

VOICE of Gibson

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CONSULT GREAT SUCCESS

I would like to express my appreciation to the citizens of Gibson for their co-operation and hard work during the Gibson Human Development Consult Week. The Consult Week brought the citizens of Gibson closer together than they had ever been before. It shows what can be done when we all work together. I hope you will continue to support this project during the next two years.

--W.W. Pearson

GIBSON HERITAGE

The first train came to Gibson in 1834. It was originally called the Yadkin Valley Railroad and ran from Raleigh to Gibson. The Yadkin Valley later became the Seaboard Railroad.

Several years later the Coastline Railroad began running from Sumter to Gibson, and Gibson became a railroad terminal. The Gibson hotel and the depot were built at about this time. The hotel was owned by Sam Gibson, who had a livery stable and harness shop across the street. People traveling between Raleigh and Sumter stayed overnight in Gibson while they changed trains.

Many salesmen also stayed at the hotel and loaded goods on mule-drawn wagons from the trains and took them to stores in the surrounding area.

This was a time when people had dreams of grandeur. Maybe that time has come again.

--L.T. Gibson

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING!!

Now is the time!
We are the people!
Gibson on the move!
A sign to the world!

It's time to move on the great planning that came out of the Consult. There will be a community meeting at the Old Gibson School on Tuesday, July 11th, at 7:30p.m.

Great singing!
Great reports!
Great plans for July!

The task for the evening will be to create the Guilds that are going to implement the programs that came out of the Consult. Much has already happened, but much more is in store for the months ahead.

OPEN HOUSE-GIBSON READING CENTER!
Sunday, July 9, 4:00-6:00p.m.
Shop building behind Gibson school
Refreshments!

THE 13 ACTUATING PROGRAMS

ONE Toward Economic Self-reliance in Gibson		TWO Toward Community Cohesion in Gibson	THREE Toward Social Effectiveness in Gibson	
Basic Resources	Commercial Services		Total Education	Physical Habitat
I CROSSROADS INDUSTRIES COMPLEX - Ancillary Products - Local Manufacturing - Industrial Services - Resources Development	IV DOWNTOWN RECLAMATION SCHEME - Architect'l Landscap'g - Building Restoration - Social Nodes - Interior Designs	VI COMMUNITY IDENTITY PROJECT - Rural Heritage - Community Symbols - Town Festivals - Gibson Emissary	IX CONTEMPORARY LIFE INSTITUTE - Supplemental Studies - Functional Literacy - Continuing Education - Practical Skills	XI NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH LEAGUE - Home Visitation - Satelite Clinic - Preventive Health - Emergency Services
II EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AGENCY - Employment Counseling - Vocational Training - New Careers - Apprenticeship Service	V SMALL BUSINESSES ENTERPRISE - Consumer Services	VII CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT NETWORK - Neighborhood Care - Volunteer Services - Informat'n Interchange - Community Events	X EARLY LEARNING CENTER - Educat'l Curriculum	XII RESIDENT HOUSING ENTERPRISE - Home Construction - Housing Rehabilitat'n - Residence Beautifi't'n - Cooperative Resources
III GIBSON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - Land Development - Planning Coordination - Financial Investments - Town Promotion	- Retail Products - Public Entertainment - Commere'l Management	VIII GIBSON COMMUNITY LYCEUM - Community Forums - Local Arts - Cultural Emphasis - Visiting Speakers	- Faculty Training - Parent Participation - Community Support	XIII LIVING ENVIORNMENT PROJECT - Open Space - Community Beaut'ion - Resident Safety - Utilities Extension

MINI-PARKS CREATED

Have you seen the Mini-Parks on Main Street? There is one beside the bank, and the other two are across from each other on the corners of Main and Railroad Streets.

On the 24th of June at about 8:30a.m. the scene in the downtown area was unbelievable. There were about sixty people, young and old, clad in their work clothes and big straw hats, with shovels, rakes, hoes, and wheelbarrows, all ready to attack these unsightly vacant lots.

After about two hours of hard manual labor, some work with a bulldozer, a couple loads of sand, these vacant lots began to show drastic changes. Many creative minds went to work directing and arranging the planting of flowers and shrubs. Where did the flowers come from? Like the workers, they came from all over. In less than four hours, miracles had taken place right before our eyes. We had three Mini-Parks in Gibson for the first time! A feeling of great pride could be seen on the faces of all the participants, as well as those who were just observing. A big "thank you" goes out to all those wonderful people who planned and built our Mini-Parks.

There is still much needed in order to complete the parks. When is the next workday?

--Virginia Newton

NEWS FROM OTHER CONSULTS INDIAHOMA, OKLAHOMA

The Consult had good local participation throughout the week with over 100 present at the closing. Saturday was Miracle Day as the community began four projects: 1. Converting an old bank building into a community center, 2. Converting a donated old house into a health clinic, 3. Clearing a block-long lot for a park, 4. Lining off an area for tennis courts. The entire city council was present at the closing and proclaimed that this was exactly what they needed to do. One woman said, "I know what a miracle is now. You can ask for one, you can pray for one, you can hope for one, but all it takes is hard work and the community working together. Only then do you know what a miracle really is."

GIBSON COMMENTS

--We've been given a challenge that will be tough to live up to. We've got to have a 100 percent effort.

--The Consult stimulated some people who had never done much.

--I don't want Gibson to become a little New York, or Charlotte, or even a Laurinburg, but I want Gibson to become a town of real genuine people.

--The Consult was beautiful. It came off real nice.

--It has taken something beyond just people to make this happen.

--I knew there were people here who cared about Gibson, but I never knew that there were people from all over who cared about Gibson.

--I've never seen people work together like this before. This is the way things should have always been.

CONSULT CONTRIBUTORS
A Partial List

Caskie Paper Co.
Charlotte

Dillard Paper Products
Charlotte

Henley Paper Products
Charlotte

Miller Office Supply
Charlotte

Brooks Super Market
Laurinburg

Associated Brokers
Charlotte

Carolina Brokers
Charlotte

Skinner Macarone
Charlotte

S&D Coffee
Concord

Gerenal Foods
Charlotte

Sealtest Ice Cream
Charlotte

Earl's Press
Laurinburg

Service Printing Co.
Laurinburg

Carolina Specialty Bakers
Charlotte

Tetley Tea
Charlotte

Safeway Motors
Laurinburg

Gibson Baptist Church
Gibson

Gibson United Methodist Church
Gibson

Lile's Gas Station
Gibson

The Studio Shop
Charlotte

Southern Photo Printing and Supply
Charlotte

Duncan Parnell
Charlotte

Scotland County School Board
Charlotte

Virginia Paper Co.
Charlotte

Scottish Food Systems
Laurinburg

Coca-Cola Co.
Hamlet

Scotland County Abatoir
Laurel Hill

X-Way Milling
X-Way

Z.V. Pate's Stores
Gibson

Benfield's Texaco
Gibson

St. Andrew's College
Laurinburg

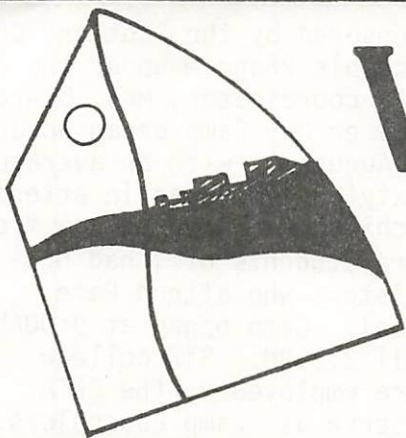
Jones' Grocery
Gibson

Bill Evan's Co.
Laurinburg

Morris Plant Farm
Johns

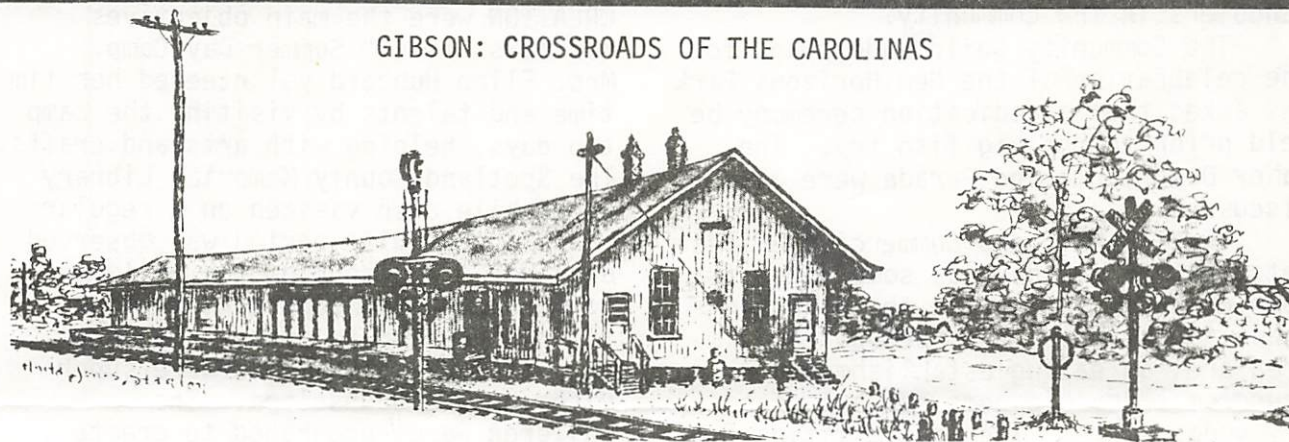
St. Johns United Methodist Church
Gibson

Dolly Madison Bakery
Charlotte



VOICE of Gibson

GIBSON: CROSSROADS OF THE CAROLINAS



WHEN IT ALL BEGAN

The Mayor of Gibson, W. W. Pearson, commented, "The Consult Planning Week brought the citizens of the community closer together than they had ever been before." Gibsonians who attended the Consult, June 18-24, sense this feeling of cooperation and planning for the common good has continued. It had begun gloriously with a feast attended by 400 people from the community, county, state, and the nation. The Consult continued for five days of concentrated effort toward Gibson's bright future. It ended on Saturday with a 'miracle' workday: the creation of 3 mini-parks - 1 near the bank and the other 2 at Main and Railroad streets. After the 'miracles', hungry workers headed for Pate-Gardner School for a celebrative turkey dinner.

Thirteen Actuating Programs which grew out of the Consult were divided into three arenas for Gibson: Economic Self-Reliance, Community Cohesion, and Social Effectiveness. The five Guilds, Economic, Commercial, Community, Services, and Education, were formed at the first community meeting following the Consult to implement the community consensus.

The Gibson community was divided into five 'Stakes' or neighborhoods, and Stake Meetings deal with particular issues of neighborhood care. Guilds and Stakes meet alternately on Tuesday evenings.



The Guild Meeting

The Guild Meeting was an array of surprises. One was Charlene Powell presiding and doing a beautiful job. The other was the presence of 18 6th Graders and their 6 counselors. Head counselors were Mr. & Mrs. Michael Neet. They joined in the planning sessions and, also, delighted the group with a song.

The Education Guild plans to survey the community for the purpose of finding out the number of children between the ages of 1 & 5 years old. After the survey, decisions will be made on the need for establishing a center for pre-schoolers in the community.

The Community Guild made plans for the celebration of the New Horizons Park and asked that a dedication ceremony be held prior to the big fish fry. The Labor Day Picnic and Parade were also discussed.

The Economic and Commercial Guilds met together and gave us some hopes for some changes that are in the planning phase. Some hopes for the Downtown area are: an eating establishment, a laundromat/dry cleaners and a ladies dry goods store. The possibilities for industries are a styrofoam industry and wood products.

On behalf of the Services Guild, David Hutcheons reported on the progress at the park. Everyone has been helpful but much more participation is needed. However, he was sure that the park would be ready to open on July 29th.

One special announcement as made about the Community Gathering on August 4th, 7:30PM at the Gibson School Auditorium. There will be slides of the Gibson Consult, projects in the community, and other Human Development Projects around the world. Refreshments, singing, and reports will be available for all.

The Guild Meeting has become a happening in Gibson by providing fun during the building of plans necessary for the Gibson victory.

Summer Fun for Gibson Children

Believe it or not - the "fun" place to be in Gibson this summer has been Pate Gardner School! The reason is the summer

Day Camp sponsored by the Scotland County Community Schools Program under the direction of its coordinator, Mrs. Brenda Gilbert. Summer Day Camp began on June 26 and ends August 4, with an average of about sixty(60) children in attendance. The children ranged in age from 6-12 and were students of , had brothers or sisters who attend Pate Gardner School. Camp began at 9:00AM and ran until 2:30PM. Six college students were employed by the CETA program to serve as camp counselors. Four-County Community services fed the children lunch and an afternoon snack. ENRICHMENT, READING AND RECREATION were the main objectives for this "first" Summer Day Camp. Mrs. Ellen Hubbard volunteered her time and talents by visiting the camp two days, helping with arts and crafts. The Scotland County Memorial Library Bookmobile also visited on a regular basis. A reading period was observed each day to encourage the children to make books an important part of their lives and to improve reading skills. All activities were supervised by the Counselors. The children were encouraged to create new and different ideas for crafts and talents. A Sunday School Class from Gibson Methodist Church donated money in support of the camp activities. SUMMER DAY CAMP WAS FUN as well as a GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE for all who attended.

JAYCEES ORGANIZED

The Gibson Community has a new civic club, the Gibson Jaycees, organized on July 24th. The 23 men present at the first meeting elected the following officers: Allan Thames, President, Charles Liles, Internal Vice-President; Sam Callahan, External Vice-President; Jimmy Bowden, Secretary-Treasurer; Bill Foland, State Director; and David Walters and John Berry, Directors.

President Thames spoke enthusiastically of the plans the club is making for fund-raising projects. Proceeds from such projects will go into the Jaycee treasury and back again into the community through the service work of the club.

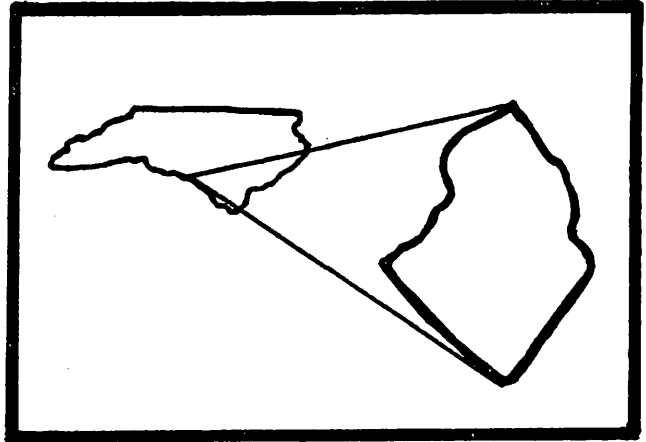
SCOTLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GYM IN USE AGAIN

Workers from the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Department are busy cleaning and painting the former Gibson High School Gym. The facility will be used this Fall and Winter for basketball.

More immediately, the old gym will be the site of a two-week YOUTH BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP, sponsored by the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Department. Directed by George Melton and L. J. Pipkin, both college basketball players, the camp will operate daily, Monday through Friday, August 14 - 25, 1 - 5 PM. All Scotland County youth between the ages 8 - 13 are invited to attend. The free camp requires pre-registration by calling the Recreation Office at 276-0412 by August 11th.

The Parks and Recreation Department reminds young folks from ages 10-13 of the registration dates for football and cheerleading. This will be on Monday and Tuesday, August 21 & 22 from 4:30PM at the Gibson School. For further information call 276-0412.



FREE SKATING HOLIDAY - AUGUST 8th, Tuesday, 2-5PM for all boys and girls 8-13 in Scotland County at the Plaza Roller Dome, Laurinburg. No registration required.

FREE BOWLING HOLIDAY - AUGUST 10th, Thursday, 9AM-NOON, all youngsters in Scotland County 8-13, at the Laurinburg Lanes. No registration required.

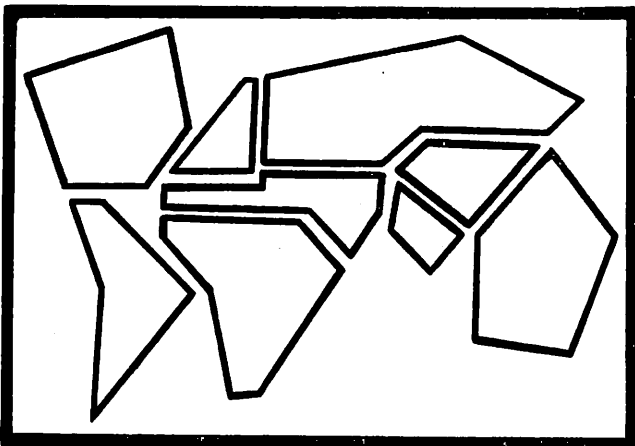
TENNIS, CANOING, GUITAR, GYMNASTICS ARTS & CRAFTS...Interested? Call the Recreation Department for information.

*All the great civilizations had one thing in common,
a positive image of the future infusing the present
with purpose and expectation.*

Robert Bundy

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

AROUND THE WORLD



SISTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Indonesia)

KELAPA DUA: This year 12 farmers dared to experiment with a new rice seed. Many farmers were not convinced this new seed would work. The farmers harvested 1R36 rice and all 12 received 2-4 times more than their land had previously yielded. These 12 dared to break the tradition and try another rice crop - two in one year, a radical change. The village has 25 farmable hectares. These 12 harvested more rice from 5 hectares than all the other 20 hectares yielded. This is a real miracle - it means that Kelapa Dua, because of the involvement of many villages in the rice the rice program, has doubled its income.

Gibson Human Development Project

GIBSON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 1978

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Stake Meetings 7:30PM	2 Pre-School Survey 7:30PM	3	4 Gibson Project Phase I (July) Celebration 7:30PM	5 Community Workday
6	7 Scotland Co. School Board Meeting Jaycee Meeting	8 Guild Meetings 7:30PM	9	10	11	12 Community Workday
13	14 Basketball & Volleyball Summer Camp 1:00-5:00PM	15 City Council Meeting 7:30 Stake Meetings 7:30PM	16	17	18	19 Community Workday
20	21 Basketball & Volleyball Summer Camp 1:00-5:00PM	22 Guild Meetings 7:30PM	23	24	25	26 Community Workday
27	28	29 Stake Meetings 7:30PM	30	31	1 Sept	2 Sept Labor Day Parade & Picnic

Reporters, photographers, typists, editors, and news events needed for the VOICE

Phone 268-3164

THE GIBSON NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY PARK

The Gibson New Horizons Community Park became a reality Saturday with a celebration of 250 people and a demonstration of the sand-box by 40 children.

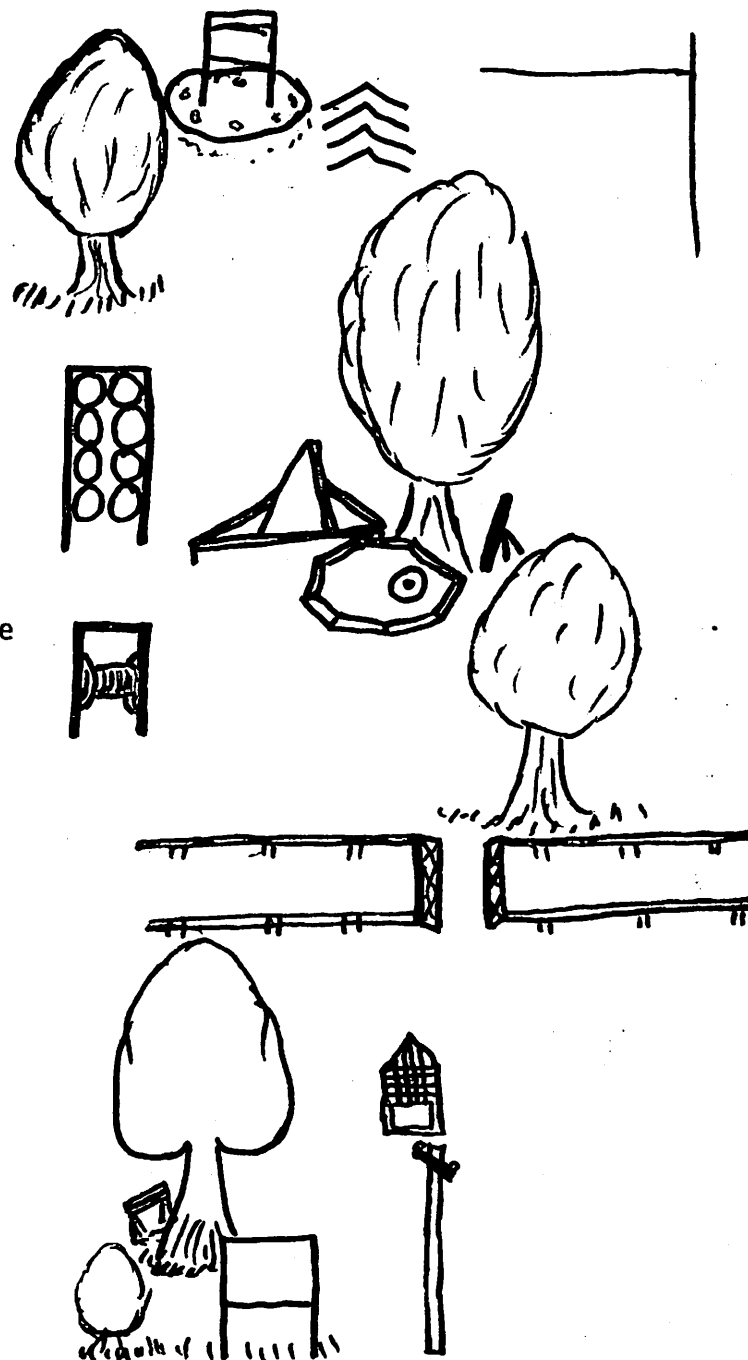
The third and final workday began at 7:30AM and ended at 5:00PM. It was a day of excitement and mystery. The last 2 hours unfolded with the erection of a tire-climb, tire-run, spool-run see-saw, sand-box and bar-b-que pit---all ready for use. The Star of David platform stands as a symbol of beginnings that will continue with other such additions.

The Park would not be a reality without thankful gratitude for the many people who made it possible. Nelson Gibson, Tom Whitlock, Blease Dudley, Harold Gibson, Verdall Bennett, Ronson Bennett, James Harris, Virginia Newton...and many others. We thank you all who participated for the care that you have given to the community.

We look forward to additions each week and concern ourselves with the maintenance and supervision of the park. One example of this continued care is Courageous Curtis who gives the park flowers new life everyday with his pail of water and lonely smile.

Willie McKnight closed our day of celebration with his favorite gospel song, "Anywhere in Glory Is Allright with Me".

- Mildred Leak



Many thanks to those who made the GIBSON NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY PARK possible through the contributions of materials and goods and the use of trucks, equipment and tools:

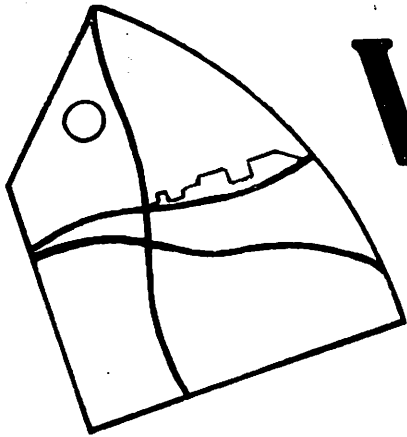
Mr. Harold Gibson	Sinclair Lumber Company, Inc.(Laurinburg)
Mrs. Fred Howell	McDonald's, Inc.(Laurinburg)
Mr. Nelson Gibson	Southern Gin & Fertilizing Company
Mr. Tom Whitlock	Z. V. Pate, Inc.
Mr. Randy Marks	Handy Andy's Economy Projects(Laurinburg)
Miss Mildred Leak	McNair Town & Country Store(Laurinburg)
Mr. Harold Teal	Covington Supply Company(Laurinburg)
Miss M. F. McKensie	English Fence & Window Company (East Laurinburg)

But most of all, thanks to the community!

TOTAL MAN HOURS VOLUNTEERED FOR GIBSON NEW HORIZONS PARK...

2 thousands
7 hundreds
4 tens
2 ones.....
.....2742 Man hours!!

Thank you one and all.



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July 22, 1978

THE GIBSON SYMBOL

It had its beginning at the GibsonTown Meeting on May 28th. One of the groups there worked on a story, song, and symbol of Gibson. Key images which came out of this effort have been captured in the Gibson symbol displayed during the consult.

A replica of the symbol appears on the front of The Voice of Gibson but to capture the broadest effect of the design one must see it in color.

Narrow black lines delineate the area of the Gibson community, not just the borders of the town limits. A wheaten, sandy brown was chosen for the background, suggestive of the lands about the community-sandhills as well as fertile loam.

The long verticle line which crosses the symbol is the railroad which has long been an intergral part of Gibson's history. As the railroad crosses the broadblack streak one is reminded of Gibson's earliest name- Gibson Crossroads.

The horizontal, widening black part of the symbol becons all to participate in the journey of Gibson. Aliveness is apparent as a sienna colored

skyline rises out of the center.

Another orb is found in the north west quadrant. For generations, the sun has provided man a symbol of eternal hope.

The most beautiful part of this symbol is the fact that each person is prompted to interpret, in his own way, Gibson's past, present, and future.

--Carolyn Gibson

FIRST STAKE MEETING

Neighborhood care meetings were held in five sections of the community and are called Stake Meetings. The first of these meetings were held this past Tuesday night. Singing, study, conversations, and a Stake visitation plan were enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Mrs. Brenda Gilbert for the use of Pate-Gardner School by Stake 1, Mary Locklear of Stake 2, Mrs. Dukes of Stake 3, Nelson Gibson of stake 4, and Bill Pearson of Stake 5 for opening their homes for these meetings.

These meetings are for neighborhood concerns to be worked through the Project's Programs to meet the needs of each Neighborhood. Please join together with your neighbors on August 1st at 7:30 P.M. Locations will be posted and announced.

Stakes are an opportunity to care and be cared for by your neighborhood.

GIBSON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gibson Human Development Project

July 16 - August 5, 1978

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
July 16 Church of your choice	17	18 1st Jaycee Mtg. 7:00 1st STAKE Mtg. 7:30	19 Park Design Mtg. 7:30	20	21	22 Park Workday 7:30 A.M. Voice of Gibson
23 Kennel Club Dog Show 12:30 Hammond park	24 Pee-wee Base- ball Tournmt. Jaycee Mtg. 7:00 P.M.	25 2nd Guild Mtg. 7:30	26	27 2nd Annual Hula-Hoop and Jr. Frisbee Contest 1:30 Hammond Park	28	29 Park Workday 7:30 A.M. Park Celebratic 5:50 P.M.
30 Children's Summer thtr. & Dance Troop Hammond Park	31	1 August STAKE Mtg. 7:30	2	3 Special Commun- ity meeting 7:30	4	5 Voice of Gibson Community Workday

SCOTLAND ARTS COUNCIL

I would like to invite you to support your Scotland Arts Council in their first fund drive. For the past several years I have been actively involved with several other Arts Councils throughout North Carolina and South Carolina and have seen the many benefits offered the community regardless of one's interest-- literary, visual or performing arts, music, etc.

I am excited that the citizens of our county have decided to support an Arts Council. Several programs have already been initiated and the Board of Directors have voted that we begin

work on several additional projects this year.

For further information on the various programs of the Scotland Arts Council, please contact Nyta J. Stanton.

--Nyta J. Stanton

WELCOME!!

The community of Gibson would like to welcome the new school superintendant of Scotland county, Mr. Johnny E. Preston.

REMEMBER-- City Council Meeting each third Tuesday.

FIRST GUILD MEETING

What, we wondered, would happen after the Consult? Well, it is beginning to happen.

At the first community meeting following the Consult, the people present reviewed the Program chart (a copy of the Program Chart was printed in the first Voice.) and divided into the five Guilds. At the end of the evening reports were heard from each of the Guilds.

The ECONOMIC GUILD reported that the city has a verbal promise of receiving the old depot for community use. The Seaboard Coastline Railroad is working out terms for the use of the depot. it was announced that community volunteers will be visiting businesses in the county to raise project funds

Renovating Gibson's Main street store fronts is a long range concern of the COMMERCIAL GUILD. This Guild will be checking on the availability of downtown buildings for commercial use.

The COMMUNITY GUILD projected plans for a Labor Day Celebration, a Community Forum, and a community Center. The "Voice of Gibson" is published by this Guild and volunteers and information are welcome. Sites for the first Stake meetings were chosen.

A survey for the community's need for an Early Learning Center is planned by the EDUCATION GUILD. The survey will look into the need for and methods of supporting a proposed Center for preschool children.

The SERVICES GUILD called attention to Saturday workdays. The Community Park on Church St. (north) is a visible project which will claim the efforts of the

community for the next two weeks. The Guild also proposed a Health Fair, and a survey of older citizens and their needs.

--Carolyn Gibson

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There are five foundational guidelines in the arena of social development. First, the project has a clearly delineated geographical focus. This concentrates energy upon a social unit small enough to be dealt with, thereby avoiding needless dissipation of effort. This geographical approach also helps to catalyze community identity. Second, all community problems are dealt with simultaneously. The complex interacting relationships of community life consign a partial approach to failure. Third, the depth human issue beneath all the underlying socio-economic contradictions is discerned and addressed. As this occurs, people are released to see the possibility of effective engagement in arenas previously considered impossible. Fourth, particular effort is made to involve all social and age groups in the task of recreating the community. Finally, social symbols are employed as the key to mobilizing the community effort and occasioning profound transformation. Powerful symbols provide the basis for common effort in the daily practicalities of the project; thus, they can be the difference between social despair and creative engagement.

GIBSON COMMENTS

--We should have started this childrens park five years ago

--You couldn't pay me to do this kind of work (on the park) but I'm glad to do it for the community.

--People must really love this community to work so long and hard.

DEMONSTRATION COMMUNITY WORKDAYS

The Demonstration Community Park, located on Church Street near the Green Lake A.M.E. Church, is becoming a living part of the Gibson Community as a result of heavy machinery and hard manual labor exerted by many hands, old and young, on July 14, 1978, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Over one hundred people combined their efforts throughout the day to clear the land.

All of us would like to thank Mrs. Maggie Nichols, Mr. R. C. McDowell, and Mr. John Lewis Ingram for joining together to provide over one acre of land to the community for the park.

Many tools and equipment were used to start a new dream for our community. After realizing the importance of this project, Willie McRae Jr. headed a crew and worked diligently. James Harris gunned a group for the day, and John Lewis Ingram went from one big job to another. Mildred Leak arrived with her tractor and chain to begin the process of removing the trees, which was done with the help of Noah Smith, John Ingram, and many others.

Mrs. Joye, Mrs. Dorsey, and Mrs. Dukes kept us refreshed with soft drinks and cookies, and then spontaneously, people started bringing ice water and cookies throughout the day.

Gibson has some bionic women. It was hard to keep up with Sweet Georgia Brown, the smallest bee in the hive, Mrs. Mattie Stewart, grubbing hoe user, Mrs. Della Mae Kriger, the boss of them all, and Miss Virginia Newton, the steadfast worker.

David Quick and John Ingram make our evening complete when they pulled down piles of dirt along the drainage ditch until the rain came and forced all of us to

call it a day.

This is a great start and there will be two more work days to complete the park. The completion of the park will be the occasion for a big celebration for the whole community, and will be held at the park after the workday on Saturday, July 29.

--Mildred Leak

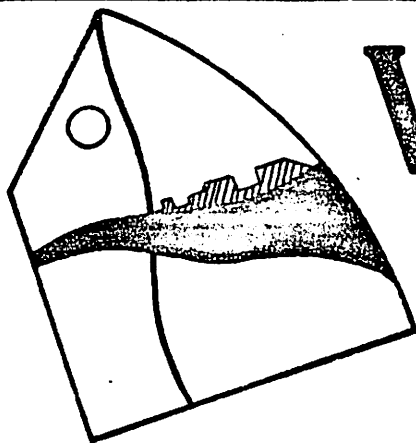
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

St. John's United Methodist Church was the scene of Vacation Church School. Several area churches joined together with 52 children and 24 adult helpers. Recreation was led by a group of men with musical and crafts activities led by others. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and all went for a night of skating on the closing day. Money collected during the school was sent to the N. C. Conference to be used for camp scholarships.

--Rhonda Bobbitt

USA12--THE SISTER PROJECTS

Mills Shoals, Illinois is a farming community with 300 residents living in a one-mile area. During the preparation week, land for a park was donated to the community from alongside the lake, and sidewalks were fixed. Senator Percy sent a telegram to mark the beginning of the Consult. Over 200 were present for the Opening Feast, with guests including the mayor, state senator, county clerk and treasurer, and Harold Dodd, President of the Farmers Union. Many people came out in the evenings to attend the Consult. End of the week miracles included one mile of ditches cleaned and planted with flowers, a sewer grant secured, and an elders program started including a nutrition center.



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GIBSON'S NEWEST INDUSTRY

Gibson's newest industry, Scotland Wood Products, Inc., is expected to open its doors for business during the early part of September. This new industry will be fabricating crates, boxes and pallets for packaging and transporting glass products. The company will be hiring 8-10 people during its start-up phase in September, but expects to employ 30-40 people when it moves into full operations. Saw operators and individuals with rough carpentry skills will be needed to cut and assemble the company's products. Fork-lift operators and truck drivers will be needed, also. Applications for employment consideration are now being accepted and are available at the ICA office at the Gibson School or the Z. V. Pate store.

OLD DEPOT....WORKDAY

A workday is planned for this Saturday around the Old Gibson Depot, from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Depot can again become the landmark of Gibson if we work to make our dreams come true. As a special feature of the day, hotdogs, drinks and other 'goodies' will be sold from 12:00 to 1:00. Proceeds will go to renovate the interior of the Depot. Tools needed at the workday include paint scrapers, ladders, sling blades and lawn mowers. Come on out and let's do it together!

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Committees planning Gibson's First Annual Labor Day Celebration have lots of fun in store for the whole community. The parade, which will begin at 3:00 PM on September 2nd, will feature floats, the Scotland High Band, horses and a very special guest. The Honorable Bill Hefner, Congressman from the 8th District, confirmed his participation this week. Congressman Hefner will be accompanied by his administrative assistant, Mr. Elvin Jackson. Mr. Jackson spoke at the closing session of the Consult in June.

The parade will line up at the Gibson United Methodist Church and follow Main Street to the Gibson School where Mr. Hefner will address the crowd. Also, scheduled is a ceremony in which the keys to the Seaboard Coastline Depot will be presented to the town. Scotland County Sky Divers are expected, literally, to drop in before the picnic starts about 5:15 PM. Each family will bring its own basket of food for a Great Family Picnic.

After the picnic there will be fun and games for all ages...relay races, volleyball, horse shoes, baseball and bingo. For those who grow hungry while watching the parade, hot-dogs, chicken sandwiches and cold drinks will be sold. Also, you will be able to buy balloons for the children and Gibson T-shirts for everyone.

Entries are still being accepted and for more information call.....
.....Sara Pevey, 268-4733.

BASKETBALL-VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

The Scotland County Parks and Recreation Department just completed a one week Youth Basketball and Volleyball Summer Clinic. It was held at the Gibson High School Gym from August 14-18. This was the first clinic ever held in Gibson.

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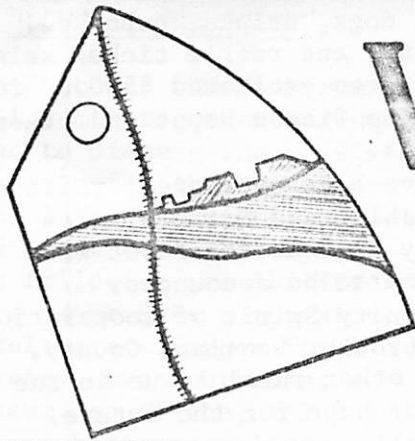
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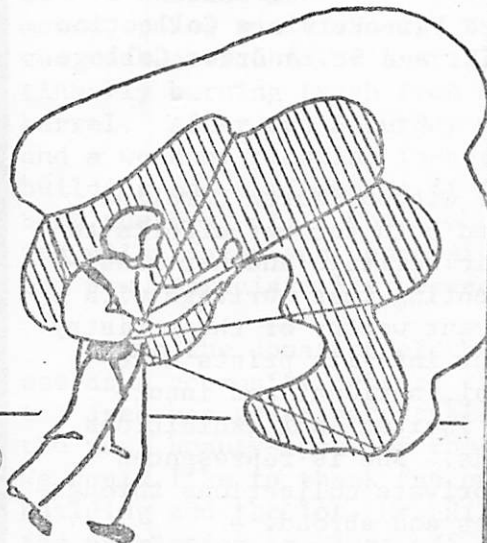
Gibson, North Carolina

September 8, 1978

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE...

3000 people turning out for the First Annual Labor-Day Celebration Parade and Fun Day proved that it could be done. Gibson is the "Crossroads of the Carolinas"! A mile-long parade with 46 entrees was not put together over-night. Floats, a band, go-karts, norses, clowns, tractors, cheerleaders, mini-cars, an antique car, a beauty queen, a United States Congressman, two state senators, County officials, sky-divers...

How does a small town like Gibson create a happening like this? Where did the people come from and why? Nothing like that had ever happened in Gibson. People did not imagine anything could happen in Gibson. But some people did believe and on that day dared to say,



" Here we are, and we have only just begun."

The Labor-Day Celebration really began over a month ago. A committee was formed as a Task Force in the Community Guild. Over 30 people met regularly in order to get the many tasks organized. Everyday the size of the event seemed to grow. More and more festivities were added. More and more people became involved. The excitement mounted. By the time the day arrived, over 60 people were actively involved in supervising the various activities. One example of the involvement... The softball game, bingo and volleyball did not stop until it was almost dark, yet the entire school ground was cleaned and all borrowed items returned on the day of the event.

As one person said, "When a community starts saying 'we' instead of 'I', anything can happen. With the kind of community spirit we are developing here, no telling what will happen in the future."

GIBSON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gibson Human Development Project

September 1978

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
		Guild Meetings 7:30			The Voice of Gibson	Workday at the Depot 8:AM to 4:PM Hot Dog T-Shirt Sale 11-2 P.M.
10.	11. Jaycee Mtg. Scotland Co. Public Health School Board Parks T.F. Mtg. Stakes Mtg. 4: to 6:PM 7:30 PM	12. N. C. Public Health Open House Stakes Mtg. 7:30 PM	13. Gibson Community Development North Carolina	14. Hot Dog Sale	15. Corporation Drive Week	16. Workday at the Depot 8:AM to 4:PM Hot Dog Sale 11-2
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REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, TYPISTS, EDITORS, AND NEWS EVENT NEEDED FOR THE VOICE

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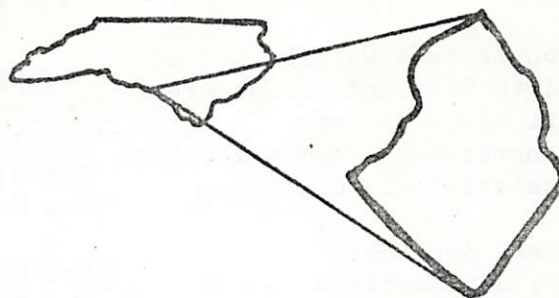
Scotland County Public Health

September 11-15 is the North Carolina Public Health Week! The Scotland County Public Health Department Director, Mrs. Lucille Bridgeman, invites everyone to their Open House on Tuesday, September 12th between 4 P.M. - 6 P.M. Located on South Main Street next door to McDonald's and across the street from Hardy's.

"OPENING OF SCHOOL"

Summer has ended and another school year has begun. A year of excitement, fun, and learning is in store for kids in Gibson. Orientation Day held August 28th for the 1/2 day for students. The following day was the first full day of school. As of Thursday, August 7th, enrollment at Pate-Gardner School were 242 students. Now teachers and students are back in full swing after a smooth opening, though things may not go as smoothly as planned, however, due to the losing of one Kindergarten teacher. There will be a lot of reorganizing of classes and shifting of students resulting in at least three combination classes. Many parents are concerned about the affects this will have on the children, especially the Kindergardeners.

Hopefully our students can still have the best learning experience ever this school year. - Mrs. Diane Benfield



GIBSON JAYCEE FLEA MARKET

The Jaycees is a non-profit civic group that began in Gibson on July 24, 1978. Their first project was an annual flea market which was held at the Gibson Jaycee Center on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Allen Thames, President of the Jaycees, stated that the flea market was very successful. All of the merchandise was donated by the people of Gibson Community.

The profits are to be used for city beautification. First to plant shrubbery, then to post caution signs warning car operators of children playing. There are also going to be other projects in the near future such as a car wash, a carnival in October, and a Turkey Shoot in November.

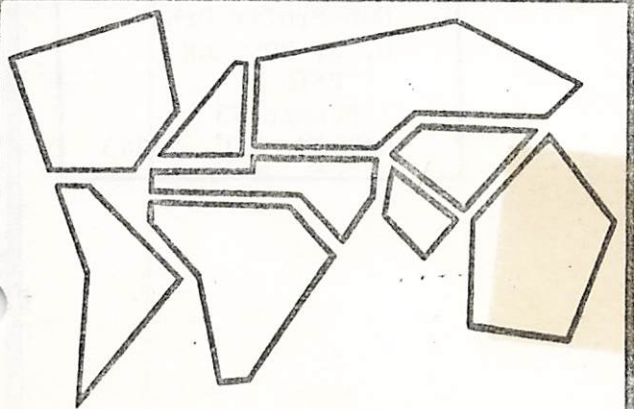
The Jaycees thank everyone for their donations and their support of the flea market. Moreover we, the people of Gibson, would like to thank the Jaycees for making this event possible. -VonniceByrd

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

AROUND THE WORLD

EL BAYAD (Cairo)

Marathon workday (6 am - 12 midnight) finishes a water pipe to the site of the water tank under the leadership of the village, and broad village participation. The government requests that ten men be assigned to the Project for training in I.C.A. methods. A Task Force meeting is highlighted by the decision to invite Bedoin tribes to race their camels against village camels.



WE, THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY OF GIBSON WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE FROM THE COUNTY AND THE STATE WHO MADE THE LABOR DAY PARADE & FUN DAY POSSIBLE!!!

Congressman William Hefner
Eighth District of Concord
Mr. Elvin Jackson
Congressman's Administrative
Assistant of Rockingham

State Senators:
Mr. Jim Garrison
Albemarle, N.C.
Mr. Robert Jordan III
Mt. Gilead, N.C.

Representatives:
Mr. David Parnell
Parkton, N.C.
Mr. Robert Davis
Maxton, N.C.

Mayor Charles Barrett
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County Commissioners:
Mr. Albert McMillian
Mr. John W. Calhoun
Mr. Daniel Shaw
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Scotland County:
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Mr. Willis Hancock
Mr. George Gwyn
Mr. Murphy Evans
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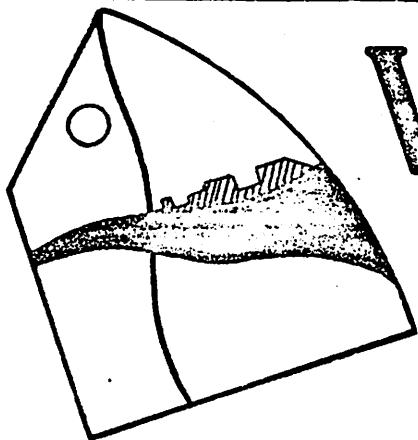
Mr. Fred Fox, WEWO
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Mr. Dick Brown, Fayetteville Observer-Times

Ft. Bragg: Color Guard, Drill Team
Scotland High Band & Cheer Leaders
National Guard Armory, Laurinburg
Laurinburg Boy Scouts
Shoe Heel Creek Cloggers
Scotland County Parachute Team
Scotland County Parks & Recreation Department
St. Andrews Music Department
Hamlet Shriners
Literacy Council, Laurinburg
Rescue Squad, Laurinburg
Ambulance Service, Laurinburg
Laurinburg Sheriff's Department
Laurinburg Fire Department
Little Miss. South Carolina, Miss. Rogers
Miss. Charm of North Carolina, Ms. Sandra K. Bullard
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GIBSON'S NEWEST INDUSTRY

Gibson's newest industry, Scotland Wood Products, Inc., is expected to open its doors for business during the early part of September. This new industry will be fabricating crates, boxes and pallets for packaging and transporting glass products. The company will be hiring 8-10 people during its start-up phase in September, but expects to employ 30-40 people when it moves into full operations. Saw operators and individuals with rough carpentry skills will be needed to cut and assemble the company's products. Fork-lift operators and truck drivers will be needed, also. Applications for employment consideration are now being accepted and are available at the ICA office at the Gibson School or the Z. V. Pate store.

OLD DEPOT....WORKDAY

A workday is planned for this Saturday around the Old Gibson Depot, from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Depot can again become the landmark of Gibson if we work to make our dreams come true. As a special feature of the day, hotdogs, drinks and other 'goodies' will be sold from 12:00 to 1:00. Proceeds will go to renovate the interior of the Depot. Tools needed at the workday include paint scrapers, ladders, sling blades and lawn mowers. Come on out and let's do it together!

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Committees planning Gibson's First Annual Labor Day Celebration have lots of fun in store for the whole community. The parade, which will begin at 3:00 PM on September 2nd, will feature floats, the Scotland High Band, horses and a very special guest. The Honorable Bill Hefner, Congressman from the 8th District, confirmed his participation this week. Congressman Hefner will be accompanied by his administrative assistant, Mr. Elvin Jackson. Mr. Jackson spoke at the closing session of the Consult in June.

The parade will line up at the Gibson United Methodist Church and follow Main Street to the Gibson School where Mr. Hefner will address the crowd. Also, scheduled is a ceremony in which the keys to the Seaboard Coastline Depot will be presented to the town. Scotland County Sky Divers are expected, literally, to drop in before the picnic starts about 5:15 PM. Each family will bring its own basket of food for a Great Family Picnic.

After the picnic there will be fun and games for all ages...relay races, volleyball, horse shoes, baseball and bingo. For those who grow hungry while watching the parade, hot-dogs, chicken sandwiches and cold drinks will be sold. Also, you will be able to buy balloons for the children and Gibson T-shirts for everyone.

Entries are still being accepted and for more information call.....
.....Sara Pevey, 268-4733.

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Economic self-sufficiency
Community self-reliance
Human self-confidence

The project will demonstrate that both social and economic development must go hand in hand for effective community revitalization.

Gibson is located 90 miles east of Charlotte and 90 miles south of Raleigh on the South Carolina border. Historically it was a stagecoach and railroad station. Like many southeastern towns its economic base was cotton. Once a thriving commercial center, it has lost 17% of its population over the last 25 years. The population within the incorporated limits is 502, with another 200-300 immediately outside the town limits. Gibson is representative of small southern "farming" communities today. Farm mechanization and urban migration has drawn off much of the population living in and around Gibson. It has been by-passed by the economic and industrial development of recent years. Only five or six of the twenty commercial "store fronts" are currently operating businesses. It has recently lost its middle school to county consolidation, and its primary school is threatened.

REGISTRATION FORM

I am interested in (please check):

☐ The GIBSON Consult - June 18-24
(\$100 consult expenses; \$300 project contribution)

Other Possibilities:

☐ Worksite Weekends
May-August
☐ Preparation Week
June 11-18
☐ Implementation Week
June 25-31
(Cost: \$5.00 per day)

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I am best suited in
the following areas:
(mark 1st & 2nd choice)

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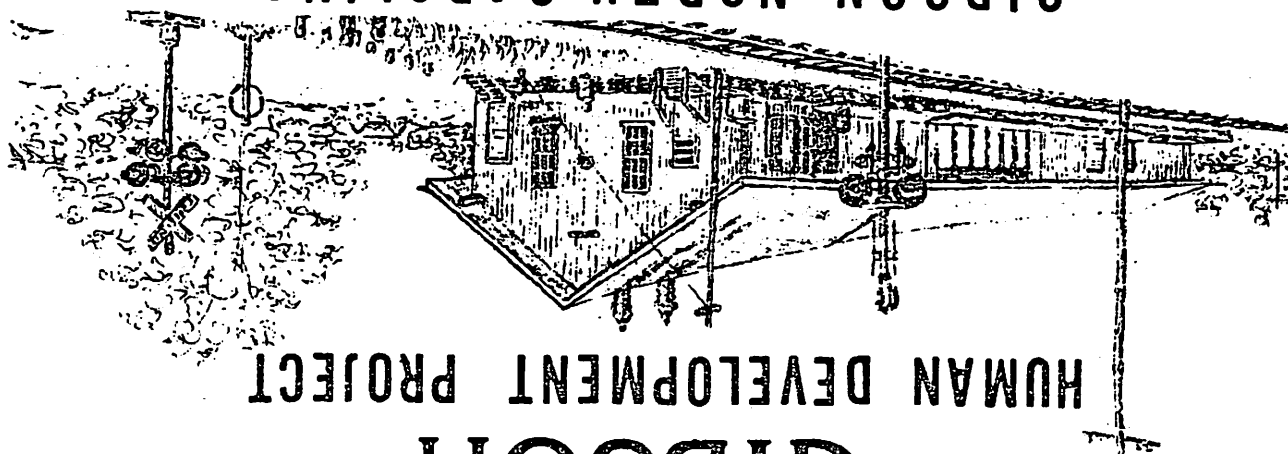
☐ Agriculture
☐ Education
☐ Environment
☐ Industry
☐ Health
☐ Business

PHONE

OCCUPATION

Other Skills: (Typing,
cooking, carpentry,
plumbing, fund raising,
gardening)

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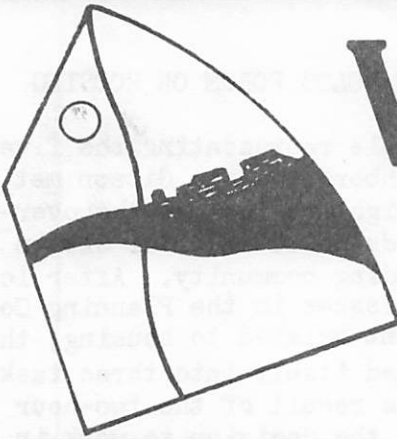
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GLOBAL WOMEN'S FORUM

Pate-Gardner School was the scene of a Global Women's Forum held on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Elsa Bengel of Indianapolis led the 25 women present in a day of information, inspiration and "mind-bending". After an opening round of introductions, Charlene Powell, assisting Elsa, talked about "The Woman of Today and Her World". She said that the integrity and wholeness of today's women has to do with sociality or her relationship to the world; phasality, the four life stages; sexuality, (I am); and trans-rationality or challenge. Elsa spoke in the afternoon about the Four C's; Care, Corporateness, Courage and Creativity. Creativity is a combination of the others: one cares, one works with other people and one decides to make a difference. When a woman finds herself here, she will demonstrate effective action at the local level. Workshops focused on global and local concerns of the women. Lunch was a delicious covered dish meal during which participants relaxed, laughed and shared through conversation thoughts about memorable women who have affected history and their own individuals lives. Global Women's Forums are being held in 24 nations. Women in Australia, India and Egypt will be considering what they can do in their towns just as women in Gibson talked about what might be done here. In a closing conversation, the feeling was that everyone had contributed, all had worked hard together and problems had been viewed through a uniquely feminine perspective. It was a great day.....

Carolyn Gibson



PATE-GARDNER SCHOOL TOWN MEETING

Friday, October 13th, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders at the Pate-Gardner School participated in a Town Meeting conducted by a team from the Human Development Project staff. The children were introduced to some of the same methods used in adult meetings and responded with their visions, blocks, proposals and practical solutions. This was a different experience for the students and many of them showed a lot of interest and excitement. A meeting this week will be held to consider the students' proposals and ways in which to begin implementing them.

.....Virginia Newton

GIBSON COMMUNITY YOUTH FORUM

On Sunday afternoon, October 15th, youth of the Gibson community gathered to discuss the issues facing the world, and more specifically the issues facing Gibson today. A talk on "The Youth in Today's Society" set the tone for the day.

A timeline was drawn on the board from 1978 to the year 2000. We decided what we wanted the world to be like in 22 years from now and documented the steps leading toward those goals. A meal was eaten by all and during that event we created an imaginary time capsule and filled it with things that would represent the youth of today.

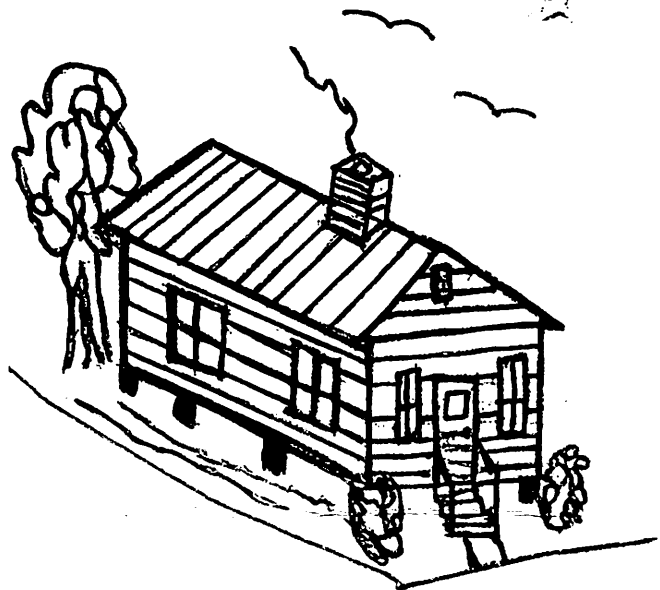
During the second half of our meeting we held a Local Planning Workshop which enabled all the youth to participate. From the concerns raised, we chose the most important ones and built three concrete proposals which we plan to carry out. One of these was to organize a volunteer car-pool system for the elderly and the sick. The other proposals are to create a Youth Core to care for the parks and a Youth Council to plan activities.

The meeting helped a lot of the youth to see where they are most needed in this community. We only wish that more of the youth from Gibson had been present to express their thoughts and ideas. However, keep your ears open for the next youth meeting and don't miss it.

...Flora Quick/Patti Henschen

GIBSON HOLDS FORUM ON HOUSING

Thirty people representing the five Stakes(neighborhoods) in Gibson met Wednesday night to look at the over-all housing needs in the Town of Gibson and the surrounding community. After looking at the issues in the Planning Consult Document related to housing, the group divided itself into three task forces. The result of the two-hour meeting was the decision to work in 3 arenas - (1)a comprehensive housing plan for the Gibson community, (2) immediate and long-range funding for housing development and (3)winterization of homes of the elderly and handicapped in Gibson. Each task force created a one month plan of action for the implementation of its work. Gibson is on the move. Housing will be one of the signs.



CHARETTS IN GIBSON

North Carolina State School of Design students are busy completing the first phase of the Gibson Downtown Design. Businesses and other activities identified as needs during the consult have a special work-up sheet that will help Gibson citizens select appropriate use of existing buildings. Landscapping and renovation of the facade of buildings will also be considered. In November, the students plan to conduct a community involvement meeting called "Charets". The time, date and place will be announced.

THE ROAD TO AN ENDLESS JOURNEY

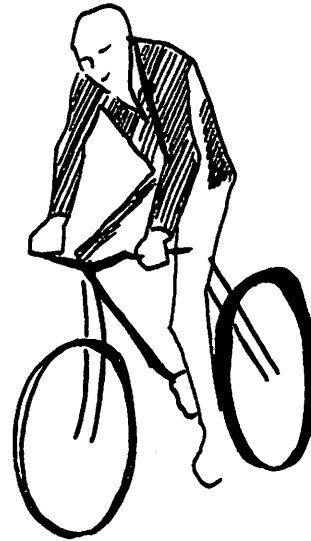
Thursday, October 5th, four women from Gibson - Madeline Peele, Doretha McRae Diane Benfield and Carol Luker and one from Laurel Hill, Sherry Lee - started their trip to Pace, Miss. Pace is another Human Development Project that was hosting a National Preschool Training Workshop, sponsored by the ICA.

Arriving 18 hours later, we took a quick tour of the town and saw their preschool in operation. The workshop began on Saturday with nine HDP communities represented, one of which was the Isle of Dogs in London, England. It was exciting to meet people from all over as we shared thoughts and ideas about teaching children. We spent time building activities based on a week's curriculum and learning new skills.

Sunday afternoon we began the journey back to the "Crossroads of the Carolinas". We stopped at the Mississippi River and took a 'toe dip'. Then we ventured on through the mountains of Tennessee. The trip to Pace also made us appreciate what we do have in our community. So, Gibson, you are the Greatest.Diane Benfield

GUILD MEETING GOES ON

A world event, the Yankees and Dodgers meeting in a potentially decisive moment and a local event of the Methodist Churches Charge Conference didn't keep some 20 residents from meeting Tuesday evening to look at Phase III plans for the months of October, November and December. The community is operating out of three Guilds this Phase --
The Cultural Guild: Early Learning Center; Health Caretakers; Comprehensive Education; Recreation & Signs/Symbols.
The Construction Guild: Interior Depot Design and Renovation; Landscaping Park Areas & Basketball court and Pavillion.
The Development Guild: Funding; Downtown Reclamation Design; Small Business & Industry; Housing & Long-range Economic Planning.



BICYCLE SHOP IN GIBSON

Bicycles are bought, repaired, refinished and sold at Robert Tyner's on McColl road. "I can build you anything you want," says Mr. Tyner, whose hobby is a small business. Lining the yard is a widespread collection of children's, women's and men's bicycles -- all waiting for a "second life". Inside Tyner's shop are newly painted frames for 3 to 10 speed bikes and shiny wheels ready to be assembled. These fine bikes will be sold at almost one-half their original cost. What a savings! Put your order in now and Santa will leave a special delight on Christmas morning.

ELECTION -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GIBSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

GIBSON SCHOOL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th

7:30pm

COMMUNITIES CELEBRATE

HARVEST DAYS

Thursday, Oct. 26th, St. John's UMC
11:30 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.
Bar-b-que/chicken salad plate \$3.50

Saturday, Oct. 28th, Tabernacle UMC
10:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.
Bar-b-que plate \$2.50; Bazaar

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

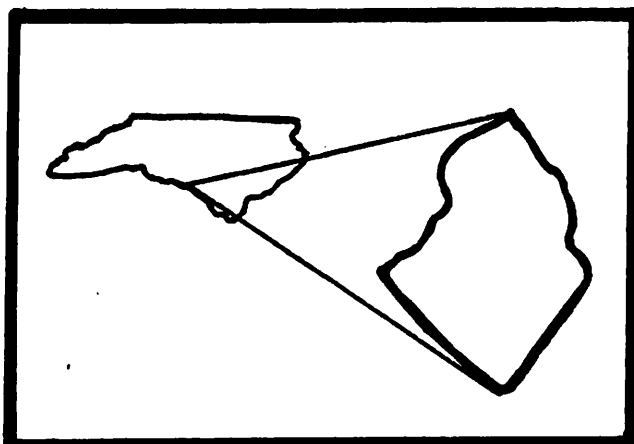
Gibson Jaycees
Saturday, Oct. 28th, Gibson School Gym
6:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.
Haunted House, Refreshments, Cake Walk

METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Gibson United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 5 at 2:30 p.m.

BAZAAR AND TURKEY PLATE DINNER

Gibson Friendly Club
Tuesday, November 7 11:30 a.m.
Gibson United Methodist Church
Crafts, Cakes, Pies



SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

OPEN FORUM

Questions and Answers Session
with School Board members

October 26th, 7:30 pm

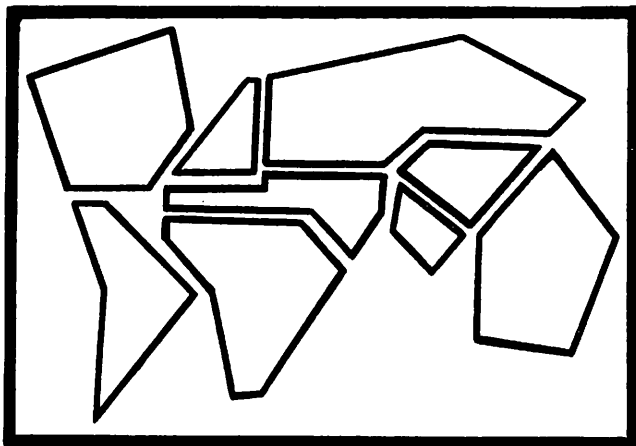
South Scotland School

PUBLIC INVITED!

Human Development begins with local people in local communities demonstrating what is possible anywhere in the world. It involves local people working in cooperation with both the public and private sectors to achieve economic self-sufficiency and social self-dependence.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

AROUND THE WORLD



SIGNS OF ECONOMIC RENEWAL

Sudtonggan(Philippines) villagers visit luxury houses and shopping center made of Sudtonggan rock, a village industry.

Kapini(Zambia) receives \$ 50,000 primary school grant from U.S. Embassy, and 200 residents dig the foundation and lay the footing for the school.

Woburn Lawn(Jamaica) repairs, paints, supplies and opens the health outpost and commissions 11 health caretakers.

GIBSON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct-Nov '78

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
O C T O B E R	16 Dental Care week at Pate-Gard. School	17 Guild Mtg Gibson Sch. 7:30	18	19	20 Gibson VOICE Distributed	21 Community Work-day Stake Surveys	22
	23	24 Stake Mtgs. 7:30	25	26 School Board Forum St. John's Harvest Day	27	28 Community Work-day JC H'ween Carnival Tabernacle Harvest Bazaar	29
	30 CDA Board Directors Election 7:30	31	1	2	3 Gibson VOICE Distribution	4 Community Work-day Winteri- zation	5 UMC Women's District Meeting 2:30
	6 Pate-Gard. Teacher's work-days Mon & Tues	7 Gibson Friendly Club Bazaar Gibson UMC Guild Mtg Depot 7:30	8 School Nurse at Pate-Gard.	9	10	11 Community Work-day Depot	12
N O V E M B E R	13	14 Stake Mtgs. 7:30	15	16	17 Gibson VOICE Distribution	18 Community Work-day Winteri- zation	19
	20	21 Guild Mtg. Depot 7:30	22	23 Thanksgiving Holidays Scotland County Schools	24	25	26
	27 -----Gibson Economic Stake Mtgs. 7:30	28	29	30	1 VOICE Distribution	2 Community Work-day	3

THOSE WHO CARE WANT TO HELP

Over 300 people from across the USA and Canada gathered in Chicago at the ICA's International Training Center for the weekend of October 13-15. Their task was to see how they could help in making local communities better places to live.

Some of the people were from the communities that are involved in a Human Development Project, like James Harris from Gibson. Others were people like Bill and Annette Bingham from Raleigh, who are not living in Gibson, but are deeply concerned about the project.

The question was how they relate their expertise to areas of need through the work of the ICA. For Gibson, it means how do people who care, in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia help make Gibson a demonstration for all small, rural communities in the southeast.

Many of these people will be visiting Gibson during the next few months to lend a hand in the enormous task that Gibson has undertaken. It is great to know that Gibson is so well-known and that many are willing to help.

STAKE MEETINGS - October 24th

- # 1 - Pate-Gardner School
- # 2 - Pentacostal Church
- # 3 - Bill and Roxie Foland's
- # 4 - Maude Teal's
- # 5 - Bill and Myrtle Pearson's

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THE DEPOT - BEYOND A FACE LIFT

The conversion of the old train depot into the new Gibson Community Center is coming along very well. With a coat of paint, we are now ready to start on the inside.

Some of the popular suggestions for use of the Center include a library, a museum, a recreation area and a meeting room.

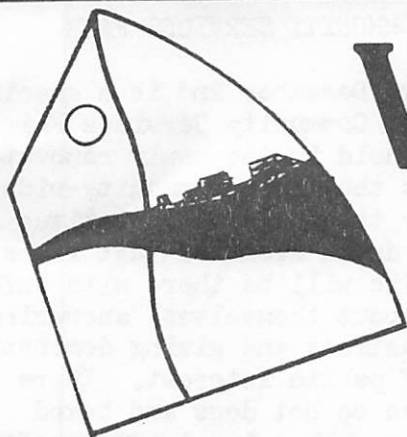
There will be plenty of work for everyone to do. But, there are several skills that are particularly needed - plumbing, electrical work, heating and insulation. Let us know if you have these skills or know of someone who does.

There are also a number of items that are needed to complete the interior of the Center. Some of these are:

Sinks	Commodos	Wood Stove
Paint	Florescent Light Fixtures	
Tables	Rugs	Curtains
Hot Water Heater	Refrigerator	
Lamps	Chairs	Couches
	Cooking Stove	

We plan to be able to hold meetings in the Depot by the middle of November and have Phase I of the renovation completed by December 16.

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H.A.L.L.O.W.E.E.N.....

The Gibson Jaycees sponsored a Halloween Carnival, October 28th at the Gibson School Gym. A fine crowd gathered to enjoy all the games and fun. There was fishing and pick up boats for the little toddlers who enjoyed winning small prizes as well as stuffed animals. Older folk enjoyed dart throws, softball toss, bean bag toss, johnny toss and the basketball throw. Everyone had a great time winning cakes at the Cake Walk. If a little horror was what you anticipated, then the Haunted House raised lots of screams.

The Carnival was a great success and the Jaycees would like to thank everyone in the community for their help and participation. A big thanks for all those ladies who donated the beautifully decorated cakes, cupcakes and brownies.

Roxie and Bill Foland



PATE-GARDNER ART CONTEST

Drawings used as decorations at the Halloween Carnival were done by the students at Pate Gardner School. The following students placed first and second in the contest and were awarded a small cash token for their art. This was sponsored by the Gibson Jaycees.

Kindergarten: 1st-- Kristie Roberts
2nd-- Shawn Lloyd

First grade: 1st-- Michael Pevey
2nd-- Chris Gibson

Second grade: 1st-- Tonya Foland
2nd-- Paige Blackwell

Third grade: 1st-- Elic Gibson
2nd-- Karen Locklear

Fourth grade: 1st-- Johnny Jacobs
2nd-- Hannah Pate

The Jaycees would like to thank the teachers and students at Pate-Gardner School for their help and support.

WORK-DAY AT THE DEPOT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
DONATE 1-2 HOURS
FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

MUSIC CITY U.S.A.

The mountains of western North Carolina were "A Many Splendored Thing" on Oct. 22nd when a group from Gibson and surrounding communities passed through on route from Nashville, Tenn. The group was in Nashville for the 53rd birthday celebration of the Grand Ole Opry.

On Thursday evening, we viewed from "the shelf" (name given to the balcony) the entertainment for the Disc Jockeys, this being Disc Jockey Weekend. Crystal Gale began the performance and Kenny Rogers ended it. A number of other famous stars participated.

For many, the highlight of the trip was the day spent seeing Nashville and vicinity. The sights included the Parthenon (a replica of the temple in Athens, Greece), the Upper Room Chapel and Museum, Country Music Hall of Fame, homes of the stars and a visit inside a recording studio. The afternoon was spent viewing the Hermitage, the 625 acre estate of Andrew Jackson, our seventh president.

On Friday evening we joined fans from across the nation attending Grand Ole Opry for a four hour performance. That was a lot of country music!

Saturday, the entire day was spent at Opryland, the unique 110 acre park that tells the story of American music from folk to jazz. While there were many exciting rides and unique exhibits, we enjoyed the delightful musical shows most of all.

Our bus trip was more enjoyable because of the activities planned by Mrs. Katie Mae Joye, who served as one of our tour escorts. The Sunday morning devotional was conducted by Miss Doris Tindall. Others from the community on the tour were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tindall, Mr. Melvin Joye, Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. Mason McGregor, Mrs. Porter Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Dudley, Mrs. Guy Stubbs, Mrs. Lucy N. Martin, Miss Joanna Gibson and Miss Naomi Gibson.

...Miss Naomi Gibson

COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR

Saturday, December 2nd is a special day. The Community Services Fair will be held in the newly renovated depot as the first community-wide activity there. Representatives from about a dozen agencies that assist the public will be there with information about themselves, answering your questions and giving demonstrations of public interest. There will also be hot dogs and baked goods for sell. Local handicrafts sold will add a delightful touch and those proceeds will go back to the craftsman. Other special entertainment is in the making and it all adds up to one great fair. Anyone wishing to add to the fun should contact Faye Mathews at 269-3164.

GIBSON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Register your child for the early learning center....

Child must be at least 2 years on or before Nov. 13 1978 and not able to enroll in public school this year.

Have information on your child's medical background and immunizations.

PLACE: Gibson United Methodist Church Educational Bld.

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DATE: Monday, Nov. 6, 1978

Part-time and full time students accepted....

Parent (s) need not be working to enroll child.

More details at time of registration.

DEPOT WORKDAY

Many things have been happening to the inside of the depot during the past several weeks. Bids are being taken on the electrical work and the insulation and now five new Ceta workers are doing a lot of clean-up, fix-up work.

This is all in preparation for a large workday this Saturday to make the interior of the depot usable. There will also be floor and wall repair in preparation for insulation and repair on the plumbing and of course there will be hot dogs and T-Shirts.

A number of guests are planning to be in Gibson this Saturday to participate in the project workday. Come out and join in for a great event.

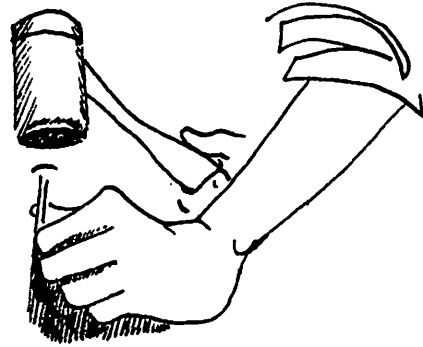
MORE THAN A FACE-LIFT

Gibson has an opportunity not available to most small towns: professional assistance in planning for downtown beautification and commercial development. Two students from N.C. State University, School of Design have been working on the back-up plans for the past two months.

On Wednesday, November 15th, from 3:00 - 6:00 PM, they will be making their presentation at the depot and then conducting an activity called "Charettes" involving community people in creating a common plan of action. Make plans to attend!

JAYCEE CASH RAFFEL WINNERS

1st: Wilson Freedman...\$100.00
2nd: Donna Wright\$ 50.00
3rd: Esther Skipper...\$ 25.00



We all know there's a blacksmith in town and he is Harold Teal; But, did you realize that his shop is a landmark! The Teal family has had that shop for 65 years and it was in being sometime before that.

It all began with John Teal, Harold's granddad. Did you know that the building next to Harold's shop was his grandfather's shoe shop? Charles Teal, Harold's father, spent his life shoeing horses, mules and making farm equipment and repairs. He taught his son everything he knew.

With changing times and needs, Harold changed the operations of the shop. He can still shoe a horse and use the old forge but today you are more likely to see him repairing bikes, refinishing furniture or building new lamps, park benches or picnic tables. Whatever he does, he does well and the care he takes exemplifies the skills of craftsmanship carefully taught from one generation to another. If you haven't visited the blacksmith shop recently, then drop in and see what is taking place. You have a treat in store!

DISCO DANCE

Disco dance sponsored by parks and recreation department on Friday Nov 17th from 8-12 P.M. at Gibson Gym. \$2.00 admission per person, Disco lighting and recorded music by Festival Disco of Pembroke

ART WORKS

On November 6th a custom framing shop and gallery will be open to the area. The shop, Art Works, owned and operated by Monika Lea, will feature a creative approach to custom framing as well as limited edition prints and other art. It is located on 158 Main Street in downtown Laurinburg.

Monika is married to Frank Lea III of Gibson and is the daughter of Mrs. Anita Teal and the late William B Teal, Sr. She studied art at Western Carolina University and the University of Minnesota where she received a degree of high distinction, and is also a practicing artist.

Monika and Frank spent six months in California recently, when Frank was transferred there by Keck's. During their stay, Monika was employed by a very well known framer in Southern California who framed for such personalities as John Wayne, Bob Hope and Mamie Van Doren, and assisted in framing original works of art by Rembrandt, Dali and Chagall.

Now that Frank has again been transferred to Keck's in Maxton, Monika has decided to open a framing business of her own and is looking forward to her friends in Gibson coming by so she can show them her new shop.

Monika Lea

WINTERIZATION HELP INITIATED

Last Saturday, October 28th, the winterization help program began with minor repairs and plastic over the windows of Mrs. Maggie Nichol's home. Mrs. Nichol's, an elderly homeowner, was deeply appreciative of the help. There are still a few major repairs required and the work will continue on Saturday, November 11th. If you know any other homeowners who need help in winterizing their homes, please contact the Project Office, 268-3164.

"UNEXPECTED FIVE"

A new venture always encounters the unexpected. That's exactly what happened when five local Ceta workers showed up for work at the depot Monday. These men work thirty hours a week in Gibson and go to school five nights a week in Maxton in order to complete their G.E.D. Vincent Newton, Brandon Dunbar, Willie Pekerton, Larry Covington and Frank Bostic call themselves the "Unexpected Five". "No one expected that we would do this, not even ourselves.."

In just four work days they have built a scaffold for interior work in the depot, built two new saw horses, torn out two landings and old stairs at the depot side, removed paneling in one of the depot rooms and cleaned and staked brick for underpinning. Building new stairs for the depot was a learning experience for all of them but the accomplishment they are most proud of is the new bridge across the drainage ditch in front of Mrs. Jewel Johnson's house. This is a favorite path to Pate-Gardner School and is very appreciated by the community.

John Harden is volunteering time to work and train these men in carpentry and construction work. If you have tools or skills to share with them, come on down to the depot. The Unexpected Five promise accomplishments, unexpected.

G.C.D.A. BOARD ELECTED

Members of the newly formed Gibson Community Development Association, Inc. met Monday, October 30th, to elect its Board of Directors. The following persons were elected.

W. W. Pearson	Tom Whitlock
Virginia Newton	Sadie Odom
Nelson Gibson	Lea Harper
Kay Lea	Myrtle Howell
James Harris	Ike Powell
Patricia Robinson	



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Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FOUNDATION, INC. APPROVES GRANT

The Board of Trustees of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., officed in Winston Salem, North Carolina, voted at its November meeting to award the Gibson Community Development Association, Inc. grants totaling \$ 145,300 as economic and social development seed money for Gibson. The grant will be payable after January 1, 1979.

The staff of The Institute of Cultural Affairs has been in dialogue with the Foundation since last March regarding the possibility of funding a Human Development Project in North Carolina. The Executive Director, Tom Lambert, visited Gibson in early September to learn first-hand about the project and progress to date.

The grants awarded consist of a \$ 103,300 direct grant and a \$ 42,000 additional grant dependent upon the Gibson Community Development Association raising a matching amount of \$ 42,000. The funds will be used to stimulate economic and social development. Some of the programs will include downtown renovation, depot restoration, commercial development and the initiation of an early learning center.

DOWNTOWN RENOVATION PLANS PRESENTED

Richard Anderson and Lee Tsen, of the North Carolina State University, School of Design, presented their proposal for the renovation of the downtown area. The beauty and transformation was rather overwhelming but not beyond possibility. It was an exciting meeting and the design showed evidence of hard work and creativity.

The design gives us a great starting point. It certainly stimulates your imagination. Where we end will be determined by the people of Gibson. Maybe you have suggestions. The design is on display at the depot.

REDISTRICTING IN SCOTLAND SCHOOLS

Scotland High School (Media Center) was the scene of a public hearing held Wednesday night, Nov. 15, which was conducted by Att. Wayne Sams. As most people know the last few months a committee consisting of school board members have been working on some proposals regarding the issue of redistricting within the school system. This committee has been working hard and should be commended for the work they have done.

At the hearing there were at least twenty-five people representing Gibson and Pate-Gardner school, which was a very good turnout. During the hearing there were about thirty people that appeared before the board with proposals and reflections on existing ones. Speaking on behalf of the Gibson community and Pate-Gardner school were: Mrs. Terry M. Benfield, Mrs. Wilhemina Miller, Mrs. Jewel Johnson, Mrs. Anna Miller, Mrs. Kitty Johnson, and Miss Betty Thomas, principal.

From these presentations two main ideas were focused. There was agreement with Proposal No. 2, Option 1. - To move mobile classrooms to Pate-Gardner and transfer 91 students from South Scotland for 1979-1980. Option No. 2 was addressed by specifically recommending that the former Gibson Jr. High be reconstructed for a K-4 system and bring in more than the 91 students. The main concern represented among community people present was that quality education continue to be available in this community.

The School Board will take into consideration all ideas presented and will vote on a plan November 27, unless some new proposal arises from their discussion. If that happens there will be another public hearing before a decision is finalized.

Diane Benfield

TURKEY DINNER BIG SUCCESS

The Friendly Club would like to express their appreciation to all those who participated in making the Turkey Dinner a success. Special thanks go to those who helped by bringing the fixings for the dinner. Everyone worked hard and long but it was fun for all. We were sorry that we had to turn some away due to the turkey shortage. However some of you good folks just enjoyed being able to get dressing and gravy with yams and green beans. We, the senior citizens, look forward to using the proceeds for the trip we would like to make next spring and summer. The success of this occasion proves what Senior Citizens can do if they really want to and try hard enough. So, let us say a big thanks to everyone.

Rosa Michael

CRAFTSMEN AT WORK

The "elves and faries" are hard at work preparing the Early Learning Center for preschool children. Some of those involved are know to us. Others are just those people who heard the story of Gibson and responded out of their care.

Curtain Makers

Mary Liles Staurt

Naomie Liles

Lula Teal

Bertha Lucas

Furniture Makers

Madeline Peel

Doretha McRae

Tom Whitlock and Diane Benfield have special equipment assignments.

Contributions of toys and supplies have come to us from:

Handy Andy/Bill Evans Printing, Inc./Service Printing Co./Coughenour's Furniture in Laurinburg; J.P. Stevens in Wagram; Mel Pat School Supplies/Fleishman's Tiny World in Fayetteville; American Equipment Supply Co. in Rockingham; Associated Brokers/East House Bookshop, Ltd. in Charlotte and from friends of ICA.

Contributions of cooking utensils and place settings are needed. Contact Carolyn Gibson or Freda McGregor if you have any extras stored away.

Wooden Block Makers

Margie Whitlock

R.J. Johnson

John Powell

Patty Henschen

Karen Ellsworth

Shawn Matthews

Holly Matthews

TURKEY SHOOT

Gibson Jaycees Turkey Shoot
7:00 P.M. until completion,
Every Friday and Saturday night
now until Christmas.
Hwy. # 79 in front of Sonny
Nichelson's Store beside
Stanton's Barbecue.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come celebrate the festive
season in Laurinburg. See
a parade of floats and join
in the spirit.....
November 27 3:45 P.M.

STAKE ONE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating the uniqueness of those
Stake One individuals who have had
or will have birthdays in November
will be at Pate-Gardner School on
November 17 at 7:00 P.M. James
Harris and Doretha McRae will be
hosting the gala affair and Mattie
Stewart will insure that there will
be feasting.

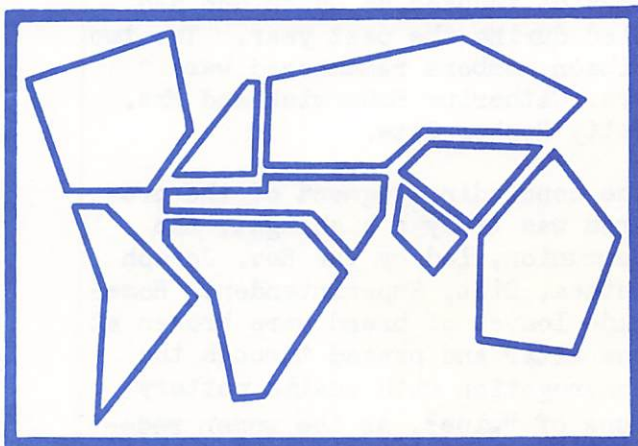
C. P. R. CLASS BEGINS AT PATE-GARDNER SCHOOL

Wednesday Evenings November 29 - December 6 - December 13
7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

The Red Cross will provide instruction for a three session
course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Upon completion
of the course, certificates will be awarded. There will be
a \$.50 charge for work materials. Contact Faye Matthews at

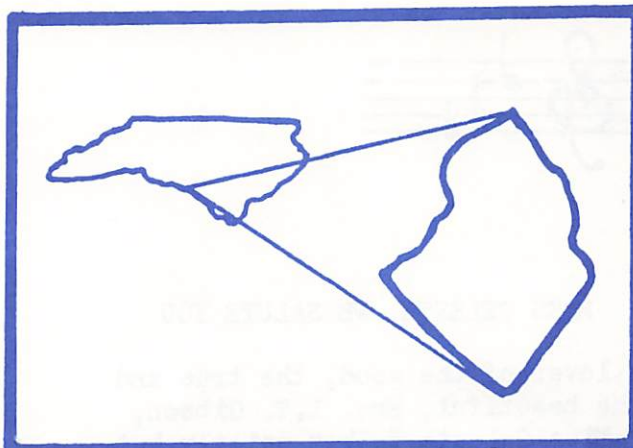
268-4941 for registration.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD



SOL de SEPTIEMBRE (CHILE)

A tractor arrives, launching the
community equipment pool....
The decision to buy created new
corporate spirit. Negotiations
are in being with an American food
freezing firm for the first crop,
which will be a whole new market
for the community.
2,000 trees planted all over the
community--What a marvelous sight!
Young men who formerly spent long
hours drinking are now volunteering
their time, putting muscle behind
the project. Things go well in Sol
de Septiembre.



THE COMMUNITY'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mrs. Lillian Walker (Mrs. J.W.)
2203 Hanes Hall
Duke Hospital
Durham, North Carolina 27710
Mrs. Walker, who is seriously ill,
taught 2nd. grade at Gibson Elementary
for many years and was dearly loved
by students and community.

BAPTIST PASTORIUM OPEN HOUSE



MISS CELESTE, WE SALUTE YOU

A lover of the good, the true and the beautiful, Mrs. L.T. Gibson, "Miss Celeste", has quietly but persistently sought to share this quality of life with all she touches. Since she came to Gibson in the 1920's, ours has been a better town.

As the piano teacher in our school, she imparted her knowledge of, imbued her love for, and transmitted her skill in using the piano for the creation of beautiful music. "Miss Celeste" is a perfectionist. From the talented, she exacted the limit of their ability, ever expanding. From those not so adept at manipulating the keyboard, she still expected the best the pupil could do.

Even when she no longer taught, classroom teachers knew whom to call when a pianist was need for special events. Within her church, "Miss Celeste" labors untiringly in its total program. Within the community, she is cooperative in working on all worthwhile projects. Within the county, she serves on the Board of Trustees of the Scotland County Memorial Library, a position she has held from its very beginning.

Among her sterling qualities is that of a love of neatness, cleanliness. Out of the past comes this story.

Dr. John's washhouse caught fire. Out from her house rushed Miss Celeste to help. Seeing a bucket of dirty water nearby, Miss Celeste meticulously poured the dirty water out, drew a bucket of clean water, and doused the fire!

Anonymous

Opening the new pastorium, the community of Gibson was treated to an open house by the Baptist Church on the afternoon of October 28. The congregation has a right to be proud of the lovely brick home on Main Street as it welcomed its first residents, The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Green.

With building expenses completely paid, the home was further enhanced by the Bailey Sunday School Class, which provided draperies, door, knocker, fireplace set and window shutters.

Church members and friends were hosted through the three bedroom home by the building committee. Halloween pumpkins, cattails, orange punch, cheese stars and cookies greeted guests at the McManus Building, ending a fine "Open House Celebration.

METHODIST WOMEN GO AND TELL

Two hundred and fifty women from three counties gathered at the Gibson United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 5, for the annual Rockingham District meeting. Presiding was Mrs. James A. Garner of Laurel Hill. District President.

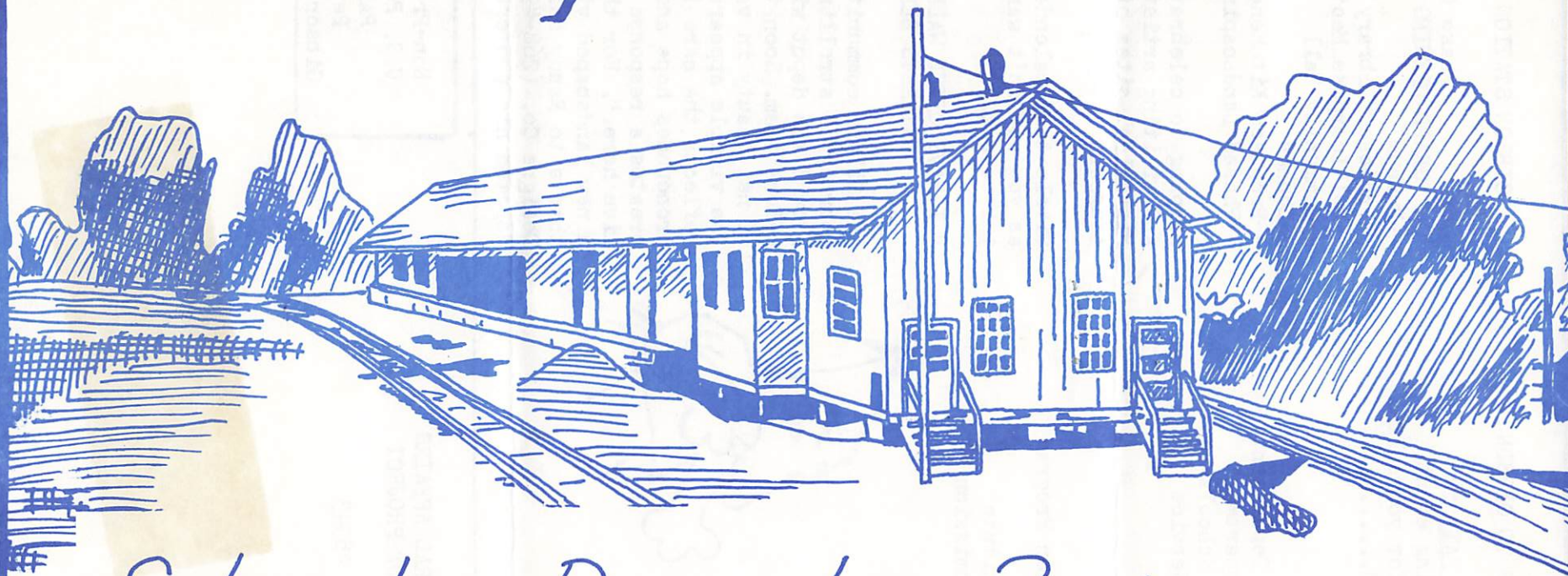
The program theme, "Go and Tell," was emphasized throughout the afternoon. Bill and A.C. Mottershead of Laurinburg brought a message in song and guitar; the Rev. Nancy Best of Fayetteville spoke of the womens' unique opportunities to tell the Good News. An offering and pledge service was held and a memorial service focused on women who had died during the past year. The two Gibson members remembered were Mrs. Catherine McCormick and Mrs. Betty Hooker Pate.

The concluding segment of the program was truly a highlight; the communion, led by the Rev. Joseph Bethea, Dist. Superintendent. Home-made loaves of bread were broken at the altar and passed through the congregation with rustic pottery cups of "wine", as the women rededicated themselves to go and tell.

Carolyn Gibson

the Gibson Community Development Association presents:

Community Services Fair



Saturday, December 2nd

10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Depot

including: Displays, Bake Sale, Hot Dogs,
Dulcimer Demonstration, Lots of Fun!

SCOTLAND COUNTY COMES TO GIBSON

The COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR is shaping up as an exciting event. Take a look and see for yourself and then plan to attend.....

Agency Displays

Scotland County Health Department
Parks and Recreation Department
Scotland County Public Schools
Agriculture Extension Service
Mental Health
Social Services
Emergency Services
Red Cross
4 County Community Action Program
Council on Governments
Richmond Technical Institute
Employment Security Commission

Fair Extras

Gibson Bake Goods
Hot Dogs
Gibson T-Shirts
Dulcimer Demonstration
Clowns
Plant sale
Local Handicrafts
Local Art Works
Puppet Show



GIBSON STATION CULTURAL CENTER

Phase One

GRAND OPENING - DECEMBER 16

- Museum
- Proposed Library
- Multipurpose Meeting Rooms
- Community Hall
- Lounge
- Proposed Kitchenette
- Phased Landscaping

Helping to celebrate will be local and visiting artists and craftsmen. Historical sites of Gibson will be toured.

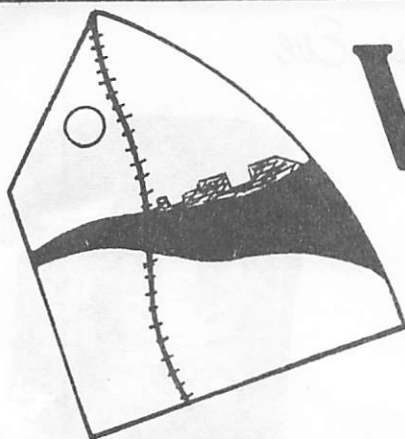
Circle that calender for December 16 as you wouldn't want to be missing this event.

" I HAVE OFTEN WALKED DOWN THESE STREETS BEFORE "

The Gibson community awaits the journey of strolling down its streets around the depot with a new vision before them. Soon there will be signs of new beauty in vacant, sandy land. The visible appearance of a community reflects the care that is present. It pronounces hope and possibility and creates a response of "I want to live here.". For this opportunity of a new landscaped view we give hearty thanks to Randy Marks of Garden Designs Co. (268-4914) who has donated his professional services.

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THE GIBSON STATION COMMUNITY CENTER

The Gibson Station Community Center was once only a dream, but now it stands at the crossroads of Gibson, a sign of hope beckoning the community to participate in it's planning and activities for the future.

On Saturday, Dec. 16th, the Grand Opening of the Depot was celebrated. The ceremonies began at 10:00 A.M. by the M.C., Tom Whitlock as he talked about the vision of the Gibson Station Community Center during the months of hard work by the community and the vision of the future as he saw the community center being used for many different types of events. It was a day to be marked in the history of Gibson.

After Carolyn Gibson acknowledged thanks to those who enabled the completion and celebration of Phase 1 of the depot renovation, Mayor W.W. Pearson stood and spoke with gratitude as he recalled

the journey of the community since the June Consult. The Mayor then clipped the ribbon and led the people excitedly through the doors of the Gibson Station. Three hundred people filled the Gibson Station throughout the day admiring the art work on display; The crowd was also very enthusiastic about the artistic performance of the dancers, the poet and the contacts and sales made.

Throughout the town, the Baptist and Methodist Churches were on tour as part of Gibson's early heritage. Other historical sites of interest open to the public were the Teal Blacksmith Shop, Mrs. Fred Howell's home and Mrs. Anita Jones Stanton's studio-home. Many thanks to these groups and individuals for their beautiful display of Gibson's roots and to the numerous people who prepared decorations and food and hosted in all these places. This is a sign of human development....A spirit of community pride, hospitality and small town charm.

MAIN STREET GIBSON

This aquatint etching will be awarded to a lucky person on Dec. 19th at the Gibson Station Community Center Christmas celebration.

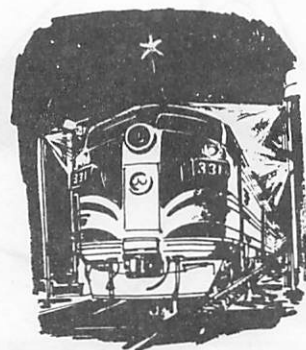


Anita Jones Stanton © 19

Santa Rode the Star That Christmas Eve



ISABEL McKEITHEN THOMAS



TWAS THE DAY before Christmas and
would

you believe
A tree trimmed and waiting the gifts
to receive,
Three stockings each hung with respect
And great care,
When our fireman announced that he
wouldn't be there

When Santa arrived with a sneeze
and a cough,
For the Seaboard had said, "There'll be
no marking off!"
I begged and I pleaded, "Pretend you
are sick.
You must be around to greet
Old St. Nick!"
But sternly he spoke, in a voice hard
and tight,
"I'll be riding 'The Star' out of Raleigh
tonight."

I WEPT and I wailed, with tears
did implore,
But he picked up his bag, and
slamming the door,
He jumped in the Ford, and with
obvious disgust,
He drove out of town in a great cloud
of dust.

Unbelieving, I sat there and thought of
the morrow.

When suddenly my mind recoiled in
horror!
I ran to the door hoping desperately
That he had turned back, perhaps to
console me.
But, alas! I'm too late, he's already
gone far,
Unknown to him, Santa's gifts in the
car!

HIDDEN AWAY in the trunk of the
Ford,
Tea sets, two dolls and a wee ironing
board;
A football, some records, a robot named
Rob.
I couldn't think further, I only could
sob,
As I thought of my small ones who on
Christmas Day
Would feel so unhappy at Santa's delay.
But then my thoughts brightened, I ran
to the phone,
With matters like this, he would have to
come home!

THE CREW CLERK in Raleigh had
stepped out that night.
But the kind operator, when she heard
my sad plight,
Dialed the yard master who promised
that he
Would contact my husband, have him
to call me.

WHEN HE DROVE into Raleigh, his
spirits quite low,
Pulled up to the round house, ready to
go,
On the run came the yard master, "Oh,
boy are you sunk!
Open up and see what you have in your
trunk!
Resourceful railroader! Dear
thoughtful man!

Calls me and says, "Now this is my plan.
'The Star' is the train that I'm
riding tonight,
Non stop to Hamlet, but that is all right,
For we always go slowly thru Southern
Pines town
Be at the station, I'll throw these
things down."

THE HOUR it was late and the sky
it was black
That Christmas Eve night by the
SAL track.
The crowd at the station all thought
it great fun.
The agent, the porter, and just everyone
Pushed out to the track in the
drizzling rain.
To see good St. Nicholas arrive on
the train.
Away in the distance we heard the
train blow,
The motors died down, they were
coming in slow.
The light from "The Star" shown down
on the crowd.
There were tears on my cheeks, but
inside I was proud
As I watched him lean down, tow bag
in his hand;
Santa had come, though not as I'd
planned!



I REACHED for the bag, Santa smiled
down at me,
"Merry Christmas," he said, and I
knew it would be.

For Christmas is more than one day
in December.

**It's love and self-giving and
this I'll remember**

The crowd laughed and cheered as I
walked up the track,
A smile on my face, Santa's pack on
my back.
And I thought of the man who on this
glad night
Was riding the rails, even now out
of sight.
Because of the love he had for us all
The same as at Bethlehem, if you
will recall.

THE BABE in the manger, the Angel
Choir, too,

**Be-spake a great love for me and for
you.**

And just as the Star in **that** far
day of old,
Brought happiness, joy, to
numbers untold,

So the light of this "Star", on this
Christmas Eve night,
As it shone down on me, brought a
whole new insight
Of responsible love, of things we
hold dear,
That makes Christmas last throughout
the whole year.



This poem was one of the
poems read during the
opening of the Gibson
Station Community Center.

THE FRIENDLY CLUB

The months of November and December have been busy and exciting ones for members of the Friendly Club. On November 4th, the club held a Turkey Dinner and Bazaar. Due to the effort of all the members the day was a success. Although everyone was exhausted, they were able to call it a "Great Day."

On November 27th, many of the members experienced another kind of a "Great Day." They joined the Young at Heart Club and the Baptist Senior Citizens from Laurinburg to head for Raleigh for the Village Dinner theatre to have lunch and see Tab Hunter perform in the play, Here Lies Jeremy Troy. The comedy kept most of the audience 'in stitches' during much of the performance. We then went to the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill for a special matinee to see "The Star of Bethlehem". This production was moving and awe-inspiring. It set the mood for the approaching Christmas season.

On December 5th, we were delighted to have as our guests three members of the AID team who have been studying various aspects of Scotland County. They joined us for a bountiful Christmas covered-dish luncheon. The visitors were complimentary about Scotland County and about the Gibson Community.

Fourteen members of the Friendly Club joined the other Senior Citizens' Clubs of Scotland County for a delightful evening at the Scotland High School Cafeteria on December 12th. Mrs. Ruth Edison provided excellent catering service. The Scotland County Recreation Department under the leadership of Mr. Bill Scott and Mrs. Sybil Sykes made the arrangements for the dinner and entertainment. Milton Fairly and Jack Dunstan were featured in "Larretta and Conway". Music was provided by the St. Andrews Community Band directed by Dave Wilkins. Approximately 75% of the guests were fortunate to receive a door prize provided by the Laurinburg Restaurants and Businesses.

Naomi Gibson

MEMORIALS

To compliment the fine job of renovation at the depot, the Depot Committee has sent out a letter to local residents and also former Gibson citizens asking for donations of tables, chairs, cabinets, display cases, rugs, deacon benches, piano and other things to make the community Center an attractive and friendly place. It is suggested that the furnishings be Early American style.

The gifts the committee has received are:

A rocking chair given in memory of J.A. (Sandy) Livingston by Mrs. Hester Gibson, Miss Naomi Gibson and Miss Joanna Gibson.

"Mainstreet Gibson" and "Welcome To Gibson", two etchings by Anita J. Stanton in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Odom, Sr., and Mr. E.G. Odom 2nd. by Mrs. Louise O. Jones, Floyd E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Stanton.

The first Community Center Christmas tree in memory of James Pate Teal by Mrs. Maude Teal

Old pine boards for the interior of the first freight room in memory of Mr. Fred C. Howell by Mrs. Myrtle Howell.

A table lamp by Mr. and Mrs. David Michael.

A financial contribution in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee McColman by Ann Copeland.

A financial contribution by Mrs. Corinne Pate Stevenson

Macrame plant hangers by Miss Mildred Leake

Framed old Gibson map by Monika Lea.

A U.S. Flag that has flown over the Capitol is being sent by Congressman William Hefner.

The committee will be happy to accept gifts at any time. They can be given in memory of a special person. All memorial will be recorded in a book to be kept at the depot. Please contact Miss Naomi Gibson, Mrs. Nelson Gibson or Frank Lea III if you would like to contribute to the Gibson Station Community Center.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER OPENING

The Early Learning Center was silently waiting.

Dec. 10th

The walls were freshly painted and pictures were hung for those who would be looking. The shelves were burden with toys purchased from those who shared and those who labored with care. The kitchen was ready to put on wheels to give those empty stomachs a nutritious meal.

Dec. 11th

Suddenly at 8:30 AM Monday morning four preschoolers called the center into being.

This is just the beginning of this story. As this is one of the social care programs the community requested, we believed it was important to initiate its birth this phase of the project.

To begin, the Center is open from 8:30 - 12:30 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A light lunch is served. Closed for the Christmas holidays, the Center will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

One of the fun things the children did was to make and hang Christmas decorations on the tree in front of the Gibson Community Center.

On behalf of the community, special thanks to Annie Bass and Naomi Liles who have volunteered as staff.

The Center will be preparing an application for being licensed as a full time program. Registration is continuing. Families are asked to participate in funding this program. Fees are set according to family income and number of dependents in the family. If interested, call 268-4405 during open hours.

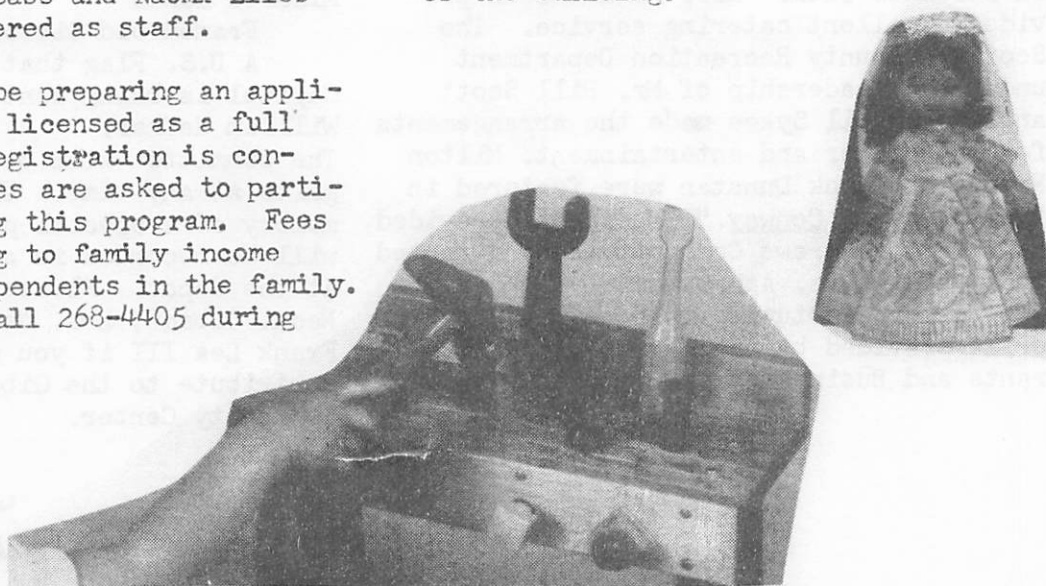
CREATIVE DANCE

The 1st through 4th grades at Pate-Gardner School have a real treat offered in the form of an "extra curricular" activity every Tuesday afternoon after school. Creative Dance for 1 hour for \$.50/student is directed by a dancer from Laurinburg, Mrs. Julianna Morgan.

Julianna has performed on stage since she was 2 years old. Her early training was in ballet, tap and later Jazz dancing. She is presently dancing with the Creative Dance Institute- Mandala Inc. of Maxton.

Julianna is excited about working with children as she is convinced that creative dance not only is good training for muscle coordination and personal expression but is excellent in developing discipline and concentration. Twenty-four 1st and 2nd graders are presently involved in the afternoon classes and fifteen 3rd and 4th graders meet on alternate Tuesdays. Ten of the students demonstrated some of their routines during the Grand Opening of Gibson Station Community Center.

A big thanks to Julianna Morgan for her interest and devotion to the Pate-Gardner elementary students. A special thanks to Miss Virginia Newton who hosts this activity on behalf of the community and the School Board who allow the use of the building.

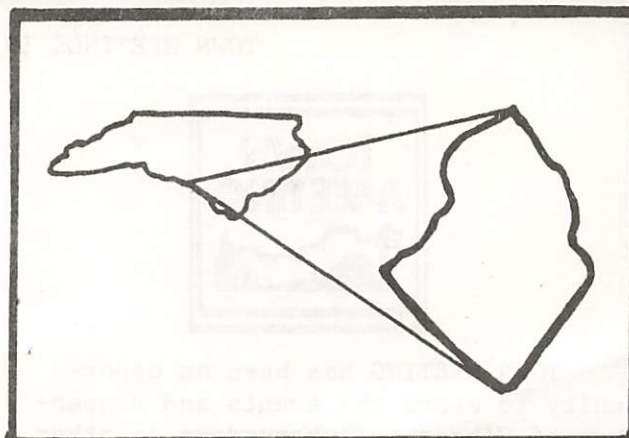


HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SCHOOL

For the first time in Continental North America, the Human Development Training School will be offered to those interested in rapid socio-economic community development. Concerned with the human factor in world development, the Institute of Cultural Affairs has offered this particular school in Continents of India, the Phillipines, Africa and South America.

The school will take place in Fifth City Chicago, which has served as a laboratory in Comprehensive Community Reformulation for over fifteen years. (The West Side Chicago neighborhood has developed strong inborn leadership and a full range of social, economic, housing and environmental programs.)

Several local Gibson citizens will participate in this intensive residential program. Training for affective action includes methods, resources and contextual principles.



The three major cycles of study focus on comprehensive Human Development in economic, social and cultural arenas. Each cycle is subdivided into specific program areas. Each module is three days in length and focuses on the "what", the "how", the "who", and "when".

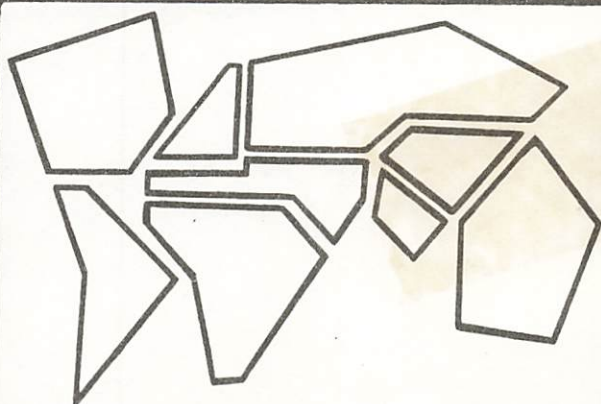
The school is intended for people seriously considering spending six months to two years in a Human Development Project following completion of the eight week course.

GIBSON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is going to be a community Christmas Party, Tuesday December 19, at 7:30 PM at the Gibson Station Community Center. Things planned for the evening are: a candlelight service, refreshments for everyone and of course, the drawing for the etching of downtown Gibson done by Anita Jones Stanton. There is rumor that Santa is going to be making a visit but such reports have not been confirmed. So come on down and enjoy the fun and excitement.

THE NANDAPUR PROJECT

Ganesh Kadam, 22, graduated from one of the first Human Development Training Schools in Maliwada. Soon he became director of the Nandapur Project. Work there has included building and improving roads, a drainage system, electricity, 37 model housing units, a school, a community kitchen, a health out-post, use of hybrid seed and a demonstration farm. Sarapanch, elected village head now is director since being trained for the position. Ganesh now travels through Maharashtra State setting up Town Meetings to prepare for new projects.



TOWN MEETINGS IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA



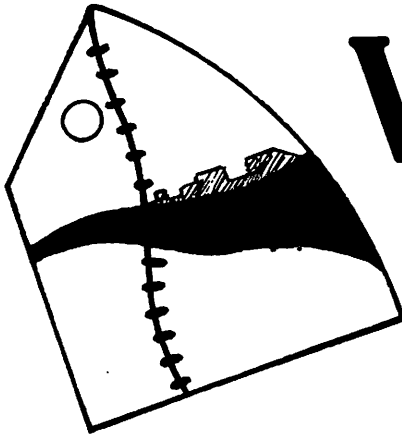
TOWN MEETING has been an opportunity to share the events and happenings of Gibson as ambassadors to other counties and give communities the same type of methods for bettering their community with Gibson as a prime example of what can be done. This year the Gibson Human Development Project has offered the TOWN MEETING Program to Robeson, Scotland, and Richmond Counties in North Carolina, and Dillon, Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties in South Carolina. Everyone was impressed with what we have already done; just ask Viola Benfield, Margie Whitlock or Jewel Johnson. The most exciting TOWN MEETINGS held this fall were in Rennert, Orrum-Procter ville, Dobbins-Heights, and Ruby-Mt. Croghan Communities. TOWN MEETINGS are tentatively scheduled in January for Pageland, Ruby, Latta, Lakeview, and Maxton. In February 3 counties surrounding Wilmington will hear about Gibson and the TOWN MEETING Program.

TOWN MEETING is an event that demonstrates an effective meeting method in a 3 hour format. It is a new way of honoring the common.sense wisdom of people working together and inspires citizens participation. The challenges, proposals and the song, story, symbol workshops are the 3 key parts to the program and ends with a written document passed out during the reporting session.

TOWN MEETING 76 was an official Horizons Program under the A.R.B.A. (American Revolutionary Bi-Centennial Association) during 1976 and has been continued as a statewide program across the nation. There have been over 4000 TOWN MEETINGS held in America including Alaska and Hawaii. Support for the program is entirely by contributions made by corporations, foundations and individuals on a national level and towns, civic organizations and churches on a local basis.

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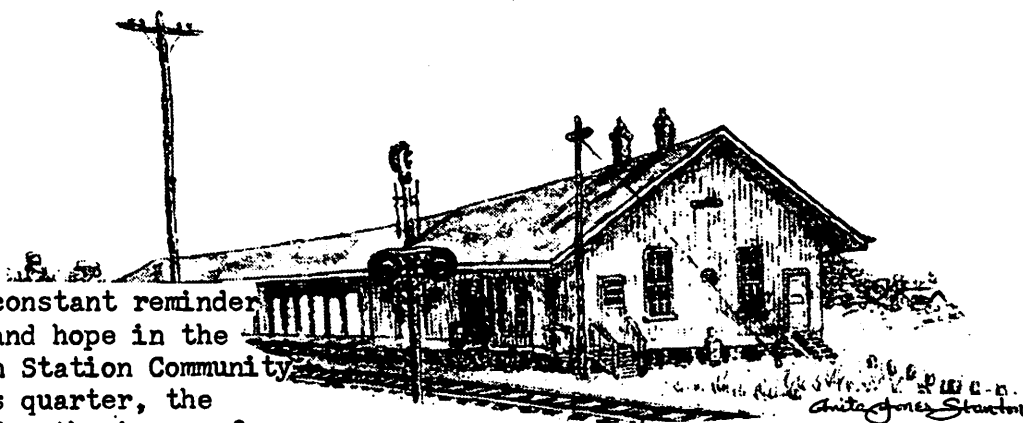
WHAT'S HAPPENED IN GIBSON SINCE JULY?

In all ventures forward, it is good to take time to look back and view the progress made to remind ourselves of the distance we have come. It is in this spirit that the following six month report is made.

Since July of 1978, Gibson has secured one new industry through the Laurinburg/Scotland County Chamber of Commerce that now employs over 25 people. Five young men are receiving construction training through the CETA program. The Gibson Community Development Association has been incorporated. A special week emphasizing economic planning was held with new commercial enterprises being prioritized. Bumper stickers and T-shirts with the Gibson symbol are available. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation awarded \$143,000 to the Gibson Community Development Association pending IRS tax exemption. A pre-application for \$500,000 from HUD CDBG funds has been submitted. A winterization program has been initiated. Two mini-parks were created in the downtown area. Four old buildings were demolished. The old depot has been transformed into a community center through renovation and landscaping. The Jaycee Club was organized. Weekly Stake/Guild meetings and community work days are being held. Over 3,000 attended the Gibson Labor Day Parade and Fun Day. The New Horizon's Community Park Phase I completion celebration was held with a fish-fry for over 200 people. The Gibson Station Community Center opened with artists' displays, town tours and open houses. A tri-racial, inter-denominational Christmas Party was held with over 100 in attendance. Stake 1 held a birthdays celebration with 75 persons in attendance. The bi-weekly newspaper has printed and distributed 15 issues. The Early Learning Center opened on a part-time basis with volunteer staff. An accredited C.P.R. class was held. Sixteen agencies set up booths at Gibson's Community Services Fair. One representative attended an eight week Training Academy. Three representatives registered for an eight week Human Development Training School. Five representatives attended a three day national pre-school training conference.

So let us take time to congratulate ourselves and each other on the past and renew our faith in the future.

GIBSON TREASURE C



Standing as a constant reminder of community pride and hope in the future is the Gibson Station Community Center. During this quarter, the Guild is working under the image of the Center as the "Treasure Chest" and the furnishings as "Crown Jewels".

Things are beginning to "shape up" at the depot now that the renovation has been completed. The floors have been refinished and these rooms are ready to be furnished. Why not look around to see if you have Early American style furnishings that you are willing to donate to the Community Center? Gifts may be given in memory of a special person. All memorials will be recorded in a book to be kept at the depot.

Tables, chairs, hutchs, cabinets, pie safes, show cases, railroad lanterns, etc., perhaps lie within your stored goods and could be shared at the depot. It's amazing that the real 'treasure' is often in our own back yards. Please contact Naomi Gibson, Carolyn Gibson or Frank Lea III for memorial gifts.

The gifts the committee has received are:

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'Main Street Gibson' & 'Welcome to Gibson', 2 etchings by Anita J. Stanton in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Louise O. Jones & Mr. Floyd Odom the 2nd by Mrs. Louise O. Jones, Mr. Floyd E. Jones & Mr. & Mrs. Gene A. Stanton.
Framed old Gibson map by Mrs. Monika Lea.
Two Fisher wood stoves sent by Mary Hughs.
The first community Christmas Tree in memory of James Pate Teal by Mrs. Maude Teal.
A table lamp by Mr. & Mrs. David Micheal.

A rocking chair given in memory of Mr. J.A. (Sandy) Livingston by Mrs. Hester L. Gibson.

A piano given by Mrs. Martha Chavis in memory of her mother, Mrs. Willie Ann Smith.

A U.S. flag sent by Congressman William Heffner.

A financial contribution in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. Lee McColman by Mrs. A Anne M. Copeland.

A financial contribution by Mr. Vernon F. Howell in memory of his father, Mr. Fred C. Howell.

A financial contribution in memory of Dr. E.A. Livingston by Miss Joanna Gibson.

A financial contribution by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bush in memory of Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Kenny McInnis.

A financial contribution by Mr. W. Kenny McInnis.

A financial contribution by Mrs. Fred C. Howell.

A financial contribution by Mr. James R. McKenzie.

A financial contribution by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Woodall.

A financial contribution by Mrs. Corinne Pate Stevenson.

A financial contribution by Mr. Charlie Clark.

The old depot bench has been remodeled and refinished. The piano has been completely reworked and is ready to make music. The station master's desk has been cleaned and is ready to be refinished.

If you haven't seen the Gibson Station Community Center recently, you haven't seen it.

LUNCHEON APPRECIATION

In the midst of North Carolina's most severe ice storm since 1969, the Community Development Association Board of Directors and Institute of Cultural Affairs staff hosted a luncheon of appreciation. Local and county heads of institutions and corporations as well as elected officials braved the icy weather to meet the Institute's international leadership team and hear the accomplishments of the past six months of the Gibson project.

With Valentine table decor and art work by Anita Stanton and Beth Lochlear, the refurbished pine room danced with candle light. Even though electricity was off and had been off and on all morning, a fine meal prepared by local residents of Gibson was enjoyed by all. Bringing greetings in this setting was Kamala Parakh from India and Robert Duffey from Australia. Mary Warren Moffet, a full time volunteer from Chicago who was hosting the team in the U.S., pointed to the human development methods at work in local communities around the world as that which had captured her family's full support.

The return of power was timely in allowing the showing of "The World of Human Development" by Kathy and Marshall Jones. Marshall is from Charlotte, North Carolina and a full time ICA staff member. This beautiful and sensitive film of "those who care" in local communities was applauded as one that should be shown to a variety of groups including churches, town meetings, civic clubs, bank boards and other institutions.

In spite of many external difficulties, Gibson Community members worked together to create another fine event- one that will long be remembered.

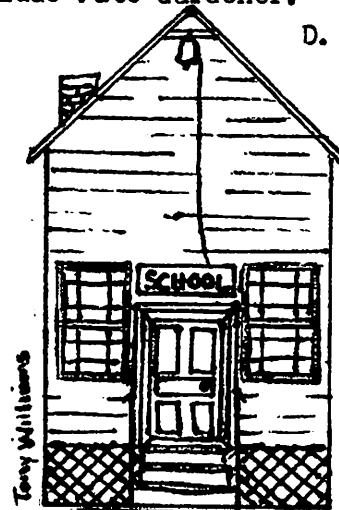
4-H Club

4-H is coming to the Gibson Depot Saturday, February 24th at 1:00 PM. All interested youth and parents are invited.

FINAL REDISTRICTING

The Scotland County School Board met at the Central office in Laurinburg on Monday, February 12th to vote on a compromise to Option I. The following are the enrollment figures they agreed to: Central- 435; Covington Street- 321; South Scotland- 602. The vote was 6-2. Everyone was in favor except for Roy Guenin and David Monroe. This was the first time redistricting has been dealt with since desegregation. The school board had a deadline of February 15th. The compromise did not include Pate-Gardener.

D. Benfield



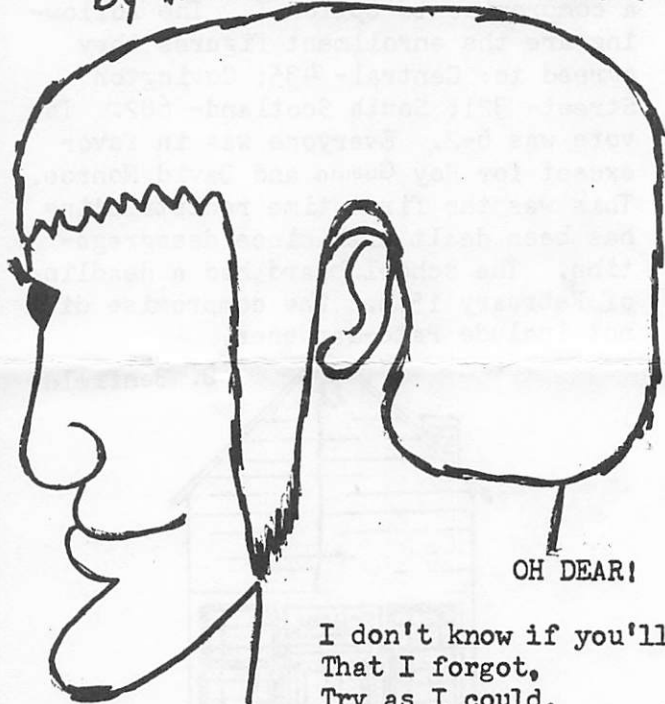
A CHILDREN'S MORNING

Saturday, February 17th, was a very good morning if you happened to be at the Community Center. It was a morning of films and songs for the children of Gibson. Although the films were not the ones that were expected to be shown, they proved to be entertaining just as well. A guest guitarist happened to be in town and together with the local strummer, a lively duet was on the scene who soon discovered that Gibson has lots of children who can sing very well and who are very willing to prove it.

On Saturday morning, March 3rd, another Children's Morning is scheduled. It will begin at 10:30 AM and all youth are invited. We plan to sing some songs and play some games. There will be posters announcing the event up in downtown Gibson as there were for last Saturday, so you can look for them as a reminder of the date.

The King Youth Gallery

by Alfonza Barnett McRae

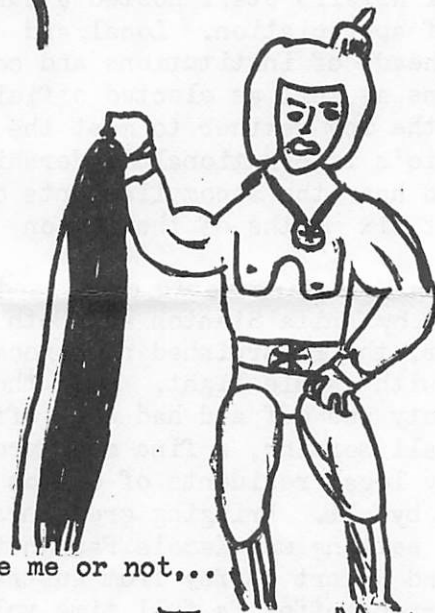


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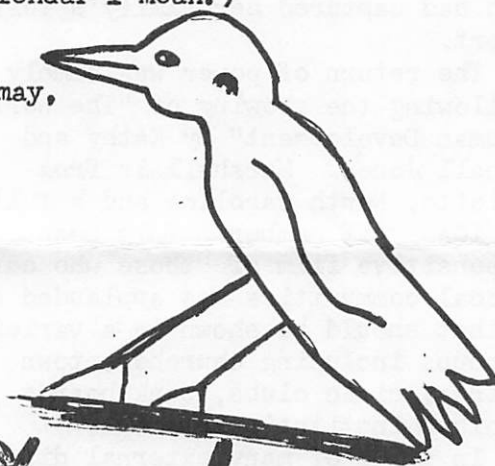
I don't know if you'll believe me or not,...
That I forgot,
Try as I could,
Remember as I might,
I just didn't win the fight.
I wrote it on my calendar,
but the dog ate it. (the calendar I mean.)

Wrote it on my palms,
it washed away I say!
All day long I've sat in dismay,
That on this day
Of all days,
Is your day,
And I forgot!

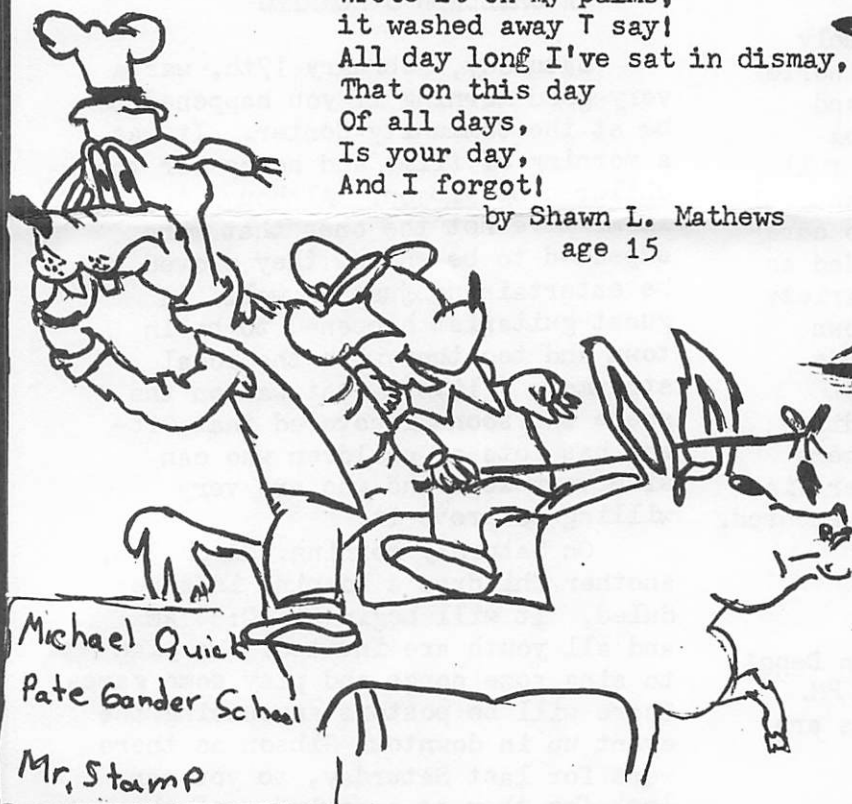
by Shawn L. Mathews
age 15



James McLean
David Stamp
9 49d



Donald Ray Davis
Mrs. Newton
Pate Gander School
Red J.



Michael Quick
Pate Gander School
Mr. Stamp

TALENT SHOW

There will be a task force meeting to begin organization of a Gibson Talent Show Saturday, February 24th at the Community Center at 3:00 PM. Anyone interested in assisting in this event is urged to attend.

VALENTINE PARTIES AT THE DEPOT

Folks of all ages enjoyed Valentine parties at the Community Center on Saturday evening, February 10th. The Center was colorfully decorated with hearts and other reminders of the season. During the first party, Mrs. Robert Greene, dressed as a clown, entertained the children with her animal figures made of balloons. Then the lights were lowered and the youth had a dance. Later, Peggy Jansen sang and played her guitar. Topping the party was the breaking of a Valentine pinata which showered candy and gum on the participants.

A musical evening was on tap for the adults and children who attended the second party. All seats in the pine room were filled while others stood about the wall. A trio from the Pentecostal Holiness Church presented several numbers after which the Junior Spiritual Choir of the Mt. Zion Church sang a group of spirituals. Then Dr. and Mrs. Ted Rodgers of Laurinburg provided an uplifting conclusion to the program with their songs about love.

The same pine room was magically transformed into a night club for the final party, a dance which was attended by about 30 people. Those who watched claimed to have had as much fun as those who danced. Evelyn selected a wide variety of records which kept everyone happy. Those of us who are not so nimble were amazed at the 'disco technique' of one young man who put his all into the dance! So a good time was had by everyone--!

Carolyn Gibson

MARY QUICK: QUILTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Mrs. Mary Quick has been living in the Gibson area for many years now. Born in Red Springs, she has been a resident of Scotland County since 1916. Mary Quick is a quilter. At 83 she still makes and sells them. One quilt she is particularly proud of has been in her family at least 200 years. It was made in slavery days she points out and is still in excellent condition. In warmer weather she quilts in a small house behind her home where room is plentiful. Winters she keeps busy by piecing quilt tops together. She likes to stay active because it keeps her mind right she says. It also seems to keep her fingers and body nimble because Mary is a very lively and energetic woman whose good humor and charm is impossible to miss in even a short visit. "Go slow," Mary says. "Work won't hurt you if you do it right."

Mary has happily obliged to be a charter member of the Quilting Bee which will be starting at the Community Center in the next couple of weeks. Other active ladies like Mary are planning to get together weekly to use their talents and pass on their skills to anyone interested in learning how to quilt. This will be a fine opportunity to meet new people and make some new friends. Perhaps in this way, quilting will not become a forgotten art. If you are interested in joining the group call Faye Mathews at 4941 for details.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER GROWS

New faces shine with eagerness and curiosity as little ones experience their first day at school. Three new children have increased enrollment to seven. Those attending are Brandi Benfield, Rasheem English, Beverly Scott, Jamie Benfield, Edward Bass, Mitzi Lee and Octavia Bass.

The door is open to visitors and interested community people, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 - 12:30. If you are interested in registering your child call 268-4405 during open hours or 268-3164 at other times.

THE SPIRITUAL FEW SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

President: Mrs. Mattie Stewart
Vice-president: Mrs. Myrtle Davis
Secretary: Mrs. Lillie Mae Goodwin
Treasurer: Mrs. Inez Jacobs

The Spittitual Few Senior Citizen Club members of Gibson belongs to District II of the North Carolina Association of Senior Citizens Clubs. We have attended the Parks & Recreation Festivals which was held last year in the park in Laurinburg. Mrs. Mary Queens and Mrs. Sybil Sikes are our district advisers. We have also enjoyed attending the Christmas Parties at Scotland High School in Laurinburg. We have our meetings at each others homes the 3rd Wednesday each month and we wish more of the senior citizens of our area would join this club. We as members have made waste paper baskets out of egg cartons and we are looking forward to another new project in the near future.

Mattie Stewart

TRADING LINES

Will babysit afternoons, evenings, weekends. Call Stephanie Bass; 268-4514.

Will babysit Monday - Thrusday and Saturday evenings. Call Patty Henschen; 268-3164

GIBSON JAYCEES

The Gibson Jaycees are a new group that was formed in August of last year. Presently they are sponsoring the Brownies and the Cub Scouts in town. During the holiday season they distributed forty food baskets to families in and around Gibson. They have also sent a donation of \$100.00 to the Jaycee Burn Center.

A few weeks ago at their meeting, two people from the Civitan Club in Laurinburg came and spoke about the Special Olympics which will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian College this summer. The Jaycees were asked to help sponsor this event. As a result, the Jaycees are planning a fund-raising campaign to support the Special Olympics which gives handicapped individuals a chance to participate in an exciting event that was designed specifically for them.

STAKE MEETINGS

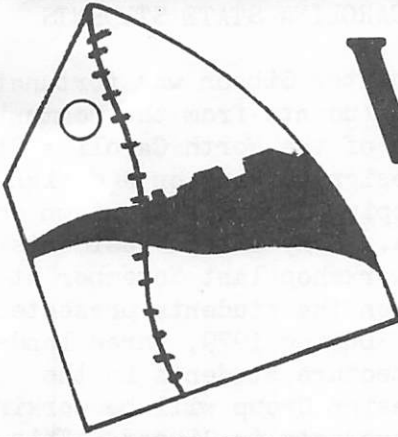
February 27th at 7 PM

- 1- Pate-Gardener School
- 2- (visitation)
- 3- Mrs. W.C. Dukes
- 4- Frank lea's
- 5- Mrs. Fred Howell's

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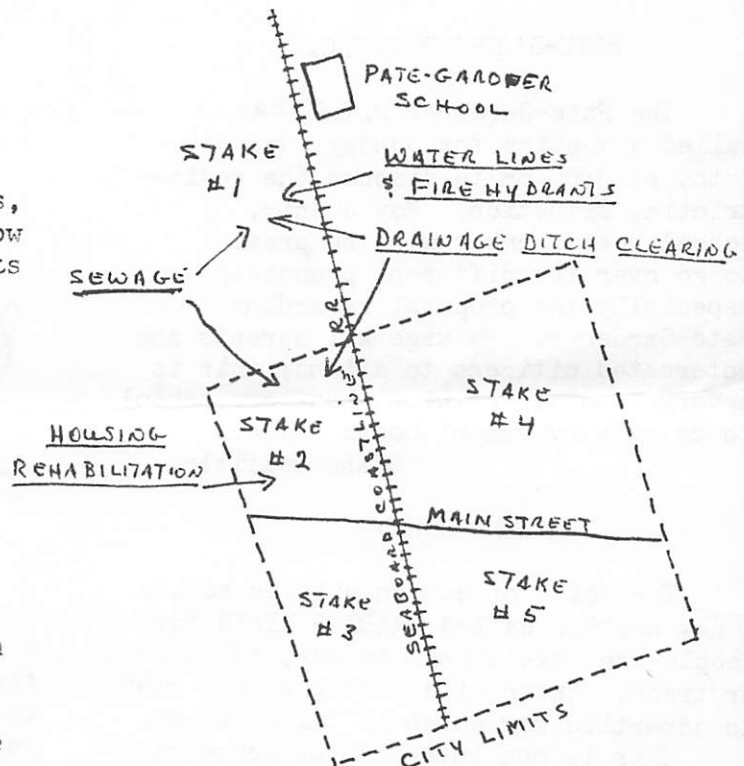
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CHEERS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL!!!

The Town of Gibson submitted a pre-application for a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant on Monday, January 22. The grant funds are made available to communities for improving the housing and general living environment of low to moderate income persons. Therefore, entire communities are not eligible for funds, only areas of high concentration of low to moderate income persons. The grants are highly competitive, with usually only 20% of the requests being funded.

The Gibson grant request submitted was for \$500,000 to be used for housing rehabilitation, sewer lines & a community septic tank, water lines & fire-hydrants and drainage ditch clearance as indicated on the map.

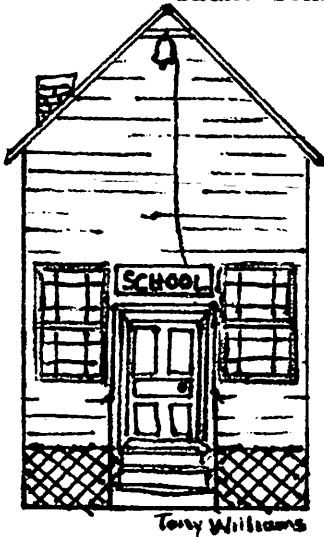
The communities being considered for funding will be requested on March 22 to submit a full-application. The Town Council will not know if Gibson is being considered until at least the March 22 date. If Gibson is funded there will continue to be public hearings and other opportunities through the Stakes and Guilds for citizen comments and suggestions.



PUBLIC HEARING OF SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

Monday, January 29th, at 7:30 pm, a public hearing has been scheduled at the media center at Scotland High School. The school board members will be presenting 3 proposals on redistricting to get input from the public. So please come and voice your opinions on the matter.

Diane Benfield



PATE-GARDENER P.T.O.

The Pate-Gardener P.T.O. has called a meeting for Sunday, January 28th, at 3:00 pm to discuss the redistricting situation. Roy Guenin, school board member will be present to go over the different proposals and especially the proposal regarding Pate-Gardener. We urge all parents and interested citizens to attend; this is a very crucial decision about our school to be made by school board member.

Diane Benfield

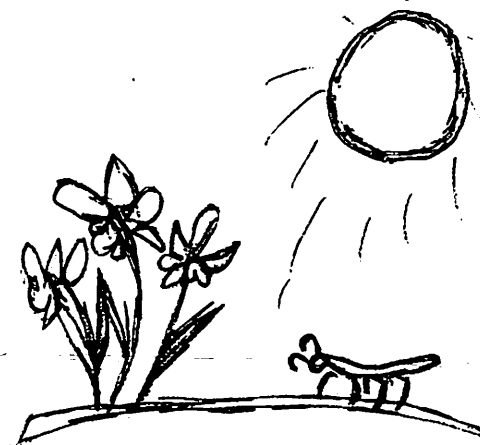
TRADING LINES

The Voice of Gibson will be adding a new section called TRADING LINES for people who have things to buy, sell, rent or trade. Those with services they wish to advertise may do so in this section.

This is not intended for commercial use but only for individuals. So if you have a refrigerator to sell or can fix toasters or will do babysitting for example, here is a place to get the word out. To place an ad, call Peggy Jansen at 3164 Monday through Friday between 9 am. and 5 pm.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE STUDENTS

Last quarter Gibson was fortunate to have two students from the Community Design Group of the North Carolina State School of Design working on a design for redeveloping Gibson's Downtown commercial area. Many Gibson residents attended a workshop last November at the Depot when the students presented their work. During 1979, three landscape architecture students in the Community Design Group will be working on several projects in Gibson. This will include continuing last quarter's work on downtown redesign, forming an overall land development plan for Gibson, planning renovation of the remainder of the Depot and new housing development. The current plan is for the students to be in once or twice a week during the coming year. You'll probably be seeing them around the community during the next couple weeks talking to local residents, taking pictures and getting to know Gibson.



ART FROM THE YOUNG

Each edition of the Voice will have a section devoted to the young of Gibson. Anyone from very tiny through high school is invited to contribute their pictures poems or stories. Space will limit the amount of art that can appear in any one issue so we ask that pictures be small and drawn on unlined paper. If you have something to put in the paper, drop it by the Teacherage or call Peggy Jansen at 3164 and arrangements can be made to pick it up.

GET SOMETHING HOPPIN' !!!

Want to get something hoppin' right here in Gibson? How do you feel about being a 'big Frog' in a little pond? How about a little Frog in a big pond? Well, we have a place for every variety of God's critters, and none's too small to really count. The Gibson Community Development Association NEEDS your talents. That doesn't mean that if you can't sing, dance or play piano you don't have talent! Can you cook? yes! great, what's your special dish? How about sewing? Painting? Do carpentry or clean up? Or perhaps work with a telephone committee to inform members of your stake of important events. If you have a special talent or area of interest, would you be willing to share with the rest of Gibson?

Now, how about TIME? Are you one of those folks with a lazy schedule and plenty of time? Or a person with more to do than ever seems to get done? There's a place for each. In fact, sometimes it's the busiest people who get things crackin'!. In order to give everyone a chance to take part we would like to form a Time & Talent Resource Bank. If each of us here in Gibson would list an area of interest &/or talent and the amount of time they can comfortably commit to the project, it would do two very important things. First it would be such a blessing to those of us trying to plan activities. We would know who likes to do what, and how much time they have available. And second, it would mean we could share the load, spread it among us more evenly, more fairly, giving every one a chance to participate. Even those folks who don't get around much could really contribute by making phone calls or doing something special at home. For those who feel they've born far more than their share of 'taking part', say, isn't it time we get you off the front lines for a well deserved breather?

Get something hopping



Seriously now, think for a minute. How much time per month can you honestly commit and feel good about? Each of us knows best for ourselves what just the right balance is between feeling overburdened and the other extreme of not pulling our load. None of us need go away feeling guilty or unappreciated. So HELP US build a system that lets each of us make an honest, soul-searched commitment, one that can be counted on. Then we can feel GOOD, knowing with reasoned certainty that we are doing our part-- satisfied and resting easy in the

peaceful feeling of a JOB WELL DONE!! Remember, the more each of us shoulders our share of the responsibilities, the more each of us can bask in the credit of our accomplishments.

So come be a part of Gibson's success story, help keep things hoppin'!!

Fill out your 'HOPPIN' OVER TO HELP' questionnaire, return it at any project event or drop it by the Gibson Station during the day.

OR: Call us, we'd be glad to take your information over the phone.

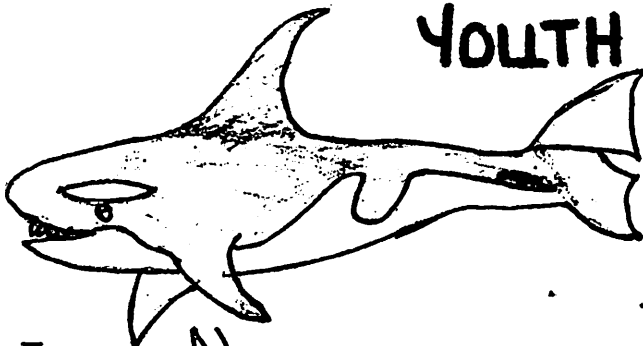
Faye Mathews, VISTA @ 268-4941
any day, Monday thru
Friday, any time before
10 pm.

by Doris Tindall
Faye Mathews

advisers:

Marge Whitlock
Diane Benfield

YOUTH GALLERY



By Tommy Gibson (12)

The name "killer whale" is
wrongly given to the Orca.
It is a very gentle animal.
They are about 30 feet long
with 7 foot dorsal fins.

Tommy Gibson (12)

MY FIRST POEM

You know,
I wrote my first poem
So long ago.
When the skies were dark
And the winds blew cold!
I went outside to see
Which way the birds would fly.
The swallows said rain,
And so did I.
Gently rain, trickling down
So beautiful
Streaking the window panes,
I just had to put it down.
But then--
The winds grew wild
And the trees marched angrily
Across the horizon line.
Thor, the Thunder God
Roared in dark fury
And I put that down on my paper, too.
But as I wrote
I became scared.
I was all alone.
Somehow, I found the courage to write that, too.
And then my dog came up to me
And said "It's all right."
And he approved the poem I had written,
And I felt better.
My first poem.

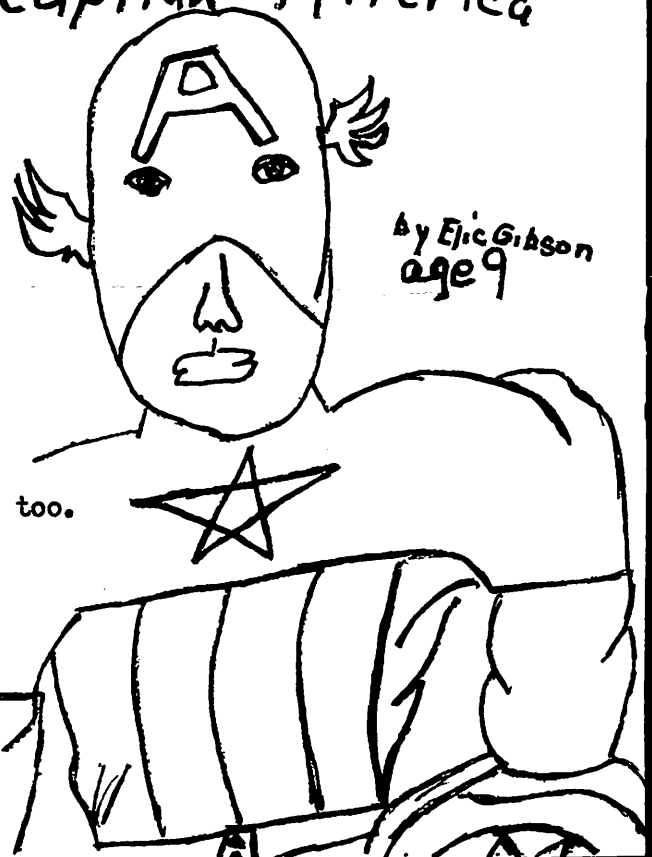
by Patty Henschen
age 15

The cat ran up the
Clock and the clock
Went tick tock
by Chris Peele
age 10

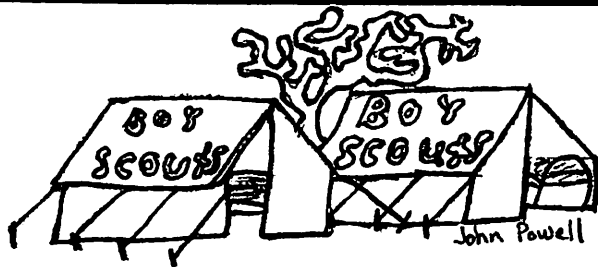


By Susan Peele

Captian America



by Eric Gibson
age 9



THE CUB SCOUTS OF GIBSON

There are two Cub Scout Packs in the Gibson community. Gail Gibson is Den Mother for Den 1 and meets with her pack on Wednesday afternoons. Sara Pevey is Den Mother for Den 2 and meets with her pack every Thursday afternoon. Last fall the Jaycees became sponsors for the Scouts.

Cub Scouts are boys ages 8-10. While they are Cub Scouts, the boys learn many things and work towards earning a Bobcat badge by learning the Cub Scout promise, motto and law. To earn the Bear Badge, a Cub Scout must accomplish many 'achievements' which are stated in their handbook. Among the many things emphasized are studies and activities in wildlife conservation, woodworking, using rope, writing, outdoor games, whittling, heritage, fitness and religious as well as family activities.

The Cub Scouts is a challenging club for young boys. They share a special salute, pledge and handshake with all other Cub Scout Dens across the country. The Scout pledge is a simple one, but not easy to live up to: 'Do Your Best'. This is a fine way to build character and provide structured activity for boys in Gibson.

Sara Pevey

ANNUAL MEETING

GIBSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSN. INC.

JANUARY 30, 1979

7:00 PM

GIBSON STATION COMMUNITY CENTER

A BRIGHT SPOT IN AN ORDINARY DAY

A visit to the Early Learning Center can be a delightful event in an ordinary day. There are five curious young faces to greet you when you walk in. You can tell they are wondering who you are, but their bashfulness keeps them quiet for a short time. Very soon though, you will find that all of them have a lot to say. Ask them if they have visited a farm. You will find out that they surely did and they saw pigs. Big ones and little ones both. Pigs talk you know, and any of the children can make pig noises for you.

Of course, the children are not the only ones at the Early Learning Center. Carol Luker and Annie Bass are to be found there as well. Together with Naomi Liles, who is presently in Chicago, they have been chiefly responsible for the creation of the Center. They are the ones who are there every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four hours in the morning; playing, singing and learning with the children. Learning is not easy to do sometimes. It is not always easy to remember to wash your hands. It's not always easy to share. But together the group can learn and grow and experience new things.

Why not call Carol or Annie at the Early Learning Center some Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (4405) and invite yourself down for a visit? In addition, here's something to think about. Carol and Annie want to have more people involved at the Early Learning Center. If you have young children you would like to see enrolled in this program, or if you would like to contribute some of your time, you can be sure your efforts would be greatly appreciated. Carol can be reached at the Institute (3164) when she is not at the Early Learning Center.

The fate of liberty and democracy are finally entrusted to the hands of the American people.

George Washington, 1791



GIBSON AMBASSADOR CLUB

Come join the fun and excitement of being an ambassador for Gibson. If you are pleased and grateful for the revitalization under way in Gibson, why not share it with other communities? I was lucky to be one of the first Gibson ambassadors, but there will be much opportunity for many of you to join the Gibson Ambassador Club. What a grand way to ring out the praises of Gibson and share how it all began and is progressing. Just let Evelyn know if you are interested. I am sure she would love to have you join her in this work.

Viola Benfield

THE PANACHAYAT TREK

On the 6th and 7th of February, Gibson will be receiving guests who are staff of the Institute of Cultural Affairs. They are part of a group who are visiting all Human Development Projects and ICA offices throughout the world during 1978-1979. Two of the guests are members of the Panachayat, a Global Deanery which represent five nations of the world. Tim Lush, director of the Southeastern area of the US, will be here, as well as Mary Warren Moffit who is a global guardian. This group will be meeting with the community as well as key individuals in the county and surrounding area who have been supportive of the project. At the Guild Meeting Tuesday night, February 6th, there will be an opportunity to meet these people, hear about other projects and share the events that have been occurring in the Gibson Human Development Project.

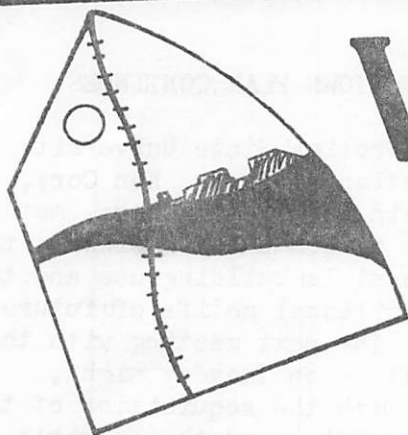
Nothing would be done at all if a man waited till he could do it so well that none could find fault with it.

The trouble with some people is that they won't admit their faults. I'd admit mine-if I had any.

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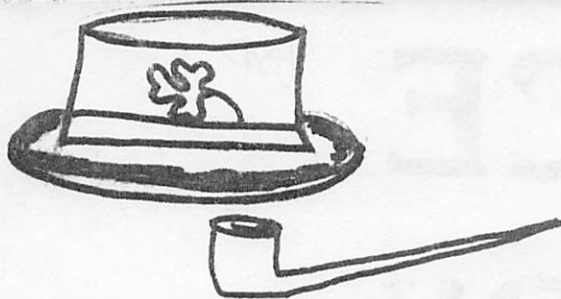
Gibson, North Carolina

March 23, 1979

MARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the first two weeks of March there are quite a number of things that have occurred in which the community takes great pride.

The pine room floor of the Community Center was sanded and one coat of varnish applied. Shutters for the windows were ordered and the historical room is taking shape as two donated pictures of Gibson were hung. Two flags and standards, a gift of money and old railroad agents pictures were donated. Also, two pieces of furniture were cleaned for refinishing. The Regional Trek to six key cities returned. Two community members and three ICA staff members participated with key guardians setting up events in each city. The Voice was published and distributed and No. 18 was planned. The entire kitchen of the United Methodist Church was cleaned with three parents and staff participating. A visit from the Department of Transportation to Stake 1 resulted in the immediate grading of the fan-tail and a promise of paving Church Street before summer. N.C. State Architectural Students visited Guild Meeting and met with the Community Center Guild for discussion of use of the rest of the depot. Later they held a downtown building usage workshop with 20 in attendance. The Lucky Shamrock Talent Show happened with over 100 present, after hours of work on decoration, practice and set-up. The quilting frame was built and painted with growing community interest. Four-County voted to give Gibson 250 feet of chain link fence and a 14' by 120' pre-fab building. A concise, comprehensive report from each of the HDTs students was given at Guild meeting. Early Learning Center children got new uniform smocks and staff made plans for opening three full days a week beginning in April. A plot for a garden in Stake 1 was located. A committee of youth planned a car wash for March 31st and named themselves "Busy Beavers". A parent-teacher basketball game at the Gibson gym was an overwhelming success with 300 present. Workday refurbished a downtown mini-park with azalias, camellias, dogwood and border plants as 40 people participated. A drainage ditch was cleaned in the fan-tail area, relieving a flooding situation. Two Town Meetings were held in Augusta and one 70 member Town Meeting in Oak Island in which community members participated. The CDA office downstairs room was scraped and painted. The Gibson Classic Basketball Tournament was held. The Webelos was organized with five 10 year olds meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. A model 80AM off set press and large office desk for CDA was received. CDA held a board meeting and worked on financial models. P.R. materials were printed from the best news coverage of the past. The Economic Guild had many meetings in working out details for developing industry and new business ventures. With a new quarter just around the corner, the present one has seen fit to go out in fine style.



THE GIBSON LUCKY SHAMROCK SHOW

On Saturday, March 17th, the Gibson Lucky Shamrock Show went on as scheduled. Seventeen people performed in ten different acts with James Harris as Master of Ceremonies. The majority of the acts were youth of the community, many of whom had assisted in making and putting up decorations in the auditorium of Pate-Gardner to give it a St. Patrick's Day flavor.

There was singing, dancing, mime, a piano solo, a trumpet solo, a little girl with a big sucker and even two boys demonstrating their acrobatic skills on floor mats.

Cakes were awarded to the three acts that received the most applause from the audience.

The performers found out that going on stage for the rehearsal on Thursday was alot easier than going on stage for Saturday's show, but afterward, they were all proud of themselves for making the effort.

Thanks to all who participated in the show or helped in any way. Special thanks to Mrs. Dukes, Diane Benfield and Rosa Michael for making the cakes and thanks also to Ms. Thomas and Mr. Johnson for their support and assistance.

AN UPDATE ON MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Two flags and standards were given by Frank Lea III in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly A. Hunsucker.

A financial contribution was given by Ethel Webb and Daphne Daster in memory of their father, James Ellison Daster.

WORK ON DOWNTOWN PLAN CONTINUES

North Carolina State University School of Design Students: Ken Cory, Kay Pearlstein and Ginger Jones, met with a group of community residents to determine possible building use and to introduce additional motifs of future renovation. The next meeting with the students will be on Tuesday night, April 2nd. With the acquisition of the CDA office building and the possible announcement of the opening of two new businesses in the near future, we are ready to move on future renovation. Therefore, community consensus is important and these meetings are crucial. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The cross road of the Carolinas has something new to be proud of. In response to citizen requests for replacement of street signs, the city council has arranged for all 39 intersections in Gibson to be marked with their appropriate names. Twenty-eight of those metal name signs are already finished and installed. In addition to the convenience of having each cross-roads identified, it is improtant to be able to give emergency services a reliable way to find someone's home in a hurry. Mr. Joye, our city clerk, has expressed concern over the permanence of the signs. In the past the signs erected have suffered at the hands of pranksters and others who have removed the tops or pulled over the poles out of boredom or as an unfunny joke. Considering the \$400.00 expense involved, paid out of city taxes, we are hoping that all residents will consider themselves guardians of our new signs.

A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF MISS HESTOR

The Friendly Club met on March 6th and Mrs. John Y. Gibson was honored on this day as the oldest member of the club. She was presented a pink carnation corsage. Mrs. Gibson will be celebrating her 91st birthday on March 19th. She has been an active member since the club was organized and rarely misses a meeting. After a short program everyone enjoyed Bingo. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Trudy Gibson, Mrs. Bertha Lucas and Mrs. Mason McGregor. Ham biscuits, coffee, ice cream and birthday cake were enjoyed. We are looking forward to honoring other members when they reach their 90th year. You see, we never get too old to celebrate a birthday.

Rosa Michael

GIBSON HEAD START

A Head Start Center is operated in the old Gibson School's lunch room. The hours of operation are from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The children come on a split shift- 20 come on Mondays and Tuesdays and a different 20 come on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays we have workshops for parents. All the children come from low-income families. Applications are now being accepted for the 1979-1980 program year. If you have a child age 4 or 5 years, come by the center and fill out an application or call 268-4780 and someone will be glad to discuss the application with you.

The Child Development Center is both a concept and a community facility. In concept it represents the drawing together of all those resources- family, community and professionals which can contribute to the child's total development. A major focus of the program is speech and language development services. Clinical services and parent counseling services are also available.

The Head Start Program is a strong step in preparing children for school as well as providing them a fun and interesting place to grow and learn.

(Thanks to Ms. Williams)



IT TAKES A GOOD DRIBBLE

On March 9th at 7:00 in the evening 2 interesting basketball games were played in the Gibson gym to an audience of about 300. Pate-Gardner teachers challenged the parents of students. There was a women's game and a men's game. Since there are more parents than teachers, the ranks of teachers' teams were filled out by non-teachers. The games were both close, the women's score was 14-12 in favor of the parents and the men's game, 76-71 in favor of the parents. Both were very good action filled contests.

The half-time also proved interesting. There was a tumbling act from the Gentry's Dance Studio and a dance routine performed by Kim Caster of Laurinburg. Proceeds from the evening are targeted to pay for air-conditioning at Pate-Gardner. Thanks go out to Roxie Foland for organizing the event.

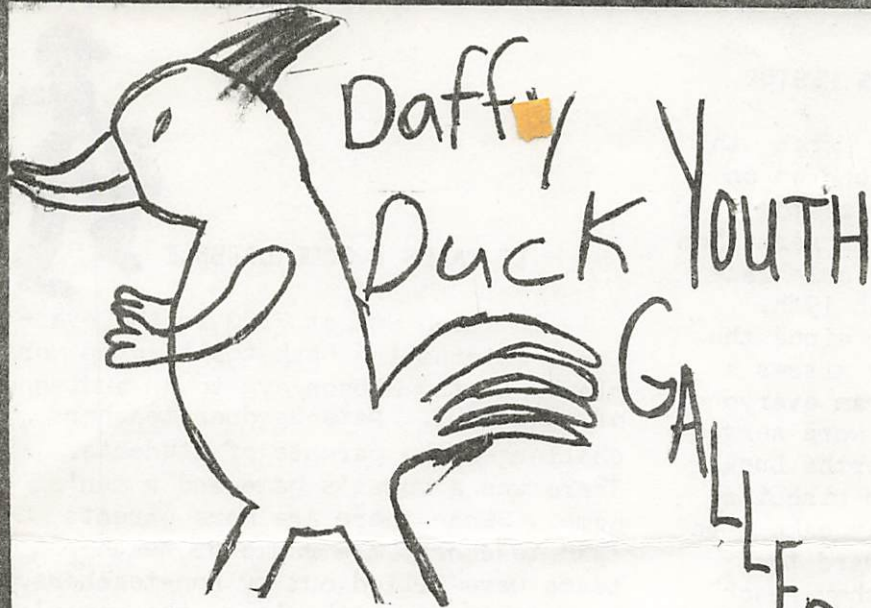
SIGNS OF SPRING

We had a great workday on Saturday, March 17th. Approximately 40 community people participated. Most of the work was concentrated on the mini-park next to the First Union Bank. Shrubs were planted and some brickwork was done around flower beds. Some plants were donated by Dr. and Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Dukes and Mrs. Micheal. Other plants have been pledged by Mrs. Howell, which will be used on a later workday.

More plants were added to the park in front of the Community Center, these shrubs were provided by Randy Marks at wholesale cost. Randy has been very helpful with his experience in planting and designing.

We are looking forward to another great workday in the very near future which will be announced.

James H. Harris



Daffy
Duck YOUTH
GALLERY

alfonzamcrae
age 11

woody woodpecker



Gary
mcrae
age 14



by Greg White



By
Sherry mcRae

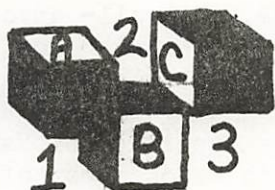


age 9



Tony atlas

By Willie Monroe



EARLY LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The parents, children and staff of the center invite the community to an Open House on Sunday afternoon, April 1 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to celebrate a full Quarter of the operation of the pre-school program in its demonstration phase. Also, there will be a sharing with the community the learning experiences of the children and answering of questions that people may have. Mark this date on your calendar and drop by for a visit that Sunday afternoon. The children will be expecting you... no foolin'.

READY, SET, GO-KARTS!

Another spring is about to begin and it will soon be Go-karting time once again. For all of you that might be interested in Karting as a spectator or driver, the first races were held March 10th and 11th at Carolina International Kart-Way in Darlington, S.C. This event had over 250 entries, with drivers from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia. Another event was at Rockingham's 220 Go-Kart track with alot of our local folk in attendance.

Go-Karting is good entertainment for the whole family, young and old. So, get on your mark, get set, and let's go to the Go-Kart races!!!

Anyone interested in knowing when future races will be held may contact us at the Gibson Texaco, phone: 268-4935.

Terry Benfield

WHO ARE THE BUSY BEAVERS

For some weeks now, children in the community, ages 6 - 12, have been coming together for activities like seeing films, drawing, playing table games, planning and making decorations for the talent show and participating in that show. They decided several weeks ago to have a fund raising event to help buy equipment for games at the community center. They even have a list of ideas for table games. It has been fascinating watching them tackle the planning for a car wash. They are recruiting others to help them make up teams that will work together and are figuring out how to get the supplies need for a car wash event. They assisted an adult in requesting permission to use the property owned by Mr. Huckabee. A nameless group is not very exciting, so on Saturday, March 17, after much conversation, they named themselves the Busy Beavers. As they talked about their name, you heard a sense of pride about how they saw themselves participating in the life of the community. All those of age are welcome to participate in the industrious activities of the Busy Beavers.

CAR WASH \$ 2.50

Sponsored by the BUSY BEAVERS

Saturday March 31, 1979

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Place: S. Main Concrete Slab

Formerly Gardner's

Used Car Lot

Purpose: Raise \$ to buy table/
activity games for the
Community Center

FIRST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ALASKA

Minto, a village of 260, located about 120 miles northwest of Fairbanks, is the site of the first Human Development Project in Alaska, when the town hosts a Consult there March 19-25.

Minto residents are Athabaskans, the most widely scattered linguistic family in North America. Like most native Alaskans, they live mainly by subsistence hunting, fishing and trapping, but in recent years their age-old way of life has come into conflict with land claim settlements, oil explorations and fish and game laws.

In 1969, Minto was relocated off a flood plain where water, sewage and electrical systems were hastily installed to accomodate the new village. Minto residents now want to prepare themselves for a more permanent settlement and to demonstrate to their neighbors a new alternative in rural Alaskan living.

WEBELOS MEETINGS

The Webelos will be holding weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at the Community Center. This week will be their third meeting. The club is for 10 year old boys. The Jaycees are sponsoring the group as well as providing the leadership.

QUILTER CALL

Come one, come all- anyone interested in quilting, or learning how, or even just helping us gossip while we stitch away. The quilting frame is finished, thanks to the expertize of Harold Teal, and painted to match decor of the Depot. And now all we need are some more hands to get us started. We'll be working on finished quilt tops, taking each one of us in turn. And anyone interested in turning their talents into a little extra money, I am told that we have connections to sell quilts as fast as we could make them. So call me. Faye Mathews at 4941 or stop by the teacherage. We will be starting this week at the Community Center, one afternoon a week for 2-3 hours.

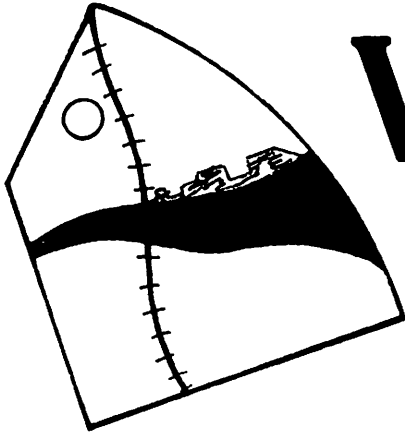
DID YOU SAY TIGERS?

The Brownies went to Exotic Bird Land last Monday afternoon in Laurinburg on McColl Highway. Mr. Morgan operates it and is hoping to build it into a pet shop and show piece. The Brownies saw many kinds of birds as well as leopards, raccoons, dogs, tarantulas, tropical fish and tigers. Who would have guessed that such exotic creatures are so near at hand? The expedition proved to be most interesting. Thanks to Sara Pevey and Wilheimer Miller for assisting on the trip.

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SPRING HAS SURELY COME TO GIBSON

As spring approached, we waited for the first sign- the first flower blooming, the first bird to appear singing. It seems in the past month, Gibson has been hit with a string of signs. It's exciting to be back outside working, with results that can be seen throughout Gibson.

The park by the bank has come to life with flowers that were planted by the Early Learning Center. The park in front of the Community Center has undergone a total change from its looks of a month ago. We recently received flowers from Mrs. Farrel and ninety percent of all shrubs as well as fifty percent of all flowers we have planted in town have come from the community. In addition, the New Horizons Park in Stake 1 has taken new leaps forward. Also, with Stake workdays and the individual home care, it seems that Gibson is well on its way to becoming the beauty spot of the Carolinas.

This Saturday, April 21st, is the day you have been waiting for. We are going to begin construction of the new entrance of the Community Center. We have 20 guests coming from outside the community to assist in the task. The challenge to all who live in and around Gibson is to come out for a day of work, fun and celebration. We need all the help we can get. The work starts at 9:00 AM and will end at 4:00 PM.

See ya there.

The Living Environment Guild

GIBSON DAY

JUNE 16TH- FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHAT A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!!!!

Grand Opening of the Restaurant

Farmer's Market

Tours

Slides, pictures

Street dances

Food

Costumes

Let's get everyone who loves Gibson back to celebrate. Invite your friends and relatives!

COME AND HELP PLAN THE DAY

Tuesday Guild Meetings
7:30 P.M. at the Community Center

GIBSON AND THE HUD CDEG FUNDING

Gibson was one of 105 communities in North Carolina which applied for Single Purpose HUD Community Development Block Grant Funding. It was not one of the 25 communities selected to be funded. The program is very competitive, and winners are determined on a very objective point system. Gibson was 60 points short of the funding cut-off mark (462 in relation to 522). Where Gibson failed to receive points was in the "bonus points" category. Out of a possible 175 points, Gibson got only 25. The "bonus points" are given to communities which already have demonstrated outstanding performance in the area of housing. CD Block Grants are designed to help communities that have shown considerable effort to help themselves. Many of the programs which qualify for bonus points can be initiated in the next 3 to 4 months. This will put Gibson in a more competitive position when applications are submitted next year.



FARMER'S MARKET TO OPEN SOON

During the consult last June, one of the concerns mentioned was a Farmer's Market that would enable local farmers and gardeners to secure additional income through the sale of locally grown produce and flowers. This should be a reality before June 16th. The Economic Development Guild is working toward providing space on the back concrete platform of the depot. You should see this area taking shape in the next few weeks. If you have any suggestions as to how the market should function, do not hesitate to attend the Guild meetings on Tuesday nights at the Community Center, 7:30 P.M. Also, if you plan a garden this year, why not enlarge it by a few rows and pick up a little extra money? Everyone's welcome to participate.



SOME NEIGHBORLY GATHERINGS

Community members living in each of the 5 Stakes put their heads together to decide what places in their immediate area they would most like to see improved. Saturday, April 14th, was the first workday to deal with these sites.

Stake 1 worked on the lot opposite the Green Lake A.M.E. Zion Church and removed 3 truck loads of wood and brush as well as 2 truck loads of bricks. The hot dog sales raised an additional \$30.00 for the New Horizons Park.

Stake 2 worked on a lot on the corner of Quick and Davis Street, clearing small trees from around the an abandoned house and picking up debris.

Stake 3 targeted the vacant house on the curve of Main Street. Their aim is to clean up the yard and plant flowers.

Stake 4 worked Thursday afternoon on on the lot on the corner of Main Street and 381. Broken trees and underbrush were cleared at the edge of the lot. On Saturday, the rubbish was hauled away.

Stake 5 concentrated on the Captain White House. They spent their time cleaning the yard there.

The two other workdays scheduled for Stake work will bring with them further demonstrations of care for space

GIBSON CDA TO HIRE SECRETARY-BOOKKEEPER

The Gibson Community Development Association, Inc., has decided to hire a part-time secretary-bookkeeper. The position will pay \$3.50 an hour and provide 20 hours of work a week. Applicants should have experience in typing, bookkeeping and pay-roll. The work time will be 5 days a week, 4 hours a day. The exact hours each day have not been determined, but will be between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:00PM. Application forms can be picked up from CDA secretary, Sadie Odom, and need to be returned to her no later than May 7th. Employment begins on Monday, May 14th, with a one week orientation period.

YOUTH WORK WEEK

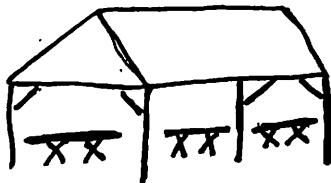
On Thursday afternoon, April 12th, there was a meeting at the depot. The youth decided that they would have a work week and a fun week together. So, Tuesday we all went downtown to the old depot and began cleaning it out. Then we went roller skating at the Plaza Roller Dome. We all had a good time while we were there.

Wednesday we went to New Horizons Park. We went down the side of the rail road track raking up trash. We also went all around the park picking up paper. That afternoon we went to play Putt-Putt at the Roller Dome.

Thursday was a day to work on the old depot again. That evening, we went swimming at St. Andrew's College.

So, we spent some of our vacation time helping to beautify Gibson.

Rodney McLaurin



HAVE YOU SEEN THE PARK LATELY?

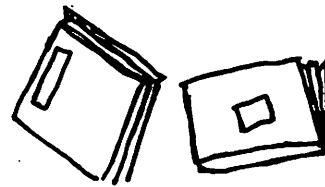
On Saturday, April 7th, the community workday centered on the New Horizons Park. With the help of rakes, shovels and elbow grease, a drainage ditch to the side of the area was cleared of the litter and weeds it had been accumulating. In the process, a water moccasin that happened upon the scene was the cause of a minor disturbance. The bull frog that was captured, however, did not draw such startled response.

The men put up the poles for the pavilion that is to be built.

Hot dogs and hamburgers that were cooked on the new barbeque pit, were sold to raise money for materials still needed for the park.

Mr. David Quick has since leveled the ground of the area and a new look is beginning to make itself more clear as a result of all the work that has been occurring.

Pat Robinson



LITERACY TUTOR-TRAINING WORKSHOP

You can help an adult learn to read and write. It's sooo simple! If you can read most of this newsletter, then you can tutor an adult. Some adult non-readers dislike classrooms to learn in, which is why one to one tutoring works so well. The tutoring is done in the home or at the Gibson Reading Center.

The Scotland County Literacy Council will be having a tutor-training workshop at the Gibson Community Center on May 10, 17, 21 and June 7 from 7 to 10 PM. These workshops train the tutors in the use of the Laubach Method in tutoring an adult. It also shows how to relate positively to another person. If you want to know more about the workshop, ask Doris Tindall, Jewel Johnson or Mr. Alton Parker, or give us a call at 276-7007

Tim Knapp

SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

The Employment Security Commission of Laurinburg has recently announced that Gibson will be part of the Summer Youth Work Program this year. The program will begin on June 16th and last for eight weeks. Each participant will work 35 hours each week and be paid 2 \$2.90 per hour. To be eligible, you must be between 14 and 21 and participants will be selected on family income. At least 10 Gibson residents (male or female) will be selected to work in Gibson. Others may be selected to work for the Scotland County School System. Those hired to work in Gibson will work on special community improvement programs, as well as participating in special classes and study sessions. If you think you qualify for this program, please pick up an application at the Community Center (depot) from David Hutcheons or James Harris.

How many words can you find in the puzzle below? Look across, up and down, backwards and diagonally.

Z T A O C P A C A S T A R A G
 E E S C H O O L A R O D S N R
 U A B H R W O A L O A D I I O
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 L I T T A L L E N A E F W H I
 L T O E L E P H A N T R O A R
 V H M R E S T A R T Q W D A S

SILENCE

Silence.
 It speaks.
 A silent burning candle
 Speaks of hope,
 Of happiness,
 Of mystery-
 To a silent pair of lovers,
 Silence tells all of
 Their thought,
 Love,
 Company of each other.
 Silence can
 Show great respect;
 Can portray,
 When one refuses to speak,
 That he is mad.
 And if many
 Remain silent,
 Silence may speak discomfort.
 Silence tells of fear!
 Silence tells of hate!
 Silence is the hidden spark
 Of anger,
 Ready to
BURST
 Into a wild, roaring bonfire
 To destroy,
 To demolish,
 To...

YOUTH
 GALLERY

But then again,
 Silence
 Is a blooming flower,
 Softly spreading its petals
 Toward the Sun,
 And it's message
 Of beauty
 And peace,
 Everywhere.

Karen Ellsworth, age 14

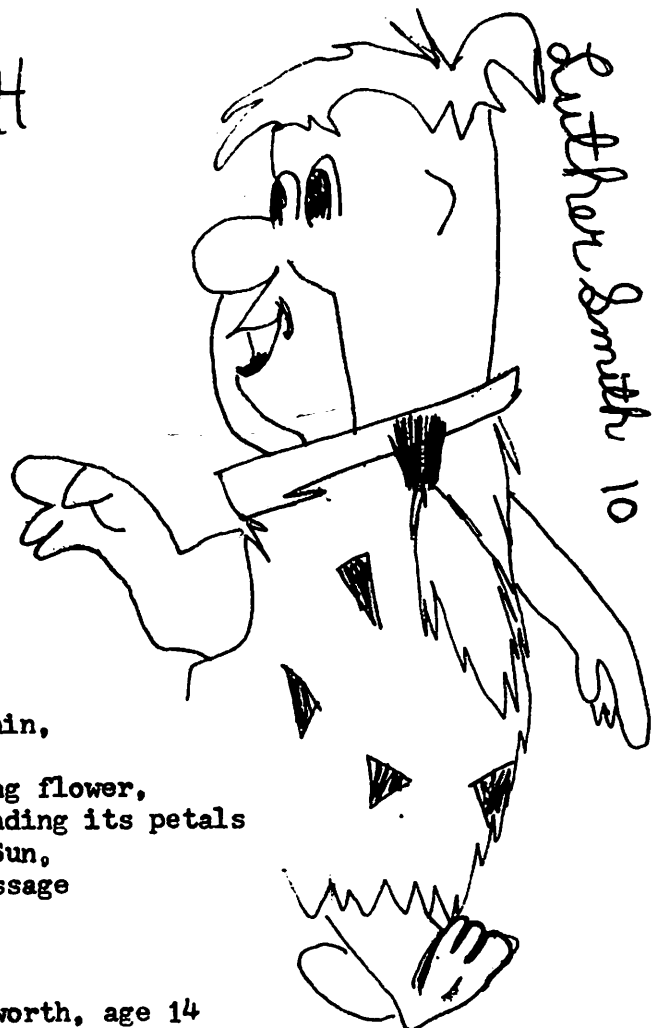
MY BEST FRIEND

Some folks think that a dog
 Is surely man's best friend,
 But my best friend has a
 Big, broad back and a long
 Bushy tail at his end.

I love to stand
 And watch him as he's
 Gulping down his food.
 He often gets me dirty when
 He's in a playful mood.

I guess you've figured
 Out by now that my friend's
 Not a cat.
 But would you believe he is
 A horse
 Of course a horse!
 TRY THAT!!!

Angela Parker, age 10



PATE-GARDNER SEEKS ACCREDITATION

On April and May 1st, a visiting committee from the Southern Association Accreditation will be at Pate-Gardner School.

The committee will be visiting Gibson's elementary school to recommend whether or not it merits accreditation. They will meet back at their central office with committees that have been visiting other elementary schools to make their final decisions and to write up recommendations for these schools.

This regional association visits schools that have requested their evaluation and rate the schools against what they have determined are standards for what a good school should be. The aim of the program is to promote elementary school improvement.

(Thanks to Ms. Thomas)



SUNRISE ON EASTER MORNING

Sunrise on Easter Sunday found a group of approximately 50 people gathered in the old Gibson Cemetery for a Sunrise Worship Service.

Each person attending, brought flowers from their yard and decorated a seven foot cross that had been erected. The sunrise shining on this beautiful cross made a most impressive setting for the service.

Rev. Robert Greene, pastor of the Gibson Baptist Church, presided for the singing, Scripture Lesson and morning prayer.

Special music was enjoyed. Peggy Jansen, soloist and guitarist, sang "Morning Has Broken".

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Lea Harper, professor at Pembroke State University.

It was the best Easter Sunrise Service I have ever attended. I would hope it could become an annual part of Easter worship.

Doris Tindall

HANDICRAFT FOR PROFIT

Is anyone interested in learning ways to turn spare minutes, odd hours or scrap material into profit-making handicrafts? I have several ideas for projects of different sorts which would produce a salable product and would be happy to share the ideas and the how-to with anyone willing to invest their time to learn. Some of the possibilities are wood-working, a quilted coverlet design which can be done in small sections and does NOT need to be actually quilted, macrame, and designing quilt tops. If done well, any of these items could find an outlet in speciality shops, either locally or nearer the tourist areas.

I also have information on how to get a food co-op or buying club started. Basically this is just a group of families or households who pool their food-buying power in order to be able to buy the food they want at wholesale prices (10 to 50% below regular stores). It can be as small as 15 families or as large as a few hundred; it can operate out of the members' backyards or have it's own store. A fundamental principle of co-ops is that the members save on their food because they organize themselves to do the work of transporting, packaging and distribution of food by club members to club members. The club asks a small membership fee as front money to pay for the first order. Usually, small clubs pre-order and distribute from a home or church basement. You can use food stamps in a buying club. In addition to saving money, it's a good opportunity for a community to pull together and develop a strong grassroots organization. If interested, stop me on the street sometime or call: 268-4941.

Faye Mathews

BE SURE AND VOTE ON THE
ONE CENT TAX ISSUE TO
BE COMING TO THE POLLS
ON MAY 8TH.

THE FRIENDLY CLUB TOURS WILMINGTON

Tuesday, April 17th, was a beautiful day for 18 members of the Friendly Club and 19 of their friends to tour Wilmington. The group was met at Greenfield Park by Mrs. V. Humphries, a worker with the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department, who served as our tour director for the day.

After a five mile drive through the Greenfield Gardens, we could easily see why they are acclaimed one of the nations most beautiful public parks. While the flowers were lovely, all agreed they were no prettier than those we left at home in Scotland County.

We toured the Wilmington-New Hanover Museum and then had a picnic. Afterwards, we viewed the oil paintings of Pamela Tilson Anders at the Community Arts Center.

One of the most exciting parts of the day was a tour of the Coast Guard cutter, North Wind, an ice breaker in dry dock for repairs. Seeing the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial was a return engagement for some of us, but a thrill none-the-less.

A stop at the Dry Dock Restaurant yielded a delicious seafood dinner and it was a tired but happy group that pulled into Gibson that evening.

Thanks go to Mr. Frank Tindall, Mrs. Bertha Lucas, Mrs. Rosa Michael, and Mrs. Sybil Sykes for making this glorious event a reality.

Naomi Gibson



WINNING IN WILMINGTON

Leland, Navassa, Southport, Myrtle Beach and Wrightsboro held their own Town Meetings during February, and Oak Island held one in March as part of the extensive work of the Gibson Human Development Project through the Town Meeting:North Carolina Program. Gibson Ambassadors shared winning stories of Gibson to dramatize that people can get anything done when they work together.

The Town Meeting:North Carolina Program provides a contentless workshop format to encourage local participation and initiative. People talk about their hopes and dreams for the future, their past and their concerns of today. The program gives them an opportunity to decide what positive directions they must move in and what they, as citizens, can do to meet the challenges of the future.

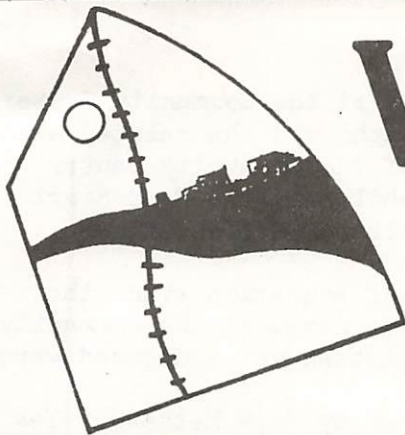
MEMORIAL CORRECTION

The memorial list in the February 23rd edition of the Voice held an error that up until this time has stood without correction. The financial contribution given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bush was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Mudd and family.

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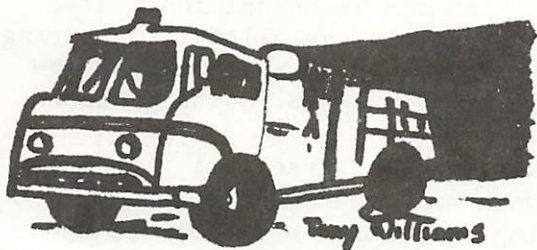


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GIBSON'S FIRE HOUSE RESTAURANT

The Fire House Restaurant is closer to a reality. The old fire station building has been bought from Z.V. Pate, Inc. Mr. Pate has donated the lot behind the old fire station and leased us the land back of May's Store and the bank for parking area.

The contract for renovating the fire station building has been awarded to Mr. Joe Barrett of Hamlet. He is to begin work immediately.

Mr. Lacy Long will operate the restaurant and serve home cooked meals for dinner and supper. Mr. Long has had several years experience in operating and managing restaurants.

The restaurant is projected to be open on or before our June 16th celebration.

I am delighted to have this restaurant open up in Gibson. It is something that we have needed for a long time and points to the new direction in which Gibson is headed.

Mayor Bill Pearson

CDA OFFICE OPENING

A bright new sign on the front door of the newly renovated CDA Office Building displays a landmark in Gibson Downtown revitalization. The facade of old brick has been sandblasted and the wood trim painted cimmeron.

Mayor Bill Pearson officially opened the office by saying this signals a major step in the Human Development Project. A special welcome was extended to guests. Mr. David Ellison, Assistant Personnel Manager of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., Mr. Jimmy Bowden, representing Gibson Jaycees and Mr. Mark Durham of the Laurinburg Exchange. Members of the Gibson CDA and community were present. Viola Benfield was recognized for her assistance in setting up the office and providing the refreshments.

The use of the building by the community was donated by Mr. Edwin Pate for a two year period of time. A gold carpet covering the entire front office space was given by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. Many thanks to Mr. Ron Hunter, Personnel Manager, for his interest and assistance in securing the carpet. Coordinating curtains donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Haney of Kannapolis and hung by Mr. Frank Lea III added to the attractiveness of the office. Reception chairs were donated by Miss Naomi Gibson. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Guggenheim of Aberdeen for an office desk and an AM 80 offset printing press.

The office will be open during the day, stop in and see it soon.

CROSSROADS IN IMAGINATION

On Saturday, May 12th, a special gathering was held at the Community Center focusing on informal education for the coming summer months and the related events people would like to see happen in Gibson. The walls of the Community Center were decorated with art work from Pate-Gardner School children, the Head Start Center and the Early Learning Center. Throughout the Gibson Station, flower arrangements caught one's eye.

The morning held a review of progress in the area of education since the time the project was initiated. Concerns that were first named at the Community Consult last June were identified and those that had not been yet addressed were given special attention.

Lunch time produced a salad lover's delight, created by Faye Mathews. Tea was on hand as well as sandwiches provided by the participants. A panel of three individuals representing three divergent focuses presented information on their particular fields of expertise for the purpose of giving community people ideas of the kinds of activities that would be possible to have in Gibson. Ms. Nancy Walker, a representative of R.T.I. gave a slide presentation providing information on the wide variety of programs available through Richmond Technical Institute. Ms. Beth Zartman, an elementary art instructor from Hamlet, was helpful in sharing ideas for art-related programs and activities. Mr. Herman Hickman, Public Relations man for North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham, spoke to the group on car and go-kart racing.

The final session dealt with a plan for summer events. Practical planning was spurred on by the surprise refreshments of punch and brownies prepared by Joanna Gibson. Ideas for fun and creative learning activities were decided upon and a projected time line was drawn up to designate when these things would take place. The months of June, July and August show some of the opportunities the community can have for participating in some fabulous fun days.

In addition, four committees were defined that would be needed to pull off these events. Let's do it and once again demonstrate Gibson is the crossroads--this time in imaginative education.

Fabulous Fun Days	CROSSROADS IN IMAGINATION		Summer of 1979	
June	July	August		L A B O R D A Y C E L E B R A T I O N
1st Year Celebration	Stained glass project	Trip to Art Museum		
Farmer's Market		→		
Softball	Sewing Class	→		
Creative Dance	Photo Lab	→		
Reading Programs	Youth Business	→		
CETA Youth Corps	Acrobatics/Gymnastics	→		
Disco/Square Dance	Disco/Square Dance	Disco/Square Dance		

PAVEMENT IS ON THE WAY

Paving the north end of North Church Street should begin very soon after June 1st, according to the Department of Transportation spokesperson. The long awaited paving should come before the summer has progressed very far.

Anyone living along this section of Church Street should take time now to move any plants or other things that would be an obstacle to the paving. If you need help with something difficult to manage, ask your neighbors for help or call the teacherage, 268-3164, and arrangements can be made to assist you.

\$ DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS \$

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has given the town of Gibson a grant of \$103,300 to be used in downtown revitalization. In addition, they will match, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, money that is contributed from other sources, up to a maximum of \$42,000. This means that a donation of \$10.00 for example, would actually mean \$20.00 towards funds for business loans, renovation in the downtown area, etc.

Home visits will give everyone an opportunity to contribute to this effort. Also, you could fill out the form below and leave it with Sadie Odom or mail it to:

Gibson CDA

P.O. Box 8

Gibson, N. Carolina 28343

Contributions are tax deductible and checks should be made out to the Gibson Human Development Project.



REMEMBER JUNE 16TH

Kick off for publicity of the One Year Anniversary Celebration of the Human Development Project in Gibson, slated for June 16th, was begun recently by posters donated by Service Printing of Laurinburg and radio spot announcements on WEWO and WLNC.

It was decided at Guild Meeting on Tuesday night, that for the next four weeks, task forces would come together at the Community Center on Wednesday nights at 7:30 to solidify the day's events. The areas that need work are:

1. program and orchestration
2. entertainment
3. parking and security
4. hosting
5. physical set-up
6. food and sanitation
7. outside decor at the Community Center
8. promotion and publicity

Please come and join in the fun of creating one great day of celebration.

\$ DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS \$

Name _____

Address _____

Contribution _____

WHY?

Why is there so much trouble in the world. I wonder why so many people around the world are getting more carefully. Why are the things in the world not the same? But I do know why things in the world are not the same. Because we live in different parts of the world.

by Melody Bass age 10

Youth Gallery

THE PARK

I'm glad that I
Live near a park
For in the winter
After dark
The park lights shine
As bright and still
As dandelions on a hill.

BEES by Robin Hines

Every bee that
Ever was, was partly
Sting and partly
.....buzz.

by Robin Hines



Billy J. Gibson

Former Gibson Resident
Wallace, South Carolina

BEGINNER'S DAY AT PATE GARDNER

May 25th is Beginner's Day at Pate-Gardner School. Parents of children who will be attending Kindergarten next year are invited to bring their soon-to-be-students to the school. The day will begin at 8:30 A.M. The parents day will be finished by 11:00 but they are welcome to stay for lunch. Children can spend the entire day.

Students in Miss Miller's class and Miss Medlin's class will stay at home on that day.

It is sure to be a fun time and students and faculty alike are looking forward to meeting the new kindergarteners.

(Thanks to Ms. Thomas)

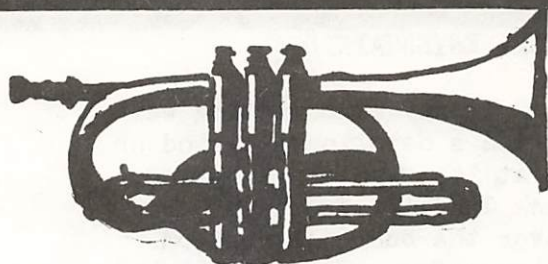
A GATHERING OF OLD FRIENDS

The 50th Anniversary of the class that graduated from the Gibson High School in 1929 was celebrated on May 5th by class members and spouses. Festivities began with an informal gathering at the home of Hubert Odom. Gay camaraderie was enjoyed, many class members seeing each other for the first time since graduation night. Two faculty members were present, Mrs. Virginia Smith Gibson of Raleigh and John Martin Brandenburg of Columbia.

At 7:00 P.M., the group assembled at the McKenzie Fellowship Hall for the supper, served by the ladies of Gibson Methodist Church. Class colors of green and gold formed the decor of the dining tables and pink roses, the class flower, decorated the head table. Throughout the evening, James McKenzie served as Master of Ceremonies. Gifts donated by merchants of the county were given to each class member present. One end of the hall held a table filled with report cards, diplomas, pictures, mementoes of yesteryear.

Seventeen of the original twenty-six graduates were present. Tribute was paid to the five deceased members. Letters were read from the five absentees.

Mary Hamrick



CARVER SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

There was a good crowd attending the Carver School Band Concert on Thursday night, May 10th. Under the direction of Mike Robinson, the 5th grade band played several pieces followed by the 6th grade band who also demonstrated their talent.

A brief Parent Involvement meeting was held in which officers for the coming year were elected.

After that, the Advanced Band took the stage.

All the bands did a very fine job, as did their director, Mike Robinson.

Refreshments were served at the end of the evening, putting the finishing touch on a very enjoyable evening.

(Thanks to Madeline Peele)

SCHOOL DAYS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

A few members of the Spiritual Few Senior Citizen's Group enjoyed a fun day at a festival that was held in the National Guard Armory in Laurinburg.

Members visiting were Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Newton, Sr., Louise Bass and Mattie Stewart. Scotland County Parks and Recreation Department sponsored this program on May 10th. We enjoyed School Days for Senior Citizens- opening exercises included the Pledge of Allegiance, a song, "America", The Lord's Prayer and a poem. Lessons for the day were reading: "The Old Oaken Bucket", math: some unusual problems, spelling and writing: some unusual words, health: information from the Health Board, music and art.

At the end of the day diplomas were presented and class was dismissed.

Special music was presented by Mr. Gerald Goodruin of Garner, N. C. He sang and played guitar and enlivened the day with jokes as well.

Mattie Stewart

SMALL ENTERTAININGS

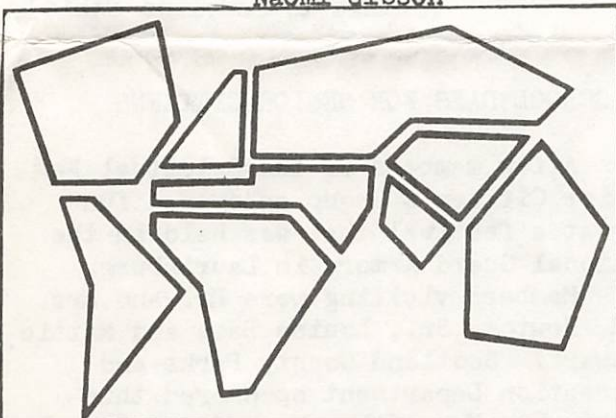
The The Friendly Club meeting was opened with a devotional period on courage at its May 1st gathering. Mr. Frank Tindall, president, presided over the business session. The by-laws of the Friendly Club were read and explained by Mrs. Bessie Tindall.

The highlight of the meeting was a delightful program put on by the children of the Early Learning Center. Under the guidance of Carol Luker, Naomi Liles and Annie Bass, the children entertained us with a variety of songs and dances.

Refreshments consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, vegetable sticks, cheese whirls, pineapple cake, tea and punch were enjoyed by the children and members alike.

After the social hour a movie, "Hawaii" was shown by Mrs. Sybil Sikes. It made us wish we could go this fall when the North Carolina group tours the island.

Naomi Gibson



MIDWESTERNERS HELP VILLAGES START INDUSTRIES IN INDIA

A team of four midwesterners recently returned from several weeks in India where they were instrumental in initiating new industries in the state of Maharastra in which 131 Human Development Projects are now underway.

The major purpose of the trip was to introduce a three-wheel, Missouri-designed vehicle with the hope that it could become a viable product for village manufacture and use.

Included on the team were L. E. Philbrook, regional director of the Institute, Bill Huston, an instructor at Missouri Western College in St. Joseph Missouri, Ed Giles, a farmer from Havi-land, Kansas, and Fred Grimm, a member of the Governor's staff in Minnesota.

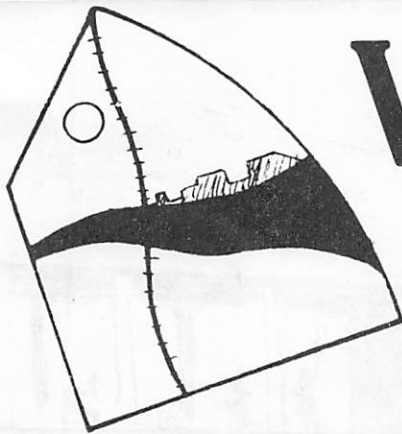
After intensive work with both villagers and major Indian manufacturers, Philbrook said he felt the vehicle, called Nava Gadi, has great potential for India.

"Nearly all the vehicle manufacturers in India are carrying a log of ten years in orders. There's a big need for machines like the Nava Gadi which can perform basic tasks such as hauling agricultural products," he said.

A trip to follow through on these new industrial opportunities, which can help demonstrate a new level of economic self-sufficiency in India, is being planned for the fall.

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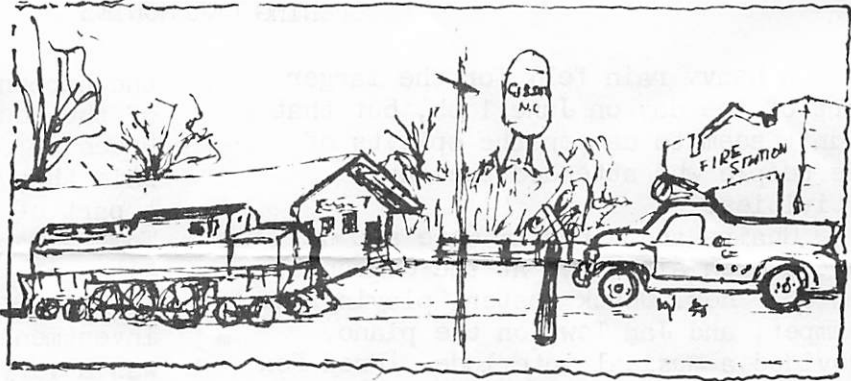
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ONE YEAR CELEBRATION of the Gibson Human Development Project JUNE 16TH 1979



THE OPEN AIR MARKET

As the Gibson Community celebrated their first year of community revitalization signs of future renewal were evident. An attractive display of vegetables decorated one end of the open shed of the Community Center.

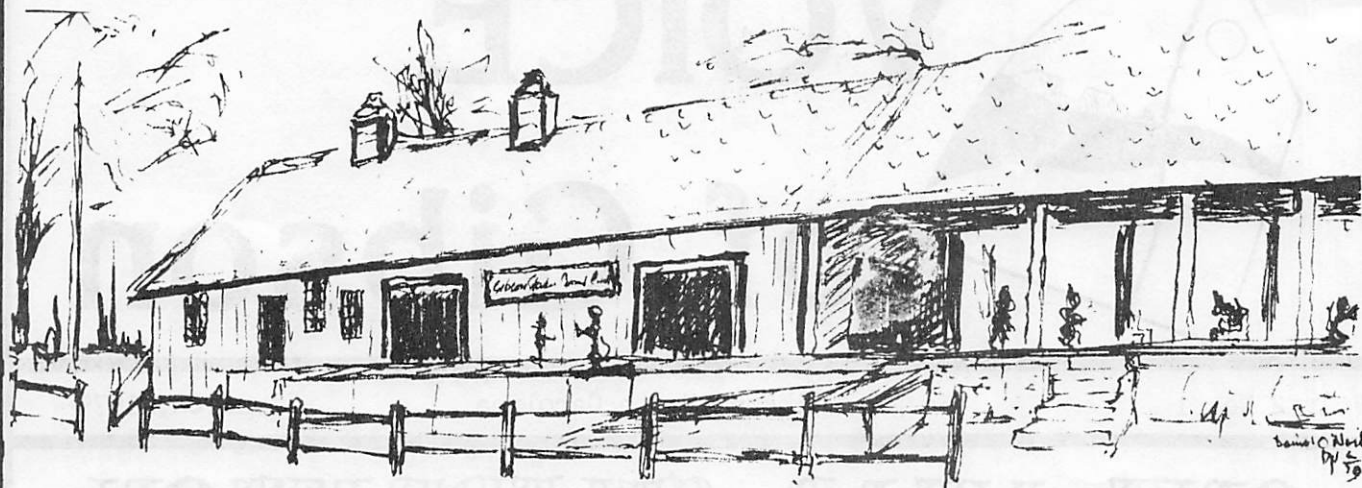
The Gibson Community Development Association is sponsoring an Open Air Market in the back of the Gibson Station Community Center. The Market will bring producers and the buying public together for the mutual advantage of both. Normally, only 40¢ of every dollar spent for food goes to the farmer, while 60¢ goes toward overhead, advertising and retailer profits. At the Market, however, growers can sell directly to the public at a profit of 15-50% above wholesale outlets and the buyer can get farm fresh produce at about 30% below retail prices.

The Market will not only be for the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables, but also for nuts, honey, cut flowers, plants and other home-made or hand-crafted items. Only home-grown products will be allowed to be sold.

The first Open Air Market date is set for Saturday, July 7th. There will be no fee for booths. Producers will set their own prices and sell as much as they wish.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in participating in the Market, call the CDA Office at 268-4922 or Faye Mathews at 268-4941.

This Open Air Market will be the only one in the area. It is something that will benefit everyone. The greater the participation, the more buyers and sellers will benefit. So be sure and spread the word and mark the date on your calendar.



OPENING CEREMONIES

A heavy rain fell for the larger part of the day on June 16th, but that didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the people who attended the day's activities.

Chairs and a podium were set up in the open air space at the Community Center. Rev. Chuck Foster, playing the trumpet, and Jan Tew, on the piano, provided a musical interlude. Fred Fox of WJWO was present at the onset of the day to hold the stage before the official opening, as all waited for the train brought in by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad to pull up with the dignitaries of the day.

Dr. George Lea Harper was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Ruth Harper gave the invocation. The flag salute was done by a representative of the Cub Scout Pack 430. Sylvia Stewart sang the National Anthem. Mayor W.W. Pearson introduced the members of the Town Council and members of the Community Development Association Board.

The First Year Report was given by Mr. Ike Powell, Project Director. He stated that the first year had been a year of developing community pride, spirit and cooperation. It had been a year of laying down economic foundation, and it had been a year of raising a sign of hope to other communities. Viola Benfield gave the Regional Impact Report, discussing the significance of

the happenings in Gibson to other parts of the county and state. Mr. Herbert Bruce of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, said that his company was pleased to be a part of the Gibson endeavor. Mr. Tom Lambeth, of Z. Smith Reynolds, was extremely supportive of the Human Development Project and convinced that the investment his firm had made in Gibson was a very good one. Senator Jordan of the 17th District recalled that when he had first heard about the project, he was skeptical of its goals. His skepticism has been erased, he said.

A picture of the Community Center was presented to Mr. Herbert Bruce, Mr. Tom Lambeth and Senator Jordan by Mayor Pearson. The Gibson Love Song was sung at the close of the ceremony.

Among the guests that were present during the celebration were Madeline McElveen from the Governor's Office of Citizens Affairs, Representative Horace Locklear, Mr. John Calhoun, County Commissioner of this district, Mr. James Ollis, Chairman of the Democratic Party in Scotland County, Mr. Al Boyles, Executive Director of the Laurinburg-Scotland County Chamber of Commerce and George Gwyn, President of the Laurinburg-Scotland County Chamber of Commerce.



VISITING ARTIST

Gibson has been fortunate to have in its midst an artist from London, England. Daniel John O'Neill came to our town to paint a mural on one of the walls of the recently completed restaurant. Danny attended the Eastbourne School of Art in Sussex, England. He has been in the U.S. since last September. He has done other murals recently in Widen, West Virginia, Lorimor, Iowa and Richgrove, California.

Danny did not work alone on the painting. Andy Jones, a student at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, deserves much of the credit for the work getting done in three days. In the midst of painting the mural, they both helped with various other artistic endeavors that needed to be done for the June 16th Celebration.

Their painting is an impressive sight in the restaurant that has captured much attention and admiration.

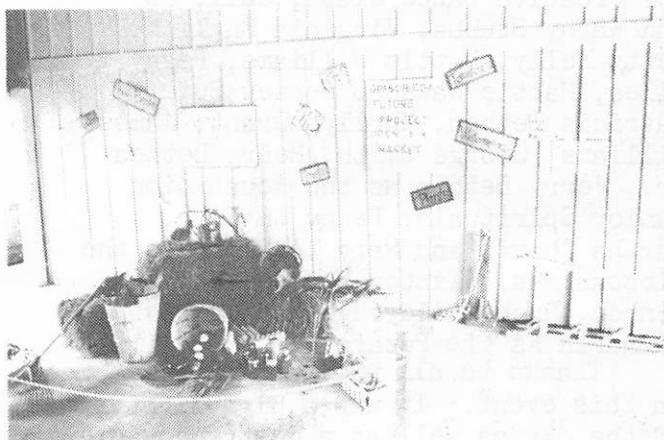
It has been a pleasure to have among us, two gifted artists who were so willing to share their time and talents

RIBBON CUTTING OF THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT

The work of renovating the old firehouse has been underway for approximately one month. Joe Barrett was the contractor for the job. Boyd Barrett and Buddy Edwards did the carpentry work, painting, tiling and various other jobs, assisted by John (Chief) Demery. Harold Pearson was the brick mason and Howard Parsley was the electrician. Numerous other people have played a part in the work that went into completing the job.

The ribbon-cutting of the Firehouse Restaurant took place at 12:00 noon on June 16th. Ceremonies were held inside the building. Mayor W.W. Pearson, Mr. Ike Powell and Mr. Tom Lambeth all expressed pleasure with having this new business in the Gibson community, a business that has been uppermost in importance in the eyes of Gibson citizens. Mr. Lacy Long and his wife, who will be running the restaurant, took a bow and said a few words before an enthusiastic crowd. Danny O'Neill received a standing ovation for his mural.

The building looked beautiful and the people gathered were obviously impressed with what they saw. As Mayor Pearson said, "If you would have seen this building on Wednesday of this week, you would not have believed it could look like this today."



FAMILY LINES TRAIN TOUR

Sitting on the tracks just outside the open air space at the Community Center for the greater of the day was the latest model engine and caboose of the Family Lines System. It was there to be toured by people during the afternoon, courtesy of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad. Everyone found this most interesting. It seemed the most common question you heard in the Community Center was: "Have you seen the train yet?" It is not often you can sit in the engineer's place and study the different controls that there are to handle. The children seemed to be the most impressed with the presence of the train.

Special thanks to Seaboard Coast Line Railroad for making the engine and caboose available.



PERFORMING ARTS

At 5:00 P.M. the Performing Arts presentation gathered a crowd at the Community Center despite the continued rain. Sadie Odom was Master of Ceremonies for the event that displayed some fine talent that Gibson has in its midst.

Among those performing were Elizabeth Hunsucker and Sara Newton; Anna Miller; children from the Early Learning Center; Julianna Morgan and her Creative Dance Class; Gail, Joy and Kathy Stubbs; Virginia English, Betty Kelly, Mattie Williams, Peggy Miles, Mattie Watson, Henney Buie, Patricia Bethea, Marilyn Grant, James Williams, George Smith, Henry Bethea Jr., Jerry Bethea as the Mount Zion Junior Spirituals; Peggy English, Martha Chavis and Mary Locklear as the Gibsonaires; Clinton Monroe, Vernon Monroe, Rueben Aldridge and Curtis McLaurin as the Pozars.

Thanks to all who participated in this event. It was a high-light of the day as well as a most enjoyable way to spend a late Saturday afternoon.

THE OPEN AIR DANCE

At 8:00 in the evening, the Bluegrass Tar Heel's Band began the music for a dance. There was a fine attendance and much enthusiasm in the crowd. The open air space at the Community Center was an ideal place for the dance and the band was excellent.

The Jaycees had a hot food stand set up at the rear of the space that had been there in time to provide supper for those who did not wish to go home and cook and also to serve refreshments during the dance.

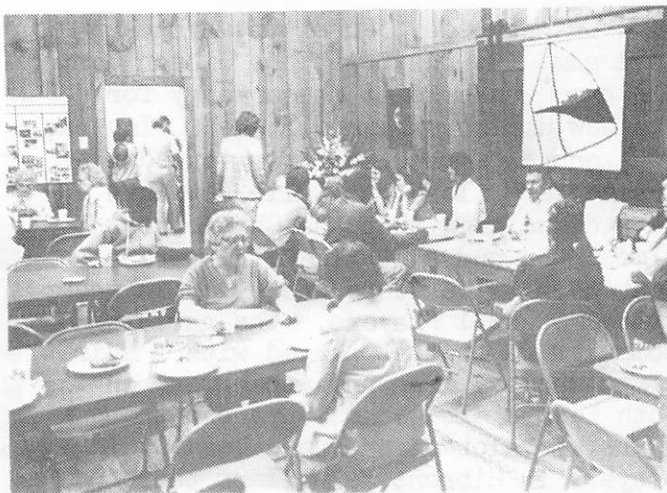
Everyone attending had a good time. Miss Ethel Webb was the hit of the evening when she displayed her dancing skills on more than one occasion. Her spirit seemed to disperse through the assembly.

The announcement that fireworks would go off at 10:00 P.M. brought much applause and excitement. The Volunteer Fire Department was on hand and the fireworks were spectacular. They were a most appropriate end to a great day and a great year.

FAMILY STYLE PICNIC

The family style picnic that was planned for the day was relocated inside the Community Center. It was a pleasant gathering of people who had recently heard words of praise and support for the work that has been going on in the community and had just been present to the fine work that had been done in the old firehouse to convert it into a restaurant. "I thought the luncheon was real impressive," said Mrs. Carolyn Gibson.

One special guest present for the picnic was Mrs. Lela McDonald, who was a Gibson resident in the past and travelled down from New York to visit the community on this special day.



INSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Throughout the day, different people came through the Community Center to see how it was looking and to enjoy the company of friends and relatives. "As the day progressed, more and more people decided to brave the weather and join in the activities," said Sadie Odom. The Community Center became the gathering point for people to visit one another and enjoy a spirit of community accomplishment and unity.

The Community Center held a variety of furniture and memorabilia that recalled the past. Pictures of Gibson during the course of the project were displayed as well as newspaper articles that have covered the progress of Gibson. Shutters were on the windows, Quilts done by the quilters of Gibson were on display. Designs for the Community Center and the downtown area, drawn by students from North Carolina State University School of Design were shown as well as a futuristic model of the town. Past, present and future were all represented in the decor. In addition, a world map with projects in other parts of the world located on it was exhibited and photographs of the first 24 projects started by the Institute of Cultural Affairs were displayed. These symbolized Gibson's link with the world. The Gibson symbol and a photograph of the earth rise were both part of the decor as well.



Special thanks to the following people and businesses whose gifts made this day's activities possible: Virginia Paper Co.; Service Printing Co.; Bill Evans Co.; King's Printing Co.; Mr. George Adams, WLNC; Don Curtis WEWO; Dr. T.G. Gibson, Jr.; Dr. John W. Neal; Southern Gin & Fertilizer; Laurinburg Exchange; Mr. George Benfield; Mr. Dan Lyles; Z.V. Pate, Inc.; K-Mart Store; Roses Store; Flav-O-Rich Co.; Mrs. Fred C. Howell; Mrs. Mildred McCall.

BASKETBALL BENEFIT

On Wednesday, June 6th, a basketball game was played at the Gibson Gym. The game was held to raise money for the New Horizons Park. Stake 1 Players, with captain Frank Bostick, versed the Challengers, lead by Willie Peterkin, in a close game that the Challengers almost won and the Stake 1 Players almost lost. The score was 69-66 in favor of the Stake 1 Players. The game was competitive and yet played with a spirit of community. Men and women were on both teams. It became apparent that there are alot of talented basketball players in Gibson, as well as those not so generously endowed.

Mr. Harold Patterson and Tim Knapp were the referees. Mike Robinson and company provided music for the event. Blease Dudley, George Adams of WLNC, and Dan Hamerick made their appearances as Dolly, Polly and Molly Parton. Sadie Odom was present as Walter Cronkite. Paul Schwobel and Jamie Flowers were lovely cheerleaders for the game and many clowns were on hand, with Clinton Monroe and Gary McRae providing some fine gymnastic talent. Rev. Lea Harper gave the invocation and Tom Whitlock was front and center with introductions and comments. Viola Benfield Benfield provided a clock that was given away as a door prize.

The game was well attended and profits were approximately \$110.00. As Tom Whitlock stated, "This game is a great demonstration by Stake 1 for the other Stakes in the community to assume responsibility for fund raising. This has been a great community event."

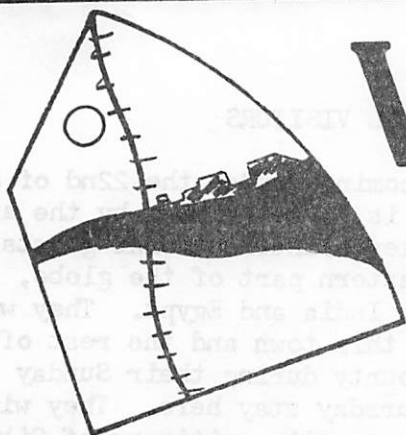
Special thanks to Wood's Five and Dime, Eubank's Five and Dime, Laurinburg Department Store and K-Mart Store for their donations of scarves that were worn by the players. Thanks to the Firestone Store for its donation of brow bands and to McDonald's Restaurant for its donation of cups used in the concession stand.



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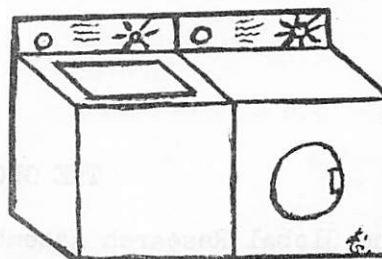
HOUSING PROPOSAL FOR GIBSON

The Gibson Community Development Association filed an application with the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to fund the construction of thirty new housing units in Gibson.

The site for the thirty units is along the south end of Beaver St. and behind the Gibson United Methodist Church. The units will be clustered in three groups. Adequate paved parking will be provided adjacent to each cluster. Ten of the units will be reserved for senior citizens and will consist of efficiency and one-bedroom units. Eight units with two bedrooms are designated for small families and the remaining twelve units that will contain three and four bedrooms will be reserved for large families.

The program is a joint effort between the Housing Finance Agency and HUD. HUD's part of the program is to provide housing allowances to make up the difference between what a family can afford to pay and the established fair market rent for this area. The CDA will receive notification of approval or disapproval of its application some time in mid-August.

The Gibson Community looks forward to the possibility of new housing. It is something the town is in need of to allow future growth.



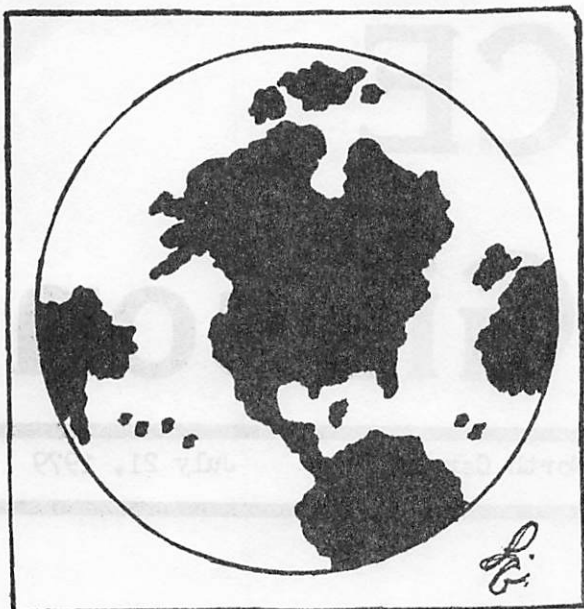
GIBSON WASHERETTE TO OPEN SOON

The Gibson Coin Operated Washerette is scheduled to open by the 23rd of July. The building housing the facility has been completely remodeled. The washerette will have all new equipment, sixteen washers and six dryers.

Mr. Bill Dove, owner of the business, has a washerette in Laurinburg and one in Whiteville as well. "This is something the community needs," he states. "Many people who use the laundromat in Laurinburg come from Gibson and the surrounding area."

The hours of the Gibson Washerette are from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Having a washerette in Gibson will provide residents with a convenient place to go and will save a lot of travel. So come and support this new business in Gibson. It is one more step toward a new future in our town.



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

This coming Sunday the 22nd of July, Gibson is to be honored by the arrival of eleven international guests from the Eastern part of the globe, mainly from India and Egypt. They will be touring this town and the rest of Scotland County during their Sunday through Thursday stay here. They will also be busy meeting citizens of Gibson and working with them in daily activities such as the Early Learning Center, the maintenance of the restaurant, and the Summer Youth Core.

by Patty Henschen

THE GLOBAL RESEARCH ASSEMBLY

The Global Research Assembly was held in Chicago from July 1st through the 15th. People from all parts of the world attended the assembly. As Tom Whitlock said, who was one of the representatives sent by the Gibson Human Development Project, "I felt as though I was with the whole world when I was up there." Along with Tom Whitlock, James Harris, Annie Bass, Viola Benfield, Peggy Jansen, Carol Luker and Paul Schwobel attended the event.

The assembly was held to review the past year and make plans for the up-coming 12 months. People were there also, to give and get reports from all other projects and campaigns across the globe. Finally, the assembly was held to share ideas about various methods used in different parts of the world, to promote human development and to look practically at what changes might be needed or what new ways might be uncovered to assist in the work being done.

People came together from across the world because they were interested in the world and its progress, not just the country they were from. It was an opportunity for all present to realize how closely all peoples of the world are linked. In hearing reports from people across the globe, it became clear that local people everywhere have proven that they can make changes, that will benefit their community. And in doing so, they give people in other villages or towns an example to follow.

A quote was read at the beginning of the assembly, that seems fitting to restate here. These are the words of an old soldier on the occasion of his 73rd birthday. "The earthworm's philosophy of life is that it only knows how to work with its life. Struggle, struggle, struggle with its whole life - it never shouts about the brilliance of its merits to any other one. Although its body seems very feeble and meek, its spirit and ability are absolutely strong and tough for improving the earth and benefitting farming; it converts the poor soil and barren land into fertile and buxom fields which allow the plants to grow quickly and prosperously. Is this the spirit and the Way of doing things?"

THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT

The Firehouse Restaurant is a community-based, economic development enterprise. It is owned by the Gibson Community Development Association, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Building equipment and furnishings were financed through an economic development grant awarded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., Winston Salem, N.C.

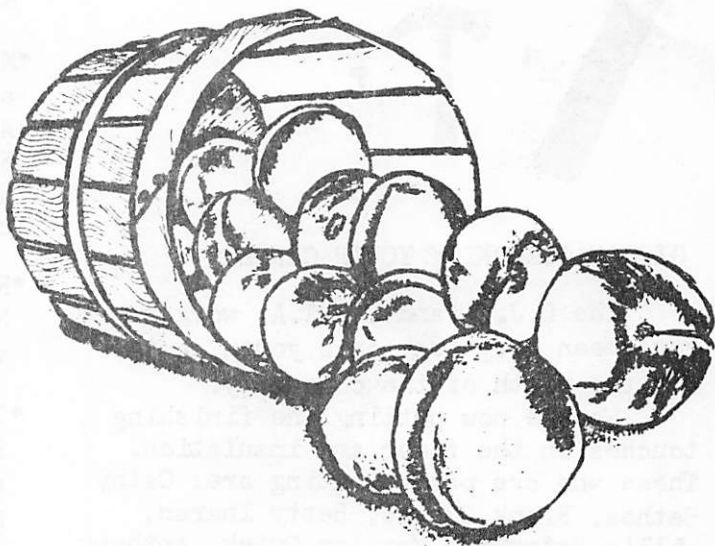
Profits from the Restaurant are used to finance other socio-economic developments in the community. The restaurant is located in the old Fire and Police Station across from the newly renovated Gibson Station Community Center (old depot).

The restaurant, the Reynolds Grant, and the depot renovation are part of a comprehensive, socio-economic development program initiated in June 1978. The program is a cooperative effort between the elected officials and the community residents, with the Institute of Cultural Affairs as consultant organization.

The manager of the restaurant is Mrs. Patti Humphries. The day cooks are Mrs. Verlie Primus and Christine Quick. The night cooks are Mr. Cerenzo Parrott and Guy Dines. The hours are: Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday it is open from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

The menu includes sandwiches as well as chicken, seafood and steak dinners.

The interior decoration was done by Terry Barrett. The restaurant has authentic fire equipment. The mural on the back wall was designed by Danny O'Neill and Andy Jones. Mr. O'Neill is a mural artist from London, England and was in the USA as a guest of the ICA. Mr. Jones is from Fayetteville and is a senior art student at St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, N.C.



"GIBSON STATION MARKET OPENS!"

Shades of generations past were reborn this Saturday at the Gibson Station Train Depot as the once-busy fruit and vegetable port was activated by the opening of the Farmers' Market. Farmers and growers and makers of all sorts of home products and crafts are coming to the Station to exchange the fruits of their efforts with one another and the public. Saturday, the 7th, was the first sale day, and despite rain and a slow growing season there was a moderate turnout of both growers and customers. The growers were so pleased with the response and the potential for a going local market that several of them will be back on weekday evenings to sell again. Present plans are to be open Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. till dark and to continue Saturday sales (9 a.m. till sell-out) for the rest of the growing season. All produce and other items being offered are locally grown or home produced, such as baked goods, (carrot cake!), fresh bread, cut flowers, and fresh eggs.

The Gibson Station Market is a venture being sponsored by the Gibson Community Development Association as a free service to the community. It provides a place for farmers to be able to sell directly to the public and customers to buy fresh farm produce.



GIBSON COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER

The O.J.T. and C.E.T.A. workers have been very busy on a youth center for the youth of the community.

We are now putting the finishing touches on the floor and insulation. Those who are participating are: Cathy Bethea, Frank Bostic, Betty Ingram, Willie Peterkin, Marilyn Quick, Anthony Patterson, Linda Gibson, John Lockety, Patty Henschen, Gary McRae, Andy Thomas, Robbie Thomas, Vincent Newton, Mitchell Lockety, Clyde Bennett, and William York.

The purpose of the Youth Center is to provide recreation activities for the youth. The Youth Center will have disco dances, games and a refreshment center.

We still have a lot of work to do such as finish the flooring, walls, ceiling, painting and electricity. On the back wall of the Youth Center will be a mural, we are undecided on what the mural will be, but we have suggestions as to what the picture would be. We're thinking of painting a picture of people disco dancing or of the C.E.T.A. and O.J.T. workers.

We are making good progress on the center and working hard to finish it for the youth to enjoy.

Cathy Bethea

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

*Ms. Margaret Avery, Mrs. Helen Prince, and Mr. Daniel Clodfelter from the Jr. Advisory Board of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation have come to Gibson recently. They are very pleased with the progress of our community.

*Rev. Bill Quick of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit has made a visit to Gibson.

*The CDA and the Town Council are working with Southern Bell and CP&L for the purpose of removal of wires and old poles and installation of new street lights in the downtown area.

*Sam McCormick has recently had facades and sides of 3 buildings downtown sandblasted. Other renovation and clean-up work around his stores is being done. The community looks forward to the possibility of something happening with these long-vacated buildings.

IT'S DISCO NIGHT!!

There will be a disco dance sponsored by the CETA and OJT workers. Everyone is invited to COME OUT AND DANCE!!!

When: Friday July 27, 1979

Where: Gibson Station Community Center

Time: 9:00 until

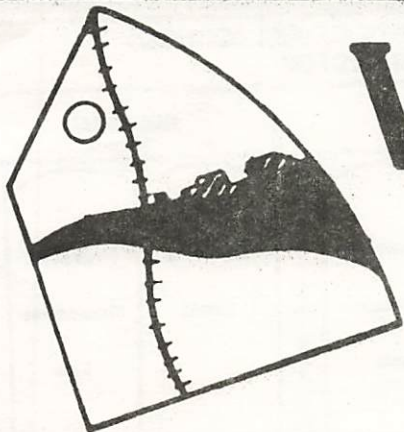
Admission: \$1.00 in advance
\$1.25 at the door

Dance will be hosted by the Music Master.

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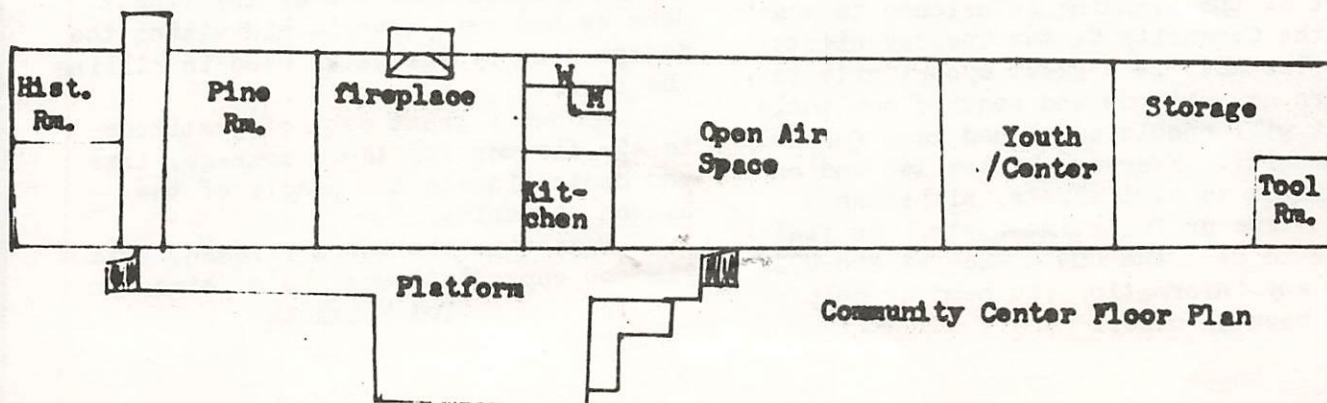
DEPOT RENOVATION COMPLETION

The renovation of the old Seaboard Coast Line Depot has been the primary accomplishment of the first year and a half of the Gibson Project. Its location in the downtown area has provided continual visibility of Gibson's revitalization. It has catalyzed numerous hours of volunteer labor. The renovation costs incurred before the Grand Opening on December 16, 1978, were raised largely through hotdog and T-shirt sales and local contributions. It has served as the location for many community activities and celebrations.

The completion of the renovation is scheduled for some time in March. This will include two toilets, a kitchen, a large fireplace, completion of the large room, youth center and outside painting. The result of the renovation will be the finest multi-purpose Community center in any small town in North Carolina, probably the USA.

In order to raise local funds for the renovation, a door-to-door campaign has begun. There are plans to visit every home in the community to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to this structure.

The Gibson Station Community Center stands as a sign of what a group of people can do when they decide what direction to go. It is there as a space open for all members of this community to use and enjoy. The completed building and work to create the programs and schedule for the Center will insure optimum usage and benefit for all. Your contribution will be well spent and appreciated.



YES! YES! HDTS!

New dates have been set for the Human Development Training School to be held in Gibson. The time to mark on your calendar has shifted to April 13 to May 4.

The Human Development Training School is designed to gather Gibson together for training and planning for the future. Along with new tools for community formulation will be times for storytelling, reflecting and celebration.

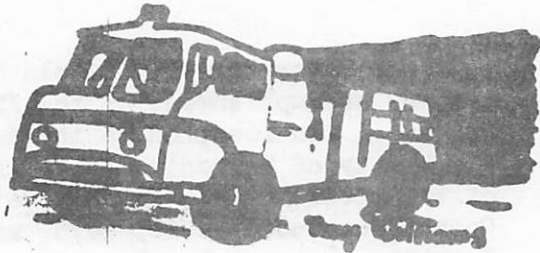
Each week will have a training cycle that deals with one contradiction of this community. The Economic Cycle could deal with a small business enterprise and how to undergird the economic base of the community. County and regional experts will be invited to share their thinking. The Social Cycle might develop a plan for a weekly Elders Program including a noon meal plan or a serious intentional program to support and enlarge present activities. The Cultural Cycle will afford an opportunity to deal with time and space to release creativity. What about an original play about Gibson? That is just one possibility.

Much activity is going on with regard to holding the school. Guild Meetings have been dealing with the school both in terms of tasks that are necessary before the school can commence and dealing with what the school curriculum will entail.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the planning is welcome to come to the Community Center Tuesday nights.

The HDTS is a great opportunity to learn new methods and acquire new tools that will enable continued care for this community. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate, either on a part-time or full-time basis. So feel free to call the CDA Office at 268-4922 for any information you need or help you have to offer.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SCHOOL CURRICULUM DESIGN								
ECONOMIC			SOCIAL			CULTURAL		
Economic Cycle	Imaginal Leadership Lab	REFLECTION	Social Cycle	Community Forum Lab	REFLECTION	Cultural Cycle	Profound Humanness Lab	GRADUATION



GIBSON, PROUD OF HER FIREMEN

The newly organized Gibson Volunteer Fire Department recently answered an early morning 6:00 a.m. call at the home of Larry Newton in South Carolina. The home was reached by the first volunteer, Guy M. Hunsucker Jr. within several minutes despite heavy rain and sleet. With the aid of 16 firemen, the small scout truck and the larger pumper truck as back up quickly extinguished the fire.

Later the insurance claims adjuster informed Mr. Newton that the Gibson Fire Department had done one of the finest jobs he had ever seen in minimizing the damage done by the water used in killing the fire.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the firemen for their courage, time and dedication to the people of the Gibson community.

Next time you see a fireman, tell him you appreciate what he's doing.

Tom Whitlock

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS???

No one knew who the Jones Grocery Team was when the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Community Open League Basketball Season started last December. Never-the-less, that was the team, composed mostly of Gibson players and sponsored by a Gibson Business, that took first place in the season and first place in the league.

Players on the team were:

Wayne Freeman, coach, Laurel Hill
Willie Peterkin, player coach, Gibson
Ander Berry, Gibson
Frank Bostick, Gibson
Tommy Brigman, Laurel Hill
Vincent Covington, Gibson
Dennis Dunn, Laurel Hill
Steve Liles, Gibson
Earl McRay, Gibson
Noah McRay, Gibson
Curt Prevatte, Laurinburg
Grover Quick, Gibson
Al Smith, Gibson
Leroy Smith, Gibson

Their victories were not easy. There were alot of tough competitors. None of the teams could be taken lightly. However, Coach Wayne Freeman did his job well. He knew what was needed on the floor to play ball and he knew how to produce it.

A player from another team commented that Jones Grocery was the best intergrated team in the league and obviously skilled. He predicted they would go a long way if they stuck together.

Buddy Jones sponsored the team. When he was approached about backing a team, he was told he would have to find room on his shelves for two trophies. After the victories, he was asked if he had believed he'd really have two awards to display. He conceded with a laugh that at best he was hoping for one. However, that did not stop him from lending his support.

Congratulations to the team and their coach and their sponsor on a fine season and two beautiful trophies.

(thanks to Willie Peterkin)



RESTAURANT NEWS

Things are going great at the Firehouse Restaurant. People have really enjoyed listening to soft music and singing on Friday and Saturday nights. Mr. Parrot has started cooking the Sunday dinner again and the response has been encouraging. Folks from all over are coming to the restaurant for steaks. A rib steak costs \$4.95 and a New York Strip Steak costs \$5.95. A new addition is a 16 oz. Sirloin Steak for two. It is called a Two-Alarm Special. All steaks are served with baked potatoes or french fries and tossed salad or cole slaw. We are still serving all the spots and croaker you can eat on Friday and Saturday for \$2.99. as well.

So come down and get a meal!

LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Mayor Sadie Odom attended a two day meeting of the Lumber River Council of Governments held at the Sheraton Inn in Southern Pines on February 22nd and 23rd. Approximately 35 persons were present for this retreat, representing Scotland, Hoke, Bladen and Robeson Counties. A Attending from Scotland County were Dr. Mitchener, Dr. William Morgan, James A. Gibson, Albert McMillan and Sadie Odom. The COG staff led by John Highfill, Executive Director presented a program on the various areas of interest to local governments such as Gibson. Some of these programs offered are: Land Use Planning, Manpower, Emergency Medical Services, Housing, Human Services and any help in Local Assistance.

The COG staff is a dedicated, professional group of people interested in what local government are doing and to assist where ever they are needed.

Sadie Odom

WEDDING BELLS

On March 2nd, at 3:00 p.m., amidst the wind and snow, the wedding of Miss Rita Lavonne Kelly of Rockingham and Samuel Mark Benfield of Gibson occurred as scheduled.

Rita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jack Kelly of Rockingham and the groom is the son of Mrs. George Benfield of Gibson.

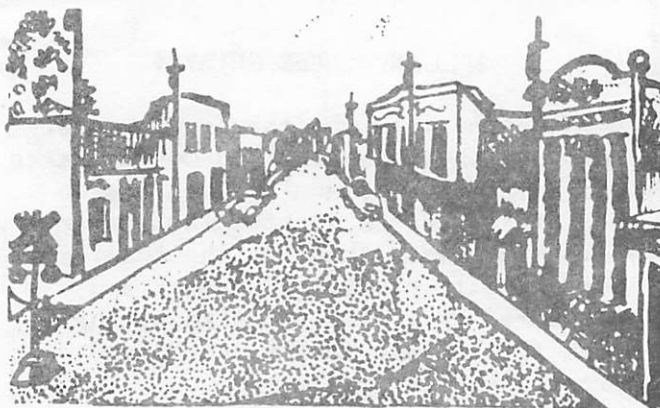
The ceremony was held at Cartledge Creek Baptist Church in Rockingham, with families of the bride and groom in attendance. The reception was hosted by the bride's parents in their home following the wedding ceremony.

The bridegroom's mother entertained the wedding party with a Bridal Dinner at the Firehouse Restaurant on the 27th of February.

Among those taking part in the wedding were Mrs. Terry Benfield, Debbie Benfield, Bobby Hudson, Georgia Gullis and Kent Gullis.

The couple will be residing in Rockingham presently but plan to move to Gibson in the spring or summer.

Best of wishes to the couple.



HOLLY LISLE '80

A NEW ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY

There's a new store in town. Mr. Sam McCormick has opened a convenience store complete with a snack bar. The store stays open 24 hours a day. Now people in Gibson have a place to go all hours of the day or night. It is a shopping spot with grocery items and a meat market.

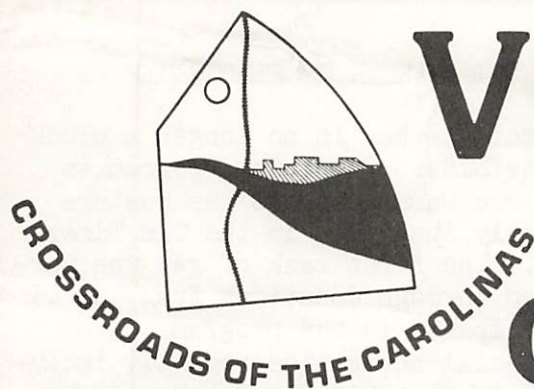
The building looks bright and new. Hot food is available at the snack bar. It is also possible to buy ice cream cones there, something that will be especially nice in the coming hot months.

Mr. McCormick's store lends a whole new appearance to downtown Gibson. It is very fine to see a new business in town. There have been many pleased comments from residents about the store. It certainly is a welcome addition to our community.

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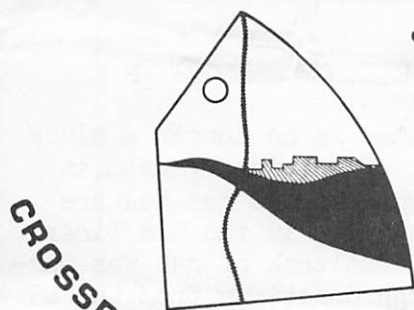
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