

VISITING OUR PAST

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

JUNE 1, 1967: The Smyrna Junior Woman's Club presented a marble plaque to the City of Smyrna honoring Smyrnans who have served and are serving in Vietnam: Warrant Officer Ronald M. Petty; Pvt. 1st Class James A. Smith, Jr.; Pvt. 1st Class Terry E. Jones; Spec. 5 Herbert N. Adams (Killed in action); Spec. 4 William Turner; Marine Cpl. Troy D. Payne (Killed in action); Spec. 4 Raye Ashe.

JUNE 8, 1967: The First Baptist Church of Smyrna Vacation Bible School broke all records with an enrollment of 692 during the first two days of the school.

JUNE 15, 1967: Spring Road is closed to through traffic because of grading.

JUNE 22, 1967: The 800 seat Miracle Theatre opens at 2540 South Cobb Drive. Built by H. B. Meiselman, the first movie shown was "Woman Times Seven" with Shirley McLaine and Peter Sellers. Meiselman chose the name Miracle because that was the name he used when he opened one of his most successful theatres in Fayetteville, N. C.

JULY 6, 1967: The Faith Methodist Church is building a Scout Hut for Scout Troop 201 next to their church building on King Spring Road. The building is masonry. It has a large meeting room with a fireplace.

JULY 6, 1967: Ward Street now has sidewalks, long sought-after and needed in the Nash Wills Schools areas.

JULY 13, 1967: Construction progress is being made on Castellaw Funeral Home on Church Road, the Medical and Dental building on King Street and a Pizza Restaurant on Cherokee Road.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

1916: A Smyrna Youth, 26 year old Ewell E. Daniel, was killed in a bi-plane crash in France. He had enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps. of England as an instructor and a pilot. His father is Frank Daniel.

Justice of the Peace for 1917 is J. F. Petty. Constables are Robert Fleming and T. J. Hamby.

The Rev. W. J. Culpepper, the new Methodist Minister filled the pulpit last Sunday.

Mrs. O. L. Timothy was hostess to the Smyrna Social Club at her home on Love Street. Mrs. Timothy was assisted by her sister Miss Clara Dunn and Miss Blanche Rice.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

1926: Trees will be planted along Dixie Highway (Atlanta Street) every fifty feet from Marietta to the river bridge in celebration of Arbor day.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

1936: The Linda Pace circle of the Baptist B.W.M.U. met at the home of Mrs. John Petty. A shubbery shower was planned for Mrs. W. C. Mitchell, honoring the chairman of the circle who just moved into her new house on Atlanta Street.