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Salemite Parties With Carter Clan

by Mary Sparks

There's nothing like skipping two days of history class to be in the place where history was being made. Flying into Albany en route to Plains, Georgia might not be your idea of an exciting night, but guaranteed it was the biggest party in the United States for it was election night.

When I got off the plane in Albany there sat Jimmy Carter's two big United planes — the Peanut 1, and the Peanut 2. Can you imagine riding on two big peanuts all over the country to become the President of the United States? As I waited for Jimmy and crew to come from Plains to get on the "Peanut" to go to Atlanta, up walked Dan Rather. Let me tell you, he's even cuter in person than he is on the "big tube." A few minutes later came limousines and buses with reporters "en masse" led by Jimmy carrying his own garment bag in Carolina blue no less. After they hopped on the plane I headed for Plains to be a part of a definitely excitement-packed night. In Plains at 5:00 P.M. the celebration had already begun. Main Street was the scene of gala functions in front of all of Plains' stores, totaling about nine. In the Back Porch restaurant, Angie, the owner, was making sandwiches for the infiltration of reporters. There's some real business going in Plains now because Angie was charging New York prices for her delectables. In the store next door was the "Peanut Store." You could buy everything from a humongo bag of peanuts to a gold peanut choker which a lot of women around Plains were wearing. The Americus High School Band and a disco band were playing to a crowd who was busy drinking their beer, and anticipating the next one. Let me tell you, there is no shortage of beer in Plains.

After the street scene I headed to one of Billy Carter's best

friends, Nubb's house. A party was already underway, and everybody there was feeling good even though Jimmy had only won two states. Billy called over there, and insisted that we come over to his house for the big party. When we got to Billy Carter's house, it was just a zoo. People were lying all over the floor in front of three televisions, one on each network. There were gallons of liquor all over the house, which they must have sent a truck to Albany to get because there's no such thing as a liquor store in Plains. Reporters and photographers would burst in the back door take pictures of the living room scene, and to get the scoop at the Carter house. Everybody made you feel so welcome that you felt that you had lived in Plains for the entirety of your life. I told one lady that I certainly thought they were nice to strangers and she said, "Honey, there's no such thing as a stranger here to us in Plains." Believe me, I sure didn't feel like a stranger. People were practically passed out all over the floor of the living room until about 4:00 A.M. when it was announced that their Jimmy had just won. All night long no one seemed to be worried about the election. It was just like little 'ole Jimmy was running for the President of the Lion's Club. When the announcement came, Billy ran out of the kitchen into the living room, and ripped off his flannel shirt which revealed his green "Jimmy Won" T-shirt with 76 on it. Then all three televisions were turned up full blast, and everyone there jumped up and down and screamed until the house shook. Miss Lillian, who was downtown sitting in her rocking chair at the train station where all three networks had their large cameras, and where most of the crowd was ripped, opened her coat which also revealed a "Jimmy Won" T-shirt. After we saw her on the tube we all ran downtown, about two

blocks from Billy's house, where the bands were still playing and her rocking chair by the pot-bellied stove at the train station Miss Lillian was standing by waving her hands to the crowd. There was a three-foot cake made like the White House sitting on a table next to Miss Lillian. Everyone was ecstatic and they began singing "God Bless America," and "Dixie." Most of the crowd went to bed for the night, or should I say morning, and some waited for Jimmy to come back to Plains to make his speech to his people of Plains.

The next day life went on as usual in Plains with a tractor riding down the street, and Billy Carter's gas station open. It's the only gas station in Plains. The other main family in Plains had opened a gas station across the street from Billy's, but it just didn't make it in a town of about 640. Over at Billy's house, people were flaked out on the living room floor, Billy still in his T-shirt. Mrs. Billy Carter, not having been to bed since the previous night, was busy with the cook, making apple pie, potatoes, lima beans and meat for lunch, which is still the main meal of the day in Plains. Downtown the town was becoming infested with reporters, and the three Porto-lets which were the only bathrooms in town available were in full use. The Back Porch was even busier than the night before, filled with Carter volunteers wearing "Jimmy Won" T-shirts, and the one and only Plains' Bank was busy even at the drive-in window. Everyone was buying Carter peanut souvenirs, and there was a line for people having their pictures taken in front of the Plains Baptist Church. On the main street stood a reporter attired in his Gucci shoes, and Gucci belt. Plains, Georgia has really been a spot on the map, and it has seen its last days of being plain.



Former Ambassador John Scali

John Scali to Lecture

John Scali, nationally known diplomatic reporter, will speak on November 16, at 8:15 p.m. in Hanes Auditorium. Mr. Scali's lecture will be the world situation in light of the election. He returned to ABC News as Senior Correspondent September 1, 1975 after nearly three years as United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Scali served for ten years as ABC News State Department and Diplomatic Correspondent, before being appointed in 1971 by President Nixon as a Special Consultant for Foreign Affairs and Communications. In December, 1973, Mr. Scali was named to replace George Bush as the permanent U. S. Representative to the United Nations.

As ABC reporter, Mr. Scali earned many special awards including the Overseas Press Club award for distinguished reporting of the Cuban missile crisis. Mr. Scali had the title of "premier reporter" for the Associated Press for 17 years before joining ABC. In 1964, the American Federation of Television and Radio

Artists created "The John Scali Award" for the person best exemplifying the example Mr. Scali set in service to the nation during the missile crisis. The University of Southern California presented Mr. Scali "The Distinguished Achievement Award of the Year," and Boston University awarded him its "Distinguished Public Service Award."

With ABC News Mr. Scali followed a globe-trotting schedule which began in 1944 as was correspondent for the Associated Press. He became diplomatic and roving correspondent for AP in 1945, and traveled in 44 countries during his 17 years with them. He covered all overseas trips of U. S. Presidents and Secretaries of State.

A graduate of Boston University, Mr. Scali began his reporting career with the Boston Herald. He later joined the Boston Bureau of United Press. Mr. Scali was born in Canton, Ohio, and is married to the former Denise St. Germaine. They live in Washington, D. C.

New Restorations In Old Salem

By Margaretta Yarborough
New construction is under way in Old Salem, or rather, old construction. At present, all work is in the north end of town: two houses being restored and one, the Fifth House, being completely reconstructed. There are plans for at least four other restoration projects in the near future.

The Fifth House on Main Street has an interesting history. It was built as a residence for outside day laborers in 1767 and was later used in connection with the

pottery workshop next door. Its most important function, however, came after the building was destroyed in 1940. The threat of a grocery store on the property in 1947 led to the first zoning laws to protect the Old Salem historical area. Not long afterwards, Old Salem, Inc. was founded. Charles Phillips, director of restoration at Old Salem, Inc., says that the venture nearly failed — the grocer relented only at a price he couldn't refuse. The reconstruction, **continued, page 3**

Two Salem Alumnae Active In Politics, Business

By Jettie McCollough

Margaret Tennille, a day student at Salem College from 1933 to '35, won her bid as a 1976 Democratic candidate for reelection to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Mrs. Tennille served as an administrative assistant to the past three mayors of Winston-Salem.

In 1957 she was appointed to the Board of Education. Her first venture into politics was during the 1960 campaign of Terry Sanford for governor.

Mrs. Tennille said, "The opportunities for women in politics are unparalleled. There are 34 women on the ballot in North Carolina this November, the largest number of women ever."

She added, "Women are making a real impact in the General Assembly. We have to work hard, and I think women do."

But, said Mrs. Tennille, "Although I have been extremely fortunate, the matter of finances is hard for women. Women are going to have to support women not only by working for their political campaigns, but financially."

Stating that 52% of the voting population in 1974 was female, Mrs. Tennille said, "If we set our minds to it, we can have a terrific impact. Maybe not by running, but at least by being interested enough to be a knowledgeable voter."

Getting into politics is "a process that takes time," said Mrs. Tennille. "You have to get involved at the grass-roots level, in the community in which you live and serve," she said, adding, "People have to know you have their interests at heart."

Her advice to students interested in politics is to get, "Preparation, through education and involvement." She suggested working in campaigns, because "that's where you begin to see how politics works."

Mrs. Tennille said, "I see a need for leadership at the present. You (students) are the leaders of tomorrow. All the knowledge you can accumulate is invaluable."

She concluded, "You can't sit back and not take advantage of every opportunity that you have."

Laurie Daltroff Triplette, a '73 graduate of Salem College now works as Assistant Public Relations Representative for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Triplette worked on the Salemite staff for four years while attending Salem, and was Editor her senior year. She worked at the Winston-Salem Journal after graduation in the summer internship program, but said that, "straight news reporting was confining."

Mrs. Triplette enjoys the competitive atmosphere of pressure and stimulation which she has had for the past 3 years at the Reynolds Co. She works long hours of up to 80 a week.

Mrs. Triplette is still mainly a writer, but is also in business and management. She is a member of the Internal Committee in corporate communications. This means that she helps the company understand their employees and stockholders and also works in the other direction to allow the employees and stockholders to understand the Reynolds Co.

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