

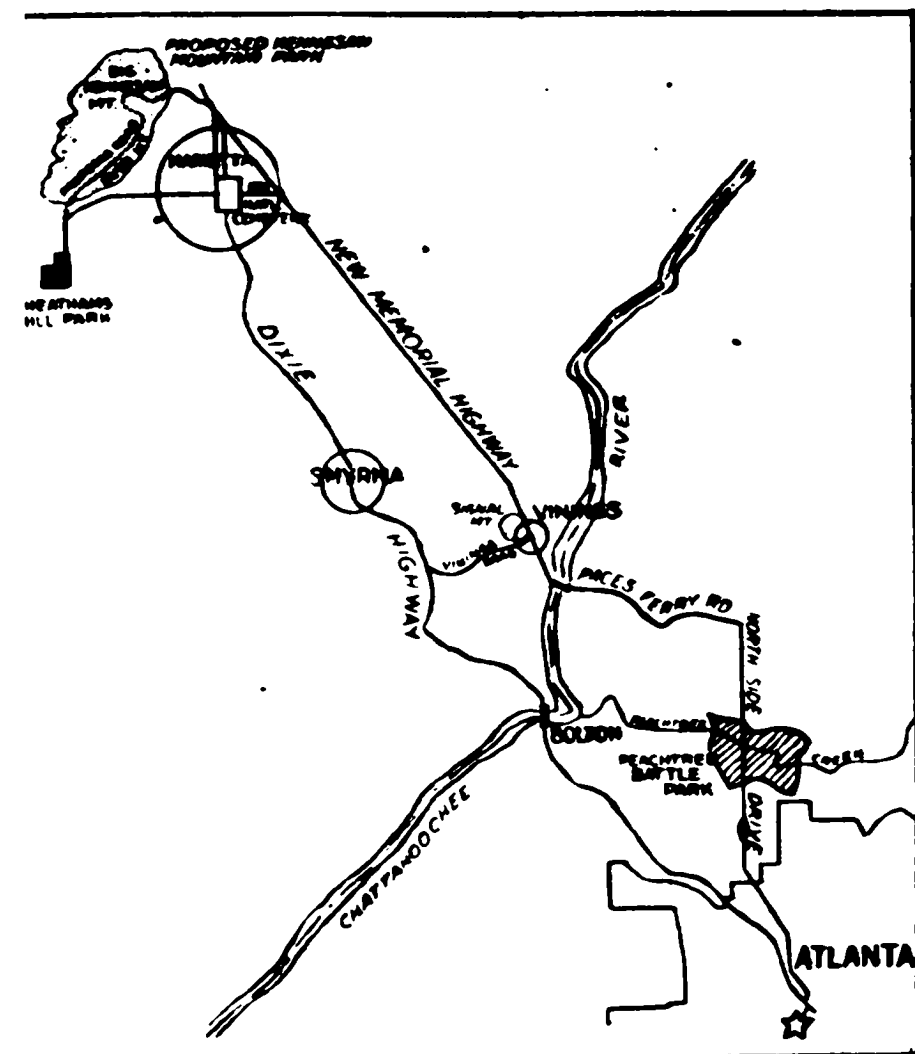
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Plans for the linking of Peachtree Creek Battle Park with the development of the Kennesaw Mountain battle area are shown in this map, drawn to illustrate the location of the new Memorial highway on which grading work will begin about January 1. The map shows the Dixie highway to Marietta, which will be widened, and the road connections by which it will be possible to drive in a 40-mile circle through historic areas in and near Atlanta.

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Plans for a magnificent memorial parkway extending from Kennesaw mountain on the west to Peachtree Creek Battle park in the center and on to Stone mountain on the east will enter a definite new stage by the first of the year with work being started on the Memorial highway from Marietta to Atlanta, and on beautification of the Cheatham's Hill park near Kennesaw, it was announced Saturday.

The entire project comprehends one of the greatest in the country for the preservation of historic sites and for making the sites easy of access. Complete, it will afford a panorama of beauty devoted to the Confederacy and providing a pleasant drive for motorists.

In addition to its value as a preservation of the historical, the project has great practical worth in that it will open a new highway shortening the distance from Atlanta to Marietta by four miles and providing a wider and safer thoroughfare for traffic on one of the most important north and south arteries in north Georgia.

The survey of the new Memorial highway has been made, and grading will be started with \$250,000 allocated by the federal road bureau for that purpose. The Dixie highway from Atlanta to Marietta will be widened with state funds. Work on the project is expected to give jobs to many of Atlanta's unemployed.

Plans for the memorial highway, for which 90 per cent of the rights-of-

way has been donated, call for a 200-foot right-of-way and a 60-foot paved boulevard, starting at Church and Cherokee streets, in Marietta, and coming to Atlanta on a straight line by way of Vinings. The highway will cross the Chattahoochee over a new \$100,000 to \$150,000 bridge near the Pace's Ferry road bridge, and will intersect North Side drive near the proposed Peachtree Creek Battle park. From that point motorists will drive to Atlanta via North Side drive, or by traversing the heart of the Peachtree creek development on Memorial drive to Peachtree road.

Development of the historic sites will be given a substantial start with a fund of \$45,000 appropriated by the federal government for the Cheatham's Hill park. Survey of this park and the Kennesaw mountain area was made recently by Major R. B. Randolph, of Chickamauga Park, and Verne E. Chatelain, chief of the historical division, parks and reservations division of the department of the interior. Government aid will be allowed in the paving of the three miles of the Marietta-Dallas road from Cheatham's Hill to Marietta.

The route above Vinings has been laid out, but it was explained that the highway from Vinings to North Side drive was still subject to change. The general plan is to have the route cross the river at or near the Pace's Ferry road bridge, and follow Pace's Ferry road to North Side drive, with the North Side drive intersection to

be worked out on less of a right angle curve.

Fitting into the Cobb county memorial development is the National Cemetery at Marietta, which will be linked to the Kennesaw-Cheatham Hill layout with the paving of the Marietta-Dallas highway, so that motorists may start from Atlanta and describe a 40-mile circle, using both the Dixie highway and the new Memorial highway. The plans call for the linking of Cheatham's Hill and Kennesaw mountain with a new road to start at the Atlanta-Chattanooga highway at Kennesaw mountain and wind over both Big and Little Kennesaw mountains to Cheatham Hill. The survey for this highway was made last year.

Cheatham's Hill, while less publicized than Kennesaw mountain, is famous in the annals of tactical warfare. Its system of Confederate fortifications has drawn the attention of army engineers from all parts of the world. Cheatham's Hill possesses, intact today, the most perfect entrenchments for protection of troops in existence up to the time of the World War. So good were the defenses that federal troops attempted to mine the hill, but failed.

Kennesaw, in addition to being famous as the site of one of the great battles of the Georgia campaign, has a place in history as the starting point of the race of the engines "General" and "Texas" after Andrews' raiders stole the "General."

The Peachtree Creek park is the site of the beginning of Sherman's siege of Atlanta. Already developed in the park is the Bobby Jones golf course. Ultimately the park is to be beautified, and a memorial drive-way laid to connect with the Kennesaw development on the west and the Stone mountain area on the east. At Stone mountain, a great memorial to the Confederacy is being carved on the face of the granite mountain.