

A little exercise can improve health of seniors

**By Pat Bruschini,
Dekalb Extension Agent**

Seniors do not need strenuous exercise to improve their physical health.

According to some exercise specialists, elderly people may benefit more from strength training than from aerobic activity.

Many of the health problems

of the elderly, such as broken bones from falls, may be due to muscular weakness, not to a lack of aerobic fitness.

Due to loss of muscle, an 80-year-old may use a large percentage of his or her

muscle strength just to rise from a chair. This could mean that he or she needs help with daily activities. If enough

muscle strength is lost, he or she might even require institutional care. One of the goals of exercise should be to help the elderly have the strength to do normal daily activities.

There can be risks to weight training, such as worsening of arthritis pain or an increase in blood pressure. But these

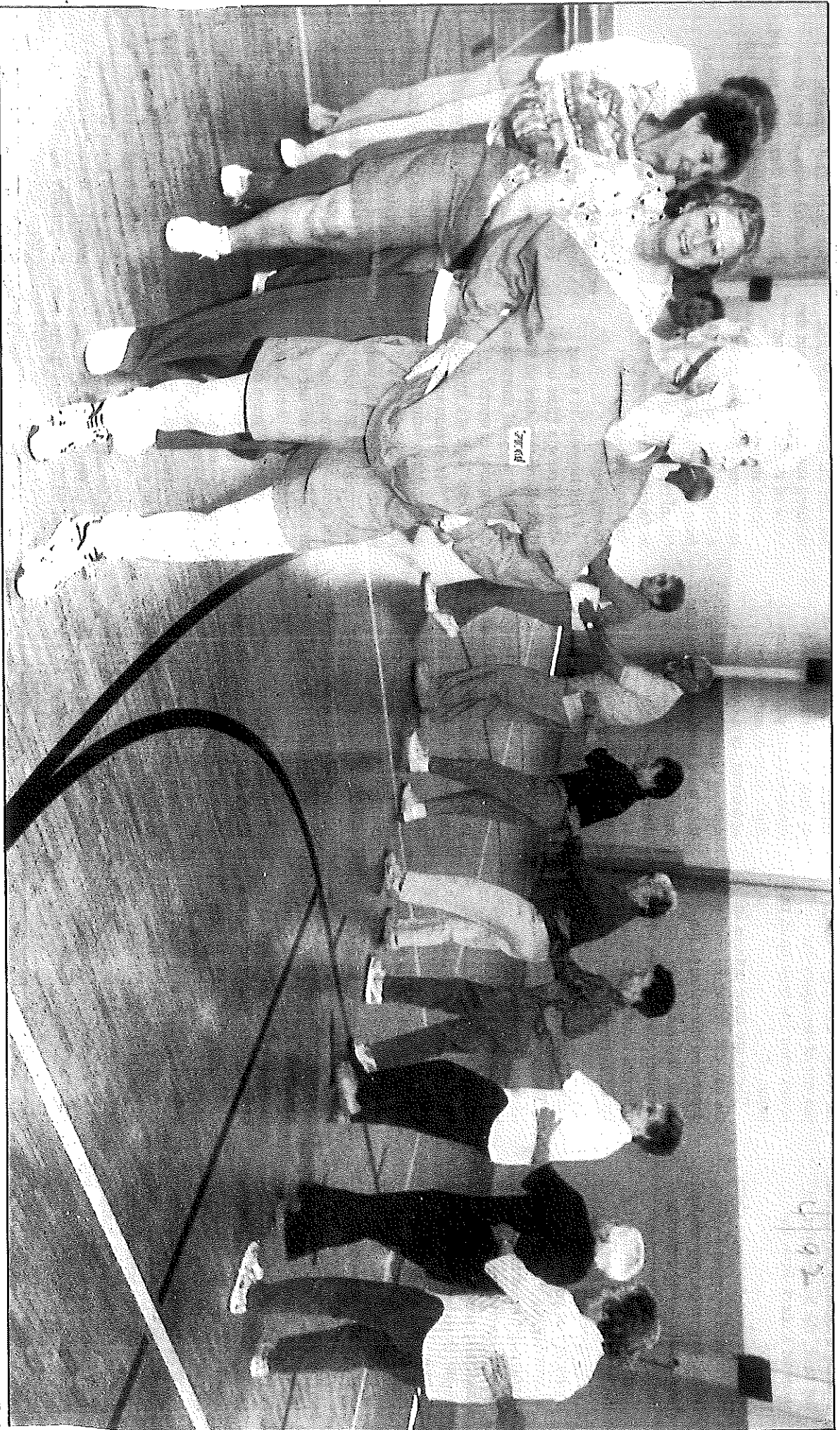
risks can be minimized if proper techniques are used. There has been an increase in the risk of injuries of 70-90-year-olds who jog, but not among those who walk or who participate in strength training.

Any elderly person who is interested in starting a strength training program

should first get the advice of his doctor as well as get specific instructions about weight training techniques.

Of course, if you're just wanting to work off a few calories, walking is the simplest activity to arrange. It is also a very social activity with family and friends joining in.

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Bobbie Elzey leads senior citizens in a conga line exercise at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. Exercise classes are just a part of the program for senior citizens sponsored by Life Enrichment Services. Even a small amount of exercise can improve the health of persons in their elder years. Anyone wishing to start a

strenuous exercise program should first check with his doctor. But the easiest — and one of the most effective — exercises is walking. For more information about exercise for senior citizens, phone Life Enrichment Services at 321-6960 or the Wilma Sheinutt Senior Adult Center at 477-6044.

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Turn left on Starfire Drive

We are at 2107 Starfire Drive, in second block on your right.

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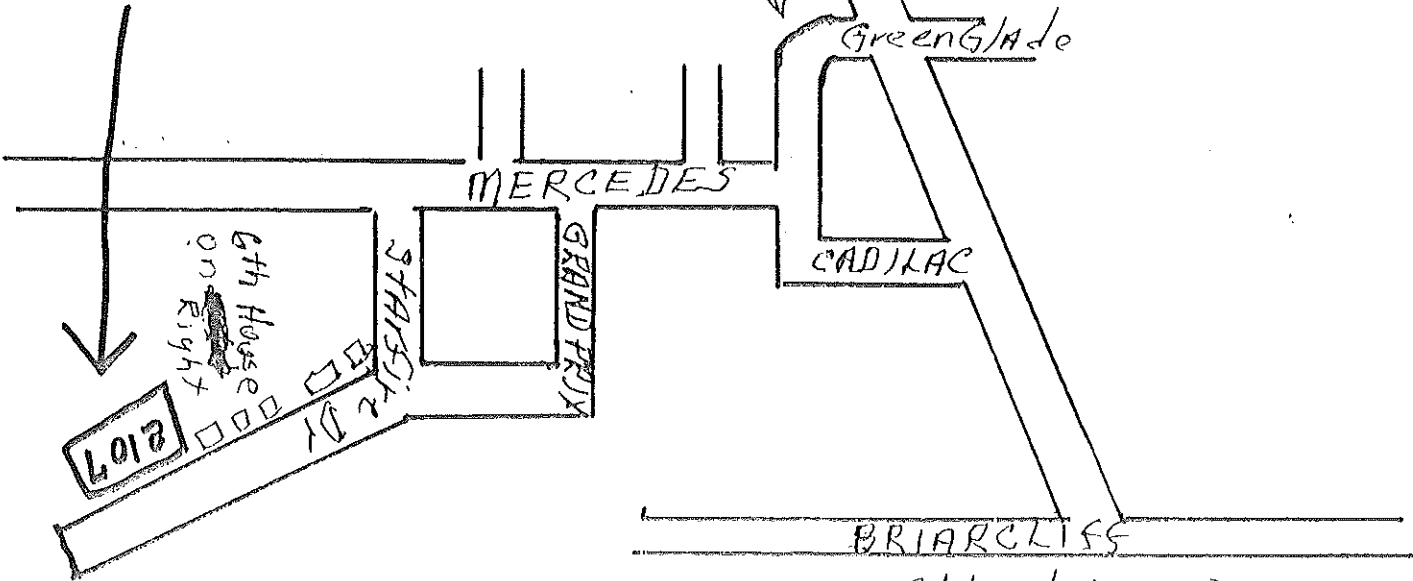
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PEOPLE

Decatur man recipient of 'Oscar'

By SARAH CASH

Reporter, DeKalb EXTRA

John Thomas "Tommy" Clack of Decatur has been chosen to receive the AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, often referred to as "the veterans Oscar."

The announcement was made by the Atlanta office of AMVETS here.

Clack, a triple amputee of the Vietnam War, was chosen to receive the award in recognition of his outstanding service to disabled veterans.

He is employed at the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center as special assistant to the director.

Clack joined the army in August, 1966. After attending Officer's Candidate School, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. While in combat in South Vietnam, he was severely injured and lost both legs and his right arm.

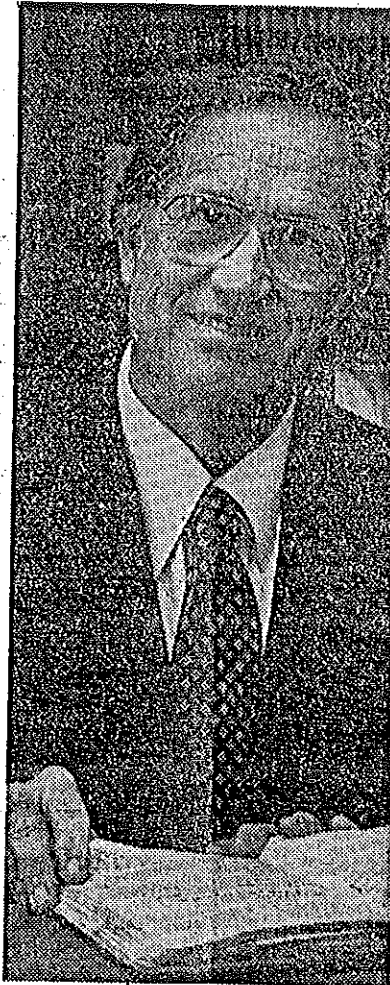
He is recipient of the Silver Star, two Bronze stars, and the Purple Heart.

Clack served as state president of the Georgia Jaycees in 1977-78. He has been a member of the Georgia Veterans Service Board since 1972 and is currently serving his second year as chairman of the group.

In 1979 he was named by Gov. George Busbee as one of the 10 outstanding volunteers in the state. The same year, he received the Courage in Adversity award from the Georgia Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. In 1981 he was recognized as one of the VA's outstanding handicapped employees.

The first winner of the Silver Helmet was General Georgia C. Marshall.

When Clack receives the Silver Helmet on April 9, 1983 at the an-



The Rev. C. Phil Esty

nual awards banquet in Baltimore, Md., he will join other distinguished recipients that include: Sen. Barry Goldwater, Sen. Strom Thurmond, Gen. William Westmoreland, John Wayne, Danny Thomas, Frank Sinatra, Henry Kissinger, Pope John Paul II, Bob Hope and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Dr. Bill Fooge, director of Centers for Disease Control, was honored by the Exchange Club of North DeKalb, when he received the Community Service award.

John Worth, a junior at Lakeside High School, will have two color photographs accepted for nationwide display in the 1982 Young Photographers Showcase, which is sponsored by the Photographic Society of America.

Worth was the only Georgian among the 1,000 entries whose work was chosen in the 16 to 19-age group.

The initial exhibit will be shown in New Orleans, followed by a tour of cities.

Melvin T. Solomon of southeast Atlanta has been appointed to the DeKalb Library System board of Trustees.

Solomon has served on the DeKalb Community Relations Commission, the Boy Scouts of America Council, the Muscogee County Nursing home board, the Wesley Community Center board and the Community Development Council.

The Rev. C. Phil Esty is the new associate pastor of missions at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. It was announced by Dr. Jack C. Oates III, senior pastor.

Esty was formerly senior pastor at Covenant Church, Jackson, Miss. He and his wife Mary Ann, a portrait and landscape artist, live in Stone Mountain.

In his new position, Esty will be minister in international missions, home missions, evangelism, outreach, visitation, community service and activities.

Clairmont Presbyterian Church
Rev. Max Milligan, Jr., Pastor
Presbytery of Atlanta
Synod of Georgia
History of the Church 4-6-52::
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Clairmont Presbyterian Church came into being as an answer to a religious need in a growing community. As this area of DeKalb County was cut into subdivisions and many new homes were established there arose an urgent need for a Presbyterian Church. Some people were going many miles to their church, others who were new in the area did not have a church home, and others had never come into the church at all. Many were losing contact with their previous churches for various reasons.

Clairmont Presbyterian Church was sponsored by three Churches - Decatur Presbyterian and Oakhurst Presbyterian of Decatur and Druid Hills Presbyterian of Atlanta. The organization was planned by a group of ~~members~~ from these three churches who met under the direction of Dr. F. C. Talmadge, Supt. of Home Missions, Atlanta Presbytery. This meeting was at the home of Mr. Hugh Lemon, and those present were Marvin Everett, Jack Smoot, E. S. Dearman, Carlos and Mrs. Bradford, Frank and Mrs. Lemon, Lemon Smith, C. T. Greer, Merritt Duncan and J. L. Skinner. Pastors of the three churches were also present: Dr. S. Hugh Bradley, Dr. P. D. Miller and Rev. Francis Benton. Plans were made for the immediate inauguration of services. The use of W. D. Thompson Grammar School was secured and the first service was held in the school auditorium on April 6, 1952 with the sermon being preached by Dr. Miller of Druid Hills. During our first month the pulpit was supplied by the pastors of each of the sponsoring churches and by Dr. Talmadge. Dr. Paul Garber, of Agnes Scott College, served us in June and July, followed by Dr. Benton Kline, also of Agnes Scott, who remained with us until we called a pastor. Mr. Wade Bell, a student at Columbia Seminary was secured to assist with pastoral activities, visiting prospective

At the meeting duly held June 8, 1952 46 petitioners were present. It was decided that the Church should bear the name "Clairmont Presbyterian Church". The following schedule was set up for completion of the full organization:

Thursday, June 19: Reception of new members and election of elders
Friday, June 20: Reception of new members and election of deacons
Sunday, June 22: Reception of new members and installation of officers.

The following officers were elected:

Elders: Marvin Everett, Carlton Nunan, Jack Smoot, Carlos Bradford, M. C. Duncan and J. L. Skinner
Deacons: Carl Owens, L. C. Richardson, Hugh Lemon, J. D. Teaver, H. J. Reynolds, W. C. Shepherd George Skinta
Trustees: L. C. Richardson, Hugh Lemon, Carlos Bradford

The charter was closed on Sunday August 3, 1952 with 101 members. They were:

Mrs. T. W. Arnold
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bradford
• Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bradley
Miss Ann Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown
Miss Emily Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Capes
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chafin
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowan
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Crawford
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Duncan
Miss Kathleen Duncan
Miss Marie Duncan
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Everett
Miss Sally Everett
Miss Evelyn Green
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harrison, Jr.
Mrs. Nellie Hurst
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Kern, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Lee
Mr. Charles R. Lee, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lemon
• Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lemon
Miss Dorothy Lemon
Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Lewis
Miss Joan Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Logan
Mr. John Logan
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mann
Mrs. Chas. M. Mashburn
Mrs. Henry Mauldin, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miles

Mrs. M. T. McDaniel
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McFerrin
 Mrs. Elizabeth A. McWaters
 Mrs. O. P. Norcross
 Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Nunan
 Mr. Alex Nunan
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Owen
 Mr. Thomas Carl Owen
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pendergrast
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Redwine, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reynolds, Jr.
 Miss Sally Reynolds
 Miss Sue Reynolds
 Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Richardson
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Sanders
 Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Scarboro
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shepherd
 Mrs. Rebecca Simpson
 Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Skinner
 Mr. Lister Skinner
 Mr. Wirt Skinner
 Mr. and Mrs. George Skinta
 Mr. Jon Thomas Skinta
 Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Smoot
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stamps
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Steele
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Stubbs
 Mr. and Mrs. John D. Teaver
 Mrs. Elizabeth Woods
 Miss Marietta H. Yarnell
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carroll (signed original petition but did
 not come into the Church.

Our morning worship service was greatly improved in July when Mr. R. A. Pendergrast came to us from the Druid Hills Church to be our organist and choir director. We were given a small reed organ by Mr. Roy Staples of Decatur and this served as our only musical instrument while we were meeting at Thompson School.

It was soon evident by our rate of growth that definite plans must be set in motion for erecting a church building of some sort. We were fast outgrowing the limited space made available to us at the school. At a congregational meeting Sept. 7 it was decided to go ahead with plans to erect a Fellowship building on one section of our building site located on the corner of North Druid Hills Road and Clairmont Road. A ground breaking ceremony was held Oct. 18, 1952 with Dr. Wallace Alston, President of Agnes Scott College, in charge. He was assisted by Dr. P. D. Miller, Rev. Francis Benton and Dr. F. C. Talmadge. After the ceremony dinner was served on the grounds, and many of our friends from the sponsoring churches were present. The hole which was dug was left open and we were all invited to put in a special offering. Gifts amounting to about \$75.00 were received.

A building fund campaign was immediately organized by Mr. Charles Lee and Mr. Jack Smoot as co-chairmen. Every member of the Church was contacted and it is interesting to note that a pledge for our building fund was secured from every family unit within the Church. Approximately \$18,000.00 was pledged, to which was added \$7,500.00 from Druid Hills and \$5,000.00 from Oakhurst. Presbytery gave us \$10,000.00 for purchase of land.

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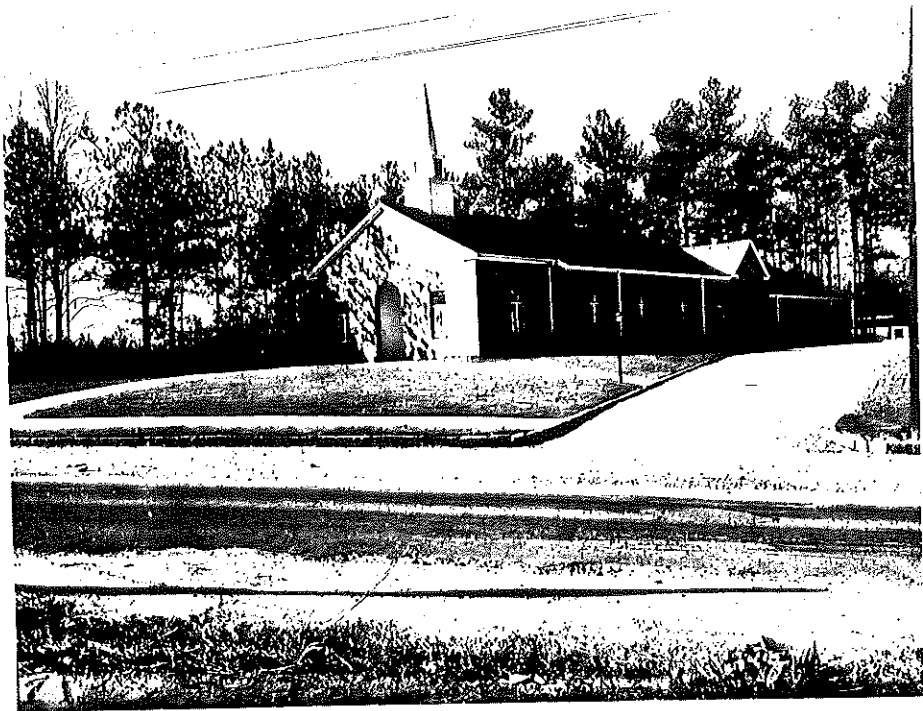
From our very beginning our church has been interested in the World Mission of the Church, and one tenth of our offerings were set aside for benevolences.

A steering committee was appointed to carry out the details of organization. M. C. Duncan was named chairman, J. L. Skinner, secretary, and Hugh C. Lemon, Mrs. Henry Mauldin, Mrs. H. J. Reynolds, Jr., J. D. Teaver and Charles R. Lee comprised the committee.

As the Church became unified the various phases of Church work came into being. Sunday School sessions were held on Mother's Day, May 11, 1952 with 75 in attendance. Marvin Everett was appointed Church School Superintendent. There were many difficulties incident to holding Sunday School classes in a school building. The school rooms were not available for our use so classes were held in hallways, teachers' lounge, cafeteria, first aid room and supply rooms. The mid-week prayer service was begun May 28, 1952. Since we could not use the school building regularly for week day services we had our prayer meetings in the homes of our congregation. This continued for more than a year until our building was completed. Also in May the Women of the Church formed two circles, one day and one evening, and entered into the general Program of Womens Work as planned by the Assembly.

Thus in two months time, and before we had become officially organized, we had four major phases of our Church program functioning: Sunday morning worship service, Church school, midweek prayer service, and Women of the Church. Also a Building Fund was established.

The Steering Committee presented our Charter to Atlanta Presbytery on May 27, 1952, and this charter was acted upon favorably. A commission was appointed to meet with the petitioners on June 8. This commission was composed of Dr. F. C. Talmadge, Rev. Francis Benton, Dr. S. Hugh Bradley, Dr. P. D. Miller and elders Robert F. Head, Druid Hills, W. J. Rountree, Decatur and F. C. Zimmerman, Oakhurst.



FIRST BUILDING OF CLAIRMONT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There was an influx of new members with the coming of our pastor. On the first of April our membership was 114. Many who were waiting for a more stable church now joined with us. The men began an intensive visiting campaign on prayer meeting nights while the women carried on with the meeting. Our visitation was lead by Mr. Bob Steele. As a result we had 147 members by the first of June, 19 of whom were received on profession of faith. Again it is interesting to note that most of these 19 were adults.

It now became urgent that we get our building under way, and work was begun in the Spring of 1953 on a Fellowship Building. The manner in which the land for this building was acquired is of note. Portions on both sides of North Druid Hills Road belonged to Mr. Arthur Smith of Atlanta, having been left to him by an aunt. Wishing to honor her he gave the site on the South side of North Druid Hills Road to the Presbyterian Mission Board with the understanding that a church building seating at least 200 be erected there within 10 years. Our congregation felt that the tract across the road would be a better site for a Church building and Mr. Smith agreed to an exchange of the two tracts, each of which is about three acres. The Mission Board then agreed to buy back the original gift tract for \$10,000, and it was again put at our disposal. As a result of this gift and purchase Clairmont Church has six acres divided by North Druid Hills Road.

Our Fellowship Building cost \$38,213. Of this amount we had to borrow only \$15,000. The building consists of a large room (used at present for many purposes including morning and evening worship, prayer meeting, recreation, church suppers and such) six class rooms, a kitchen and furnace room and two alcoves off the main room used for pastor's study and class room. This building was designed by J. L. Skinner. The pulpit furniture and rug was given by Mr. Arthur Smith. A bell was procured for us from one of the railway companies. It was taken from a scrapped steam locomotive.

A special service was held Thanksgiving morning, and on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas a candlelight service was held. There was a Christmas party for both the Men and Women of the Church at the home of Mrs. Charles Washburn with about 40 attending.

Since we organized at a time when the change in the Church year was imminent we geared our year to the calendar year from the start. So January 1953 inaugurated our first full church year. During Foreign Mission emphasis of January we had Dr. L. C. Vass, of Decatur, at our prayer meetings. Dr. Vass is a retired missionary and he showed slides and talked on mission work in Africa.

Also in January our church treasurer, Mr. L. A. Richardson resigned, and he was succeeded by Mr. W. E. Brown.

For some time our committee for securing a pastor was hard at work, and in March we called Rev. Max Milligan, who was serving the Presbyterian Church of Andalusia, Alabama. The call was accepted and Mr. and Mrs. Milligan and their three children, Mike, Mimi, and Julia came to us in March 1953. Mr. Milligan graduated from Georgia Tech and served four years in the Armed Forces. After two years in business in Tennessee Mr. Milligan decided to enter the ministry and came to Columbia Theological Seminary in 1947. On completion of the three year course he went to the Andalusia Church. We feel that our call to Mr. Milligan was directed by the Lord. No one could have led a growing church in a growing community better than he, and the Church is grateful for all that he has done for us.

The men in the Church immediately got to work redecorating an apartment which we rented as a temporary manse. The women of the church had a pantry shower. On the evening of March 27 a reception was held at Thompson school at which time all members and friends were invited to meet the new pastor. Mr. Milligan's ^{first} message the following Sunday was almost exactly one year from the date of our first church service.

In May three new deacons were added: Henry Mauldin, Robert Steele and Jack Cowan.

RING IN THE FLOCK

2 Churches Get Locomotive Bells

By SARAH MYRICK

Railroad fans bemoaning the change-over of the glamorous, bell-ringing, coal-burning steam locomotive to the diesel can take note.

The bells' resonant gongs will sound for a long time along the lines—from church belfries.

And ministers are hoping that they will not lose their strange power of calling forth an urge to travel. They are counting on them to bring in the flock.

Two churches in the Atlanta area are among those given the bells from scrapped steam engines by the railway companies.

A scrapped bell atop Clairmont Presbyterian Church, outside Decatur, is packing them in every Sunday.

Pastor Max Milligan testifies that even in the left of his church, the old train bell still holds a fascination for little boys. "Every Sunday they are anxious to ring it," he says. They keep asking "is it time yet?" until he gives the signal. Then a mad dash for the rope.

The Glenoak Presbyterian Church also is recipient of a bell and is making plans to construct a tower for it. Pastor Joe Eckstine says a \$41,808 building program includes a final resting place for the old veteran of the rails.

AN OLD TRAIN-ADMIRER, L. V. Hughes, is the man responsible for the bells in these two churches. An elder in the Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, which sponsored the churches, he was appointed "Train-Bell Chairman."

"Far back as I can remember," Mr. Hughes said, "I've always admired trains." He wrote to dozens of railway companies, who all have waiting lists for the bells, before obtaining them.

As he proudly demonstrated the tones, he remarked:

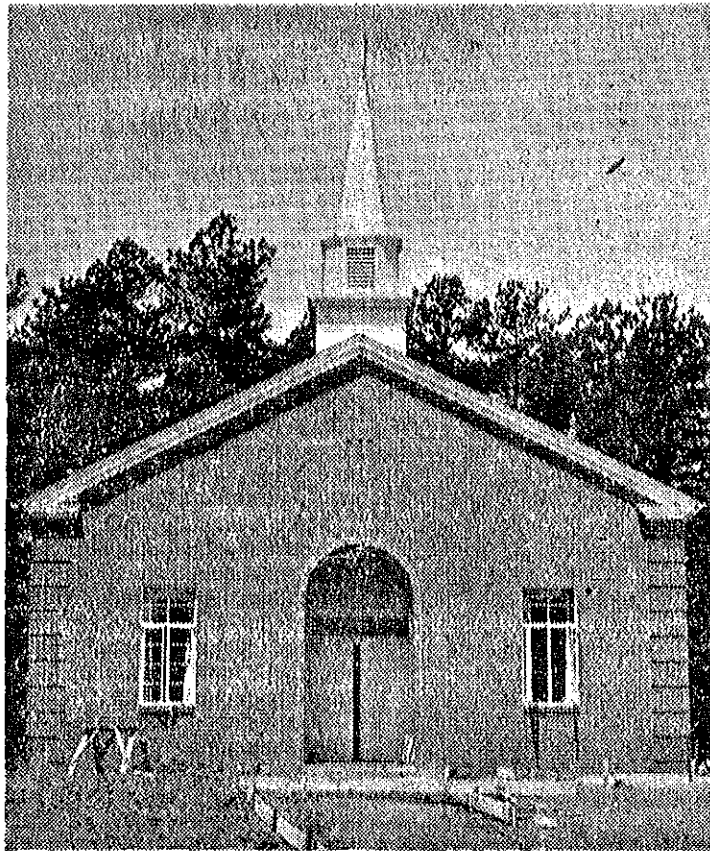
"There's inspiration to a good bell—particularly on Sunday morning. When I hear that bell, if there's any inclination to stay at home, I don't."



Staff Photo—Van Toole

THERE'LL BE A CHURCH TOWER FOR THIS BELL
The Rev. Joseph Eckstine (Left) and L. V. Hughes

Religious News



CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN TO BE DEDICATED
Services Set for New Church for June 21

Clairmont Presbyterian Installation June 21

Installation and dedication services at the Clairmont Presbyterian Church have been postponed from Sunday to

June 21.

The occasion will mark the first time a service has been held in the new church auditorium.

The Rev. Max Milligan Jr., former pastor of the First Pres-

byterian Church in Andalusia, Ala., will be installed at the evening services at 8 p. m.

The dedicatory service will be

held at the morning service at 11 a. m. with music furnished by the Decatur Presbyterian Choir.

The Rev. Mr. Milligan is a graduate of Georgia Tech, having worked as a sales engineer for three years. After serving during the war, he became superintendent of the Chapel at Signal Hill, Tenn. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary and became pastor in Andalusia three years ago.

Aiding in the installation service will be Dr. Hugh Bradley, Decatur Presbyterian Church; Dr. Patrick D. Miller, Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Francis Benton, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Milligan Jr.

Our building was first occupied June 15, 1953 when Bible School opened with electricians and other workmen cooperating with us by coming to work at noon when the boys and girls left. Final details were finished and we held our first morning worship service on June 21. At the morning service the new building was dedicated and at the evening service our pastor was installed. Rev. Francis Benton acted as Moderator, Dr. Miller gave the sermon, Mr. Milligan was installed by Rev. Benton, the charge to the minister was given by Elder W. E. McNair, of Druid Hills, and the charge to the congregation was given by Dr. S. Hugh Bradley, Decatur. Special music was presented by the Decatur Choir and organist.

In July the worshipfulness of our services was enhanced by a Baldwin Electronic organ. This was dedicated August 2.

Clairmont Church began its program of cooperation in the community by inaugurating an exchange of fifth Sunday night services with Peachtree Baptist Church. In August the Baptist congregation was invited to our church and in November we worshiped with them. In September we cooperated with the greater Decatur church census, contacting the homes in our area for religious information.

On October 8 we stressed Home Missions at our Family night supper. Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh, a missionary to the Oklahoma Indians, was our speaker. Our Church was signally honored by the Home Mission Board in having the story of our development used as an example of Church Extension. This folder was distributed throughout the whole Southern Church.

The highlights of November were our Thanksgiving morning service which was exceedingly well attended, and a party for the adult class primarily for the purpose of getting acquainted with the newer members.

In December there was the annual church party for Men and Women of the Church which took ^{the} place of the regular meeting of each group. On the Sunday before Christmas a program was presented by the Sunday School showing in tableaux the always beautiful Christmas story. Music

was furnished by choirs from beginners, primary, junior departments and the Church choir. Scripture passages were quoted by the Pioneers. This program was directed by Mrs. Bob Steele.

The year ended with our financial affairs in good shape. A committee is working toward the purchase of a manse and another committee is planning an expansion of approximately 1500 feet Sunday School space.

God has greatly blessed our Church in the less than two years of its organization. The Holy Spirit has led us through moments both difficult and joyous. We feel that there is a great future for service for our congregation in God's kingdom.

CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECATUR, GEORGIA
ATLANTA PRESBYTERY

Max Milligan, Jr. was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 19, 1915. At the age of seven he moved to Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the city schools of Atlanta, graduating from the Boy's High School. He received his B. S. Degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and went to work for the Bell Telephone Company. Later he opened his own automobile tire company in Brunswick, Georgia. In 1940 he was called into the army, and served five years. During World War II he was in the South Pacific with Anti-Aircraft. He was discharged a "Major" in 1945, and entered the construction business with his father-in-law in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1947 he answered the call to the ministry of Jesus Christ and entered Columbia Theological Seminary. Upon his graduation in 1950, he went to his first pastorate in Andalusia, Alabama. Three years later he accepted a call to the Clairmont Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia. In 1958 he received his Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Columbia Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Eba Smallwood of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have three children: Max Milligan, III; Mimi Milligan, and Julie Milligan.

MILLIGAN HALL COMPLETED IN 1968
AT A COST OF \$400,000





Dr. and Mrs. Max Milligan, Jr.

Clairmont Church To Honor Pastor

Dr. and Mrs. Max Milligan, Jr. will be honored by the congregation of Clairmont Presbyterian Church at a special retirement program, to be held in the sanctuary, Sunday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.



Dr. Milligan

Charter members have been invited as special guests.

Dr. Milligan came to Clairmont in March 1953 as the church's first full time pastor, after its organization in 1952, and will retire at the end of this month.

Dr. Milligan is a graduate of Georgia Tech and of Columbia Presbyterian

Theological Seminary. He holds an additional degree from Columbia in counseling and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Presbyterian College in 1969.

Prior to coming to Decatur, Dr. Milligan served three years in his first pastorate in Andalusia, Alabama.

Dr. and Mrs. Milligan have been active in service to Atlanta Presbytery and to the community. They will continue to live in DeKalb County.

Dr. Harry Fifield, formerly pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, will serve as interim pastor until Clairmont calls a new minister, and will begin preaching February 3.



Manse at 1443 N. Amanda Circle deeded to the Milligans on his retirement

CLAIRMONT CHURCH HISTORY

- 1952-Clairmont Presbyterian Church was organized to meet a religious need in a growing community. The Church was sponsored by three churches:
Decatur Presbyterian, Oakhurst Presbyterian, and Druid Hills Presbyterian under the direction of the Atlanta Presbytery.
The first service was held in W. D. Thompson School on April 6. The Church Charter was recorded on August 3 with 101 members.
- 1953- The Rev. Max Milligan accepted a call as Pastor.
A Fellowship Building was constructed on the south side of North Druid Hills Road at Clairmont Road to be used as a multi-purpose building.
An electronic organ was dedicated in August, and Mr. Robert A. Pendergrast was Organist and Choir Director.
- 1954- A manse was purchased on Amanda Circle. Two surplus buildings from Lawson General Hospital were bought and moved to a site behind the Fellowship Building to take care of the rapidly growing congregation and expanding activities.
- 1956- The Session secured the services of a Director of Christian Education and approved the organization of a Day School Kindergarten and Nursery School.
Ground breaking ceremonies were held September 30 for the construction of an education building across the street from the original building.
- 1957- The Education Building was completed at a cost of \$232,000. The congregation of 769 members worshipped in a temporary sanctuary in this building.
- 1964- The dedication of the Sanctuary of Clairmont Church took place on February 16 at 11:00 A.M. with an attendance of 1044. Special music was presented under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Lowrance. This building, including the necessary remodeling of the Education Building, was completed at a cost of \$429,418.
- 1965- Among all churches in the General Assembly with memberships over 1500, Clairmont was second in growth.
- 1966- The Reverend Stephen M. Huntley, Jr. was installed as Associate pastor of Clairmont Church, and Miss Annette Vaughn joined the staff as Director of Christian Education.
- 1968- Milligan Hall, built at a cost of just under \$400,000, was dedicated on September 29.
Clairmont Church helped in the formation of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, which was the fourth church sponsored by Clairmont in her fifteen year history.
- 1969- Total membership in the Church passed the 1900 mark.
- 1972- Clairmont Youth along with their sponsors, led six Bible Schools in the mountainous western Virginia coal mining area.
- 1973- The Reverend James McNaull accepted a call to become Youth Pastor.
Miss Annette Vaughn became a candidate for the ministry at Columbia Seminary and resigned her duties as Director of Christian Education.
- 1976- Mr. James David Anderson came to Clairmont as Music Director in August, in November his ordination to the ministry took place, and he also became an Associate Pastor.
The Rev. Stephen Huntley accepted a call to the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree, S. C. on July 1st.
Clairmont joined in celebrating 200 years of American History on July 4th with a Church picnic and Vesper Service.
- 1977- Clairmont Presbyterian Church celebrated her Twenty-fifth Anniversary with a special service and a picnic on the grounds.
An exciting new ministry came to Clairmont when a Korean Language Congregation was welcomed to use facilities belonging to the Church.
The Rev. Steven Riser was installed as an Associate Pastor.
Clairmont became the owner of forty-nine handbells; and a handbell choir, The Clarion Ringers, was organized.

1978-Dr. and Mrs. Max Milligan were honored at a reception celebrating twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Church and community.

A letter of resignation as Senior Pastor of Clairmont Church, effective at the close of January 1980, was received from Dr. Milligan.

The congregation approved a proposal that a gift of the manse be made to Dr. and Mrs. Milligan upon his retirement.

A Pulpit committee was formed to search for a replacement for Dr. Milligan by 1980.

The Reverend David Chai of the Korean Congregation was ordained and became a part-time Associate Pastor of Clairmont.

1979-All property of the church across North Druid Hills Road was sold for a total of \$325,000. The Rev. David Anderson accepted a call as Associate Pastor of a church in South Carolina. Mrs. Madonna Brownlee became Organist and Choir Director.

1980-Dr. Max Milligan retired as Senior Pastor effective January 30.

Dr. Harry A. Fifield came to Clairmont as Interim Pastor.

A Charter was granted the Korean Community Presbyterian Church, formerly the Korean Congregation.

Mrs. Diane Jackson became Director of Christian Education and Mr. Steve Morgan came to Clairmont as Director of Youth.

Funds were raised and a contract signed for the construction of a new pipe organ to be completed in approximately two years.

The Long Range Planning Committee was authorized to purchase four additional houses, two on Azalea Circle and two on Clairmont Road. Clairmont Church now owns, with the exception of two properties, all of the property in the block on which the present church buildings are located.

1981-Congregational Care Committee formed. Walk Through the Bible Seminars, Community Activities program initiated.

Dr. Jack C. Oates III became Senior Pastor.

Cassette tapes of worship services - a ministry to shut-ins - begun.

PATH - Presbyterian Answer To Hunger - program adopted.

1982-New staff members: Nancy McCreight, Director of Children's Ministry; Chris Watkins, Director of Music.

Rev. C. Phil Esty joins staff as Associate Pastor for Mission.

New organ dedicated April 25.

CLAIRMONT AND THE YEARS AHEAD

The early years of the decade of the 80's have brought many changes in the life of Clairmont Presbyterian Church. The arrival of Dr. Jack Cotten Oates III as senior pastor signals a new look at ourselves as a congregation to clarify our goals in worship and mission. The emphasis on preaching and visitation declares our evangelical heart.

Calling the Rev. C. Phil Esty as Associate Pastor for Mission is a recognition of our location in metropolitan Atlanta with a need for our ministry to the community and also of our sense of mission to the world. We continue to support with prayers and partial assistance Lardner and Molly Moore in Japan, Robert and Corinne Johnson in Brazil, Scott and Melanie Smith in Bangladesh and have recently added Dr. David and Mary Seel in Korea to our missionary list.

The completion of the new Austin organ in our sanctuary and the addition of Chris Watkins as Director of Music and Organist has revitalized our music ministry. Both choral and bell choirs are producing inspiring sounds to assist the congregation in worship.

Plans are nearly complete for a new activities building and the renovation of present space, which will include elevators, a parlor and other improvements.

The facilities at Clairmont continue to be used every day of the week for a variety of activities in service to the community. We also participate in the Stephen ministry, providing food and clothing to those in need, and in a Care Fellowship, matching those with problems with others who are trained to be a caring friend.

With the prospect of reunion with the United Presbyterian Church U. S. A. almost a certainty, we can join in a national witness to the nation as we continue in the Reformed tradition as Presbyterians.

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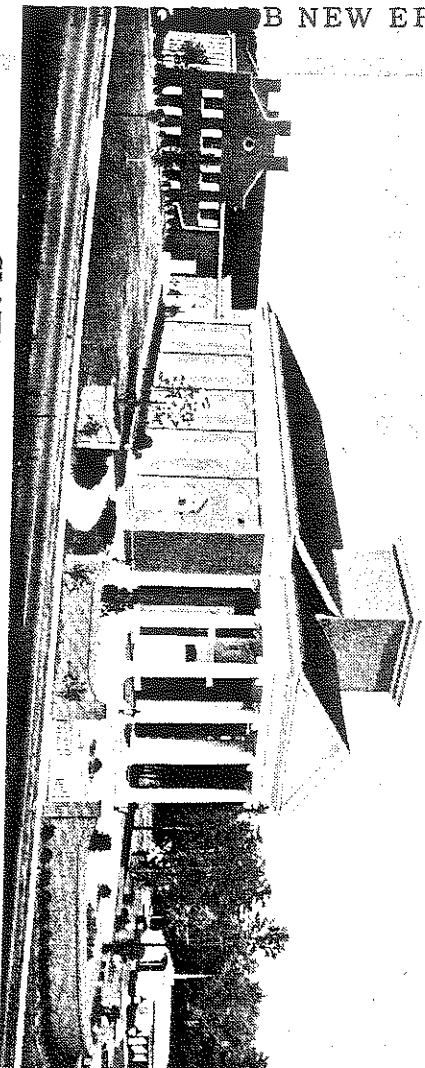
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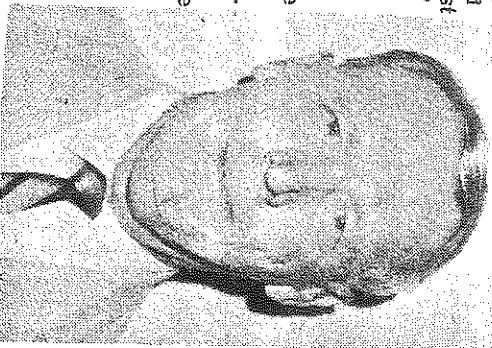


CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Growing Church

The Clairmont Presbyterian Church was organized in the year 1952 meeting in the W. D. Thomson School. A fellowship building was erected in 1953 and since that time four additional structures have been completed including a sanctuary seating approximately 850 persons. The membership has grown from the original 40 persons who met 14 years ago to 1662 members. Statistics for the year 1965 have just been received for our Presbyterian denomination, and among all churches in the General Assembly above membership of 1500, Clairmont Presbyterian was second in growth. The church reached a total giving in 1965 of \$211,000 and will exceed that amount during the present year.

Notable features of the church through the years has been its emphasis upon youth. Boy Scout Troop #231 is considered among the finest in the Greater Atlanta area. Adult leadership in the troop has encouraged 34 scouts to reach the rank of Eagle, led by Scout Master Harlan Dornan. An active Cub Scout Pack and Explorer Post is also part of the church activity. A Boy's Club has been very effective through the years in keeping young people geared to worthwhile athletic activity in a wholesome Christian setting, as the church formerly sponsored boys' football and at present en-



THE REV. MAX MILLIGAN

courages boy's basketball teams. These teams in various age divisions won city wide trophies

during the past year under the directions of L. P. Fern.

The Sunday evening Youth Fellowship Hour at 6:30 P.M. is well attended as is the 9:30 A.M. Sunday School under the direction of Amette Vaughn, our Director of Christian Education. Clairmont Presbyterian Church was among the first churches in the community to recognize the religious value of Day School Kindergarten, and a very fine week-day school has been in operation for some 10 years under the direction of Mrs. Irene Parker.

A Planning Council is meeting regularly at the present moment led by Chairman Howlett C. Irvin with instructions to complete plans for additional Sunday School space and an additional kitchen, dining room, and recreational hall, with the building to be erected possibly in the year 1967. Rody Broome serves as Every-Member Canvass director and will lead the financial campaign.

The Rev. Stephen M. Huntly, Jr. is associate pastor and the Rev. Max Milligan, Jr. is pastor. J. Malcolm Parker is the clerk of session and W. P. Tatum is chairman of the board of deacons. Mr. Robert S. Lowrance, Jr. serves as choir director and Mrs. Robert S. Lowrance, Jr. as organist, both leading an excellent musical program of graded choirs.

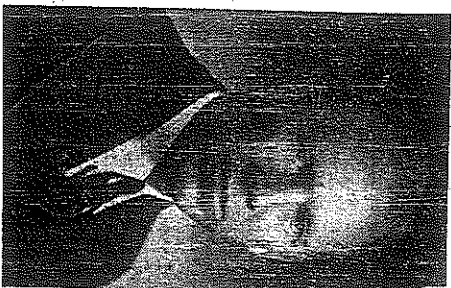
Tech Graduate, Minister Here, Pushes Sports

Max Milligan, pastor of the Clairmont Presbyterian Church, can discuss football with the sports experts as easily as he can discuss philosophy and psychology with his fellow ministers.

Now in his seventh year at the church, Mr. Milligan has seen the membership grow from 100 (they met at W. D. Thomson school then) to an expected 1,000 by the end of this year.

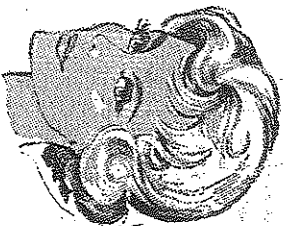
You rarely pass the Clairmont-North Druid Hills corner that there aren't youngsters on the church's athletic field, winter or summer. Mr. Milligan is proud of the church's Boys' Club, which has turned out many fine athletes.

"Dick Hall, who is leading 4-AAA in scoring this season for Druid Hills, started out in the first team we organized with our Boys' Club here," he



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Not to be outdone, Mrs. Milligan, with the help of Mrs. Warren Malone, has organized a Girls' Club and is coaching the girls of the neighborhood in basketball and softball.

The Milligans live at 1443 N. Amanda Circle and have three children, Mike, 14, Mimi 13, and Julie 11. Mike, who grew up with the Clairmont Presbyterian team, is a ninth grader at Buxcliff High and a quarterback with the varsity team. "We never miss a game," said his father.

Mr. Milligan is a Georgia Tech graduate in industrial management. "I preached my first sermon at Tech in a public speaking class," he recalled. "I knew even then I was going to be a minister, but got my degree to please my family." After five years with the army in anti-aircraft in the Pacific, coming out a major, he attended Columbia Seminary. There were short stretches of construction work before and after the army, but always he knew he wanted to go into the ministry.

He was awarded an alumni fellowship for graduate work and completed his master's

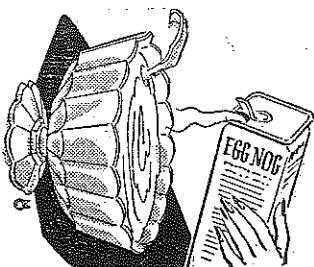
degree in pastoral counseling. He chose for his thesis subject: "Study of Suicide and Its Implications for Christian Faith and Living."

The choice of this subject followed the experience of serving his first church in Alabama. "I had not realized that the problems of people were so severe," he said. In his research on suicide he found written material very scarce. "There are only eight books on the subject in the Emory University library and

most of them are at least 20 years' old."

He obtained most of his material from his own experiences of counseling after attempted suicides. "At least once every two months in my 12 years in the ministry there has been something related to suicide in my counseling," he said. From his research and experiences he draws those conclusions concerning suicide: "It is often based on the egotism of man. Man is egotistical and sometimes desires to

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MILLIGAN

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rebel against God and show his freedom by taking his own life." He believes that suicide is an urge that almost everyone feels at one time or another.

"As a minister I have had to learn to adjust and change quickly, say from a grief situation, to a smile for the young people," he reflected. "The increase in neurosis and psychosis alarms me — material problems are on the increase in general. He regularly counsels young people, getting married. "I won't marry them unless they'll listen to it," he said.

The Charrmont Presbyterian Church is a young church in age and in membership. Most of the members are young suburban homemakers with young children — thus the emphasis on the youth program.

Coach Howard Stamps, who played football himself for Presbyterian College, is a dean and a volunteer coach for the football team. He practices with them two hours daily after work, as does his assistant, Cy Warren. The basketball coach, Lew Fern, played for the City College of New York. He puts in comparable hours with his boys. Leonard Apouto leads the active group of Boy Scouts sponsored by the church.

They have a record to show for it. In 1957 the basketball team was runner-up in the city journey and, the football team, played an undefeated season — one tie with the Fritz-Oer-Club. John White, a student at Columbia Seminary, is work-

ing part time with the Boys' Club. He will be with the church fall time after his June graduation.

All of the Milligans are sports fans. Mr. Milligan earned a letter on the swimming team at Georgia Tech and the family shares watching football with swimming and tennis. They have a tent and have found that camping vacations can be both profitable and economical. The pastor gives Mrs. Milligan full credit for the planning and organization of one such family trip which covered much of the eastern United States and some of Canada and lasted 18 days, costing the five of them only \$275.

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Sagamore Hills Carnival A Hit

The Sagamore Hills Dogwood Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. L. B. Bailey, 1635 Princess Circle, NE.

Mrs. Philip H. Doherty, Jr., president, thanked the members for making the Sagamore Hills Garden Club Council's annual Halloween carnival so successful.

The new project for the year was explained in detail by Mrs. L. P. Thompson, chairman. Each week a member of the club will make an artistic floral arrangement to be placed on the reception desk at Eggleston Hospital.

Plans were made and reservations taken for the Council's Christmas dinner to be held December 8 at the DeKalb

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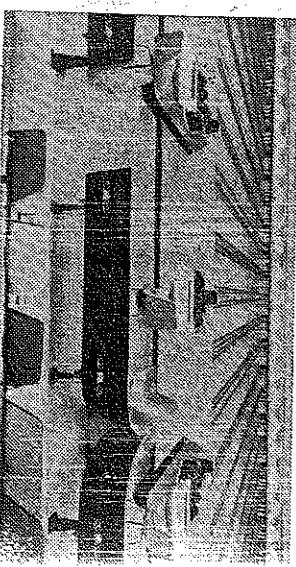
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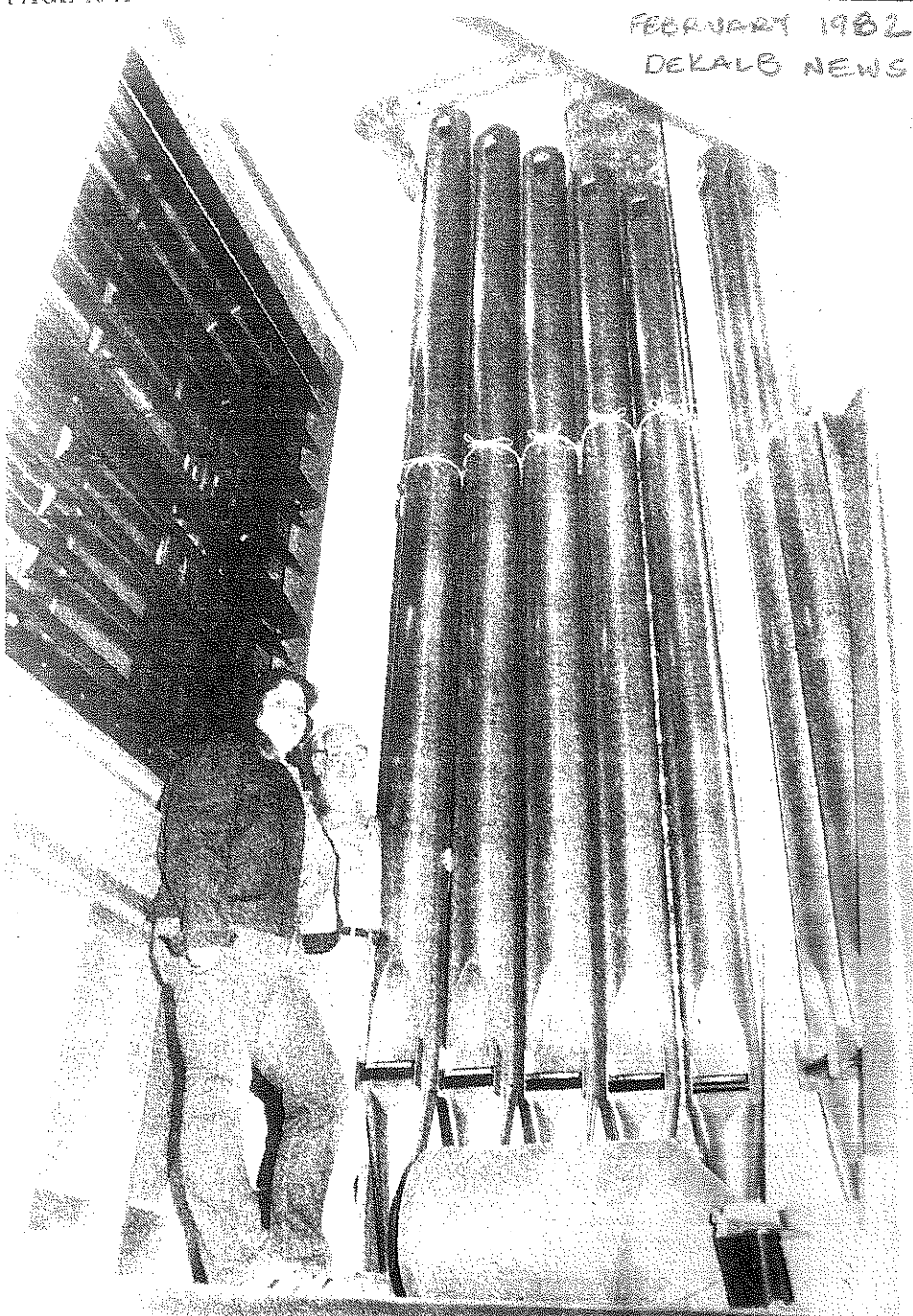
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Workmen began last week installing the first pipe organ designed and built to the specific acoustics of the church. For many years the church has been using an organ built in 1919, which was purchased from St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Assigned to the task of installing the organ by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Conn. are four workmen, including a 31-year veteran of many complex installations and a young woman whose heritage is tied to the love of the great organs.

BERNARD Higgins says he lives in Miami, Fla., although home is more often following trucks full of organ parts across the country.

"I love to work; I'll never retire," he said. "By the time I get bored I go to a whole new town and a whole new challenge."

The challenge of install-

ing one of the organs involves something different every day: tinsmithing, carpentry work, electrical wiring and various other skills from a variety of trades.

Bernard and his partners follow the "sound men," who test the acoustics of the sanctuary, taking into account the pillars, the alcoves, the carpeting, the pews and the curtains.

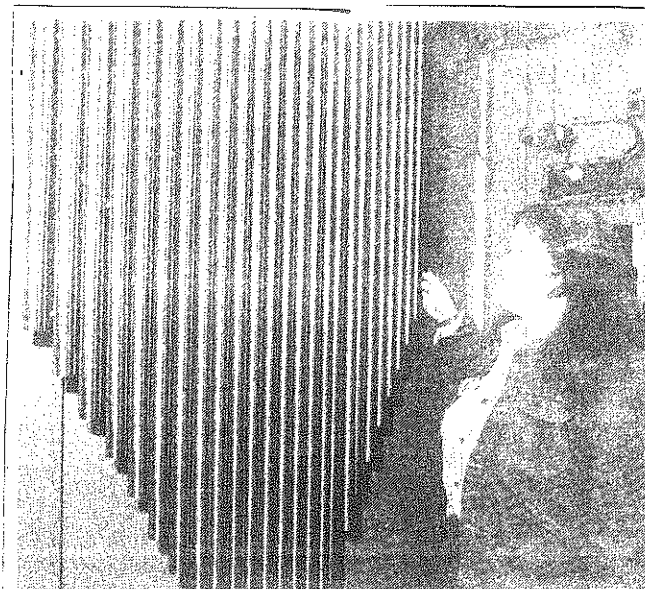
The best churches, acoustically, Bernard said, "are the good, old-fashioned Catholic churches with all that marble and terrazzo."

EVERY PIECE of the organ is hand built to the specifications of the designers for each individual sanctuary. Each pipe is "voiced" for its organ and its surroundings. The making of pipe organs, Bernard says, is done today just as it was 300 years ago; nothing is mass produced.

The organ is "rough constructed" at the Hartford factory, and arrives at its destination in carefully-labeled crates.

Local labor is hired to help with hoisting the pieces of frame, each which weigh 600 pounds, and large pipes into place. Then the real task of assembling the thousands of wires, levers and tiny mechanical parts begins.

Clairmont's \$136,000 organ is described by Ber-



KIM AUSTIN PICTURED WITH CHIMES

nard as "average" size, with the largest of 2,071 pipes 16 feet tall. The smallest is the size of a pencil.

The largest Bernard has installed, he said, has 28,000 pipes, the tallest of which towers 32 feet.

MUCH OF Bernard's work is done in a room that is only three feet tall and wide and about 40 feet long. Here the keys on the console are each connected to pipes and to the air supply, which is operated by a generator.

Bernard explained the operation: "Basically the organ is a bunch of whistles

— 2,000 whistles. It operates on 12 volts DC, a car battery, except for the main blower. With a trumpet, one finger pushes a valve and plays one note. An organ has 61 trumpets."

Bernard's co-worker on this job is Kim Austin, who with four years experience, may be the only woman installer of pipe organs in the country.

The grandniece of the founder of the company, Kim has never been one to settle for traditional roles.

"I always wanted to be a truckdriver," she said. "I heard stories from the men about going all over the

country installing organs. I wanted to learn how to work with my hands and to work with wood. And I love to travel."

SHE SAID she might like to become president of the company, if she ever decides to settle down, but she does know she loves the business.

"It's the king of instruments, and if you're going to build something, why not build the best, right?" she said.

Kim said she takes much good-natured ribbing about being a woman and about being "the boss' daughter."

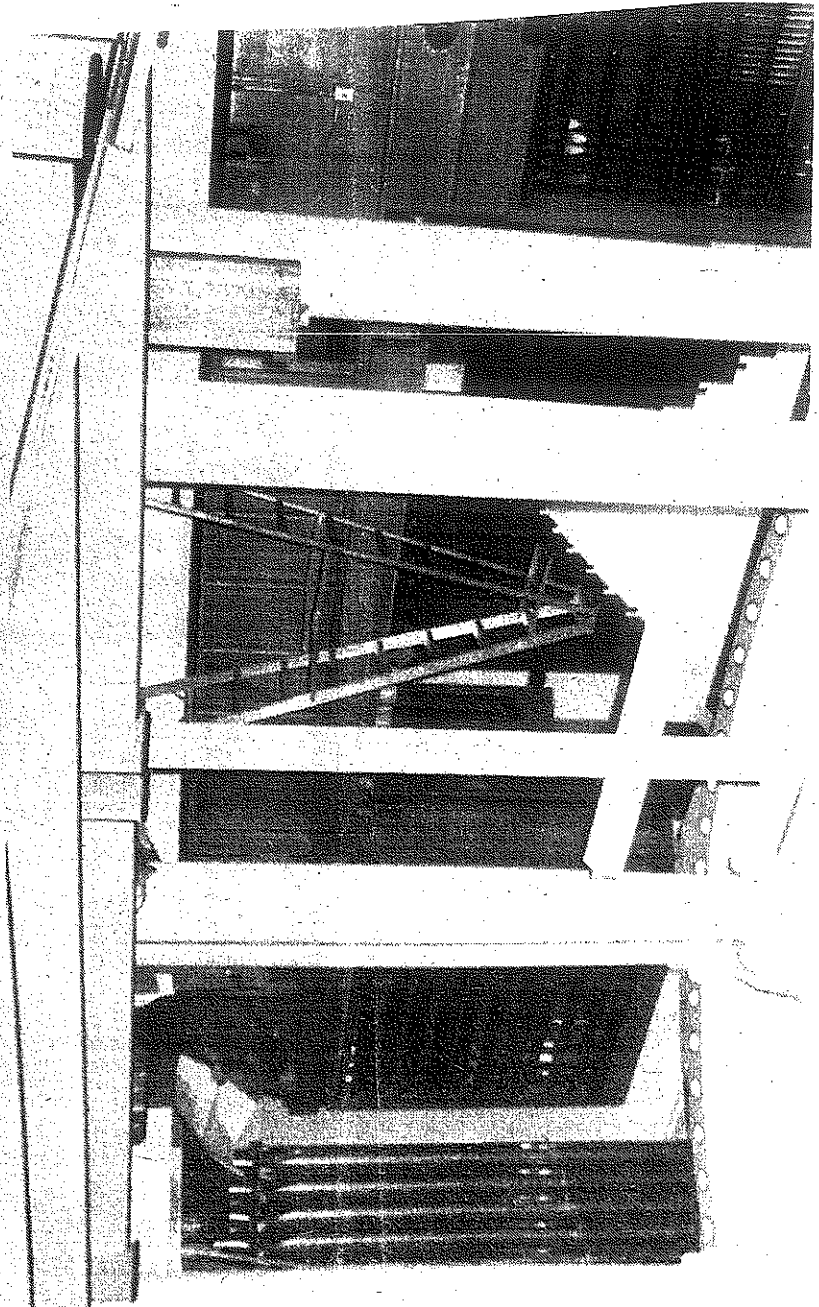
She plans to make her statement to the world in a way that has become traditional among installers of pipe organs.

Installers always, Bernard says, "autograph" an organ by tucking away something that is meaningful to them somewhere in the depths of the instrument.

In Bernard's case he usually leaves one of his favorite magazines, like *Popular Mechanics*. In an organ he dismantled, he said, he once found a letter two days older than he is.

Kim says she thinks she will leave *Ms. Magazine*.

"My grandchildren may come along 100 years from now and say, 'Look, grandma had to fight for her rights,'" she laughed.



NEW PIPE ORGAN WILL COVER ENTIRE FRONT OF CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN SANCTUARY



BILLY DOWNS/SHIF

ROOFING SNEW: Taking a break while waiting for shingles to roof the Grant Park bungalow are (from left) Chuck Wilson of Lawrenceville, Judge Robert Castellani and his wife, the Rev. Betty Castellani, associate pastor, Clairmont Presbyterian Church; Mike Nelson of Norcross; and Mark Harris of Decatur.

Church members also are homebuilders

Volunteer laborers constructing house in Grant Park area

By Sarah Cash

Chris Lawler packs a picnic lunch early on Saturday mornings, enough fried chicken, apples and cookies for several people.

As he leaves his home in Clarkston before 8 a.m. on a cloudless day, most people are sleeping late, the newspaper still in their front yards.

But Lawler has a very important appointment he has looked forward to all week: a standing date in Grant Park.

He and 69 other members of Clairmont Presbyterian Church are building a three-bedroom house for a low-income family as part of the church's community missions program.

"It's something I really enjoy," he said. "I enjoy doing the work as well as helping somebody in the meantime."

Although the project is similar

to an old-fashioned barn raising, the six-room structure being created is for human occupation and features a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and three bedrooms.

Jim Willmer, a resident of the Northlake area who is helping, said it is a rewarding project "to see our labors transform a neighborhood for the good of Christ."

And not to be forgotten is Lucille Haynes, 51, and one or more of her six grown children who report every Saturday to work there. Mrs. Haynes is the house's proud new owner who now lives in the Techwood Homes public housing project in downtown Atlanta.

"I want a better life for my two daughters and granddaughter," she told the building crew. "When you are from the projects, people look down on you. They think you are ignorant or lazy."

"This will let us be accepted for who we are, not just because of where we live," she said.

Too many people at Techwood have so hope, she said.

"My daughter, Angela, said it would be easy to give up like a lot of people do. But she does not want to give up," said the 30-year resident of Atlanta, an employee in Atlanta hotels at one time, but now unable to work because of a kidney ailment, for which she is undergoing dialysis.

A volunteer at Techwood Baptist Church downtown, she herself distributes clothes to needy families and frequently holds prayer meetings in her home, a practice she plans to continue at her new home in Grant Park. The house is located on Atlanta Avenue at its intersection with Cherokee Avenue, across from the Zoo Atlanta.

After donating \$15,000 toward the construction of the house, members of Clairmont Presbyterian dug the house foundation Jan. 31. Crews of 15 men and women arrived early Saturday morning each week for 10 weeks and worked until 3 p.m. The completion goal is April.

The church is not a social club for our members," said the Rev. Betty Castellani, associate pastor in

charge of local missions and wife of Dekalb Superior Court Judge Robert Castellani.

"People who go out there [to Grant Park] are amazed at how good it makes them feel. The more mature we become as a church, the more we are involved in other neighborhoods in which there are no members. We want to reach out to human need," she said.

Mrs. Haynes will pay \$150 a month for the house, interest-free for 12 years, according to Family Consultation Service, a non-profit ministry serving the inner-city poor, which arranged the purchase of the land where it is located and the family to occupy the house.

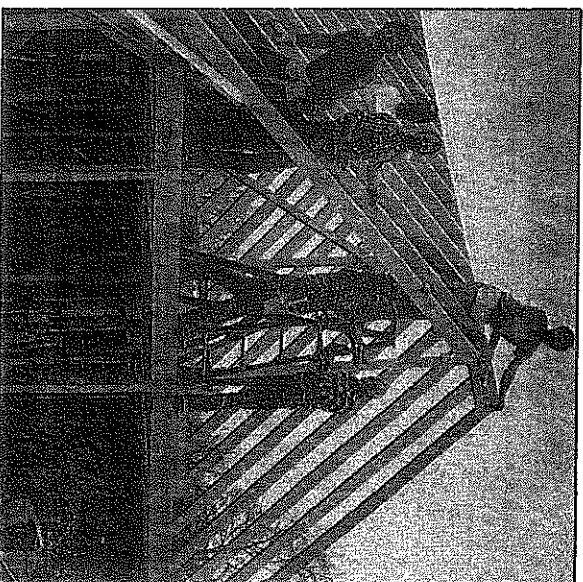
The bungalow with a Victorian-style front, scheduled to be finished by April, will have a brown exterior, its windows and doors trimmed in beige and a dark brown roof.

This is not the first venture in home building for the poor by Clairmont Presbyterian Church members. Last year, \$6,000 was collected toward a \$15,000 house by the church's local missions program and labor was donated on a similar house on South Street in Grant Park. Two other churches teamed up with Clairmont Presbyterian last year, Congers Presbyterian and Central Presbyterian in downtown Atlanta.

But this year the Clairmont congregation is going it alone, from digging the foundation trenches to actually finishing the interior. There are father-son teams, such as Ed Sadlock of Decatur and his son, Michael, 17, and senior citizens such as Carlos Bradford, 79, of northeast Atlanta.

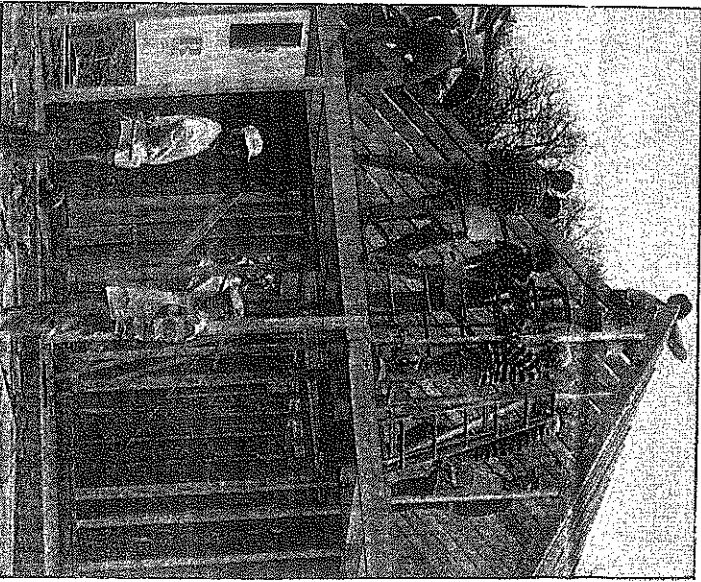
John Sykes, a Fulton County attorney and a member of Clairmont Presbyterian Church, has worked on both this house and last year's house. "I feel it's a great way to reach out and do something specific for other people," he said.

A 50 by 15-ft lot where the house sits on Atlanta Avenue was purchased for \$1,000 from the Atlanta's Office of Redevelopment, according to John Abercrombie director of housing for the consultation



BILLY DOWNS/SHIF

FRAMING A HOME: In the second phase of construction, a crew from the Clairmont Presbyterian Church frames a house in Grant Park which will be ready for occupancy by Lucille Haynes and her family sometime in April.



BILLY DOWNS/SHIF

HOME BUILDERS: A volunteer building crew from Clairmont Presbyterian Church frames a three-bedroom house in Grant Park in a community mission project in which 70 members are participating. Working on Saturdays for 10 weeks, the volunteers plan to complete the house by April.

service. It was paid for by the Atlanta Resource Foundation, a non-profit group which assists ministries for the poor.

Actual construction is supervised by DeWitt Cooper of Atlanta, a building contractor on the staff of Family Consultation Service.

Mrs. Haynes plans to move into her new home sometime in April

with her two daughters, Angela, 20, Kathy, 22, and a granddaughter, Shakerac, 2.

Ms. Castellani said this community project is just the beginning. "I'd like to do it on a regular basis. We always have enough people [for the building] and it's just a matter of raising the money. Everyone who is working wants to do it again."

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