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Other participants were, 1st runner-up, Ms. Debra Johnson; 2nd runner-up, Ms. Louise Oglesby; Ms. Loretta Battle; Ms. Geneva Champion; Ms. Phyllis Cox; Ms. Shirley Davis; Ms. Fay Hodges; Ms. Glorla Mason; Ms. Maddlen Sims; Ms. Evelyn Thomas and Ms. Selinda Thomas.

Sponsors were Pam-Am Grocery, Fair Studio, Athens Tech, Hurley’s Funeral Home, Spencer’s Grocery, Milner Bros’s Exxon, Calloway Transmission, Sanford & Son, and Bert’s Records.

Also credited with making the event possible were Willie Hull, Center Director; Ms. Moena Smith, Advisor and Ms. Julia J. Jones, Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Campbell was crowned by Ms. Carolyn Carr, previous winner of the Miss Adult Sweetheart Pageant.

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MICHAEL THURMOND

What makes a 24-year-old individual take on the task of writing a history book? At such an age the sacrifice of time would seem too great and the self-discipline usually comes at a later time in life.

But, coming your way now is a young man who is an exception to the rule. He has sacrificed and disciplined himself to a degree necessary to produce a product for the good of all, especially all of Athens.

Michael Thurmond is the 6th and last child born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Thurmond who reside on Boley Drive here in Athens. He earned a B.A. degree in religion and philosophy from Paine College, Augusta, Ga. Currently Michael is working toward a Law degree at the University of Carolina.

It would seem that a student of Law would hardly have time to do the enormous amount of research needed to produce a book, but if the saying is true that "people do what they want to do" is true then you've begun to understand Mike's accomplishment.

IMAGE: The way we see it, the most impressive thing about you is that your ideas are so far ahead of the average person your age! If we look into your immediate past we recall you and Fred Smith woke Athens up with the founding of the Athens Voice and here you are now producing a history of Black Athens! What got you started?

MIKE: Well, it's not so easy to explain, but I've become a student of history. I like biographies. I think if you read about other people you can find some things that you can do yourself. You know, a whole world of ideas opens up when you
understand what other people have done long before your time. Among the many great people I’ve read about, including Frederick Douglas, George Washington Carver, Dr. Drew, etc., none were from Athens, none! And that’s significant.

**IMAGE:** Is this what spurred you on? Was this the basis of your work?

**MIKE:** Well, it’s just the fact that I thought someone from Athens might have done something great at one time or another. You know it’s one thing to read about Frederick Douglas, but then when you read about one of our past legislators who might have walked where we now walk; or Lucious Hosley, who was a slave, and became the founder of Paine College. So when I walk on Georgia’s campus, I walk the same ground he walked.

**IMAGE:** Was Lucius Hosley a native Athenian?

**MIKE:** No, he was born in Columbus and later sold to a Georgia professor. In his autobiography it was Athens and the University that really got him interested in learning. He soon became a minister and eventually became one of the youngest Bishops ever ordained!

**IMAGE:** So basically it was the information about Hosley that gave you the idea?

**MIKE:** Yes, I read his biography while I attended Paine; and by the way, it was a guy by the name of John Cade who wrote Hosley’s biography. Cade was a graduate of Knox Institute which once stood on the corner of Reese Street.

**IMAGE:** Exactly at what point in time did you begin making concrete plans for your book? Were you still in school at Paine?

**MIKE:** No! I was out of school, it was during the summer. Fred Smith and I were doing the Athens Voice. I was with my sister, Barbara, at the University’s main library one day in August. At that time I wasn’t really searching for information for a book. While she looked up material for her school work, I thought it would be interesting to look up information on Hosley and others associated with Athens. In fact my family and I had discussed old Athens around the dinner table. So, I looked through the card catalogs until suddenly there it was, information about Athens.

**IMAGE:** What was it about?

**MIKE:** Someone had done a thesis on Athens immediately after the Civil War. And you know nothing can be written accurately unless it included information about Blacks, even as slaves. So, as I read through, the first thing that shock ed me was two blacks had been elected to the Legislature of the United States!

**IMAGE:** This was during Reconstruction?

**MIKE:** Yes, this was right after Congress had passed the 14th and 15th Amendments that gave the slaves citizenship and the right to vote respectively. Of course, once Blacks heard about the laws, organization took place and the two men from the Athens area were elected to the Georgia Legislature.

**IMAGE:** Your book is entitled........

**MIKE:** My book is entitled “The Black Man In Athens, Georgia.”

**IMAGE:** And the book covers what area or areas?

**MIKE:** Okay, date-wise it runs from 1820 to the present. The book reveals major institutions and individuals who made and are making major contributions to society. The 1820 date was chosen because in my research I found an
essay that contained information about black members in white churches. The essay was a record of that particular year; and since so much of our progress has roots in the church, I felt this would be a good point from which to start.

**IMAGE:** And what followed religion?

**MIKE:** Then there’s education which starts really with the private schools, which would be Knox Institute; the medical profession and medical pioneers in North Georgia; and of course the black press in Athens. Also included are people who made individual contributions such as C.B. Morton, who built the Morton Building, on Washington Street.

**IMAGE:** Mike, is your book a book of history?

**MIKE:** Yes, it is.

**IMAGE:** Well, realizing how influential such books are, what kind of an effect do you think it may have on the community, specifically the Black community?

**MIKE:** Well, I like to be optimistic about what happens around me and I really feel and think that it will have a very profound effect on the community; not only black but white people as well. You know, if one kid who is exposed to the fact that there was a black-owned drug store here and says he can be one too, then that’s the desired effect.

**IMAGE:** Can you give an explanation of what the white community’s reaction might be?

**MIKE:** Okay, I’ve shown the draft to a few of them, one very prominent, and each of them were amazed! They knew very little about black accomplishments here in Athens because to an extent there was a great void between the cultures. The shock was even greater when they realized how great the strides were in spite of the terrible obstacles.

**IMAGE:** Suppose once your book is out and a reader says, “Mike, how do you know this is fact?” What would be your response?

**MIKE:** Certainly I interviewed several people for information, but I didn’t stop there. Their information was documented with records and in fact I included nothing without documentation. I understood the weight of responsibility in writing any history. A majority of my information came from libraries in New York, South Carolina and Georgia.

**IMAGE:** What was your source of funding for “The Black Man In Athens?”

**MIKE:** After I had done a series of historical essays which appeared in the Athens Observer, The Athens Voice and The Athens Banner-Herald, it dawned upon me that this could be a basis for a book. I felt that there was a need for it in the school system, and so off I went to see Dr. Charles McDaniel, the Superintendent.

**IMAGE:** How much time passed before any action was taken?

**MIKE:** The very first day! Dr. McDaniel referred me to work with Mr. Farris Johnson, Dr. Frusanna Booth and Mrs. Joan Humphries, all on his administrative staff. After that I worked for at least 5 months collecting information.

**IMAGE:** Will the book be a part of school system’s curriculum?

**MIKE:** At this time I can’t say, but there will be 1,000 copies placed into our schools as a possible supplement to Social Studies Texts.

**IMAGE:** When should we expect the book to be on the market?

**MIKE:** It should be out in October or early November and be available at newsstands and bookstores. Continued on Page 14
“MISS SEPTEMBER”

Quittis Smith stays cool by the pool during these hot days in Athens.
# HEALTH

**Immunization Schedule Recommended For Your Child's Minimum Protection**

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A few years after the beginning of the Allenville settlement a small group of settlers met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milas Irving. At that meeting a church was organized which they named Thankful Baptist. The first Pastor was Rev. Andrew Pierce.

The first regular place of worship was a log hut built on land given by Dea. William Carter. The first baptized members were Agnes Scott, Issac Scott, Jennie Thompson, Carrie Thomas, Henry Armstrong and Lucendy Lee. Without doubt this small band of pioneers put God in front and in spite of difficulties were able to hold on, carry on and push forward.

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WHAT ARE POLICE OFFICERS REALLY LIKE?

The complexities inherent in the police function dictate that officers possess a high degree of intelligence, education, tact, sound judgment, physical courage, emotional stability, impartiality, and honesty.

There is a variety of personalities among individuals who choose a career in the police profession. Most men and women in police work tend to be conscientious, energetic, and ambitious, and are interested in upgrading themselves through various occupational opportunities.

People in police work are also human beings and are subject to the same kinds of feelings and tensions as other people (i.e., psychiatry, air traffic control work, space engineering, etc.), and is considered as a stress occupation. The multiple pressures of the job create an added burden on the officer which may affect his physical, emotional and personal well-being. In order to adapt to the increased stresses in police work, it is important for the police officer to have a stable home life.

To feel self-confident and to function effectively, the person in police work needs a good measure of inner security. To feel secure, he must have a positive self-image. That is, he has to like himself as a person, think that he is worthwhile, and feel that he is on a par with other people in the community.

The officer is always aware that there is a big difference between what a person thinks from what he accomplishes. Everyone is entitled to his or her thoughts as well as other citizens, but from an officer's point of view, his concern is not with what a person thinks, but with what he or she accomplish or intend to accomplish.

A good sense of humor is an asset to the man or woman in police work. Being able to see the humor in some situations can help ease tension, lessen the burden and keep many incidents interesting which might otherwise have become difficult and frustrating. The ability to laugh at oneself and remain cool when everyone is falling apart is one characteristic of a well-developed police officer.
HOW TO GROW A PINEAPPLE PLANT

Want to grow an inexpensive plant from an item that you would usually have anyway? How about a pineapple plant. A pineapple top will grow rapidly and will make a nice house plant.

To root a pineapple, cut off about half an inch of the pineapple along the top. Scrape out as much of the fruit as possible and let the shell dry out for about 2 to 3 days. After drying pin the top down to a pot of soil with a couple of straight pins. Water the soil regularly, but let the soil dry out completely before you water it again. Make sure it gets plenty of sunlight. In a matter of no time, you should have a beautiful inexpensive green plant.
LETTERS

Editor:

Last month’s (July) issue was very good. The cover was different from any I’ve ever seen. It pleases me that we have at least one professional model here in Athens. I couldn’t attend her fashion premiere but I’ll bet it was a nice affair. Good luck to you and her.

Carol Sims,
Athens

Editor:

Roline Battle is definitely a fine looking lady! She seems to have a lot going for her in many ways. Some of you may not know it but Athens has a lot to be proud of and as far as I’m concerned Roline is one good thing to take pride in.

Jefferson King,
Madison, Ga.

Editor:

Without a doubt Lee Linston is one of the best bass fishermen in the state of Georgia! If he had the time I wish he would set up fishing clinics so some of our young boys would have something to do. My son fishes and enjoys it a whole lot. I’m sure some of the others would too. The only other thing I can say is that his wife must be tired of all those fish (smile).

Eleanor Smith

Editor:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and to your readers for your kind words and best wishes in the April and June issues of Image. As a young black woman, I am striving to better myself and my community through dedication to God and a desire to keep on keeping on.

Thank you for printing the article and I hope your magazine will continue to progress.

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IMAGE: During your research, what particular bit of information struck more than anything else?
MIKE: Well, even though some of those past individuals were doctors, they couldn’t vote. Even though they had degrees from Harvard, and were some of the finest minds in the United States they were still less than first class citizens.

IMAGE: Well, your book should definitely be of value to many people.
MIKE: I really hope so. But I don’t have any visions of grandeur about it because I understand life. This was something that needed to be done at a certain time. It’s not the end; it’s nothing like the end! I hope it’s not the greatest thing to ever happen to Athens, or that I’ll ever do, or that you or anyone will ever read....
CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD
WILLIE B. THOMAS

Being in charge of any board means having a lot of influence on what goes on. And it’s a position earned by demonstrating more skill, knowledge and talent than anybody else.

Unknown to most of Athens is a fast rising and highly successful young man who is establishing himself as the best pool checker player in the area. Young and old competitors have come to recognize Willie B. Thomas as the most consistent winner around in recent years. According to him, he’s bested some of the toughest boards in Athens and that includes places in the Broad Acres, First Street and East Athens areas.

Within the three years he has participated in organized competition this 29 year old Athenian has represented himself and Athens very well.

In the 1975 State Pool Checker Tournament held at Mosley Park in Atlanta, he earned 3rd place among many entries from other cities including Augusta, Macon and Atlanta as well.

In the 1976 Atlanta City Tournament Willie came away again with 3rd place which was very significant. Many Atlanta players weren’t too happy about an “outsider” winning anything!

This year he competed in the prestigious 12th Annual National Pool Checker Tournament held in July at the Atlanta international Hotel. No awards were won but the experience of playing under the pressure of very stiff competition was valuable itself. Willie spoke of the tension, “you have to really concentrate with hundreds of people standing around the board watching every move you make. It was almost a totally new experience for me. There were the best players from places like New York and Detroit. Also there was the top Rus-

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HOROSCOPE

VIRGO
August 24 - September 23
Without a doubt signs are favorable and very persuasive in your romantic encounters. You can talk your way into a whole lot. Possible parties and other social gathering are your best times to express yourself.

Even if you’re married you can be more aggressive and take the upper hand in making domestic decisions. Of course this may upset your mate but you’ll manage to smooth things out.

After mid-month is a better time to apply your present energy toward financial gain.

No real health problems are foreseen. Maintain control of your food and drink intake. Also, be cautious of personal safety. Your usual practice of keeping up your personal appearance may urge you to try a new hair style or purchase new clothing.

LIBRA
September 24 - October 23
Your love life may taken some interesting turns this month. A social activity may be the place where you’ll begin to feel closer to someone who before had been only a friend.

If you are married, this month will be favorable to domestic tranquility. You and your mate can work closer together toward a common goal. Good news concerning finances may come around mid month. Conditions are favorable for financial success if you engage in a partnership.

Early in the month you may experience some discomfort from a previous ailment but not unbearably. If you haven’t been keeping watch on your health you may decide to launch an improvement program. If you make it too difficult, you may want to quit. So striking the happy medium may be what you need!

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ian player (who eventually won first place). Overall I felt good about the tournament because I made 100 points and that works out to exactly 50 games won!

Willie B. had comments what the game of pool checkers is all about. "Knowledge of the game and concentration are the essentials of a good game. The difference between me and my opponents is that I study more often than they do. I study and learn to recognize various board positions and can often go to king with only a few "Men" off the board." Looking back on his surprising success, the strategy is working, and working well.

In the very near future, Willie B. envisions the formation of an Athens Pool Checker association, one that would include competent players as well as youthful beginners. He discovered his own ability in the 7th grade some 10 years ago.

"Is he really that good?" The question always comes up and must always be answered when a man is on top. Without bragging or bluffing Willie B. knows that some challengers might beat him some of the time, but he also knows that he can beat most of his challengers most of the time. It sounds cocky, but it's really a matter of self-confidence. Jimmy Carter has it and he's President. Willie B. Thomas has it and he's Chairman of the Board!!
FAILURES OF THE BLACK CHURCH

The failure of the Black church, with every truly converted soul, the relation to God, and to eternal things, will be the great topic of life. But, where in the churches of today is the spirit of consecration of God? The converts do not renounce their pride and love of the world. They are no more willing now to deny self, to take up the cross, and follow the meek and lowly Jesus than before their conversion. Religion has become the sport of infidels and skeptics because so many who hear its name are ignorant of its principles. The power of Godliness has departed from many of the churches. Land, goods and worldly occupations engross the mind but things of eternal interest receive hardly a passing notice. Church revivals are too often carried on by appeals to the imagination, by exciting the emotions and by the love of what is new and startling. These kind of converts have little desire to listen to Biblical truth. Unless a religious service has something of a sensational character, it has no attraction for them.

The plain warning of God's word relating directly to their eternal interests are unheeded. All this has happened because the pulpit has neglected to enforce the divine law in the yester-year of the church. The pulpit is an echo of the voice of conscience.

In the truths of his word, God has given to men a revelation of himself and to all who accept him. They are a shield against the deception of Satan. It is a neglect of these truths that has opened the door to the evils which are now becoming so widespread in the religious world. So much so that the nature and the importance of the law of God has, to a great extent, been lost. A vague conception of the character, the perpetuity, and the obligation of the divine law has led to errors in relation to conversion and sanctification and has resulted in lowering the standard of piety in the Black church. Therefore, the spirit and power of God is lacking in the revival of our time.

Men have for many years, tried but were unable to provide a religious social solution. All they can do today is to give the individual a private haven and refuge in an individual religion. They cannot give a new society and a new community. But to the individual, it may restore his peace, it may give him a personal God and some understanding of his own function and nature but it cannot recreate society and cannot make social and community life sensible. But the church can, if it again develops discipline to its laws which were

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AUGUSTA: Atty. Vernon Neely, an Augusta native, recently opened his law practice there. Neely received the B.A. degree from the University of Georgia and the M.Ed. from the Armstrong-Savannah Graduate Center. Prior to receiving his juris doctorate from the University of Miami, Mr. Neely also attended law school at Georgia.

Mrs. Mamie Lee Smith McKie was recently honored at a retirement dinner by the district officer of Atlanta Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Smith served the company for 20 years as Asst. Manager and her last six as Staff Manager, a position believed to be unique in the Southeast.

The President of Paine College, Dr. Julius S. Scott announced recently the promotion of Thomas C. McCain as Director of Institutional Research and Mrs. Helena M. Thompson, formerly acting registrar to the position of Registrar.

Leon J. "Stan" Lomax is stepping down as head football coach at Fort Valley State College. The former coach is currently successfully recovering from a heart attack which led to his retirement decision.

MACON: A fund, providing loans for deserving student nurses, has been set up at the First National Bank & Trust Company in Macon. The Ruth Hartley Moseley Memorial Fund, bears the name of its benefactor, who was for many years a public health nurse.

A fund raising effort with a goal of $100,000 is underway at St. Peter Claver School. St. Peter Claver School began in the late 19th century as a mission school for black children operated by the Jesuit Fathers of St. Stanislaus College, a Jesuit seminary in Macon, Georgia. All funds will go toward construction of additional classrooms, offices and a library.

Sharon Banks of Macon has returned with a gold medal won at the Olympics for the Dead held in Bucharest, Romania. She and her teammates came in first in the 400 meter relay.

Burl "Kingston" Hill, a native of Athens, is now with radio station WDDO. The talented deejay is doing great things for the station and the community....naturally!

ATHENS: Bobby Stallings, jr. who was elected as Vice President of the Student Activities Association at Clarke Central High School, has been recently chosen to appear in the 1977-78 edition of Who's Who In American High Schools. Bobby, who is the son of Mrs. Annie Dodley, has won many other awards in music, sports and academics.

Theaowen Griffith, 24 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hester, recently won "Our Very Best Award" for leading the nation in sales during the month of June for Coastal State Life Insurance Company. Since joining the company only 1 1/2 years ago, he has made sales totally over a million dollars. In doing so during 1976, Theaowen was awarded the "Rookie of the year" and "Effort" award. He is with the College Executive Division.
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Top 20

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3. SLIDE .............................................. Slave
4. LIVING IN THE LIFE ............................... Isley Brothers
5. EASY ............................................. Commodores
6. STRAWBERRY LETTER 23 ....................... James & Michael
7. O-H-I-O .......................................... Ohio Players
8. DUSIC ............................................ Erick
9. GIVE ME SOME SKIN .......................... James Brown
10. L.A. SUNSHINE .................................. War
11. SUNSHINE ....................................... Enchantment
12. I NEED LOVE ................................... Persuaders
13. BABY DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND .......... Gladys Knight & Pips
14. A REAL MOTHER FOR YA ................. Johnny "Guitar" Watson
15. TURN THIS MOTHER OUT .................... Idris Muhammad
16. BOOGIE NIGHTS ................................ Heatwave
17. THIS I SWEAR .................................. Tyrone Davis
18. WE NEVER DANCED TO A LOVE SONG .... Manhattans
19. KEEP IT COMING LOVE ..................... K.C. & Sunshine Band
20. THIS I SWEAR .................................... Tyrone Davis

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given by God. But until it goes, the church will be a weak thread in the fabric of our society because there is no discipline.

We see coveting, lying and defrauding; we see men trampling upon God's statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity to the degree that life itself is not respected. Marriage vows no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family and children are taking the life of their parents so that they can obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts.

If we, as a race, don't go back to the ways which carry a price, we will be last among the races which will survive these times. But if we discipline the church, the church will in turn discipline the home, and the home will discipline the children and dictate the behavior of society which will help the individual to be the Christian he ought to be.

Society, then, will help the church to do what it is supposed to do - offer guidelines for living, to function as an antidote to despair and try to explain the pain and loss that all people encounter; and to offer comfort in times of grief and stress, to bring a sense of continuity by passing on tradition and celebrating the great events of life, which are birth, passage to maturity, marriage and death. Even though this age puts great stress on the individual, if the church has discipline church people would hold onto God's unchanging hand, bearing the pain, the grief, the sorrows and heartaches of this life and will, after death, find rest for their souls.
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