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October 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: SPARTANBURG AND RALIEGH SPEECHES

QUOTES

- 1) There's an old saying: "The bigger the lie, the more people will believe it." (Hitler)
- 2) "The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer." (Slogan of the United States Army Service Forces)
- 4) "America is a land of wonders...No natural boundary seems to be set to the efforts of man; and in his eyes what is not yet done is only what he has not yet attempted to do." (Alexis de Tocqueville)
- 5) "Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. America is the only idealistic nation in the world." (Woodrow Wilson)
- 6) America is "alarmingly optimistic, compassionate, incredibly generous...It was a spiritual sind that drove Americans irresistibly ahead from the beginning." (Luigi Barzini)

MORE ON RALEIGH

- 1) Some interesting exhibits at the State Fair:  
Ham Show  
Senior Swine  
Junior Swine  
Village of Yesteryear
- 2) The first State Fair was founded in October 1853. Last year, over 100,000 attended the Fair.



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TELEPHONE NUMBER: 919-664-8011

Jim Devine  
821-7400

1991 EXHIBITORS, EXHIBITS

EX. 264

Department	Number of Exhibitors	Number of Exhibits	Department	Number of Exhibitors	Number of Exhibits
Community Development	5	5	Senior Dairy Goats	71	176
ZH Exhibits	220	643	Youth Dairy Goats	29	44
Special Agronomy Exhibit	10	16	Poultry	50	3012
Forage Crops	19	23	Rabbits	29	495
Flower and Garden Show	350	3186	Extension Homemakers	5	5
Ham Show	16	20	Culinary-Class I	291	1129
Horticulture	180	1411	Culinary-Class II	233	649
Arts & Photography	466	1259	Clothing	197	516
Bees & Honey	60	298	Home Furnishings	288	393
Dairy Cattle-Senior	76	421	Folk Festival	179	1380
Junior Dairy	98	202	Village of Yesteryear	100	100
Beef Cattle	163	345	Masonry Contest	13	13
Feeder Calf	53	75	Electrical Apprentice	20	20
Junior Steer	66	72	Apprentice Carpentry	9	9
Junior Heifer	166	281	Apprentice Plumbing	11	11
Junior Market Lamb	222	311	Senior Citizens	14	14
Junior Ewe Show	132	153	Handcrafts & Hobbies	532	916
Junior Barrow	80	129	Children's Barnyard	1	1
Senior Swine	32	222	Tractor Pulling	239	278
Junior Swine	6	15	Horse Show	2528	7019
Market Barrow	30	119			
Sheep	13	117	TOTALS	7302	25,497

over 700,000 in 1991 Attendance

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR HISTORY

The first State Fair was founded in October 1853 by the State Agricultural Society. One of the earliest resolutions approved was that the Society sponsor a cattle show and an exhibition of domestic manufacturers. "It was planned to offer premiums to farmers who developed better practices for crop improvement, or designed and built more effective implements. Immediately plans were underway toward the first State Fair to spread constructive agricultural information.

The site for the first fair was a 16-acre tract about 10 blocks east of the Capitol in Raleigh. In the *Raleigh Register*, the city's weekly newspaper, a week before the big event "... the entrance fee at the gate will be 25 cents for a single person, and \$1 for a carriage; and 50 cents for a buggy." The City of Raleigh contributed \$25.00 toward the fair and receipts amounted to \$3,000. Estimated attendance was four to six thousand. It was highly successful. An editorial appearing in the *Raleigh Register* Sunday morning October 22, 1853, allowed that:

"Nearly every section of the State; and every industrial pursuit within its borders, were represented. The East sent its fine staples and its blooded stock, the West its splendid cattle and its rich minerals. The farmer poured in his agricultural products, the mechanic brought forward splendid specimens of his skill, the native artist exhibited the productions of his pen or his pencil, and the ladies of the State, never behind in any good work of a beneficent object crowned the excellence of the whole with the multiplied beauties which nature had yielded to their culture, and the varied and beautiful attractions which had sprung their handicraft."

The fair was moved in 1873 to what was then described as a "55 acre broom sage field comprising an eminence known as 'Cook's Hill on Hillsboro Road some 300 yards from the N.C. and Augusta Air Line Railroad, one and one-quarter miles west of the city limits of Raleigh." This is now a residential and business district across from the campus of N.C. State University. The Raleigh Little Theatre now occupies the site.

The Agricultural Society developed these grounds at a cost of more than \$50,000. The buildings consisted of a three-story octagon-shaped exhibit hall, 250 feet long and 44 feet deep. There were two wings designed as Farmers and Mechanics Halls. A 200 x 44 foot shed housed the machinery display and a three-story grandstand, judges' stand and one-half mile of railroad tracks completed the permanent structures. The offices and dressing rooms were on the first floor of the grandstand. The second deck was the spectators' area, and the third floor was called "Tete-a-Tete Hall" where one could enjoy a chair and privacy for an extra 25 cents.

By 1885 the Agricultural Society's show and exhibition had become the main annual event among rural Tar Heels.

Politics and reunions were a big part of the fair in 1903. Confederate veterans gathered at the fair and reminisced the big battles and hard times of '65 and '66.

President Theodore Roosevelt spoke to fairgoers in 1905 and was followed in 1907 by William Jennings Bryan. Speech-making was another major attraction of early fairs. Bryan, the famed "silver-tongued" orator, had already delivered his famous cross of gold speech and lost two elections. His address to North Carolinians undoubtedly was part of his third unsuccessful race presidency.

The Agricultural Society conducted the State Fair for 73 years. It was discontinued from 1860 through 1866 during the Civil War and Reconstruction period, and in 1918 during World War I and influenza epidemic. The fair yielded in 1884 to a monthlong "North Carolina Exposition" held on the fairgrounds.

In 1924 the society requested aid from the state and City of Raleigh. The first State Fair Board was appointed by Governor McLean in 1925 with representatives from the State, City and Agricultural Society. After this, the society disbanded. There was no State Fair in 1926 and 1927. The late Governor J. Melville Broughton succeeded in convincing the Legislature to designate 200 acres of land to the State Fair. Thus, the State Fair moved in 1928 to its present site with additional land granted in 1952.

The State Fair was placed under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture in 1930. The various committees continued to operate the fair until 1933 when the Board of Agriculture leased the fair to George Harnid for operation on a commercial basis.

The late Governor W. Kerr Scott returned the State Fair to the management of the Department of Agriculture in 1937 when he took office as commissioner of agriculture. That year in excess of \$12,000 was paid out in educational exhibitor premiums, and by 1948 this figure had reached more than \$70,000. Currently the figure exceeds \$240,000.

Dr. J.S. Dorton of Shelby was appointed manager of the new State Fair, Division of the Department of Agriculture, in 1937. Immediately the fair was no longer a burden and showed a profit of over \$8,000. The profits have increased yearly and have been turned back into improvements for buildings and grounds.

It was in 1948 when entertainment became a big part of the State Fair. James E. Strates Shows has been a regular feature since that time and during this same year Bascom Lamar Lunsford brought the first Folk Festival, a feature that is still going strong.

The N.C. General Assembly approved funds in the late 40's for construction of a year-round facility to serve agriculture, industry, commerce and the general welfare of the state. This center for educational, inspirational and recreational events was completed in 1952 and named the J.S. Dorton Arena. The arena's unique architectural design won it acclaim as one of the significant structures of recent times.

Dr. Dorton died in 1961 and state Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine assumed his duties until his death in 1964. It was in 1961 that the fair operated six days for the first time. Robert W. Shoffner, an assistant manager of the fair from 1947 to 1960 was appointed by James A. Graham to complete production of the '64 fair. Arthur K. Pitzer was named permanent manager in January, 1965 by Commissioner Graham.

Under guidance of Graham, the N.C. Board of Agriculture, Pitzer's management and experienced staff the fair has continued to grow and today is considered one of the leading agricultural, industrial and educational fairs in the nation. In 1968 the Board of Agriculture approved extending the fair's length to nine days beginning in 1969. This set the stage for the 1970's, which was to be a decade of significant growth.

Four new structures were completed: The Gov. Kerr Scott Building (1972), Crafts Pavilion (1974), Livestock Building (1975) and Forestry Resources Center (1976). An ambitious grounds improvement program of landscaping, paving, curbing and guttering was implemented. Work was also begun on Heritage Circle, an area near the fairgrounds lake set aside to highlight cultural history of the state. One of the first Heritage Circle projects was an authentic 18th century school house donated in 1975.

A program of popular special exhibits was inaugurated. In 1972 the fair sponsored the world's largest space-related educational exhibit which was viewed by an estimated 250,000 people. A series of exhibits highlighting different N.C. field commodities each year stirred new interest and pride in the state's agricultural tradition, particularly among the non-farming public.

Several programs motivated in part by economic concerns of fairgoers were also initiated. In 1970 senior citizens were admitted to the fair free of charge. The same year the Century Farm Families program was launched.

Efforts to speak to the wishes of the fairgoers paid off handsomely at the gate. Attendance averaged 570,000 in the 1970's. In 1976 the nine-day event, highlighted with a visit by President Gerald Ford, was attended by 587,000 despite several days of cold and rain. An all-time attendance mark of more than 705,002 was set in 1987.

The State Fair and grounds operate on a year-round basis. There are 46 permanent employees, 31 of which are maintenance personnel.

Non-fairtime utilization of buildings and grounds increased dramatically in the 1970's as new sales initiatives by management and a complex of new facilities consisting of the Kerr Scott Building (exhibit hall), the Jim Holshouser Building (crafts pavilion) and Jim Graham Building (livestock pavilion) made the fairgrounds an active center for entertainment, meetings, expositions and agriculture shows.

The 1978 North Carolina Legislature authorized funds used by the fair to purchase an additional 144 acres of land adjacent to the grounds. The acquisition brought the fairgrounds to 344 total acres.

In 1983, Sam G. Rand was named fair manager succeeding Art Pitzer who retired. A new horse facility (Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex) was opened, housing up to 900 head of horses.

During the years 1984-1990, the following improvements were made: New restroom facilities at Gate 8 and at the Grandstand; Underground electrical distribution system installed; Refurbishing of permanent lunchstands; New handicapped restrooms in Dorton Arena; Handicapped parking on fairgrounds; New roof on Scott Building, Graham Building, Dorton Arena, Holshouser Building, Education & Commercial Building; New roof and seats in Grandstand; Remodeling Hobby & Crafts Building; Remodeling L.R. Harrell Youth Center; Paving midway area and other parking lots; New outdoor public address system; New storm drainage system; Landscaping around Scott Building, Holshouser Building, Commercial & Education Building; New box seats in Hunt Horse Complex and new offices and restaurant addition to Hunt Horse Complex. Renovation of Sam G. Rand Grandstand racetrack to include harness racing.

**SCENARIOS:**

**DAY ONE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1992**

Post debate in East Lansing, Mi. POTUS travels to Atlanta, Ga.  
RON/Atlanta.

Morning of 10/20 POTUS participates in "Ask George Bush" or town meeting [site to be determined]. Then motorcades to train. Lead - Ed Murnane, Site - Kathy McCoy.

**1) NORCROSS, GA:**

10 am depart Atlanta. 10:40 am arrive Norcross. Norcross suburb of Atlanta. POTUS speaks from dais looking down Jones Street / train [the Baltimore car] as backdrop. POTUS left is large red brick building now an AC repair type place, two doors down or so is Johnson's Pharmacy -- been in the town and one family nearly 100 years, authentic soda fountain too. The owner/pharmacist Carl Johnson said Clinton would put him out of business -- everyone on town was "scared to death of what Clinton's taxes would do." / "I looked at my books and am scared to death of Clinton." He is a great contact for local color and personalization.

POTUS right -- "The Depot BBQ and Grill" and The Depot Antiques" -- both housed in the old train depot. Main Street runs behind depot -- shops include: bank, the Tax specialist [couldn't see owners name], barber shop/ Thelma's beauty shop and insurance company. Behind POTUS is Thrasher Park, named for founder of Norcross -- J.J. "Cousin John" Thrasher -- good friend for Jonathan Norcross - 4th mayor of Atlanta in 1851 -- site of the Richmond and Danville Railroad.

High-tech in area: OKI Telecon, AT&T, HQ of Hayes Microcomputers. HQ of Scientific Atlanta, NCR, Southern Bell, Panasonic, and Technology Park.

This is in Gwinnett County / New Gingrich's district.

Get Mr. Johnson to give you the names of the professional baseball players who were from Norcross -- in the 40's he said, Norcross had 18 professional baseball players on teams ranging from Detroit Red wings to St. Louis Cards to New York Yankees....baseball capital of the world.

**Contacts:**

Lead - Tim Simonson  
Site - Warren Hendricks

Carl Johnson - 404-449-1131  
Mayor Maurice Allen

Dot Burns can hook you up with someone her numbers are (h) 706-532-8950 or 404-320-1992 [Paul Coverdale's HQ]  
Mychael Walker - 404-561-2948 [re high-tech industries in area]  
Sheila Ward is Newt's press secretary.

2) GAINESVILLE, GA:

Depart Norcross at 11:40 am / arrive Gainesville around 12:40 p.m. From Norcross to Gainesville the route passes through the chicken death camp. This is a heavy industry area - yuk. Train will slow through town of Buford for a wave by.

POTUS remarks from rear of train -- POUTS left will be stationery black engine on tack next to him. Engine #5121 decorated with bunting and people. POTUS right will be depot. This site will take a lot of work -- train car up on blocks, empty buildings [NAFTA takes jobs away] and black smoke churning out of the chimney of at least one industry [so much for clean air act] -- be aware of this. Behind POTUS left shoulder is some grain processing plant -- this week is peak soy bean season. Other than that -- great big nothing.

Contacts:

Lead - David Balloff  
Site - TBD

Gainesville Chamber of Commerce

Dan McMurray 1-800-554-7654 or Harrold Hucks [both of these guys are railroad company foremen and may have little to contribute - unfortunately our local reps didn't show.]

3) CORNELIA, GA:

Depart Gainesville 1:40 arrive Cornelia 2:30 p.m.

"Home of the Big Red Apple" -- no kidding there is a huge red apple on a pedestal adjacent to the depot. POTUS right is a huge grassy slope -- so high that it makes the track and depot appear to be in a valley and so steep that you can't sit on the side without sliding down. Advance has planned is so the press platform will actually have a low-flight bird's eye view of the train and will actually shoot down on the site. POTUS again delivers remarks from the back of Choo-Choo One. The BIG RED APPLE will be just in front of him to the right.

Cornelia was once upon a time an apple growing town -- now it's chickens about a million a day or something. This is Habersham county -- See Sidney Lanier's poem about the marshes of Glynn. There are several colleges [Piedmont College, Toccoa Falls College, North Ga. Tech] and service clubs [Rotary, Pilot, Optimist, Kawanis] in area. Central High School Raiders several jr. high schools. From this stop you can begin to see the foothills of the Smokey Mountains. Appalachian Trail starts about 20 miles from here and ends in Maine.

The route passes over several lakes, many small towns [through which the train will slow and POTUS can hang off the back waving] and at least one prison.

Everywhere we stopped we drew attention. One old-timer in Norcross came over and asked "what all the commotion was about", one couple stopped on the tracks and asked if "Al Gore was comin' to town", one lady shouted from her front porch - "Hey what kind of train is this?" and the ultimate was the lady who - simply pulled her car into the parking lot - came over and said, "I'm just on my way home from the Thomasville Women's Club luncheon and I just wanted to know what was going on...". At least two of the hometown newspapers came out and took pictures of the 30 of us standing in the middle of the train tracks, pointing.

\* There are large areas without cell coverage.

Also -- these are live tracks. Passenger trains and perhaps commercial trains will be passed along the way.

At one point our brakes caught on fire. True story.

14 October 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR SPEECHWRITERS  
RESEARCHERS

FROM: J. BUNTON *JB*  
SUBJECT: SPIRIT OF AMERICA - [GA, SC, NC]

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OVERALL:

Cookie cutter events. However, crowd sizes, times and dais locations are subject to change. Talk to your leads about this, re-confirm times and speaking sites [back of train v. dais in front of train.]

Trip is 444 miles long, nearly 200 miles longer than first -- 9 stops:

Day One - Tuesday, October 20, 1992: [4 stops/183 miles]

Atlanta, Ga. -- Norcross, Ga.  
Norcross, Ga. -- Gainesville, Ga.  
Gainesville, Ga. -- Cornelia, Ga.  
Cornelia, Ga. -- Spartanburgh, S.C.

Day Two - Wednesday, October 21, 1992: [5 stops/261 miles]

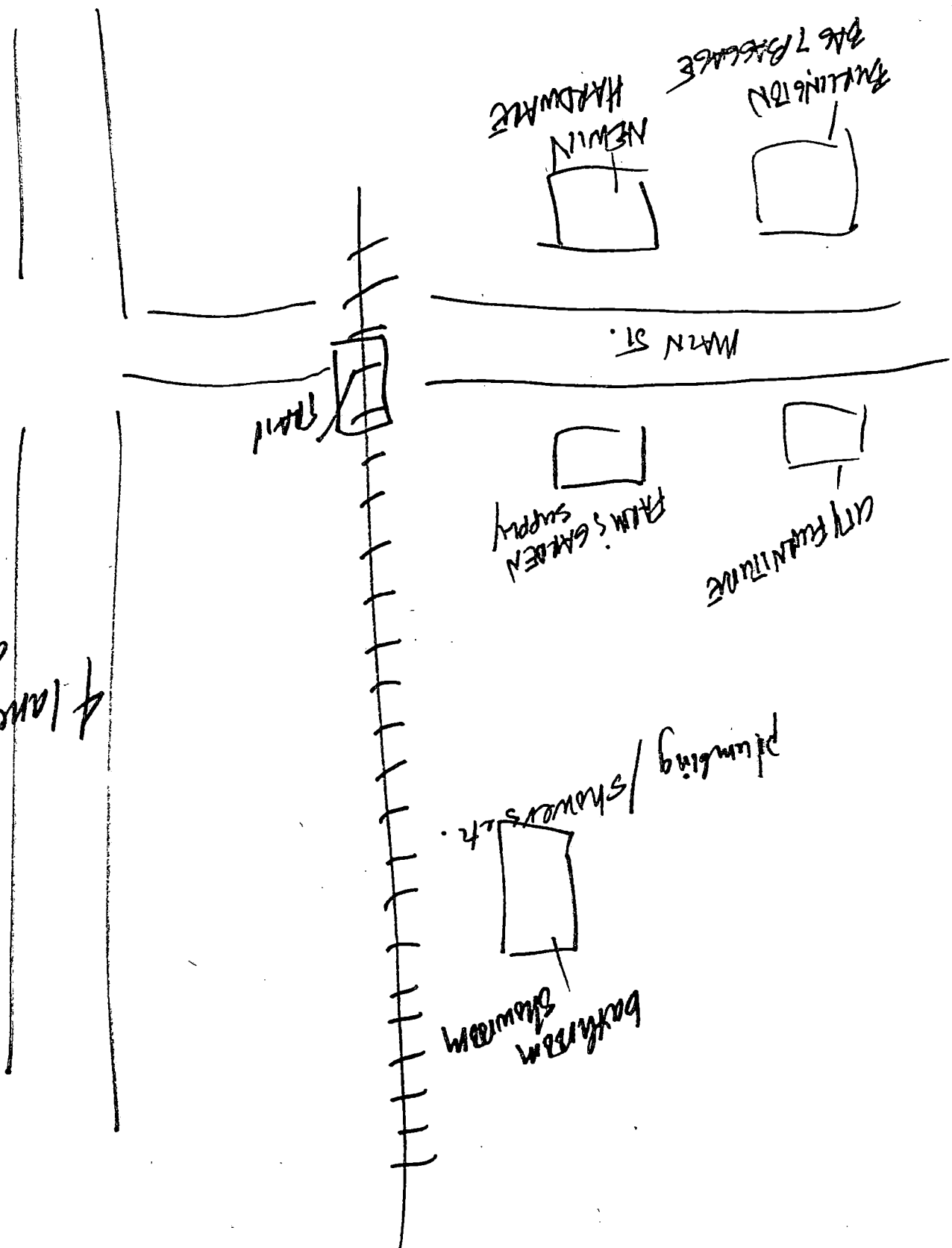
Spartanburgh, S.C. -- Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Kings Mountain, N.C. -- Kannapolis, N.C.  
Kannapolis, N.C. -- Thomasville, N.C.  
Thomasville, N.C. -- Burlington, N.C.  
Burlington, N.C. -- Raleigh, N.C.

Advance expects smaller crowds [3-5,000] at each site, unless otherwise noted, because this trip occurs during the work week -- rather than the weekend like last time. Stops last about one hour.

Unlike the last trip -- there are few scenic vistas. The route varies in extremes -- from the beauty of the Smokey Mountains in the distance -- leaves changing colors -- kudzu jungles -- desolate in places -- take your shotgun, deer scent, and hunting dogs -- you're in the deep woods Bubba to scrap iron heaps, to the chicken processing plant -- listen for chickens "screaming" in the background. All in all industrial/rural, U.S.A. -- somewhere between Deliverance and Mayberry.

Burlington, NC

4 lane rd  
divided by  
green  
space



Thomasville, Ga.

DOAK PARK  
↑

↑ Thomasville Furniture Co.

depot

Old red train car

BIG 16' TALL  
DINING RM. CHAIR

POTUS REMARK  
BACK TO TRAIN

shops

CHARMERS OF  
CONVERGE

NATIONS  
ISLAND

shops

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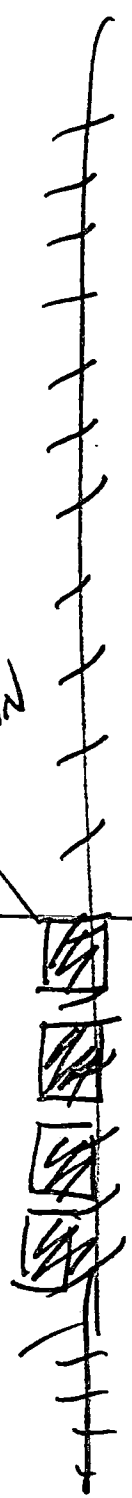
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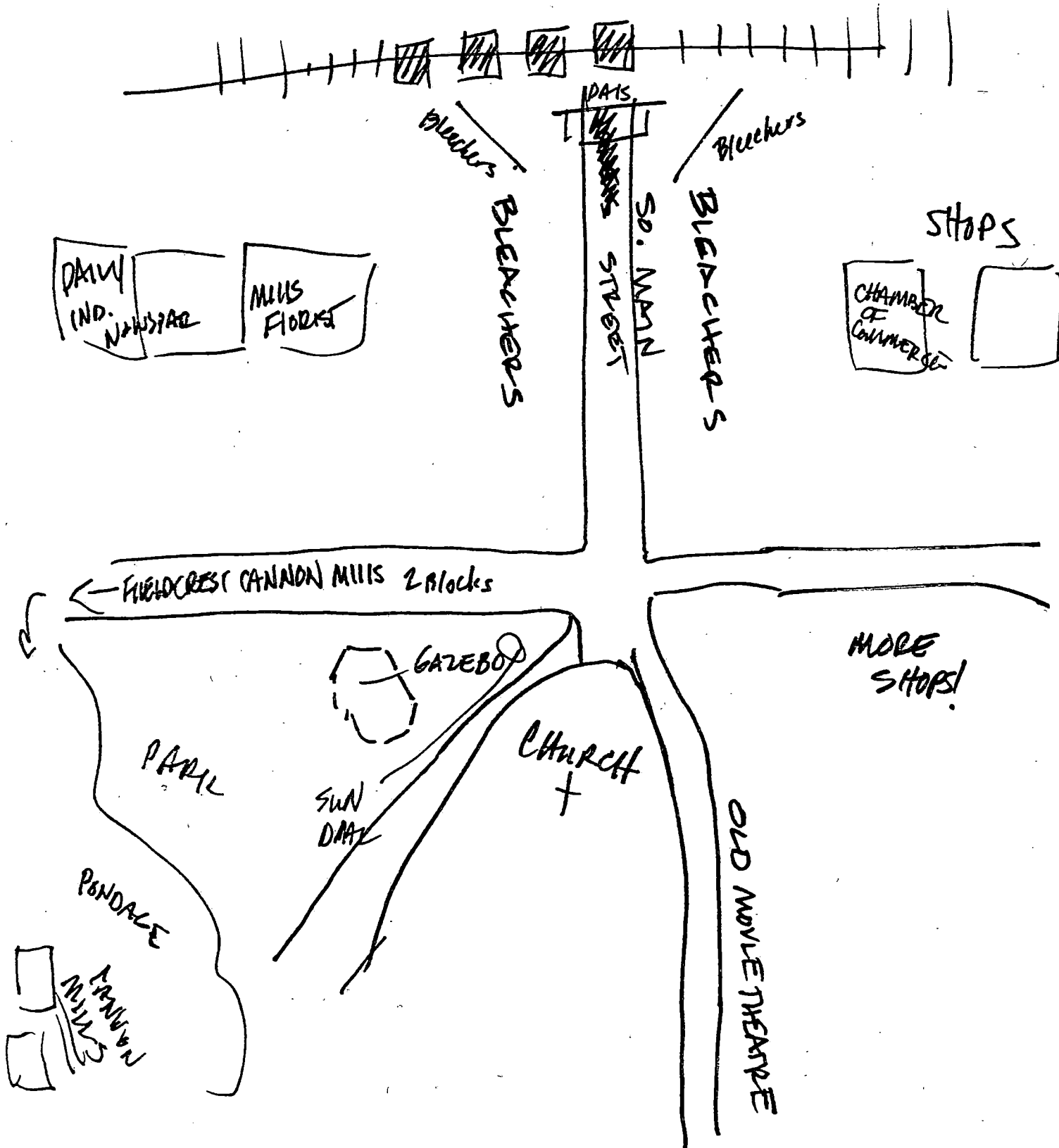
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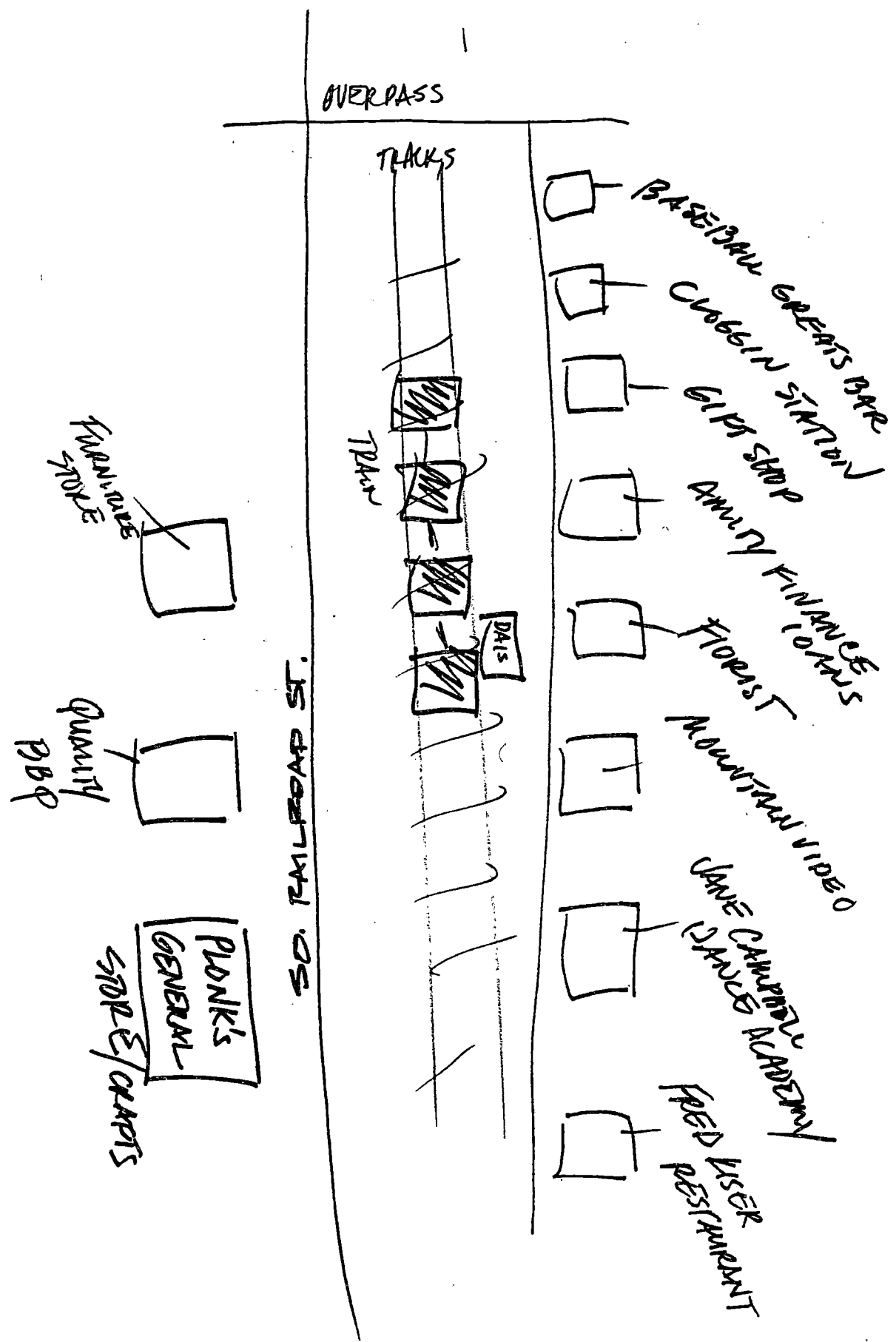


KANNAPOLIS, NC

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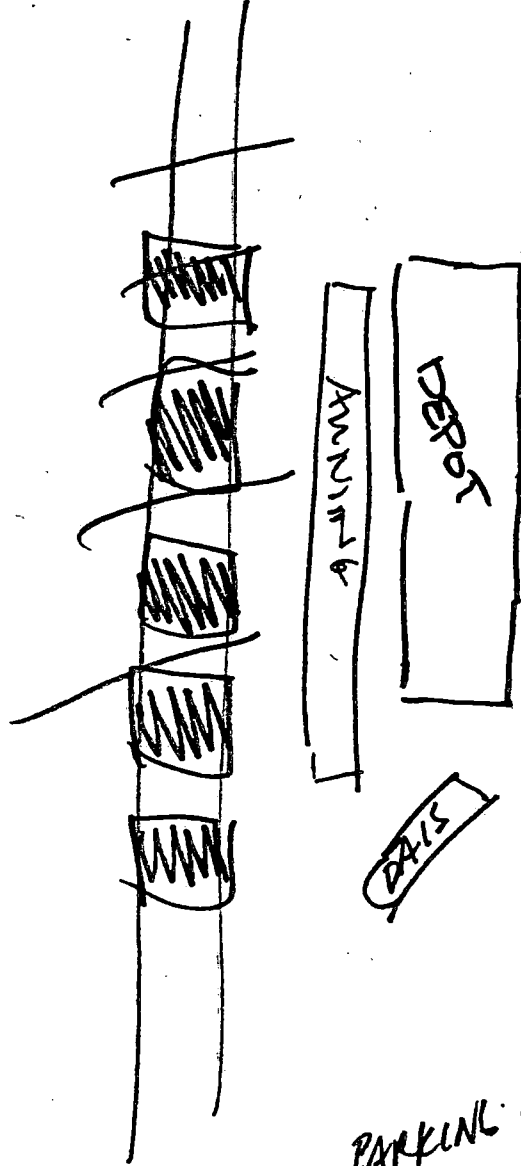
# KING'S MOUNTAIN, NC



SPARTANBURG, SC

MAGNOLIA STREET

TRACK



OPEN



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THREE-IN-ONE

WOOD STAIRS

THE BIG RED APPLE

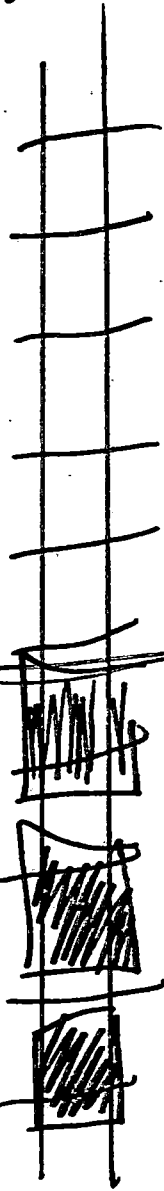


POLE / SUNNY AREA w/ BENCHES SHOLMS / BENCHES



ROW OF BUSHES

TRAILS



CONCRETE STAIRS UP STAIR

3 POTS STAIR

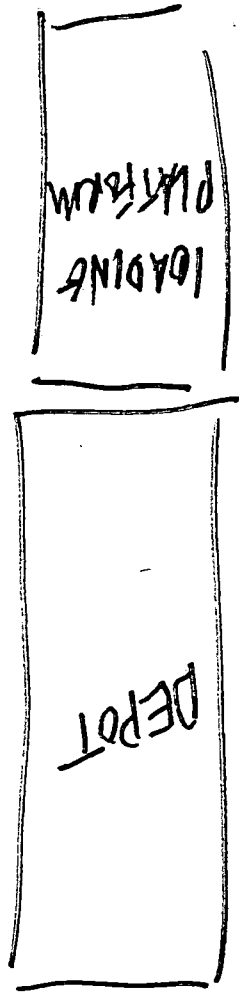
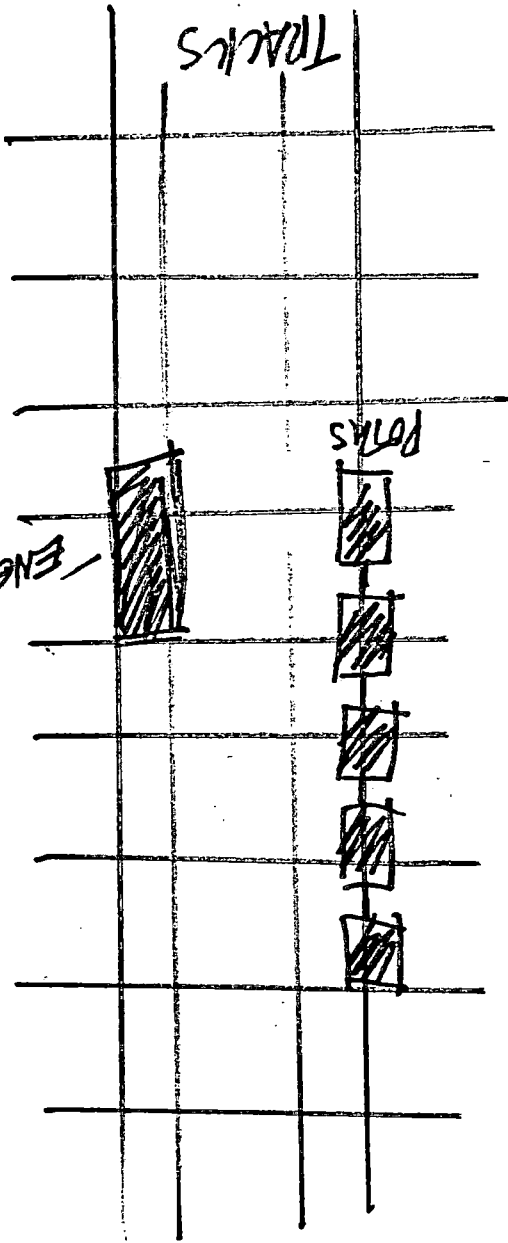
POTS FROM BACK OF TRAIL

5 POTS STAIR

CORNELIA, GA.

LUMBER CO. / YARD  
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EMPTY RACK  
PRESS PLATFORM



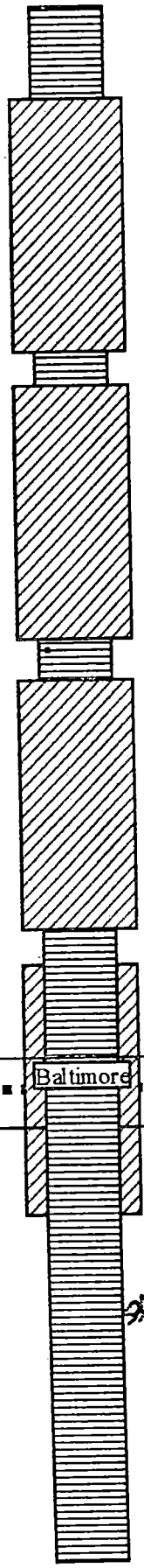
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GRAIN PROCESSING  
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CHANNISVILLE, GA

# Norcross, GA



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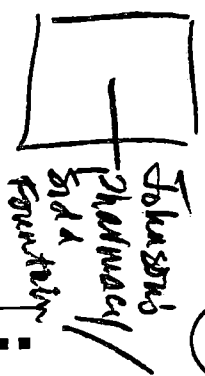
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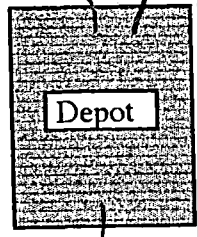


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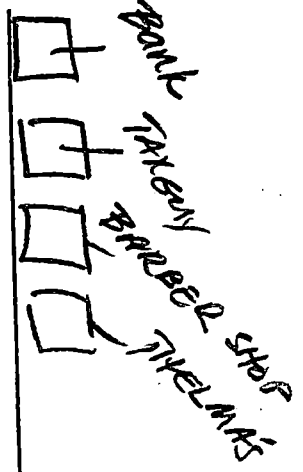
THE DEPOT  
ANTIQUES



THE DEPOT  
BQ & GRILL

AMERICAN  
PLAY

Wingo Street



## RALIEGH

- o The forthcoming Fortune magazine ranks Raliegh as America's sixth "most attractive area for business."
- o Chief employer in Raliegh is the Research Triangle Park, a 67,000-acre industrial center employing 34,000 people. IBM produces all its pcs there. Other products: telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, environmental heath technology. Park is seven miles from fairgrounds.
- o Agriculture contributes \$30 billion of NC's \$125 billion gross state product. Tobacco accounts for a fifth of that.
- o Three universities in the area -- NC State, Duke, U. of NC at Chapel Hill -- closely cooperate with Research Industrial Park in research. About 13,000 students graduate from these universities, many of them finding jobs in Raliegh-Durham.
- o Unemployment rate in Raliegh: 4.0 percent. Has held steadily since '88 and was once the lowest rate in nation.
- o Richard Petty appears at the Fair next Wednesday for "Recycling Day" -- environmental theme day. Charlie Pride will perform at Fair, as will Tammy Wynette.
- o New display this year: the "Dino Dome," a dinosaur exhibit featuring near-lifesize replicas of Tyr. Rex, et al.
- o Also at the Fair, harness racing -- though no betting is allowed.

→ 8:30 pm.

→ ST fairgrounds dir across  
the tracks

→ Helms & Gov

may be there

for brief rules

→ Richard Petty may interview

**4) BURLINGTON, NC:**

Depart Thomasville 2:40 p.m. / arrive Burlington 3:25 p.m.

Wide open vista. POTUS speaks from back of train. Talks facing crowd. POTUS left is Burlington Bag and Baggage, Newin Hardware to POTUS right -- City furniture, and farm and garden supply. That is all.

**Contacts:**

Lead - John Horne  
Site - Doug Rogers  
Bobby Peede

Junior Teague 919-622-4939

Melvin King 919-563-5660 / 919-279-4475

**5) RALEIGH, NC:**

Depart Burlington 4 p.m. / arrive Raleigh 5:30 p.m.

POTUS remarks at N.C. State Fair [runs 16th - 24th]. Site TBD. 56,000 people at fair daily. Richard Petty lives 28 miles away. VPOTUS will be in Raleigh on Thurs. [10/15].

**Contact:**

Lead - Hopson Nance  
Site - John Bliss

Tammy Wynette's most popular songs:

Starting Over '80  
Crying in the Rain '81  
I heard a heart break '83  
We're gonna hold on  
I still believe in fairytales  
Til I can make it on my own  
Your good girl's gonna go bad  
I don't wanna play house  
Stand by your man

Charley Pride

Just between you and me '66  
All I have to offer you is me '69  
A shoulder to cry on  
My eyes can only see as far as you  
Where do I put her memory  
She's too good to be true  
She's just an old love turned memory  
I'll be leaving alone  
There's a little bit of Hank in me  
Never been so loved (in all my life)  
Is anybody goin' to San Antone,

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1992

1) KING'S MOUNTAIN, NC:

7:30 a.m. depart Spartanburg / arrive King's Mountain 8:30 a.m.

Manufacturing, non-union area - Revolutionary War area, POTUS remarks from dais / Train as backdrop -- train surrounded on both sides of tracks by stores - Main Street USA. See diagram.

Contacts:

Lead - Bob Marlo

Site - Leo Tomeu

Peggy Bridges - Chamber of Commerce 704-487-8521

John Weatherly 704-487-0039 [he's a candidate for house]

2) KANNAPOLIS, NC:

Depart Spartanburg 9:15 - arrive Kannapolis 11:55 a.m. Crowd estimate 10-15,000. Site is 10-15 minutes from Charlotte, N.C.

POTUS will de-train and speak from dais looking down South Main Street. Train as backdrop. POTUS will walk down between rows of bleachers lining the street [ set up in Y configuration]. Image will be of him walking among the people. Church to POTUS right - line of shops to POTUS left and right.

Shaw University / Mills florist, newspaper the Daily Independent, beautiful old railroad houses. I think this is going to be the best stop of the entire trip. [See diagram.]

Home of Fieldcrest Cannon Mills. Export everywhere in the world. A good spot for POTUS to talk about NAFTA - word is the millfolk are concerned about what it will do to jobs. NC has a positive trade balance. A movie studio is coming to the county -- recently announced.

In the town square - across from the baptist church POTUS faces a gazebo built by the American Legion post -- "dedicated to the men and women of the area who served or died in defense of our nation." In front of gazebo is a huge sun dial.

Cabarrus [Cab-BEAR-us] County. Celebrating bicentennial "A golden place to be." There is a dollar theatre [POTUS can see it] "Honey, I blew up the kids" is playing. For a buck you get a movie, cartoons and a preview. Old-fashioned retro theatre. Built back when ushers wore tuxedos. Have to confirm -- think Kennedy-Johnson train went through in 59. in 1791 Pres. Washington came in the area on his tour of the nation after his inauguration. In 1799 the first gold rush in the US happened not 15 miles away -- Young Conrad Reed [then about 12 years old]

found a 17 lb. nugget of gold -- didn't know what it was - used it as a door stop. The Reed mines are still working mines. Charlotte Motor Speedway is nearby - consider Dale Earnhardt a local hero.

**Contacts:**

Lead - Martin Paine  
Site - Will Nance  
Jim Ursomarso

Lynne Safrit - I met her -- 704-932-8631 / h- 704-933-2001  
Mayor is Bachman Brown  
Chamber of Commerce - Tom Dayvault 704-932-4164 [Lynne Safrit is chair of board of chamber]

Carolyn Carpenter - Chair. Co Board of Commissioners beep 704-783-0529 / office 704-788-8110 [Mrs. Carpenter's 9 year-old son had a Bush sticker on his bike.]

**3) THOMASVILLE, NC:**

Depart Kannapolis 12:40 / arrive Thomasville 1:55 p.m.

Home of the Big chair. Thomasville Furniture company -- this week people from all over the world will be in the area for furniture mart. There really is this huge 16 foot tall dining room chair -- get the chamber of commerce to fax the brochure. Coming into town POTUS will pass Doak Park -- there are 5 horseshoe pits in the park - visible from the train.

You can smell the sawdust riding in. Busy revitalizing the town -- refurbishing old buildings - painting murals on one now. New K-4 primary school. Home of the Thomasville High School Bulldogs. There is a Rotary Club in town. Local festivals include "Everybody's Day" and annual town tree lighting -- which takes place in front of the chair -- the center of town. People actually say "Meet me at the chair".

20 minutes from Wake Forest Univ. // Duke is nearby. Charlotte 1 hr. away. 20 mins. Winston-Salem.

Newspaper is the Thomasville Times.

The town Presbyterian Church sponsored a Cambodian family -- the family now has its citizenship and runs a small business - Lotus Palace Cambodian food. Get Mrs. Hunter to tell you the detes.

**Contacts:**

Lead - David Anderson  
Site - Dan Renburg

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Thomasville Chamber of Commerce - Judy



### MILEAGE BREAKDOWN

DAY ONE	POPULATION BY CITY AND COUNTY		
	CITY	COUNTY/COUNTIES	
Atlanta to Norcross= 19 mi.	3,317	323,500	
Norcross to Gainesville= 34 mi.	15,280	90,000	
Gainesville to Cornelia= 24 mi.	3,203	28,200	
Cornelia to Seneca= 38 mi.	7,436	55,400	
Seneca to Spartanburg= 68 mi.	43,826	215,900	
<b>DAY ONE TOTAL= 183 mi.</b>			
Spartanburg to Kings Mtn.= 41 mi.	9,080	87,100/174,200	
Kings Mtn. to Kannapolis= 75 mi.	34,564	95,400	
Kannapolis to Thomasville= 43 mi.	14,144	124,300	
Thomasville to Gibsonville=37 mi.	2,865	105,800/336,800	
Thomasville to Burlington= 44 mi.	37,266	105,800	
Gibsonville to Raleigh= 65 mi.	150,255	388,100	
Burlington to Raleigh= 58 mi.			
<b>DAY TWO TOTAL= 261 MI.</b>			
<b>TRIP TOTAL= 444 mi.</b>			

October 11, 1992  
Pre-Advance Schedule and Site Locations

Day #1:

:40 9 am dpt. Atlanta (see attached map)  
9:40am arr. Norcross (sta. at Jones St.; dwtwn)  
1:10 10:25am dpt. Norcross  
11:25am arr. Gainesville (location to be anncd)  
:45 12:55 dpt. Gainesville  
1:40 arr. Cornelia (Train depot in dwntwn. park)  
Land mark: large red apple statue nearby  
2:30 2:25 dpt. Cornelia  
4:55 arr. Spartanburg (Amtrak Sta. at Magnolia  
St. crossing)

DAY #1 TOTAL:

183 mi

Day #2:

:50 7:30am dpt. Spartanburg  
8:30 arr. King's Mt. (Gold St. and  
S. Railroad Sts.)  
:20 9:15 dpt. King's Mt.  
9:35 arr. Gastonia (loc to be annc'd)  
1:15 10:25 dpt. Gastonia  
11:55 arr Kannapolis (E. 1st St. track intersx)  
1:15 12:40 dpt. Kannapolis  
1:55 arr. Thomasville (Randolph St. intersx)  
1:00 2:40 dpt. Thomasville  
3:40 arr. Gibsonville (dwntwn. tracks by the  
Sthrn. Caboose Exhibit)  
1:30 4:10 dpt. Gibsonville  
5:40 arr. Raleigh ( Blue Ridge and Hillsborough Rd.;  
State Fair Grounds)  
:45 2:40 dpt. Thomasville  
3:25 arr. Burlington ( Main St. and Webb St.)  
1:20 3:55 dpt. Burlington to  
5:20 arr. Raleigh

DAY #2 TOTAL:

261 mi

TRIP TOTAL:

444 mi

**Council  
meetings**

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*The right prescription*

## Serving up fellowship

By Glenn Matlock  
Staff Writer

The old saying: "You can never go home," may not apply to Norcross pharmacist Carl Johnson and family. Johnson is home. In fact, he never left.

Not many today can claim they are truly home, living in the place where they have lived all their lives.

In a mobile society such as ours, how many can boast that they work, go to church and school all within three-tenths of a mile of where they live? The Johnsons can.

For the past year Johnson, a successful pharmacist with Kroger, has been striking out on his own, operating a pharmacy in the same building that his grandfather built for use as a hardware store in 1885. Following his grandfather's death, his father continued to operate a hardware store in the same location until his death in 1988.

Johnson's brother, Edwin, who had been in partnership with his father, decided there was too much competition from the hardware su-



Glenn Matlock

Norcross High School senior Jenny Elste mixes a customer a soda at Johnson's Soda Fountain. Ms. Elste, along with a number of other students work after school in Johnson's store.



Sherry and Carl Johnson wave at some of their many Norcross friends. The Johnsons have been running their downtown store for about a year.

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# Johnson

## Johnson's hardware store is home to new Norcross pharmacy

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perstores and went to work with the postal service.

Their mother ran the store six months longer, but finally, keeping

most of the antiques, sold the store's hardware inventory to another businessman.

Johnson is facing the same competition from the chain drug stores that his brother faced from the

larger hardware superstores.

Johnson realized before ever going into business for himself that the small, downtown, home-owned business is fighting for its life against the larger chain stores.

While the business has almost doubled during its first year of operation, Johnson said he is still struggling with the hold that the larger drugstore chains have on customers.

He said many of his customers have told him they intend to come in to have their prescriptions filled, but sometimes forget and go to the chain stores. Johnson believes that in time, customers will change their habits and will begin to increase his prescription business.

If there ever was a business arrangement, or a marriage, that was made in heaven, perhaps Johnson and wife Sherry's is.

Sherry Johnson, a former home economics teacher at Norcross High, who now runs the Johnson Store's soda fountain, said they felt that starting their own business was divinely inspired and directed.

Devoted Christians, the Johnsons said they based their move on a lot of prayer. After all it wasn't easy to leave a good position with a large corporation making a nice salary and with five-paid weeks of vacation a year.

Coincidentally, before the Johnsons ever considered going into business, the City of Norcross did a study of businesses in the downtown area that revealed that the number one business that was needed in downtown Norcross was a pharmacy.

So, with an empty building on their hands, the writing on the wall could not have been much clearer.

But still, said the Johnsons, more prayer was needed.

Somehow the word got out that the Johnsons were considering reopening the Johnson family store.

"Couples were stopping us, saying how excited they were about us opening the old store," said Mrs. Johnson.

Johnson said that while attending a pharmacist's convention he asked for other pharmacists' opinions on what they should do.

"Half of them said I was crazy to do it. The other half said I was crazy not to," he said. "Everybody said I shouldn't put in a soda fountain. They said I would never be able to keep enough help to run it."

Well that has been the least of his worries. Besides help from Sherry, and the kids, Carly, 11 and Ashley, 9, Johnson has also hired a Sunday School teacher who has known him since he was in diapers, the mother of a former childhood sweetheart, and several clean-cut, high school kids. Getting some help has probably been the least of his worries, Johnson said.

Being in business for himself allows Johnson to use his business more as a personal ministry to perpetuate his Christian beliefs. Many of the cards on the shelf have a Christian message. On every prescription bottle, the computer places a verse of appropriate scripture from the Bible.

These messages have had great meaning for those who have received them and have contributed

not only to their health, but to their overall well-being, Johnson believes.

Many people who have problems with their health and family have come in just to talk, said Johnson. This is something that he could not have done working for a large corporation, he said.

Over the evening on the store the sign says: Johnson's Store, Pharmacy, Fountain and Fellowship. Johnson said he wants his business to be more than a business, he wants it to be a place where people come together in a spirit of caring.

Johnson says he believes that even though he's not making as much money now, that money is not the most important aspect of his new business.

Everyday, he and his wife spend many long hours working the family business, but the money and the hours don't seem to matter.

Johnson has the unique and enviable opportunity to walk the floors where his grandfather walked, and climb the same concrete stoop that his grandfather laid 115 years ago.

What does it feel like to be so immersed and surrounded with family history and the love of so many relatives and neighbors?

"Sometimes when I stand in here," said Johnson as he looked out the window at the row of old stores lining South Peachtree, "and I see my wife and family, and I see people who have known me since I was a baby, it's not like being at a job 12 hours a day, it's like being at home."



Politicians like to hang out at Johnson's. Pictured from the left are: Harold Garmon, J. P. ... , Bill Payne, Lamar Welch, Junior Hayes, and Junior Freeman.