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SUMMERTIME FUN — School is out, the sun is hot, and there's no better place to be than the swimming hole. Ronnie Philbeck of Kings Mountain finds the sliding board and swimming pool at the Deal Street Park the ideal place to have a lot of fun.

G-W Wins NALA Title

BOILING SPRINGS — Gardner-Webb has won its second consecutive NALA National Golf Championship by storming to a 10-stroke victory over Sam Houston State.

The Bulldogs, who started the final round Friday with a slim one-shot lead, picked up nine strokes over the last 18 holes and successfully defended their title. Gardner-Webb defeated Elon by one stroke last year in winning the school's first national championship.

Gardner-Webb posted a four-round score of 1190 to 1200 for second-place Sam Houston. U. S. International, the second-round leader, finished third at 1213. Indiana University of Pennsylvania finished fourth and Campbell College was fifth in the 26th national tournament played at Bay Valley Golf Club in Bay City, Mich.

Leading the Bulldogs were junior Jimmy Franklin of Morganton with a 290 total and sophomore Steve Sherman of Shelby with a 295 score. Franklin finished second to Campbell's Jim Bromley in the individual competition and Sherman placed fifth. Bromley carded an even-par 284 for the tourney. Both Franklin, an All-America last year, and Sherman earned positions on the 1977 NALA All-America team.

posted a 302 score and missed an All-America berth by one shot. Other Gardner-Webb scores were Danny Phillips, 307, and Wayne Myers, 314.

"We're very satisfied to repeat as national champions," stated G-W coach Garland Allen, who repeated as NALA golf coach-of-the-year. "We proved that last year was no fluke. In the past three years, this team has finished third, first and first again. I believe the record speaks for itself."

Ignoring an opening round 307 that started Gardner-Webb 11 shots behind, the Bulldogs posted a second-day 292 that pulled them within one of the lead. A 194 score Thursday pushed G-W into a one-stroke lead over Sam Houston with U. S. International, leaders for the first two days, slipping to third.

It was the fifth appearance in seven years for Gardner-Webb, who finished fifth in 1971 and twelfth in 1973 in the national tournament. The

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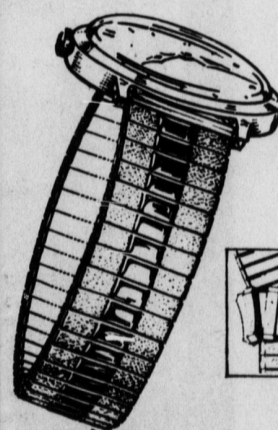
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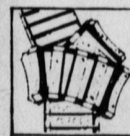
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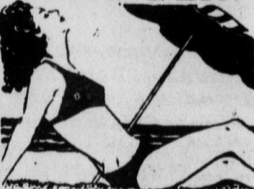
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