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Motel and Grocery Planned for Center

Construction of a 40-unit motor lodge adjoining Sharp Top Shopping Center site near Bent Tree is expected to begin this fall or early winter, according to Victor D. Petrin, new Bent Tree property owner and Orlando (Fla.) insurance broker.

And Shop-Rite Inc. has leased 13,600 sq. ft. of shopping center space for a grocery store, according to T. Harley Harper, shopping center developer who sold land for the motel to Petrin.

The motel and shopping center will be located at the intersection of Cove and Tate Mountain roads.

Petrin, who plans to move to Bent Tree permanently in the near future, said he hopes for completion of the first motel units by spring, 1973, weather permitting.

Architecture will conform to the natural mountain setting, using the Shopping center architect-contractor team, M. G. Turner and Jess Bradfield of Rome, respectively.

Aicher Gets Club Post

Donald Aicher has been named director of food and beverage operations of Bent Tree Golf and Country Club, moving from food division manager of Davison's Department Stores in Atlanta.

Aicher, a native of Easton, Pa., brings 25 years experience in the restaurant and motel management field to his Bent Tree post. He will initially open light restaurant and bar facilities in the new Golf Clubhouse this fall, according to Don Hare, Bent Tree general manager.

Aicher has managed such large supper clubs as Lookout House in Covington, Ky., and the Spring Green Club in Spring Green, Wisc., a luxurious Northern resort "very much like Bent Tree," he reports.

The new Bent Tree official and his wife, Anna, a native of Regensburg, Germany, have three sons: Robert, a law school student at the University of Michigan; John, majoring in television production at Western Michigan University; and Gary, currently a senior at Southwest DeKalb High School.

The Aichers plan to move permanently to Bent Tree from Atlanta this fall.



Sand pile play makes Golf Clubhouse construction fun for Brad and Christine Mahefkey.



Veteran Greens Superintendent Bill Wright packs 18th green prior to Back Nine seeding.

Here's Golf Progress Report

Big news for Bent Tree Golfers as the fall and winter playing season swings in:

1. **New golf clubhouse**—Spaciously and comprehensively designed by Architect Conner Thomson of Valdosta, was nearing completion as the ECHO went to press. Pro Ron Mahefkey expected shower rooms to be usable and simple bar facilities to be set up in November.

2. **New club official**, Don Aicher started work Oct. 1, to initiate simple food and bar services for golfers as quickly as possible. He comes to Bent Tree with 25 years experience at restaurant and supper club management.

3. **Back nine holes** of the Joe Lee—designed course had their elaborate irriga-

tion systems already installed and fairways and greens "soil conditioned" for Bent Grass sowing in early October. Greens Superintendent Bill Wright expects the back nine to be playable next spring or early summer.

4. **Classes for ladies and juniors**—a new series—is already being planned by Ron and Assistant Pro Joe Van Sant. Last summer's initial series was a great success.

How much playing weather can golfers expect this fall-winter on our mountain slopes? Ron, who comes from mountain courses in Pennsylvania, predicts there will only be a few non-playable days.

"I'm counting on year-round playing in your Deep South mountains," Ron says.



Bent Tree's Hardy Champion with family, l-r, Sharon, Jimmy, Debbie, Eddie, Wife Betty.

Champions Change with Times

Betty Champion's favorite story is about the first buses barreling up Bent Tree Road bringing city folks to view the new mountain resort—a couple of years back.

"I yelled to the kids and Grandma Champion to come look!" the usually-calm, generally-unruffled wife of Bent Tree's Hardy Champion recalls.

"We were used to one or two cars every week or so," pretty, dark-haired Betty laughs.

The coming of Bent Tree with its daily stream of visitors, property owners, construction workers and construction vehicles has brought a new way of life to the Champion family. Things aren't the same in their cozy stone house across from the fish pond at the entrance way to Bent Tree.

And the Champions like it—all four children, two dogs, one cat and 30 Anguses. So much so that Hardy and his equally sociable wife recently threw a wing ding of a dinner party and invited all the Bent Tree home owners they knew plus the officials. And they all came, for a spread of good country cooking "like we never tasted in the mid-West," as one Bent Tree-ite exclaimed.

Officially, Hardy is assistant to Development Director Otis Pauley, assigned to help with every kind of mountain construction job imaginable.

Unofficially, the friendly, joke-telling Pickens Countian is known to home owners as the man to call in a crisis, big or small.

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Stumbling Blocks? Not Native Rocks!

By CARL DARNELL

Stumbling blocks? No sir, not those big, dark-colored rocks on Hendricks Mountain. Instead, they're a great asset to folks fast building homes at Bent Tree.

Chimneys built with these dark stones will stand for 100 years, as a matter of record.

People used to gather these fire resistant rocks to build the first four or five feet of their chimneys, as the firmest foundation and most fireproof building material they could find.

And when ground into gravel, there is no equal to these Bent Tree stones for making strong foundations for paved roads.

Guess that's why smart Bent Tree officials started their own rock quarry.

And why so many of the new homes up our old mountain sides use our native rocks for house foundations, stone walls as well as chimney stones, inside and outside.

(The author is a retired teacher and Jasper community leader who grew up at the foot of Hendricks Mountain, now part of Bent Tree.)

Thinking back to old timey house building ways, years ago a man picked his home site where he found the best spring of cold water. If you'll look at the old house sites around Bent Tree today, keep looking and you'll find a small spring of cool, clear water still flowing someplace nearby.

And here's a story for you Bent Tree folks planning to live on Chestnut Cove, the new section of Bent Tree recently paved and opened for sale.

Bob Long was a typical old mountain man who lived near the top of Denny Ridge close to the cove, with his wife.

He grew many vegetables but he had no garden, in the usual sense of the word. He'd just line old logs up the upper side of the ridge and plant about two rows of vegetables by each log.

But he made his money by selling wild blackberry wine.

Late one evening old Bob was standing on top of Chadwick Mountain looking longingly at the tall corn fields down below at the head of the Amicalola and dreaming that some day he'd own some of that rich valley land.

Suddenly, he saw the full moon rising over Springer Mountain and he consoled himself with this thought, so the story goes:

"You needn't look so _____ big up there, Mr. Moon. You are full only once a month but I'm full every Saturday night, with my own blackberry wine."



Champion Family *Continued from page 2*

"And Hardy always comes to our rescue," says Iris Hartrick, one of Bent Tree's first permanent residents.

Since Hardy lives so close, he's on call on Bent Tree business almost day and night.

"I never know when he'll get home or how long he'll stay," Betty says. But both she and Hardy are glad for the "commotion" and "pleased to see our mountains being developed right," as Hardy puts it.

The Champions own 190 acres of high and low land outside Bent Tree, from the fish pond up the side of Mole Mountain.

Both his family and Betty's, the Mullinaxes, go back three or four generations as farmers in the stretch of Blue Ridge between Jasper and what's now Bent Tree.

Betty grew up about a mile down the road toward town from Hardy. And the two walked together to the little Oglethorpe country grammar school and took the same school bus through Pickens County High School days.

Betty won't say who carried whose books.

They were married in the early 1950s, soon after Hardy's stint in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. They lived in Jasper for a dozen years, then as their family started "spreading" they moved out to Hardy's family farm and remodeled the half-a-century old farmhouse.

The Champion children are: Debbie, 13; Sharon, 11; Jimmy, 7; and Eddie, 4.

While Hardy stays busy with Bent Tree business, his wife stays busy cooking, sewing, preparing for big Sunday family gatherings and "just enjoying my family."

She never knows whether she'll be feeding 17 or 70 at Sunday dinner.

The Champions no longer raise the cotton and corn their ancestors did but they grow a sizable family vegetable garden, enough to keep Betty busy canning, freezing and making jelly, when she's not doing other home-making chores.

The mountain family also finds time to have fun as a family at county ball games, fairs, picnics and swimming parties.

"We're busy," Betty admits, "but we have a ball."

Tots to Grandmothers Learn to Swing

Ages ranged from almost-toddlers to grandmothers for the first series of ladies and juniors golf classes held in the summer at Bent Tree.

And the one thing all ages agreed on: Pro Ron Mahefkey and Assistant Pro Joe Van Sant had lots of patience.

Ladies just learning or brushing up on their games included: Marjorie Rohrsen, Joan Carroll, Grace Steinman, Jewell Guess, Iris Hartrick, Barbara Beem and Mary Lerner.

Also, Polly Barrett, Jeanette Lawson, Betty Rodgers, Jaynelle Baker, Frances Jones, Paulyne Waits, Judith Lewis, Dot Wheeler, Jeanette Barnett and Arlene Dunn.



Ann Mahefkey, golf pro's wife, makes pretty addition to almost-completed Teen Clubhouse.

Teen Club Nears Completion

Bent Tree teen-agers will soon have their own handsome new Teen Clubhouse, nearing completion alongside the big new family swimming pool.

And four tennis courts will be completed this fall-winter across the pool from the clubhouse, to triple playing space for Bent Tree tennis buffs.

Meantime... down the hill a short way, Phase II of the main clubhouse has progress to report as well. Bids have been let for this dining-lounge and game rooms addition to the initial clubhouse.

The Teen Clubhouse is a sizable 80 x 30 foot structure with a rustically-contemporary exterior of wood siding and glass. It will provide 2400 square feet of party and snacking space for teen-agers plus locker rooms for swimmers.

Atlanta Architect Tom Adkins designed a gabled roofline on the road side of the clubhouse, composed of six-foot-deep windows to flood the dancing-dining area in mountain sunlight.

Another interesting architectural feature is the non-glassed vertical openings in the building's far side that not only add interesting pattern but compensate for wind velocity expected from the clubhouse's high altitude location.

Chestnut Cove Opened

Chestnut Cove, a rolling, green stretch of mountain terrain ranging in altitude from about 2100 to 2500 feet is the newest residential area opened for sale at Bent Tree.

It adjoins Coffey Cove and its laurel-lined, winding roads bear such picturesque names as Buckskull and Thunderstruck Courts and Chestnut Cove Trail.

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Big Pool Brings Big Crowd for Fun, Food, a Cool Dip

Splash-In



Away go Cynthia Meyer, Rhonda and Russell Franklin, Tim Bevers.



People good to Mary McAdams and mom, Mrs. R. L. McAd.



Remember when? Back in early August hundreds of property owners gathered on a warm weekend for barbecue, watermelon, swimming and diving exhibitions by Chattanooga Swim League members. Peculiarly Poppye Brown—and the swimming of the giant Bear Tree family swimming pool.

Dr. Roy Stinson, head of physical ed. at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and B.T.'s recreation director, planned the fast moving two-day sports program.

And amateur water bugs had their own swimming competitions with every participant winning

action. Yet even more exciting was the "professionally" won't in action. Yet even more exciting was the "professionally" won't in action.

In between, over 1000 plates of barbecue were consumed by spectators and swimmers. No wonder it was "guaranteed Georgia style" prepared by Old James P. Turner family of Rome and Bear Tree.

Splash-In



Whether she dives or not, Emily Womack adds to Splash-In scene.



Poppye's kids Thomas with Mrs. John Bevers, and Tim Stewart.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Franklin, Russell Rhonda enter.



Slipping time for Col. and Mrs. Anne Anderson, Chas.



Timothy head for Sylvia Bevers, Beverly Pope Bevers.



Barbecue goes home, Turner, daughter Tim, Jane Hootch.



Poppye's home includes Mary, Mike, Kay, Mary, and others.

Now's Time to Plant

It's tree planting time, according to J. W. Norris, Pickens County Ag' Agent.

These nippy fall and early winter days are just right to set out white or loblolly pines, cedars, red buds, dogwoods and other trees native to Bent Tree terrain.

Norris suggests that Bent Tree-ites contact Charles (Rip) Collins, Georgia Forestry Commission agent headquartered at the Jasper airport to order seedlings at minimal, non-profit prices. Collins' phone number is 692-5111.



Accepting winning golf trophy is Bent Tree Assistant Golf Pro Joe Van Sant, right, from Bill Edgar at DeKalb Cancer Society tourney. The foursome included Frank Wheeler, George Cobb, Ed Cornish, representing Bent Tree.

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Tip Top Talk

Houseguests Liven B.T. Whirl

By IRIS HARTRICK

There was much to do at the Quiet World this past summer and Bent Tree property owners were busy golfing, swimming, hiking, boating, fishing, playing tennis or just being lazy. Because of the easy-care dwellings, the cliff hangers found plenty of time to indulge in outdoors activities, even though homes were filled with house guests most week-ends.

One such house is that of **Mr. & Mrs. T. Harley Harper**. Sounds of 'Happy Birthday' could be heard across the lake a summer evening when friends and family gave a surprise party for Mrs. Harper. Among the guests were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rothman, Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Baker and Mr. & Mrs. George Harper. House guests over the Labor Day week-end were their son and daughter-in-law, George and Jenny; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Hyman of Atlanta; Bob Rothman of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. and Mrs. Mark Greene of Boston, and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Moss and their children of Rome, Ga.

(And a tip of my best bonnet to Mrs. Scott P. Woodside of Roswell and Bent Tree for her topnotch name for our new personals column.)

Touring golf pro, Jim Lynch and family of California were guests of **Ron and Ann Mahefkey** for two weeks in September. Other house guests were Ron's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mahefkey of Bethel Park, Pa. The Mahefkeys have two children, Chris 9 and Brad 3. Ann has been assisting with the Follow Through program at the Jasper Elementary School.

Mr. & Mrs. Ledford Pruitt, also permanent residents have moved into their rustic home on Little Pine Mountain Road. Ledford is teaching at Pickens County High School and Linda is program director for the Follow Through program mentioned above. Their daughter Jill, who is 7, attends Jasper Elementary School.

Jaynie Steed, Betty Roper and Dottie Blevins have been very busy selecting merchandise for their soon to open boutique-gift shop in Jasper. The 'Red Mushroom' is scheduled to open Nov. 1.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tweedell were honored at a reception on their 25th anniversary at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Charles Johnson** on Little Pine Mountain Road. The Johnsons are permanent residents and have lived in Bent Tree over a year, having moved from Atlanta. Grace teaches school in Cherokee County. The Johnsons love to entertain, and have guests almost every week-end.

Dr. & Mrs. Sam Lerner Jr. joined the Disney World sight seers recently. Accompanying them were their daughter Betsy, son Todd, and guest Joyce Metzger of Ohio. Vacationing at the Lerner retreat during August were Mr. & Mrs. Jim Krueger of Philadelphia, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sweeney of San Francisco, Mr. & Mrs. John Steen and daughter Lisa of Norman, Okla. Mrs. Krueger is the former Judy Lerner, Mrs. Sweeney was Deborah Lerner and Jo Ann Lerner is Mrs. John Steen.

The Blantons, Orin and Mary, are now permanent residents of Bent Tree, moving from the Sandy Springs area of Atlanta. They have just returned from a three-week vacation in Ontario, Canada, where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Barbara Blanton, and two grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. David Laycock, also permanent residents, moved to Bent Tree from Atlanta and boast of having the most grandchildren so far. They number 12, and in this order: Dr. & Mrs. David Laycock, Indianapolis, Ind. (2), Mr. & Mrs. Brad Laycock, Evanston, Ill. (4), Mr. & Mrs. Stan Laycock, Wheaton, Ill. (4), Mr. & Mrs. Bob Laycock, Marietta, Ga. (2). All have visited this summer.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Alderman have found their mountain home very relaxing after a trip to Lake Junaluska, N.C. They enjoy picnics at the beach and the whole family joins together in a rigorous game of volley ball. Son Tommy is a sophomore at University of Georgia, Woody attends West Georgia, and Jody is a student at West Rome High School. Their niece, Denise Morgan, who resides with the Aldermans, also attends West Rome High. Mr. & Mrs. Ken Coley and family of Fairfield, Conn. were guests of the Aldermans during the summer. Rev. Alderman is minister of the Trinity Methodist Church in Rome, Ga.

Open house honoring Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wall of Dayton, Ohio, was given by **Mr. & Mrs. James Betty** at their home on Little Pine Mountain. Among the many guests were Mrs. Ann Gilbert of Atlanta, and the Betty's sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Betty, Houston, Tex. and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Betty of San Diego, Calif.

Sally and William Cizmaric and small son Michael were seen swimming or sunning almost every warm afternoon at the pool or the beach. Mrs. Cizmaric's mother, Mrs. Lester Bosler, visited them while Mr. Bosler was on a golf tour. The Cizmarics, who operate the Woodbridge Inn, own a lot on Oglethorpe Mountain.

While vacationing at their mountain retreat, the **Ray Moore** family was often seen together on the golf course or pool area. Sons Bruce, Stephen and Russell and daughter Sherrill made many new friends

Charge System Is Coming

A charge-card system for property owners to use credit cards in paying for purchases in Bent Tree is currently being investigated.

Details will be announced in early 1973, according to Don Hare.



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Johnson Wins with 20-Inch Trout



Charley Johnson beams over prize catch.

Charles H. (Charley) Johnson of 602 Little Pine Mountain pulled in a 20-inch trout to win the first Bent Tree Big Fish Contest.

Based on length of fish, Charley's catch wins him an electric trolling motor or sports item of equal value. Maybe all the angling experience that he gets as a permanent Bent Tree resident helped Charley's chances.

Honorable mention for the heaviest catch goes to T. Harley Harper of 343 Little Pine who hooked a 16½ inch bass that weighed in at about five pounds.

Two feminine anglers in the competition making a good show were Iris Hartrick with her 15-inch bass and Margaret Richardson with her 16 3/4 inch bass.

Other entrants and their catches included: C. P. Reeves, 12½ bass; Preston Hendrix, 15 inch trout; and Ralph Gladden 17½ inch trout.

B. T. Water System Almost Completed

Bent Tree's privately constructed and operated water system is well underway, according to Otis Pauley, director of production.

"All large storage tanks and the filter plant will be carefully disguised and landscaped to blend with our mountain setting," he assures.

Another mammoth construction project for the resort community, Pauley estimates the new system will be one of the most complicated and unique private water systems in the state.

When completed the system will be composed of a main filter plant and pumping station at the 1800 foot elevation; a second pumping station at 2200 foot elevation; and a third pumping station at 2600 foot elevation; with a storage tank at 3000 foot elevation atop a ridge of Big Stomp Mountain.

Future tanks as needed will be located on Denny Ridge and Sharp Top mountains.

A large stream at the head of Coffey Cove will furnish the main water supply.

And, as far as Pauley knows, the system will have Georgia's first package treatment plant, a Diautomatic Filter System designed especially for Bent Tree by De Laval Turbine Inc.

J. A. Taylor and Associates are serving as consulting engineers on the project.

Decatur Motes Win Boat

Fulmer and Florence Mote who won the boat—Bent Tree's prize 16-foot fiber glass fishing boat given away Labor Day—are serious fishermen.

The Motes, who reside in Decatur, intended to initiate their sleek prize "Warrior Pro" on North Georgia mountain-lake trout.



Joe Van Sant takes climb on topmost water tank.

Do You or Don't You Want an Association?

Bent Tree property owners met in Jasper on September 16th to hear of the community's progress and immediate plans for the future from General Manager Don Hare.

There was discussion of forming a Bent Tree Property Owners Association, or Bent Tree Country Club Association (whatever name is selected) and a majority of those present signed a list indicating favoring such an association.

Owners unable to attend are being given an opportunity by mail to indicate their views and the results should be known shortly, according to Don Hare.



James H. White house inviting rear approach.

Broker Affiliates Told

Ward and Land Realty Co. of Chattanooga became the exclusive broker for Bent Tree in Chattanooga and its metropolitan area in late September.

The respected Chattanooga firm headed by Robert N. Land is second in an ongoing program of affiliations between Bent Tree's main Atlanta sales office and established brokers in major cities over Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida.

An affiliation with Chambers Realty Co. of Birmingham in July served as pilot project for the program, according to Roderick M. Glen, Bent Tree marketing official.

An affiliation with Ramsey Realty Co. of Cleveland, Tenn., was expected to materialize in late October, to be followed by alliances with 20 additional top brokers in the four-state area later in the fall.

Bent Tree officials attending Chattanooga inauguration ceremonies included: Glen; Tom Umstead and George W. Cobb Jr.

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Homes, More Homes Is Bent Tree Story

You may have to peer through thick greenery to spot them, but Bent Tree homes continue to sprout like magic on Little Pine, Oglethorpe, Hendricks and Mole Mountains plus Coffey Cove.

Last count was 75-plus including homes with foundations laid and building applications accepted.

And, like the J. H. White's comfortable and spacious board-and-batten, two story home shown at left, variety of architecture and appropriateness to mountain surroundings are the theme throughout.

(And that's the rear view of the White's handsome, two story home which faces the rolling, almost-green 17th fairway.

Newest home owners in the applied-to-build status are the: Charles N. Blacks of Decatur; and the Robert J. J. Locatellis, Kenneth L. Bazzels, Ernest L. Millers Jr., Wesley L. Bogarduses and Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Howell J. Parry, all of Atlanta.

Also Dr. and Mrs. George E. Artress of Smyrna; and the Earl J. Balls of Dalton.

Wright Hits 1st Hole-In-One

History was made at Bent Tree on Sunday, Sept. 3, when Greens Superintendent Bill Wright made the community's first hole-in-one.

Bill was playing on the 4th hole, 122 yards long, and used a nine iron to sink it. Mrs. Wright was her husband's golf partner.

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Boat Dock in Works

Here's the good word for Bent Tree sailors and fishermen.

A boat dock 8 by 100 feet long with an end platform 8 x 32 feet in width was approved for construction in early October.

This is "just the beginning" of a complete docking facility planned for the lakefront, according to Otis Pauley, development director.

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