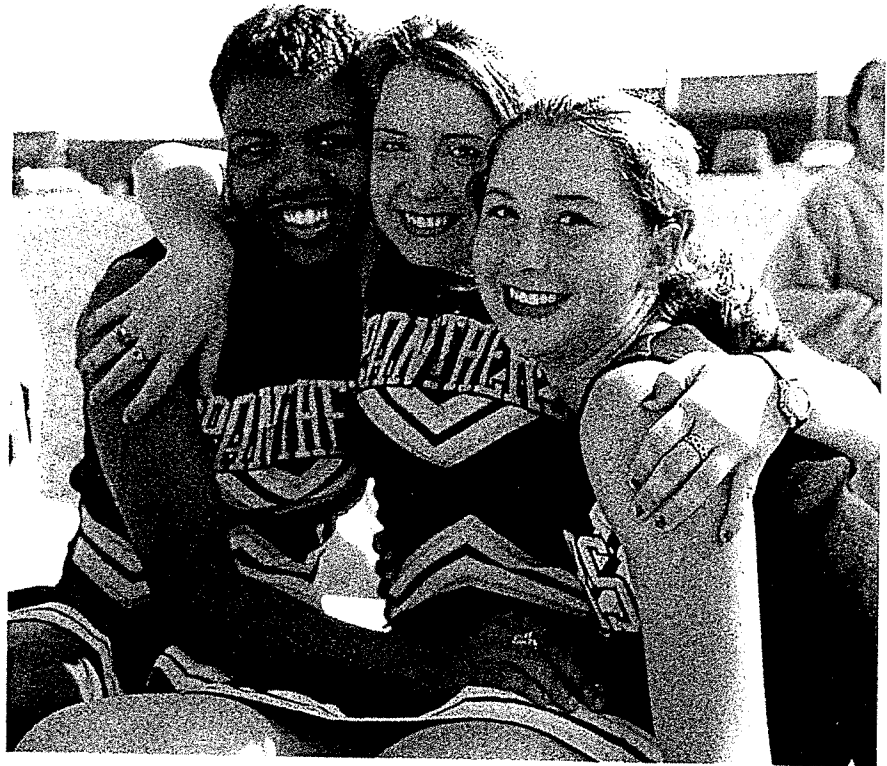


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Sumter Cogswell might not recognize the little village he nursed to life in the early 1900's. He would be awed at the bustle of industry, amazed at the huge expanse of sparkling lake water, puzzled by the zip and zing of modern life but when he walked down the street to be greeted by neighbors, or if he took a seat in the old soda shop downtown, he would still feel right at home in Pell City.

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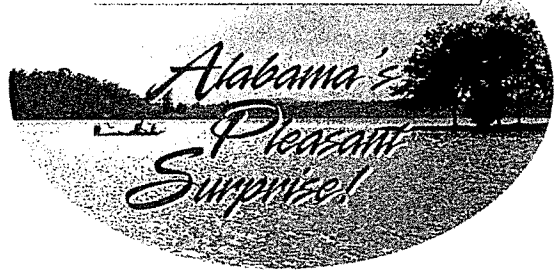
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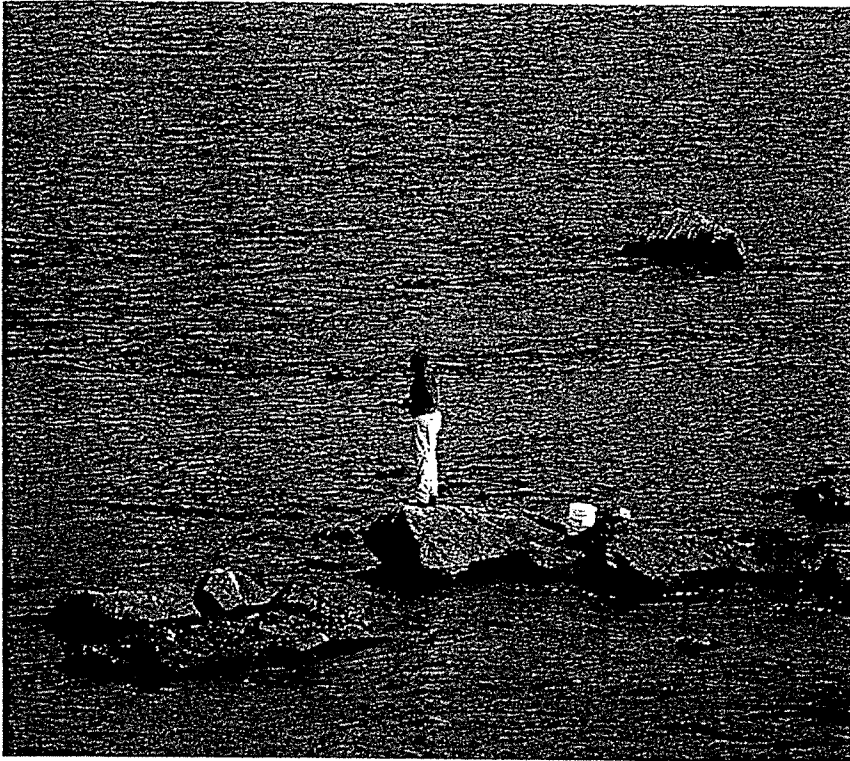
Town and Country Living

In the famous children's classic *The Town Mouse, The Country Mouse*, the lesson was clear: you can enjoy living in one setting or the other but not both. Obviously the author never lived in Pell City where you can have the advantages of both town and country, where there is small town courtesy and security, quiet lakeside living, family fun and yet, 30

miles away on I-20 are the bright lights of Birmingham with plays, concerts and museums or drive 90 minutes east and enjoy the metropolitan Atlanta area. You'll enjoy venturing to the city just because it's so nice to come home to Pell City.

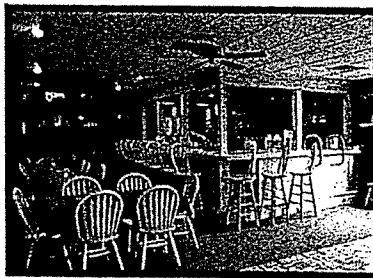
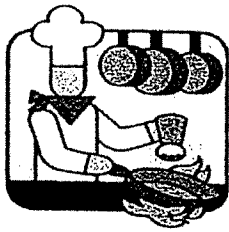
CIVIC CENTER A HAVEN FOR ACTIVITY

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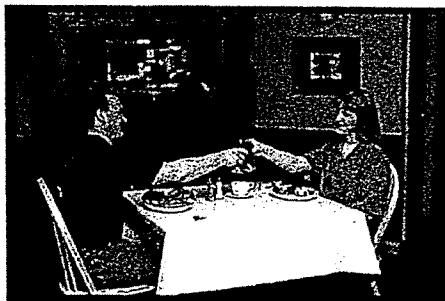


Center on highway 34, adjacent to Logan Martin Lake. Find an indoor gym, classrooms, banquet facilities and a walking track. Take classes such as jazzercise, arts and crafts, karate, gymnastics, even square dancing and our seniors get into the act with Body Recall, low impact aerobics. As if there weren't enough to do inside the building, surrounding it there is a 65 acre lakeside park with picnicking facilities-pavilions and individual tables, playground for the kids, walking trails, fishing and boat launching. You can see why churches, family reunions, corporations, even wedding parties seek out these delightful facilities. And imagine the community fun when adult teams of softball, volleyball and baseball show

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The tennis courts are a popular site and of course the kids have a variety of sports to choose from also. Soccer, baseball, basketball, softball. This recreation program just keeps growing. Five years ago there were eight girls' softball teams. Today there are 20 in addition to 20 youth baseball teams. You are bound to find friends and fun at the Civic Center no matter your interest. This versatile building is also available for banquets, meetings and parties.

Fishing is popular year-round at the nearby piers and boating begins by launching at the boat ramp on the Civic Center grounds.

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

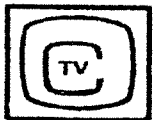
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SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

There are two annual events that Pell City residents will not miss.

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If you can tear yourself away from lake living and plenty of good wholesome fun in town, you might be tempted to visit some of the nearby sites like:

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► *John Henry Looney House:* A rare architectural treat is this 1820's double dogtrot style home. Also a museum operated by the St. Clair County Historical Society. Greensport Road southeast

of Ashville. Open Sat. & Sun. 12-5.

► *De Soto Caverns Park:* Spectacular caves that served as prehistoric Indian habitat and Confederate gunpowder mining center. See a spectacular laser and light show inside the great onyx cathedral. Camping with full or partial hook ups. Hwy. 75, 5 miles east of Childersburg. Phone 205/378-7252.

► *Birmingham:* Begin by visiting Vulcan, the famous man of iron statue high atop Red Mountain. Try the Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama Theater, Birmingham Zoo and Botanical Gardens, events at the Birmingham Civic Center and sports at Legion Field. At day's end there is plenty of food, nightlife and music.



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come to the shore for a drink, trees bend shading branches into the lake, a place for solitude and communing with nature.

Two hundred seventy-five miles of shoreline offers hundreds of coves to fit every mood and activity. Take your choice of shady, sunny, fishing, skiing, or wading. There are sailing clubs and several ski clubs. The shoreline is

dotted with marinas, bait shops, boat and motor rentals and nearby there are marine stores, motels and restaurants conveniently located.

Full time residents are a large part of the lake's population living in a variety of homes from cabins to magnificent estate homes and everything in between. Many are professional people who must work in an urban area but prefer to make the short drive and see the sun set over the lake. In winter they relish the quiet, the cry of a loon, migrating ducks, or the solitary blue heron fishing. During the summer, visitors and vacationers transform the lake into a resort. As soon as school is out the population soars and the lake sizzles with water skiers and boating fun. Retirees have also discovered this lake and find that with the services, shopping, and medical facilities in Pell City close by this 'country living in the city limits' is the perfect retirement area.

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ell City may well be one of Alabama's best-kept secrets. But

not for long. The word is out and even the *Wall Street Journal* dubbed this community ideally situated between the major markets of Birmingham and Atlanta as "an economic hot spot in the Southeast."

Surprising Pell City combines all of the positive virtues of small-town living with a progressive, caring attitude. As one executive with one of the industries related, "Our relationship with other industries in Pell City is excellent. There is a genuine camaraderie here.... A feeling that all the industries in this community are in it together." As a result, industries are heavily involved in the community.

Two industrial parks house 30 industries, including several which have continued to expand. Benjamin Moore has expanded three times

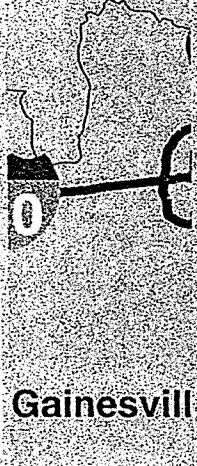
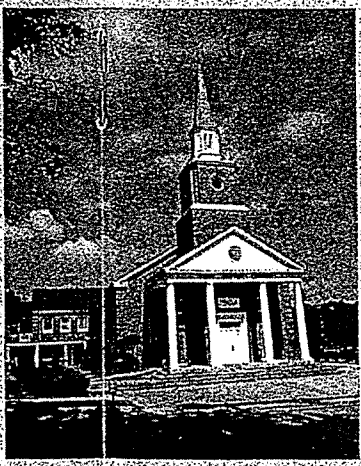
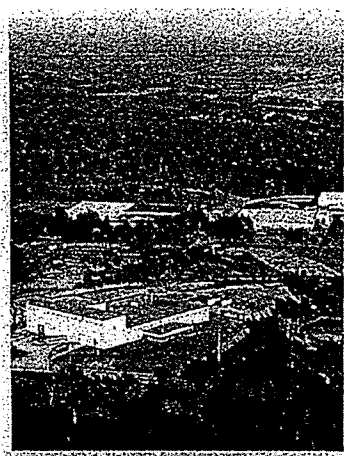
since opening in 1986 and elected to make Pell City its Southern Regional headquarters. One of the newest industrial concerns, Gorbel, Inc., which builds work-station industrial cranes, attributed "accessibility to Birmingham and Atlanta and the quality of the labor pool" as major reasons for locating here.

Responsive to the needs of new industry, the ten member Board of Directors of the Pell City Industrial Board would love to show you their "Pell City Plan" which can be customized to suit your needs.

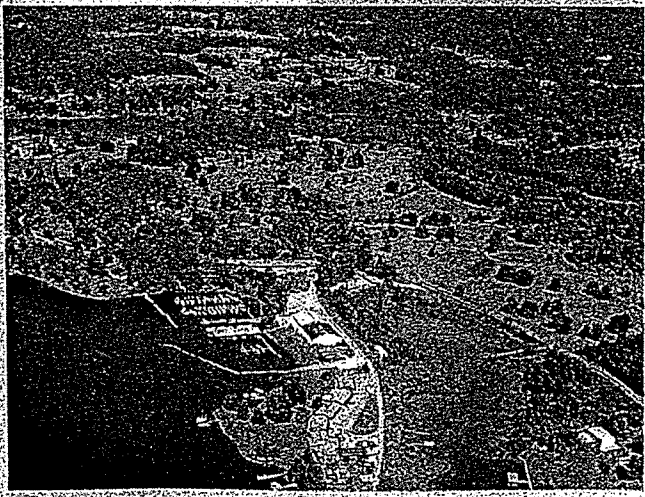
Most importantly, your family will find a lasting home in Pell City, complete with progressive schools and healthcare facilities, friendly churches and caring neighbors. Logan Martin Lake is a major recreational asset, offering more than 47 miles of shoreline for aquatic pleasures. Pell City is also located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

So take a trip down Interstate 20 and visit Pell City — Alabama's Pleasant Surprise!

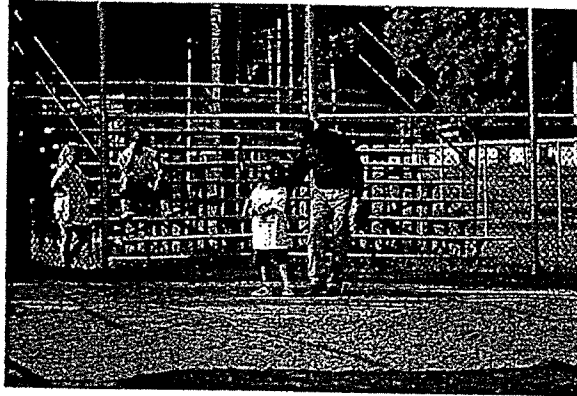
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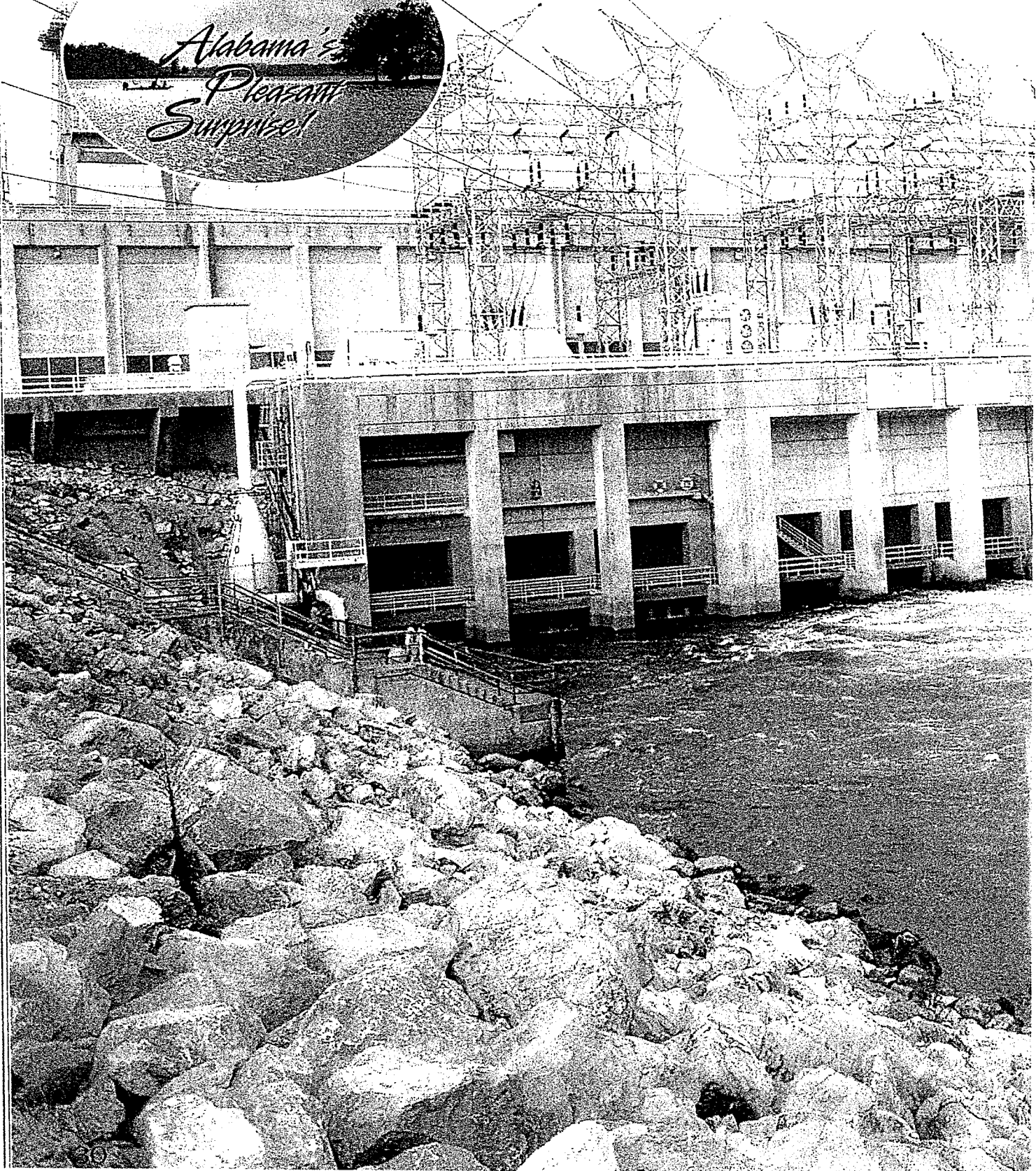
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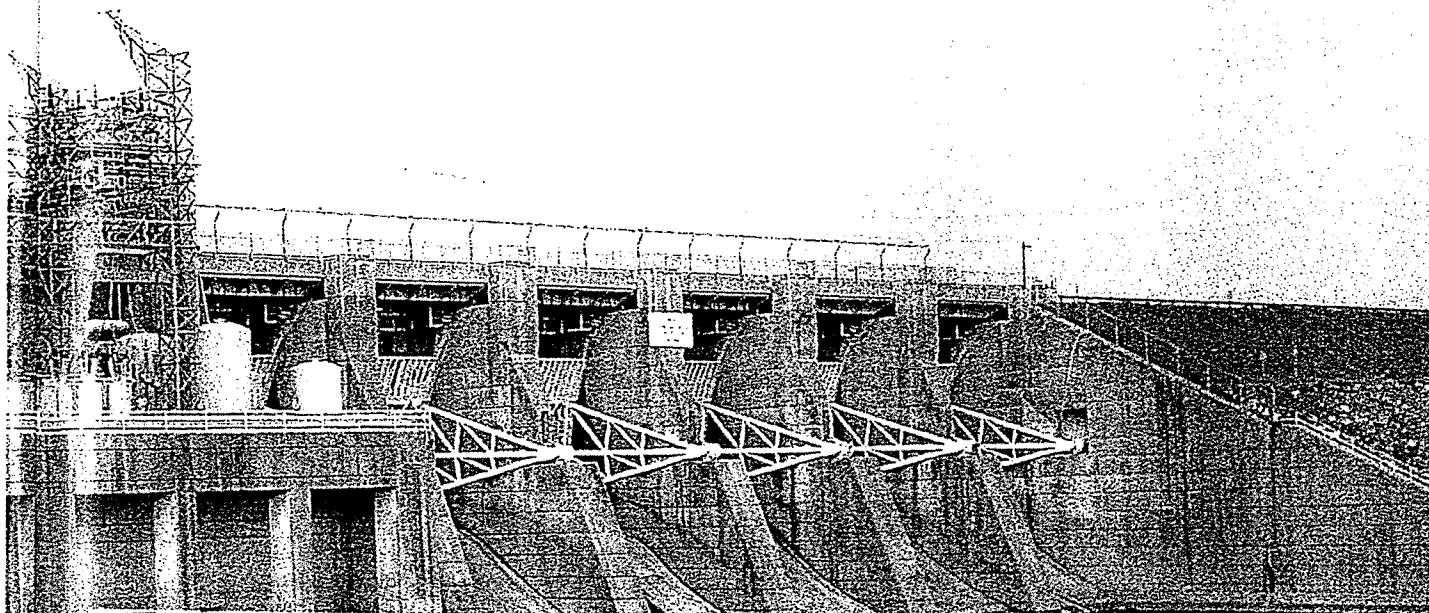
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An Economic Hot Spot In The Southeast

An economic hot spot in the Southeast." That is the way the *Wall Street Journal* described Pell City. Location, location, location, sums up the reasons for industry's attraction to this mushrooming area. Adjacent to interstate 20, with two other major highways 231 and 78 through town, and situated between the major met-

ropolitan areas of Birmingham and Atlanta with a major airport 30 minutes away. Add in overnight truck services to and from half the population of the United States and rail service in the industrial park. Combine these with a quality work force drawn from a large area and it is easy to see why new industries are moving in and equally as important, why existing industries are expand-

ing. One of the lowest unemployment rates in the state is the result, 3.1%.

When industries arrive in Pell City they see a good thing and stick with it. The oldest industry, Avondale Mills—the second largest privately held company in the state, is today the largest employer. "This location has the lowest turnover in our division. That speaks volumes about the quality of what you're hiring. Pell City is a good place to live and raise a family," comments an Avondale executive.

Good news seems to get out and as other industries followed, a tradition of working together developed. Another executive says, "Our relationship with other industries is excellent. There is great camaraderie, a feeling that all the industries in this community are in it together."

This is part of the Pell City plan. A member of the Industrial Development Board explains, "We're looking for people who are going to be good corporate citizens. Our industries are all heavily involved in the

community. Many years ago Avondale Mills set the precedent. There is no way Pell City could ever repay Avondale. The industry has touched every aspect of life. Avondale Field was leased to the city for recreation and the industry still pays for the lights and Avondale recently donated property for the city's new senior center." For its own part, the Industrial Development Board works to anticipate the needs of potential industry and looks for opportunities to strengthen existing industry.

Two industrial parks house 30 industries. Pell City Park, the oldest, is full. Cogswell Avenue Industrial Park has 400 acres of available property, paved streets, water and sewer, is served by Southern Railway with good neighbors already there. Neighbors who have come close to doubling in size. Benjamin Moore has expanded three times since opening in 1986 and is moving its Southern Regional office to Pell City. Energy Absorption is another neighbor that has doubled its existing facility.

Gorbel, a company which builds work station cranes, is the newest neighbor because, they explain, "accessibility to Birmingham and Atlanta and the ability and quality of the labor in Pell City."

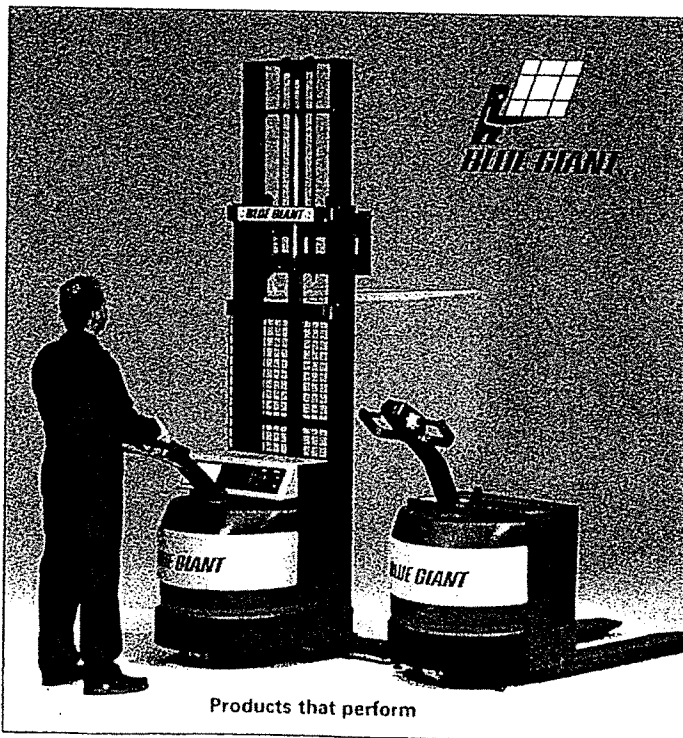
The Chamber of Commerce president, believes, "Industries will find this community very open and accepting. It's fun because the size means there are a number of ways you can get involved and you tend to run into the same people often, forming wonderful friendships."

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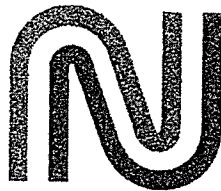
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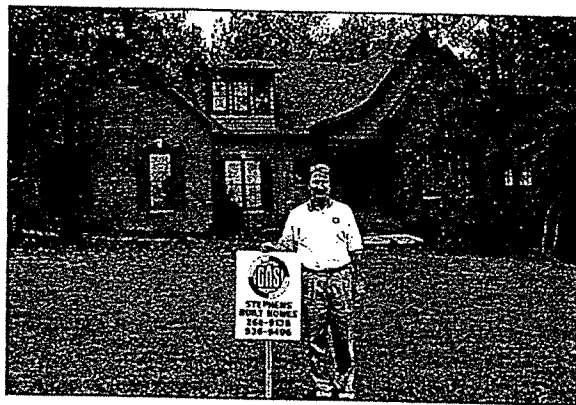


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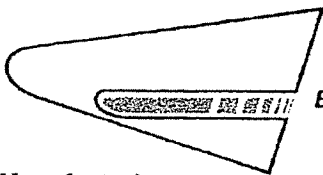


tomers are from out of town." Grocery stores, restaurants for every palate, catering firms, with the broad spectrum of retail shops thrive in this customer base, a natural result of low unemployment, lake visitors, residents and a growing population of retirees.

PELL CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In a town where changes occur daily, the business leaders must communicate daily and plan together to keep abreast of business evolution. That is the reason the Pell City Chamber of Commerce is the hub of this energetic town. The Chamber keeps in touch with members through informative meetings, vital committees and social functions, plus a monthly newsletter. The office answers thousands of inquiries and researches and mails information packets to potential businesses and industries.

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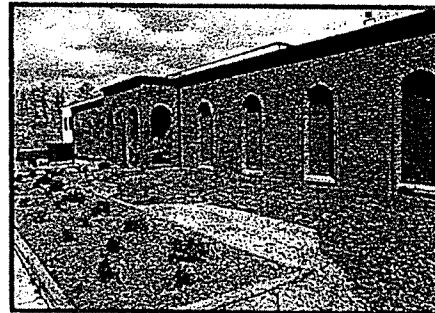


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The *Citizen of the Year* annual ban-
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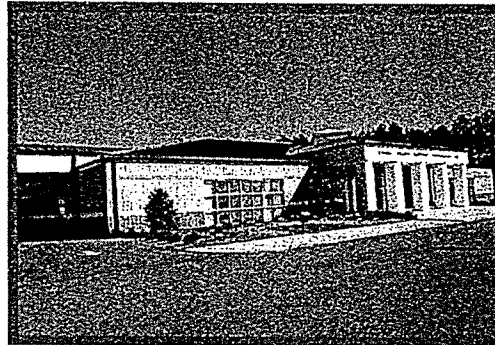
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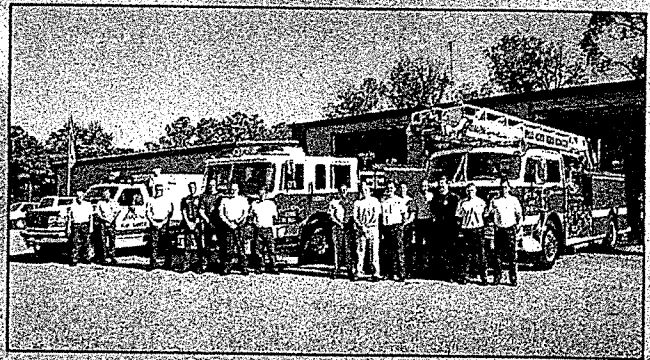
Pell City is a friendly community and newcomers can expect to feel at home quickly. The following information should make your transition smoother. If you have other questions, call the Pell City Chamber of Commerce at (205) 338-3377 or make a visit to our office at 1610 Cogswell Avenue in downtown Pell City. We're eager to extend a helping hand!

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Safeguarding Our Community

Pell City's Mayor and five council members elected by district, are a prime example of what makes the town work along with the fast growth. City hall is a combination of long time residents and newcomers who, "feel that change is going to bring positive results as we adjust to absorb the growth. Since Pell City is a

sought after location, our city government has people who are more than qualified for their jobs. In this size town," the mayor continues, "you are more personally involved. Elected officials see local people often and they expect a lot of us. What's more, there is opportunity for everyone to be involved. In fact," he adds with a smile, "expect to be

involved. If you don't, we'll come and get you."

CITY GOVERNMENT: Mayor and five council members, serving four year terms meet on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 p.m., City Hall. The total budget of 4 million only four years ago has doubled to 8 million. Presently the city is in good financial shape with every intention of keeping it that way. A ten year plan to deal with the city's phenomenal future growth is a major item on the agenda. Phone 205/338-3330.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: "This town is bursting at the seams," observes the Fire Chief and he and 31 employees are working to assure that

growth is safe. A third fire station opened recently and a fourth one is planned by 1998. Fire fighters, all state certified, are supported by four pumper trucks, a new rescue unit, a ladder truck and a service truck to furnish an on-site supply of oxygen. Of the 12 paramedics the chief says, "I would put my fire medics against anybody in the state." Fire prevention is a major emphasis, the best example being Pell City's fully-sprinklered elementary school which is under construction at press time and is the only one in Alabama. Phone 205/338-6006.

FIRE ACADEMY: Training "Alabama's Bravest" is the motto of the fire academy located in Pell City and under the jurisdiction of the city's fire chief. One reason the city's fire department is privy to the latest technology and training methods is this, the only accredited fire academy in northeast Alabama.

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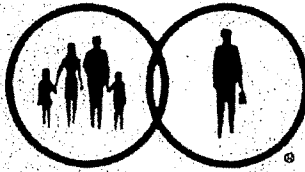
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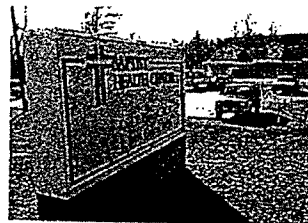
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Carl Frosina, M.D. (left) is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, and provides services to adults for all types of illnesses. He offers expert training in advanced endoscopic procedures and the latest therapies. Dr. Frosina provides a convenient alternative to traveling to other medical centers, by offering many advanced procedures in Pell City.

J. Scott Green, M.D. (right) is board certified in Family Practice and is licensed to practice all phases of primary care, or family medicine. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and currently serves as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Dr. Green's particular interest is in preventive medicine.

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those in need. Bridge Builders, a unique program begun by a small group of Pell City residents to plan children's summer activities has grown to encompass the entire year and the entire town.

CIVIC CLUBS AND INTEREST GROUPS: Civic clubs and interests groups abound, fun for everyone and a great way to meet people. Rotary, Civitan, Kiwanis, Lions, Business & Professional Women, Daughters of the American Revolution, Garden Clubs, Alumni groups, Square Dance Clubs Animal Shelter are just a few of the diverse groups.

**ST. CLAIR
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Pell City residents seeking health care need go no further than this fine medical center which puts a high priority on the quality of care, has the latest medical technology available and is right in town. This 84 bed regional hospital boasts an impressive twenty year history and keeps evolving and growing to keep up with each year's changing medical scene. Affiliation with Medical Center East, Inc. and Brookwood Medical Center expands our ability to touch the pulse of critical medical knowledge.

► *Outpatient Services:* in high demand for today's medical practices are carefully monitored and equipped to handle 7,000 patients per year.

► *Dialysis Clinic:* operates a high tech ten station dialysis clinic within the hospital.

► *Emergency Room:* admissions number 16,000 annually.

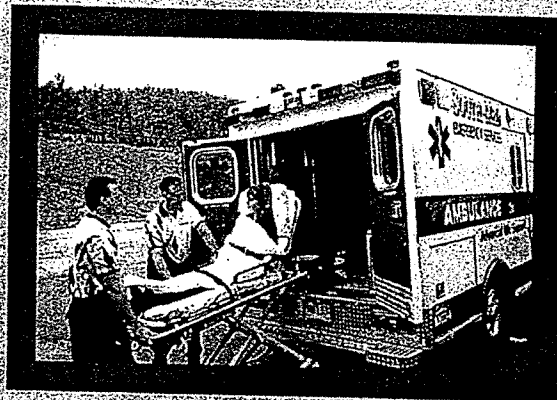
► *Physical Therapy:* newly renovated and updated to give every age and stage of recovery the benefits of the finest equipment and trained personnel.

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Citizen Support For Education is Superb

"This community regards superior public education as the essential part of our quality of life."

One of the youngest school systems in the state, created in 1982, is also one of the finest, thriving on local support. January 1992 was another milestone for this system. That year a group of over one hundred community leaders met to ask, "What can we do as a community to improve education for our children?" The result was the Pell City Schools Foundation which raises funds from individuals and corporations then uses investment income to award annual grants to teachers for use in a variety of academic endeavors. Twelve Chairs, each representing a gift of \$10,000 have been endowed through this founda-

tion. Classroom teachers have received almost \$50,000.

This tradition of excellence began in the town's pioneering days when founder Sumter Cogswell made it a priority to build a school house in Pell City. By 1905 the town had a school system with nine months of free schooling.

In 1982, the city organized a separate school system and quality education grew by leaps and bounds. Today there are five schools with a total enrollment of 3,600. Since 1982 average expenditure-per-pupil has increased 64%. Local support has increased 88%.

Every school benefits from active Parent Teacher Organizations and recently Pell City Schools carried this idea a step further by organizing



PTSO's, involving not only parents and teachers but also students. Many of the parents are involved in direct volunteer programs, parent luncheons, a grandparents day and serve on an advisory board. Superintendent's office: Phone 205/884-4440.

Excellent teachers are the hallmark of a fine school system and in Pell City the majority of teachers have a masters degree. Each elementary school has teachers who specialize in physical education, library services, art and music. The results of good teaching show up in honors such as the Scholars Bowl Program where our teams consistently place high in state competition. In this system we expect and we receive the finest student performance. The graduation requirements exceed those set by the State Board of Education and students'

scores on the state testing program consistently exceed state averages. Over 52 percent of our graduates go on to attend a two or four year college or university.

PELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL with 1,057 students features advanced academic programs, new computers in the Media Center, three levels of courses: regular, honors and advanced placement. Pupil to teacher ratio is 22-1. The results are national merit scholarship winners. The latest composite score for college bound students on the ACT college entrance exam was above the state and national average. As you would expect in any fine school, in place is a well-rounded extra-curricular program with all major sports, an award winning show choir, a high school band that is only one of 12 in the nation to appear in the

Chery Blossom Parade, clubs to attract a variety of interests from ecology to drama. Boys and Girls State, the American Legion Essay Competition, and Rotary World Affairs Seminar encourage our students to become active and informed citizens. There are even cultural enhancement trips to New York and London. Over \$350,000 is awarded in scholarships annually. Phone 205/338-2250.

DURAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Sixth through eighth graders have unique needs and Duran provides a variety of programs and activities to encourage this age group to explore many facets of life. A strong academic program is bolstered by a dedicated faculty and perhaps one of the best indications of our strong academic program is the end of the year algebra test on which 91% of the students scored at the highest level possible. A sampling of school features includes Junior Beat Club, Computer Club, Scholar's Bowl Team, Junior United Nations, athletics, band and a wide variety of mini-courses. A look at faculty involvement gives some indication of why this school is so strong: Outstanding Young Woman in America, citizen of the year nominee, space camp participant, member of the Alabama State Rivers Coalition, education honor society member, Alabama Environment Council educator of the year and college adjunct instructors. Phone 205/338-2825

IOLA ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Kindergarten through second grades allow this school to spotlight the special requirements of a narrow age group. They can take advantage of a computer lab, accelerated reading program, field trips, book fairs, music education, and participate in young authors group, accelerated reading programs and literature based reading programs. There are even extracurricular activities beyond the scope of most elementary schools such as a Reading Sleep Over, an Extended Day Program and a Fall Festival that involves the whole family. Phone 205/338-7312.

WALTER M. KENNEDY SCHOOL: Third, fourth and fifth graders thrive under this school's motto, "Learners today, Leaders tomorrow." With a long list of special features, such as telephone homework lines for each teacher to provide information to parents, it's no wonder that 32 fifth graders qualified for the Presidential Academic Awards in one year. 62% of the faculty hold masters degrees or above and have been recognized as Kiwanis teacher of the year, Who's who in American Education, St. Clair News Aegis Teacher of the Week and serve on numerous professional boards. Phone 205/338-7896.

COOSA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: A majority of students attend this school of 15 classrooms because their parents are impressed

with the leadership, instructors, and curriculum offered grades kindergarten through five. Management teams coordinate the learning programs so each child is offered maximum benefit. The scope of the school also includes personnel in the areas of Physical Education, Mild-Learning Handicapped, Mentally Restricted, Speech/Language Impaired, and Gifted Education. A computer lab is available, career guidance is incorporated, art/music and physical education instruction are provided. There is also an extended day program. Phone 205/338-7713.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

PELL CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Kindergarten-4 through twelfth grade, is a private school which takes pride in its academic program with 75% of the graduates going to college. All major sports are also offered. Phone 205/338-2901.

BIBLE METHODIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 170 students kindergarten through high school, of all denominations attend classes numbering 12 to 15, occasionally up to 20, and an ABEKA curriculum. A discount is offered for families. Phone 205-338-3012.

HIGHER EDUCATION: After high school graduation, the world of higher education is readily available, and all within a 50 mile radius. Students can select from 11 colleges and universities and 7 vocational/technical schools. Armed with strong academic backgrounds, academic and subject scholarships for those who want or require assistance, our students can excel in classroom and leadership roles.

PELL CITY LIBRARY

PELL CITY LIBRARY: plays an increasingly large role in this exciting community. New members come in the door almost daily, becoming a part of many activities. The core, of course, is a growing collection of books which library patrons enjoy from story collections to technical volumes, from children's literature to large print editions. The library is also the center for activities such as a summer reading program. Puppets, clowns, magicians and imaginative crafts are incorporated to teach the younger patrons the joys of reading. Adults can participate in learning workshops on a variety of subjects, for example the popular Hummingbird Workshop.

THE LIBRARY GUILD is another way for the community to be involved and support library activities. Thousands of dollars are raised annually through activities such as art auctions and a dinner theater.

Library hours: Mon., Tue., Thur. Fri. 9-6; Sat. 9-1. Phone 205/884-1015



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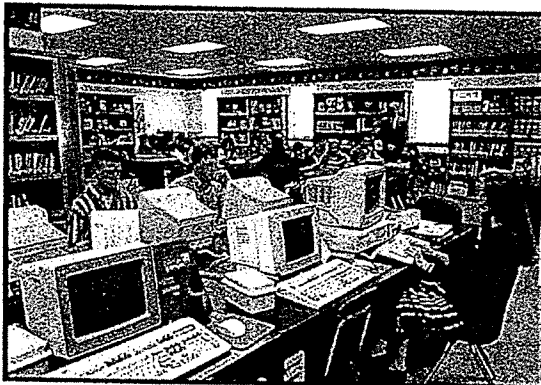
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