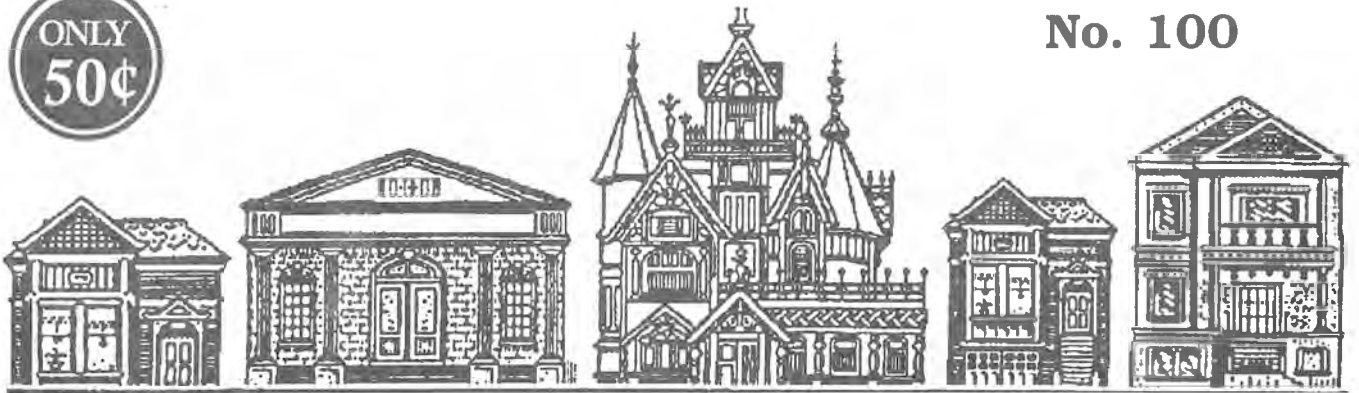


ONLY
50¢

No. 100



Old Huntsville

HISTORY AND STORIES OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY



The Memoirs of Mai Taylor

Almost two hundred years ago settlers began pouring into the Tennessee Valley. They found an untamed wilderness where few people had ever been before.

Now, travel back in time and relive the days of the Alabama frontier with the memoirs of Mai Taylor, one of the few firsthand accounts to survive from those days.

Also: Christmas In A '47 Green Plymouth

Reid Hardware

Serving Huntsville Since 1962

536-2616

2402 Mem. Pkwy. NW, Huntsville, Ala.



RADIO FLYER



Free Peanuts!

Wagons - All Sizes

Stanley Tools

Home of Pocket Knives, Red Wagons & Cast Iron Skillets

Smoke Alarms Pipes Paint brushes Canning Supplies

Huge Selection Of Pocket Knives

Electrical Needs Wood Stove Accessories Tricycles & Sleds

Large Selection of Cast Iron Skillets



Screening Sprinklers
Wheelbarrows Shovels
Weatherproofing



Mops & Brooms Paint Mail Boxes Trash Cans

Rope Hoses Kerosene Lamps Handtrucks

Landscaping Materials Plumbing Supplies Nails, Nuts and Bolts

Screw Drivers and Hammers Kitchen Gadgets

W.R. CASE & SONS CUTLERY CO.
HAND-CRAFTED KNIVES SINCE 1899

Air Conditioner Covers Thresholds Garden Rakes

Fall Garden Supplies Pipe Insulation Fertilizer German Knives

Drills & Bits Grass Seed Wood Stains

Ladders Faucet Sets Lawn Supplies Heating Supplies

Faucet Repair Parts

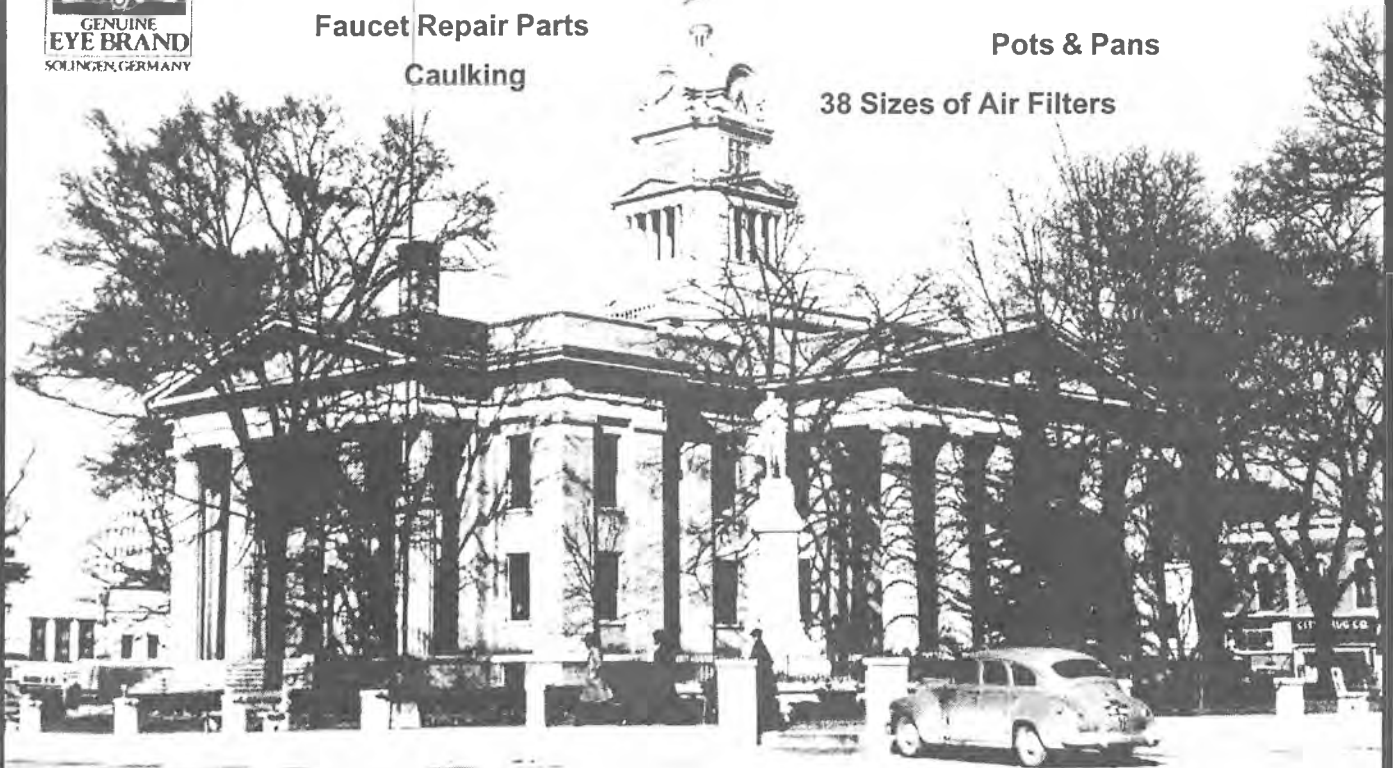
Pots & Pans

Caulking

38 Sizes of Air Filters



ACE Paint



Old Timer's Sale



The Memoirs of Mai Taylor

The following memoirs were written in the early 1880s, when the author was eighty years old. He was the seventh son of George and Hannah Taylor and the father of Judge Thomas J. Taylor.

George Taylor, his father, was born in 1762 in Cumberland County, Virginia. In 1779, he married Hannah Jennings, the daughter of Miles Jennings who was a veteran of the French and Indian War.

I was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia in the year 1801, two miles from Lexington. My father was a native of Virginia and a soldier of the war of Independence. He entered the army in his sixteenth year and was first under fire at the Battle of Monmouth. This battle was fought on one of the hottest days on record and my father said that after the battle many of the British were found dead on the field without a wound.

Coming southward at the

close of the Revolution, my father settled at Lexington, Ga., then near the Chickasaw frontier.

My first recollections are of a double log house near a pine forest, a large cleared field adjoining, cultivated by Negro slaves. In summer a table of pine slabs was set in the yard between the dwelling house and the cabins. Around this, near sunset, were gathered my six older brothers and my older sister, tall lithe and graceful as a fawn, my mother with her kind loving face sat at the head of the table with my three year old sister at her knee and my baby brother in her arms. My father was then approaching middle age and was frequently absent or was detained by business until we small children had retired to rest.

Our country was a veritable land of plenty, the woods were full of game and the rivers of fish and cattle, sheep and swine fairly swarmed in the woods. We seldom had wheaten bread but we had Indian corn in great abundance from which food of endless variety was prepared. I don't think any cotton was raised but we had linsey and jeans and every family had its flax wheel and a little patch of flax, and then we had plenty of buckskins, the never failing resource of the backwoods man,

But this country was growing too thickly settled for the typical pioneer and my father belonged



Old Huntsville

Published By
Old Huntsville, Inc.
716 East Clinton Ave.
Huntsville, Ala. 35801
(256) 534-0502
Fax 539-3712
E-Mail - Oldhville@mindspring.com
Internet Home Page
www.Oldhuntsville.com
Publisher - Cathey Carney
Senior Editor - Thomas Frazier
Gen. Manager - Clarence Scott
Good Will Ambassador
Aunt Eunice
Distribution - Golden K Kiwanis
Copy Boy - Tom Carney
Sales - Clarence Scott
Jean Brandau

All material contained within is ©2000 and may not be reproduced or copied in any form without written permission of the publisher. Old Huntsville, Inc. assumes no responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts.

1st
Realty
656-5029



- * Residential & Commercial
- * New Home sales
- * Relocation specialist

Leon Crawford, Broker

Serving Huntsville & Madison County

WE BUY HOUSES
Certain terms & conditions apply

3322 Memorial Pkwy
Huntsville, Alabama

WWW.1strealtyhuntsville

For All Your Real Estate Needs

Linda's
Printing Services

3308 Seventh Avenue, S.W.
Huntsville, Alabama 35805

534-4452

fax: 256-534-4456

email: linprint@mindspring.com
web: www.linprint.cceasy.com

VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS



Make it a perfect

Wedding

beginning

with your

Invitations

Announcements

Toasting Glasses

Thank You Notes

Programs, Guestbooks

Scrolls, Informals, Ribbons

Napkins, Matchbooks, & more

to this class. In the year 1806, with his wife and nine children and about a dozen Negroes he loaded up his wagons and pack horses and set his face westward. My father and his two oldest sons rode in front, followed by our two wagons with their Negro drivers and then came my mother and the two younger children on pack horses followed by Negro women and children, some on foot and some on horseback, while two of my brothers, sixteen and eighteen years of age with a trusty Negro servant brought up the rear. We traveled about fifteen miles per day over roads not well opened and frequently had to cut timber out of the road. We occasionally passed through or near Indian villages and my father being well up in the Cherokee talk was hospitably welcome and entertained.

My father had long desired to go to the great Bend of the Tennessee, so tarrying at Stone's River just long enough to lay in a month's supply of bread and salt, he turned southward and traveled steadily for about a week. One fine evening we came to Elk River. The stream was clear and the land fertile and near at hand was a bold clear stream pouring its swift waters into the main stream.

Here we rested for the night, our tents were erected near the spring and when I arose a little after sunrise, the Negroes were dressing a fine venison my father

had shot and a large rattlesnake was suspended from the limb of a spreading beech tree near the camp. The day was devoted to the exploration of the country and every one pronounced it a goodly land and on the third morning the sound of the mall and ax and the crash of falling timber awoke the echoes. Soon the walls of a cabin began to rise, the ridge pole and end pieces were put on, boards riven from the heart of white oak covered it, puncheons hewed out from small logs split in the middle floored it.

Our family was alone and for months we had no visitors. This region did not seem to have been intruded upon even by the savages. The Indians had no traces of settlement in the neighborhood. We had dropped into the midst of an immense hunting ground with no one to molest or make afraid. We lived from the forest and with an occasional visit to Murfreesboro, the year passed by our family in a state of isolation.

The Indian corn on these fresh virgin lands grew to a height of twelve to thirteen feet and produced two or three large ears to the stalk. We had made two hominy mortars by burning holes in the ends of two large hickory blocks, worked the pestles with sweeps and in that way we obtained very good bread. The woods provided an endless variety of meats and when winter

TEMCO FIREPLACE PRODUCTS

Vent Free Gas Logs
No Electricity - No Problems!



Your Fireplace or ours?

"Woodstoves, Gas Logs, Patio Furniture, Gas Grills"

SOUTHERN HOME & HEARTH, INC.
Since 1981

2611 University Drive
Huntsville Al. 35816
534-1715 - 534-8199

H.C. BLAKE INC.

Plumbing, Electrical
Heating,
Air Conditioning



SERVICE
IS OUR
BUSINESS
SINCE
1884

Hall B. Bryant, Jr.
Proprietor

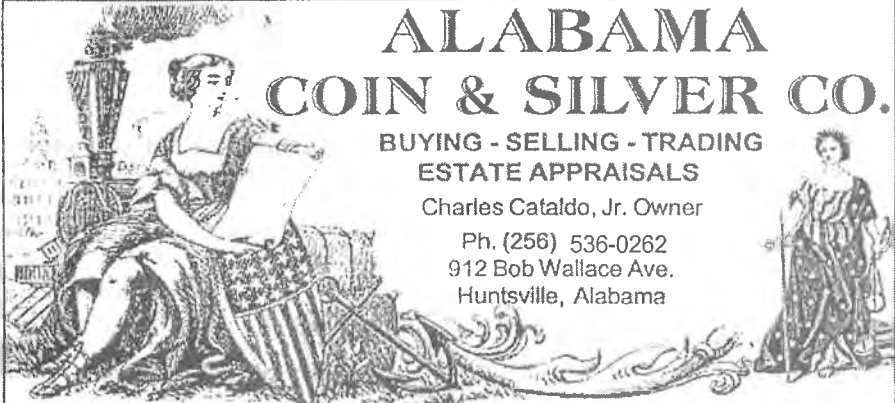
534-0781

ALABAMA COIN & SILVER CO.

BUYING - SELLING - TRADING
ESTATE APPRAISALS

Charles Cataldo, Jr. Owner

Ph. (256) 536-0262
912 Bob Wallace Ave.
Huntsville, Alabama



A Step in the Right Direction

Every step she took was painful...
except one:

The step toward hip replacement
at Huntsville Hospital's Joint Camp.

*"The first step I took after surgery
was instantly better."*

--Catherine Carney, 51

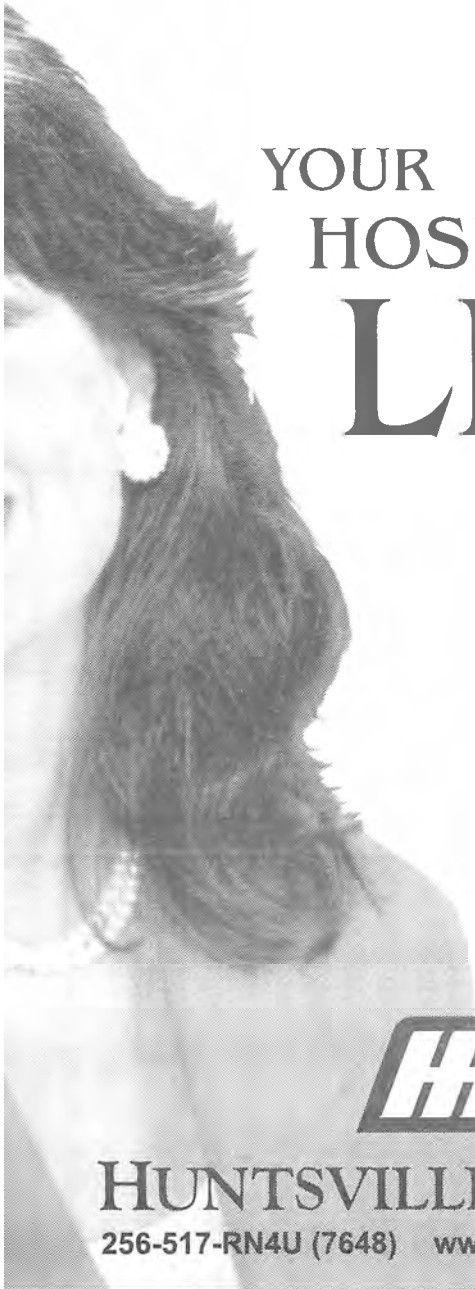
Living with joint pain?
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

4 Your Health

1. Region's only joint replacement center.
2. An encouraging recovery environment based on patient education.
3. Group dynamics promote faster recovery.
4. Family involvement is the key.

THE ORTHOPEDIC LEADER





YOUR
HOSPITAL for
LIFE



HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

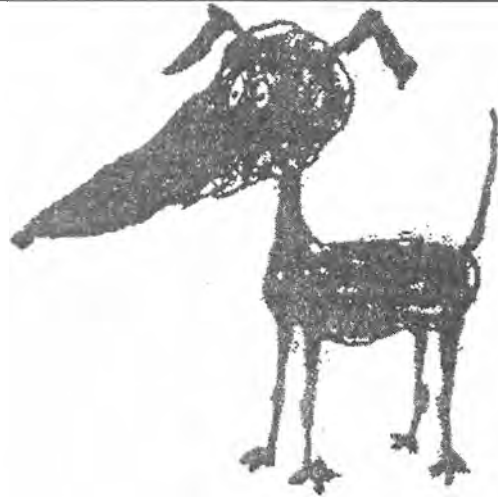
256-517-RN4U (7648) www.huntsvillehospital.org

would come along together. In the crowd was generally some older person who could put up sacks for unfortunate boys who were dragged off by the rocks or saplings, and needles and thread also were forthcoming for repairs in case of damage. We generally started at sunrise, or before, and reached our destination in two or three hours, and as we tarried until all had obtained their grist, we reached home near nightfall. Thus we managed to spend the great part of the day in town and no exposition of the present civilized period ever delighted our souls as did the wonders of the new and growing little city.

We wandered around the spring cliffs and waded in the wide and sluggish waters in the swamp below. Somebody had started a tan yard just below the spring at the foot of the hill and the making of leather was a revelation to us. Then came the brickyard and the bricklayers and the carpenters and masons at work, and there was also a cotton gin run by Dr. Moore and a distillery above the mill, owned by Jas. Clemens.

In the years 1810 to 1811, there was but little increase in the population of the Flint River Colony. There were rumors of Indian wars and the little triangle which had projected itself beyond the state line, about twenty four miles along the northern limit and tapering to a point at Chickasaw Island (Hobb's Island) on the Tennessee River would have been in serious danger surrounded on all sides by two such powerful and warlike tribes as the Cherokees and Chickasaws. But fortunately both of these tribes remained friendly and when hostilities began the most of the war was south of the mountains on the waters of the Coosa and the Tallapoosa.

Huntsville had grown to a



Last year you got the kids a puppy...

Because they said they were bored and wanted something new to play with. And they swore they would take care of it...

This year they want a ferret.

So, what are you gonna do?

T·H·E
FRET
SHOP

502 Pratt Avenue in 5 Points 539-8709
9009-C South Mem. Pkwy 650-0011

First Baptist Church



Dr. Dennis Wiles, Pastor
428-9400 - www.fbchsv.org

Sunday

9:00 Bible Study
10:30 Worship (Broadcast live on WHNT Channel 19)
5:00 Disipleship Training
6:30 Worship

Wednesday

5:00 Fellowship Supper
5:45 Prayer Meeting

"Your Place For Life"



Living Christmas Tree 2000

December 14-7:30 p.m.

December 15-7:30 p.m.

December 16-5:00 & 8:00 p.m.

December 17-*3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

For ticket information call 428-9422

600 Governors Drive - just East of Mem. Pkwy

town of seven or eight hundred inhabitants and was driving a profitable trade with the Indians, among whom even at that time civilization was advancing. But many who had bought land at the land sales of 1809 delayed bringing their families to the new territory at a time when the temper of the Indians was unsettled and war appeared probable.

But with the year 1811, from some cause not then explained, the apprehension of Indian hostilities seems to have passed away and settlers began pouring into the country. East of Flint river, out towards Hurricane Creek, a large colony of German settlements were locating and among them was Jacob Derrick, a wealthy man who bought large bodies of land near the Indian boundary. In 1809 came John and Jehu Lawler, John Lamberson, Henry Harless and Richard Pockruss and John Paseur whose descendants scattered over North Alabama and many of whom now comprise some of the best citizens of Madison County.

John Brown purchased a large tract of land near Brownsboro, built a mill on Flint river and gave his name to the old village. The old town was laid off into lots and in the year 1812 it

was second to Huntsville in population and importance. Its population increased rapidly and it was the headquarters of the Flint River Navigation Company that at an early day shipped cotton and produce down the Flint river.

Everybody lived in log houses of various grades from the humble cabin daubed with clay to the hewed log house with plank floors, shingle roof, and the cracks chinked and finished off and painted with lime. Lumber was all sawn at saw pits by hand and it was a serious task to saw out the planks for a first class dwelling. For the accommodation of my father's large family, he built a square log house about twenty feet square with a side room. The floor was made of white ash plank, sawn at a saw pit, covered

Wanted

Do you know of any Old Huntsville stories that have never been written? Complete discretion assured. Stories must be true and accompanied by factual records or evidence.

Call Old Huntsville

534-0502



Shaver's Top 10 Books of Local & Regional Interest

1. A Locust Leaves Its Shell. Collected columns by Bill Easterling. Hardback, \$25.00, paperback, \$12.95.

2. Voices On a Cold Day. Collected columns by Bill Easterling, \$10.00.

3. Old Huntsville Book of Remedies & Recipes, Vol. II, by Cathey Carney. Over 300 pages of mouth watering recipes and timeless tips. The perfect Christmas present! \$15.95.

4. Huntsville In Vintage Postcards - Over 200 postcards depicting scenes of Huntsville's past, \$18.99.

5. Sins of Madison County - The Lynching Era of 1878 to 1904 by Fred B. Simpson, \$28.95.

6. Cemeteries of Madison County by Dorothy Scott Johnson. Two volumes @ \$25.00 each.

7. The Crimson Tide - An illustrated history of Alabama football by Winston Groom, \$39.95.

8. Main Rooster and Other Short Stories: Booger Town - Paint Rock Valley - Country Stores - Country Churches - Country Cures by Marlin Tucker, \$14.95.

9. The Coalwood Way - The further adventures of the Rocket Boys by Huntsvillian Homer Hickam, \$23.95.

10. WPA Guide to 1930s Alabama - First published in 1941, \$24.95.

MAIL ORDERS ADD \$2.50 PER/BOOK

Shaver's Bookstore

(256) 536-1604

shavers@mindspring.com

2362 Whitesburg Dr.
Whitesburg at Bob Wallace
Huntsville, Ala. 35801



The Masters

FEATURING:

- SPECIALIZED HAIR COLOR DEPARTMENT
- CONTEMPARY HAIRCUTS

JUST FOR YOU BY "WORLD CLASS DESIGNERS"

CONSULTATIONS ON STYLES CREATED

"BEAUTIFUL" BRIDAL & SPECIAL EVENT STYLING

Voted "One Of America's Top Salons" By Ladies Home Journal Magazine



883-6270



Main St. South Shopping Village Suite 106 - 7500 Memorial Pkway SW

with chestnut shingles, and the house stood with but little change and without being recovered for near fifty years. The kitchen and smoke house and Negro cabins were rude lob cabins chinked with clay and several of them with dirt floors.

East of the house was a slough or lagoon with many springs running into it and some boiling up from its bottom. The water in this lagoon was clear and cold, with tupelo trees grown up in the stream and along its borders. It was always swarming with fish and a haul or two with a seine generally supplied both white and black with an ample supply of fine fish. From this slough to the river was a body of rich bottom land covered with tall gum trees overtopping the heavy canebrake that covered the entire surface.

The road from Huntsville skirted the hills and crossed the river half a mile above old Brownsboro and a thick grove of beech extended down the river on its eastern side. Small game was abundant and occasionally bears and wolves were slain in the river bottoms, and catamounts and panthers on the mountains.

I and my brothers during these years did not eat much idle bread. My father was at this time careless in his business matters and left his farm to the care of my older brothers and the Negroes. These slaves were part of my mother's inheritance from my grandfather's estate, who had died and for that day had left a considerable estate. My mother's part consisted of two or three men with their wives and young families, and the labor of three or four men and about the same number of boys had to support some thirty in family, black and white, and to do this more land had to be

cleared.

So every spring there was a new ground of several acres to be grubbed and the brush and logs piled and on the canebrakes part was cleared and cultivated with the hoe alone. The older laborers had to cut the timber and split the rails. The boys drove the oxen, hauled rails, put up fences, and cut cane roots and grubs with the hoe and mattock.

There was but little money in circulation, iron and agricultural implements were scarce and dear and many common tools and implements were made of wood. The soil was wonderfully fertile, the seasons regular and a failure in crops was unknown. Our hogs and cattle were fat all year long in the cane brakes and a little corn



SPRY FUNERAL AND CREMATORY HOMES INC.

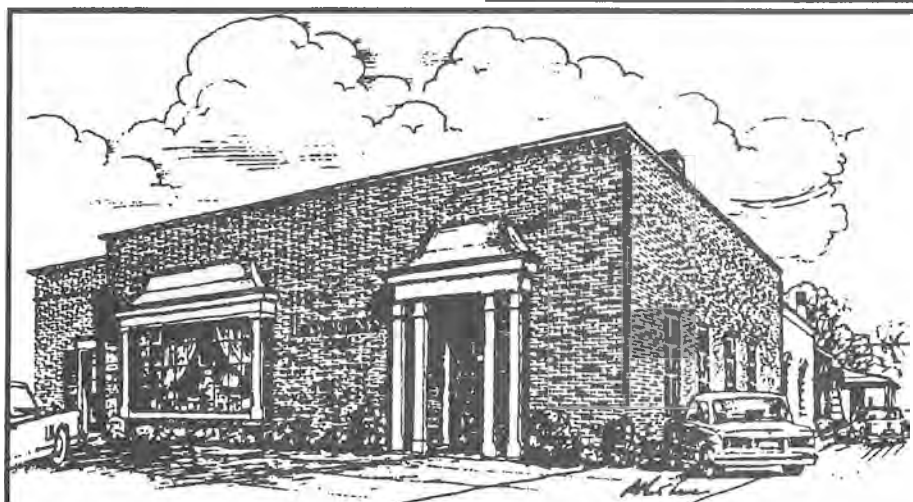
*Family owned and operated
since 1919*

(256) 536-6654

We now have the first phase of
Valley View Cemetery

open with 100 acres reserved
for future development.

(256) 534-8361



LAWREN'S

809 MADISON STREET
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

BRIDAL REGISTRY

China, Crystal, Silver, Pewter, Table
Linen, Cookware.

Decorative Accessories, Invitations and
Announcements, Lenox China & Crystal,
Fine Linens & Cottons For Bed & Bath.

fed to the hogs in the fall made plenty of fine pork for the whole year.

During the winter months there was wild game, either fish flesh or fowl served at our daily meals with corn bread in abundance and nobody was ever in lack of the actual necessities of life. Sugar and coffee or tea were seldom seen. I do not think there was ever a pound of tea in my father's house and I have frequently heard him say that never to his recollection had he ever tasted the beverage.

There was a large quantity of good whiskey made in the country and nearly all the heads of families drank it habitually, yet there were but few drunkards in the community.

Nearly every body wore homespun clothing, jeans and linsey and buckskin in winter and cotton and flax homespun in summer. In an assembly of forty or fifty boys in summer at church or elsewhere you would not find half a dozen wearing shoes or coats until they were seventeen or eighteen years of age. Whether at a corn shucking or quilting, at church or at a wedding, the crowd

appeared barefoot and in shirt sleeves, their shirts washed white as snow and ornamented with copperas, dyed suspenders fastened before and behind with a large horn or pewter button.

We wore hats of plaited grass or straw in summer and of wool or fur in the winter. The hatter's trade was a flourishing one and any boy could get a good fur hat that would last five or six years who could furnish a hatter with raccoon or beaver or other skins enough to make two hats.

After a brief description of the 1812 Indian troubles the memoirs abruptly ended. His memoirs are one of the few first hand accounts of Madison County's early pioneers.

Twickenham FLORALS

Full Service Florist and Gifts
fruit baskets - balloons - live plants - weddings - funerals hospitals - fresh and silk flower arrangements

We Offer a Complete Consultation to Plan Your Perfect Wedding

Alice Fryman Diann Burgess
Owner Designer

256-536-8599 / 888-842-8599

804 Wellman Avenue
Huntsville, Ala. 35801

**Quality
Professional
Dry Cleaning &
Laundry
Service**

**One of Huntsville's
Oldest
Businesses!**



Pratt Avenue Antique Mall

708 Pratt Ave.
(1 block E. of Andrew Jackson)

Mon - Sat 10 - 5, Sun 1 - 5
Antiques, Fine Furniture,
Accessories, Books, Artwork
and a large selection of
Collectibles. 9000 sq. ft.

536-3117



SANDERS
1215 Jordan Lane 837-6072
7538 Mem. Pkwy. S. 828-0106

Predictions from the Past



- "By the year 2000, we will undoubtedly have a sizeable operation on the moon; we will have achieved a manned Mars landing; and it's entirely possible we will have flown with men to the outer planets."- NASA scientist Wernher von Braun, 1969.

- "Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote."- President Grover Cleveland in 1905.

- "We just won't have arthritis in 2000."- Dr. William Clark, president of the Arthritis Foundation, 1966.

- In 1902, Life Magazine printed a cartoon with the caption "Sight-seeing in 1920." It showed a group of tourists floating in a balloon while a guide pointed downwards saying, "That depression down there is where New York City stood. But with all its skyscrapers and underground tunnels it suddenly sunk one day and they haven't been able to find

it since."

- "God himself could not sink this ship."- Deckhand on the Titanic, April 10, 1912.

- The Associated Press' 1950 predictions on life in the year 2000 included a vision of Amazon women. The average woman, it forecasted, would be more than 6 feet tall, with muscles like a truck driver, and would consume food capsules instead of meat and potatoes.

- "I predict the Internet... will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse."- Bob Metcalfe, InfoWorld, 1995.

- "64K ought to be enough memory for anybody."- Bill Gates, 1981.



ABUSE

Have you or one of your loved ones suffered abuse at a care giving institution in the state of Alabama?

Call for a free consultation concerning your legal rights.



Cliff Hill
Attorney At Law

125 Jefferson St.
Suite B

1-256-533-5611

No representation is made that the quality of legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.



S&S Photography

We Do Digital Restorations of Your Old Photographs

2365 Whitesburg Drive Ph. 533-0088

During the *Holiday Season* we offer whole *Turkeys & Trimmings*. Also, special *Holiday Catering* Available.

new North Parkway store (Hwy. 72 east & N. Pkwy.)
852-9882

Gibson's
BAR-B-Q'S
SINCE 1956



Kids Eat Free

Every Monday night
Kids Eat Free!

One child, 10 and under, eats free from our new kid's menu with each paid adult entree. Offer good for Dine-in only.

3319 MEMORIAL PKWY., SW 881-4851
Dine in or carry out & our famous breakfast

8412 WHITESBURG DR. SOUTH 882-0841
Dine in or drive thru & our famous breakfast

Gibson's
BAR-B-Q'S

YOUR HOSTS: THE SANFORDS & HAMPTONS

Party Punches



Peach punch

2 bottles peach wine
 1/2 cup kirsch
 1/2 cup blue Curacao
 Juice of 1/2 lemon
 2 white peaches, peeled and sliced for decoration

Mix all ingredients together in a punch bowl, and serve with slices of peach floating on the surface. Serves 15.

Eggnog

6 large eggs, separated
 1/2 cup superfine sugar
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 2/3 cup brandy or bourbon
 1 cup heavy cream
 Ground nutmeg to decorate

Beat the egg yolks, sugar and nutmeg. Add the alcohol and cream. Beat the egg whites til stiff, and fold into the eggnog. Chill. Sprinkle with nutmeg right before serving. Serves 8.

Champagne Cup

2 bottles Champagne
 3 cups club soda
 1 cup champagne brandy
 1 tablespoon sugar
 sliced star fruit and kiwi, sugared white grapes

Thoroughly chill both the Champagne and club soda. Stir

all ingredients together in a large punch bowl. Decorate with the sliced fruit and sugared grapes. Serve immediately to make the most of the bubbles.



If you laugh alot, when you get older your wrinkles will be in just the right places.



*Please Help
The Ark
Help Us...*

Your contribution means that we can have a home too.

The Ark Serving Our Community

- * Rescuing sick, abandoned and injured animals.
- * Entering into an Agreement of Understanding with Hope Place to care for and protect the pets of domestic violence victims while seeking refuge at Hope Place.
- * Entering into an Agreement of understanding with the American Red Cross to provide a Disaster Animal Relief Team (DART) to enter tornado areas to help victims with injured and lost pets.
- * Starting a "Buddy Program" with Huntsville Obedience Training Club for teens required to perform community service.
- * Starting the very first juvenile spray/neuter program with Animal Medical Clinic to ensure all animals adopted from the Ark are sprayed/neutered before adoption.
- * Promote public awareness through our Channel-31 Needy Paws Telethon of the importance of pet ownership responsibility.
- * Pet Therapy program in nursing homes / Humane Education in schools.
- * Making Christmas better for children at Harris Home and Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

We depend on your contributions in our efforts to help needy animals and to achieve our goals.

Visit the Ark Thrift Shoppe - 139 So. Cole Road - Huntsville, Al
 New and Used Items available at great thrift store prices
 Hours - Tues - Thurs 11-4, Fri-Sat 11-3

Thanks to the support of citizens of the Tennessee Valley the Ark Animal Shelter is now under Construction!

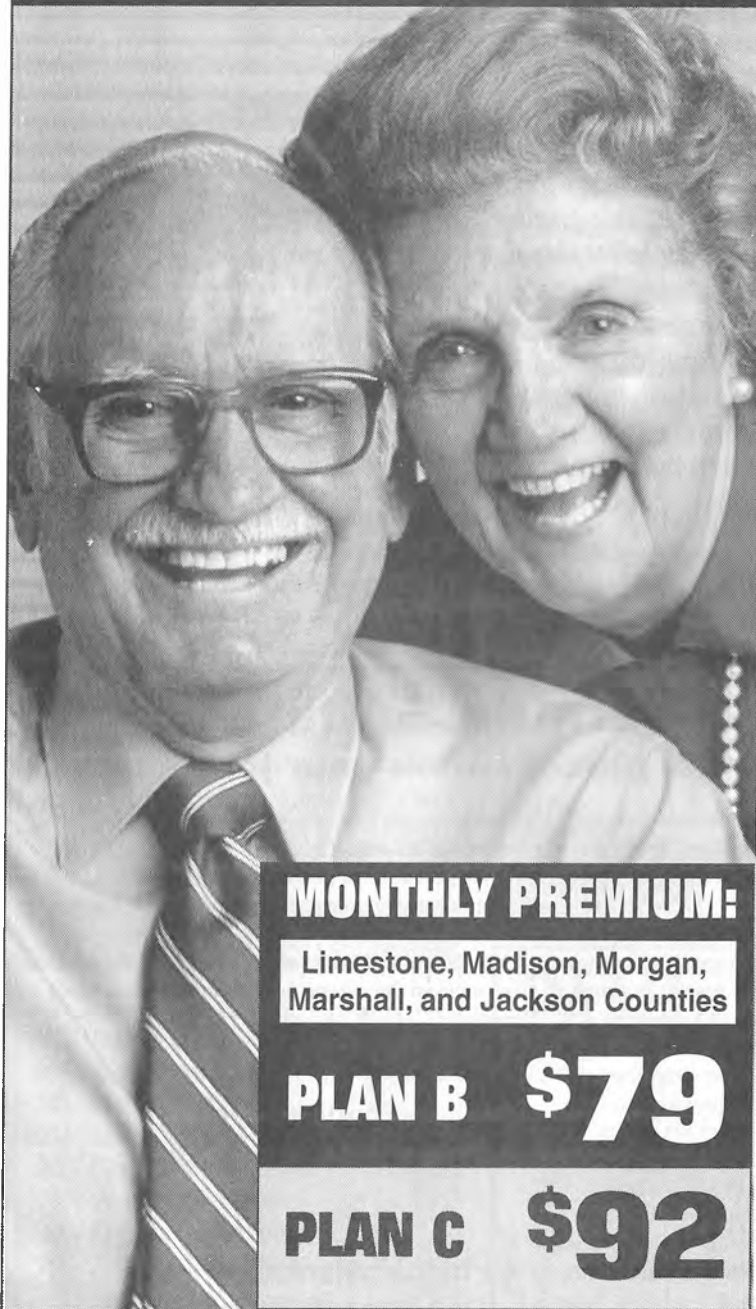
We wish you the happiest of Holidays!

Mail your Tax Deductible contribution to: **The Ark**
 Visit our web page at: www.arkinc.org **P.O. Box 198**
 See our animals for adoption at: **Toney, Alabama 35773**
www.arkinc.petfinder.org

Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

FirstCommunity Senior Select...

**AN IMPORTANT
PRODUCT FOR
INDIVIDUALS 65+
ON MEDICARE!**



MONTHLY PREMIUM:

Limestone, Madison, Morgan,
Marshall, and Jackson Counties

PLAN B \$79

PLAN C \$92

EXCELLENT SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE.

There's a great Medicare Supplement that can make a big difference in the life of a Senior you love. It's called *FirstCommunity Senior Select*. It fills in where Medicare leaves off, providing extensive benefits to keep you and your loved ones healthy and active.

LOWER PREMIUMS.

FirstCommunity Senior Select provides outstanding healthcare coverage at *substantially lower costs!* So you will have more money left for the good things in life.

PHYSICIAN & HOSPITAL CHOICE.

FirstCommunity Senior Select was developed by doctors and hospitals right here in North Alabama. *You can choose* any physician you want, plus, you may choose from the finest hospitals in North Alabama including:

- Huntsville Hospital
- Huntsville Hospital East
- Athens-Limestone Hospital
- Decatur General Hospital
- Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital
- Helen Keller Hospital
- Decatur General West
- Russellville Hospital
- Shoals Hospital



FirstCommunity
SENIOR SELECT

Call Today!

**539-0513 or
1-888-533-2683**

Gurley's Contribution to the Major Leagues

by Jim Sandoval



On the 10th of September, 1919 the Philadelphia Athletics future Hall of Fame manager Connie Mack penciled in the lineup the name of Lena Styles, It was the first major league baseball appearance for William Graves "Lenar Styles." Among his Detroit Tiger opponents that day were future hall of famers Ty Cobb and Harry Heilmann. Styles' debut was a happy one as the Athletics rallied for six runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to eke out a 6-5 victory.

Lena Styles was born on November 27, 1899 in Gurley. Styles, a catcher, in 1919 had been signed off the campus of the University of Alabama by the Southern Association's Atlanta Crackers team. The Crackers went on to win the championship that season. Nine of their players, including Styles, were purchased for try-outs by Connie Mack. He went on to spend parts of five seasons in the major leagues with Philadelphia and Cincinnati. He spent seventeen years as a player in professional baseball including stints with Baltimore, Toronto, Reading, Newark, Pine Bluff and Greenville. With Baltimore he caught the legendary "Lefty" Grove and with Toronto a teammate was the great pitcher Carl Hubbell.

As his playing days were coming to a close Styles became a minor league manager. In 1934-5 he managed Pine Bluff in the East Dixie league. In 1936-7 he managed Greenville in the Cotton States league, finishing his career managing Anniston in the Southeastern league. After his baseball career, according to an obituary, he opened a tire recapping business in Anniston. He eventually returned home to Gurley to farm.

Styles passed away on March 14, 1956 in Huntsville and is buried in Gurley.

Lena Styles was posthumously elected to the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. According to a program for the Inaugural Banquet and Induction Ceremony, Styles was a talented story teller, troubadour and Irish tenor. It states in the 1920s he formed a minstrel show, raising enough money to build a new fire station in Gurley.

Madison County can be proud of men such as this that it has sent into the ranks of professional sports,



Superstitions

- It's bad luck to sweep out trash or carry out ashes after sunset.

- If you spill a jar of face powder, a bad quarrel with a friend will ensue.

- If a hen is set in the light of the moon, the eggs will hatch roosters who will refuse to leave the henhouse.

- Should a man and woman pour tea together, they will have a baby within the year.



Terese Stevens, L.M.T.
AL License #992

256.337.6989

Glucosamine Sulfate

The supplemental glucosamine your joints need

Every day, your body uses glucosamine to build strong joints and healthy cartilage. That's why many people are supplementing their diets with glucosamine sulfate.

Glucosamine Sulfate from PhytoPharmica is the ultimate glucosamine supplement. It's 98 percent absorbable, so more glucosamine gets to your joint structures. The molecules in other glucosamine products and cartilage extracts are up

to 250 times larger than glucosamine sulfate, so they're not as easy to absorb.

PLUS, the sulfur in glucosamine sulfate molecules is an important nutrient that links with

other molecules to give cartilage its strength, structure, and shock-absorbing qualities.

To get the most out of glucosamine sulfate, researchers recommend 500 mg three times daily. That's the exact amount you'll find in each capsule of PhytoPharmica's Glucosamine Sulfate. Isn't it time you enjoyed the natural benefits of this remarkable product?

Available at:

Madison Drugs
The Wellness Store



PhytoPharmica
Your natural choice for a healthier life.

7131 University Drive, Huntsville - 837-1778

The Kitchen Is The Heart Of The Home

from the year 1901

The woman is the heart of the family, but the kitchen is the heart of the home. Since the kitchen is such an important room quite a number of things should be considered to make it convenient, usable and cheery.

The size for ordinary families should be about 10 feet by 12 feet, but this will vary with the needs of the family. A kitchen medium in size is best because it is more easily kept, less steps being required to do the necessary work, thus saving the woman time which may be used for recreation.

Windows on two sides of the kitchen admit better light and give better ventilation. Nothing gets on a woman's nerves quite so much as working in a dark, poorly ventilated kitchen. For better ventilation a hood may be placed over range with a pipe connected directly into the flue. This will carry out smoke and fumes.

Artificial lighting must be placed to suit the worker. Quite a bit of time is wasted when light is back of the worker. Less light will be needed if walls and woodwork are of a light color.

Only the woman in her own kitchen can place things conveniently for herself. The sink should be under a window. With a cabinet for small supplies, a pantry of medium size for larger utensils and supplies is necessary. A window in this pantry is very essential. All labels should face the front so that the woman of the home can easily find what she is looking for. A stool to sit upon while preparing food is a great help and saves tired feet and nerves. It is no longer considered lazy to sit down when preparing food or washing dishes.

A table in the center of the kitchen is one of the most convenient arrangements a kitchen can have. It saves time and steps.

The height of table, sink, stool and stove will depend on the individual. A person 5 feet 4 inches requiring a 32-inch height for working surface, and increasing 2 inches for every inch of the lady's height.

This is the age for beauty and color in the kitchen, but if you

can't have both, beauty will have to be sacrificed for convenience.

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.



MEN - WOMEN -
CHILDREN

Billy's
BARBER SHOP

Full Service Master Barber
* Call anytime * leave message

533-5714

805 Regal Dr., #7
Huntsville, Ala. 35801

ISP InterSouth
properties

"Leasing and managing Huntsville's premier office buildings"

- * Research Park Office Center
- * University Square Business Center
- * Technology Center
- * 8215 Madison Boulevard

Telephone (256) 830-9160 Fax (256) 430-0881

December

- 5 - Martin Van Buren
- 5 - Walt Disney
- 8 - Eli Whitney
- 14 - James Doolittle
- 21 - Joseph Stalin
- 25 - Clara Barton
- 28 - Woodrow Wilson
- 29 - Andrew Johnson
- 29 - William Gladstone



Birthdays

PAMLI JEWELRY & GIFTS

Specializing in the Unusual

Jewelry - American Indian Crafts - Gift Items

Open Saturdays & Sundays - 10am - 4pm

Highway 72 - 1 mile west of County Line Road

Located in the Limestone Flea Market across from the main concession

Quality Merchandise At Flea Market Prices

Huntsville Coffee Talk

by Aunt Eunice

*With pearls of wisdom
contributed by the Liar's Table*



Bud Cramer, Tommy Ragland, Jane Smith, Mike Gillespie, Lynn Sherrod and Jerry Craig. May be some names I missed and if so, we love you too. I know you will all do us a great job!

We had a breakfast for **Bud Cramer** on election day and, boy did the people show up! The way he spends time talking to everyone shows why he's reelected every time.

We are going to miss **Harold Harbin, Mr. Billy Harbin and Mr. Frank Riddick** around the courthouse. You have worked hard and I wish for you all the very best life has to offer.

I've been thinking about old friends who once ate with me like **Mr. Cecil Ashburn and Bill King** (our state senator). **Tom Carney** told me that he had seen them both recently and I was so glad to hear about them. Come in to see me and have a good breakfast!

My son in law **Wayne Elkins** had a five bypass heart surgery. Been rough but he's doing well now. Thanks to you all for your

Photo of The Month

The first person to correctly identify the picture of this little girl wins a free breakfast at Eunice's Country Kitchen. So stop on by and tell Aunt Eunice who you think it is!

Hint: A beautiful News Anchor!



Sandra Steele, President

Hi ya'll. It sure has been a short year and now it's time for Christmas! The year has been great, lots of happiness, joy, and sadness. But we must move on. Hope you'll stay with us and never miss an "Old Huntsville" issue. I enjoy them so much.

The picture of the month was our own pal **Tom Kennamer** of **Channel 48** TV. I forgot the young lady's name that guessed - but I owe her a big country breakfast!

Cynthia Parson had a wonderful art show, comprised of her beautiful paintings, at **801 Franklin Street**. I saw lots of friends looking good - **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moring**, also glad to see **J.R. Brooks**, and his lovely wife **Kikki**. Cynthia's mother and Dad (the **Masseys**) and her sister **Caroline**. Great crowd - met **Joe**, the owner of 801 Franklin Street and he's really a great guy!

There is a group of people called **Members of Towery & Towery** of America. And recently I fed a group of them here and

Mrs. Jack Towery of Fayetteville, Tenn., **George & Della Guise**, Vancouver, Wa., **Leon Towery** and **Janie Mac Towery Huffman** of Huntsville, Ala. They were really having a blast.

Robbie and Bill Hallsey and **Jessie and Dennis Camalli** gave me the honor of feeding them as they were touring Huntsville. Our sympathy goes to the **Buck Brody** family in the death of **Mr. Brody**. Been friends a long time and I love you all. Also, our sympathy to the **Milton Pills** family. **Laura**, we love you. Also to **Lisa Fanning** on the death of her daughter in law. I love you very much.

Byron and Tillie Laird brought their guests to breakfast which included **Jim and Phyllis Blazer**, (**Ben Williams**) Byron's sister, from Melbar, Florida and **Gaylon and Dean Boyd**. They enjoyed it so much. Lots of laughing going on.

The election is over so what next? A great big congratulation goes to our many elected friends,

EDI
ENFINGER
DEVELOPMENT
INCORPORATED



*Creating Distinctive
Communities with Lifestyle
in Huntsville, Madison and Meridianville.*

Clift's Cove www.cliftscove.net
Heritage Plantation www.heritageplantation.net
Heritage Station www.heritagestation.net
King's Ridge www.kingsridge.net
Walker's Hill www.walkershill.net



www.enfingerdevelopment.com
256.830.0083

love and concern.

We keep hearing gossip that a member of the city council has decided not to run again in the next election. Wonder who it could be?

Byron Laird had a successful book signing here at the restaurant on November 14 and greeted lots of his friends. His just published book called "**Thou Shalt Not Boil Eggs in a Microwave**" is chock-full of amusing stories. I well recall the incident he tells about the night he missed a turn and got us lost and out of gas between Birmingham and Cullman. They will make real nice Christmas presents!

My dear friend, **Loyd Tomlinson**, of the **Outback Restaurant** tells me he's really selling lots of gift certificates. Another good idea for a Christmas present for those who have everything!

Please attend the Christmas Play at **Twickenham Church of Christ** Dec. 15 and 16th - it's the best yet.

Congratulations to our "**Mayor of Five Points**" for getting the new gum named after him - "**The Floyd Hardin Gum**." Floyd is my good friend!

As I'm writing this column I get word that my dear friend **Jerry Tomlin** just lost his Dad. I'm so sorry and our sympathy goes to the Tomlin family.

Do you guys remember several years back that "Old Huntsville" had a cookbook that sold out in 3 months? That was back in 95. Well, **Vol. II** is here just in time for Christmas - **Cathey Carney** tells me it has even more recipes and Tips/Remedies than the first one! **Shavers** and **Books A Million** will carry it, and I'll have some here at the restaurant.

Our friends **Steve** and **Jean Brandau** spent Thanksgiving with their 21 month old granddaugh-

ter in Iowa. Talk about proud grandparents!

We hear **Karla** and **Ed Gniadek** are going to spend Christmas with their family in Pennsylvania.

Ken Follett's new mystery novel should be in the bookstores any day. The story takes place in the 1950s and much of the plot is based here in Huntsville. For more details check out the web site, **Huntsville.about.com**.

Our dear friend **Loretta** sure has been a busy woman since she was elected mayor. She is a good person and has a big heart. We are lucky to have her.

For all the people who have asked my advice about the perfect Christmas present, I recommend the gift of Love ... it doesn't cost anything, it will be cherished forever and it will make us all better people.

I wish you and yours a great and merry Christmas and hope to see you during the holidays. That's all for now but just remember I love all of you!

Aunt Geneva

Reid Hardware

Home of Pocket Knives, Red Wagons & Cast Iron Skillets



Come by and let us assist you for all your Hardware & Plumbing needs

Serving Huntsville Since 1962

536-2616

2402 Mem. Pkwy. NW, Huntsville, Ala.

One Meal,
One Customer
at a time.



A Franchisee

NO RULES.
JUST RIGHT.™

4777 Whitesburg Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802
Phone: 205-882-6283

If you always tell the truth, you don't have to have a good memory.

Mark Twain



Christmas Treasures

Savory Roast Loin of Pork

- 1 3-5 lb Pork Loin
- 2 T. garlic powder
- 4 T. black pepper
- 1 T. dill weed
- Salt to taste

Rinse pork loin, pat dry. Spray entire loin with garlic flavored vegetable oil. Roll in mixture of the spices, rub into the meat generously. Place pork in small pan that you've sprayed with oil, bake for 20 minutes per pound, uncovered. Remove and let rest for 5 minutes, make gravy with the drippings. Slice and enjoy. This is delicious with a sweetened, smoky apple barbecue sauce.

Poor Man's Boursin

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 2 8-oz. Packages cream cheese, softened
- 2 t. minced garlic

- ½ t. oregano
- ½ t. marjoram
- ½ t. thyme
- ¼ t. basil
- ¼ t. white pepper
- ½ t. dill weed

In electric mixer combine the butter with cheese, add spices. Mix til smooth, pack into container, place in fridge at least a day. This will keep for several weeks, can be served with crackers, vegetable crudites, or sliced fresh French bread.

Broccoli Casserole

- 2 heads fresh broccoli
- 4 T. butter
- 1 onion chopped and sauteed in butter
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 c. grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 3 ½ c. cubed stuffing

Combine all ingredients except dressing and butter in baking dish, spread dressing on top. Pour the 4 tablespoons melted butter over the dressing and bake for 60 minutes in 350 degree oven.

Cranberry Apple Cobbler

- 1 ½ c. raw cranberries
- 5 c. tart apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 t. cinnamon
- ¼ c. butter, melted
- 1 t. nutmeg
- ½ c. brown sugar
- ½ c. flour
- 1/3 c. oats
- ¼ c. pecans, chopped
- 1 T. lemon juice

Place cranberries and apples in large greased baking dish, sprinkle lemon juice on top. Mix flour, oats, brown sugar and nutmeg together, sprinkle over the fruit. Pour melted butter over mixture and sprinkle with cinnamon and pecans. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.

Stuffed Pumpkin

- 1 8-inch pumpkin
- 1 c. cranberries
- ½ c. dates
- ½ c. walnuts, chopped
- 1 c. tart apples, cored, peeled and chopped

The Book Legger



"The Reader's Bookstore"

Good selection of used & out of print Paperbacks. Used & remaindered Hardbacks. We sell or trade Paperbacks at half price.

Mon. - Sat. 10am - 6pm Sun. 1pm - 5pm

4001 - C Holmes Av. - Huntsville, Ala. Phone 895-0082

1/4 c. brown sugar
 1 t. cinnamon
 1/2 t. ground cloves
 1/2 t. ground allspice
 1/4 t. nutmeg
 1 t. lemon rind, grated
 1 t orange rind, grated

Cut top off the pumpkin, save. Scoop out the inside and combine all ingredients - fill pumpkin. Bake without top for 45 minutes in 350 degree oven. Place top on pumpkin and continue baking for 30 more minutes. Serve warm.

The Toasted Bishop

Stick 8 cloves into each of 2 small oranges and place in roasting pan, bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

To 1 1/4 c. water add the following:

1 cinnamon stick
 2 pieces blades of mace
 8 allspice berries

1-inch piece of ginger, peeled

Boil all rapidly, til about a third reduced. Put the roasted oranges, 4 pieces lump sugar and grated rind of one lemon (with juice) into the liquid in a large, warmed serving bowl. Pour a bottle of port into a saucepan and heat gently, don't boil.

Pour the port into the serving bowl and stir well. Sprinkle a little grated nutmeg over all. This is worth making to see how it scents up your kitchen!

Christmas Pick-me-Up

1 T. powdered sugar
 1 egg with dash of salt
 1 t. Brandy

Separate the egg, beat yolk til thick and lemon-colored, add sugar and brandy and beat again. Blend the white of egg that you have whipped to a stiff froth. This will be so thick you think you can eat it eat it with a spoon, or you may add 1 cup milk with a bit more sugar - gives added strength.

Gluwein

2 liters red wine (Cabernet Sauvignon)

1 liter white wine (Chardonnay)

2 c. brown sugar

4 T. whole cloves

8 cinnamon sticks

1 frozen orange juice - 2 qt. size

2 cans water

1/2 c. lemon juice

Pour all in a large crock pot and heat to boiling. Turn down to about 300 degrees and let steep for 2 hours. Strain out the cloves but leave in the cinnamon sticks. Pour into mugs to serve, add a fresh cinnamon stick.

This will really warm you up on a cold winter night - they serve this on the ski slopes in Switzerland!

Hot Spiced Cranberry Juice

4 c. cranberry juice
 1/4 c. orange juice
 3 whole cloves
 Honey to taste

Combine, heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove cloves and pour. Add cinnamon sticks to stir. Makes 4 servings.

Brooks & Collier

A Complete Selection of Unusual Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Unique Statuaries & Accessories

813 Meridian Street
 Downtown Huntsville



Arriving from England & France
 for Christmas

Antiques & all sorts of decor for the home

536-0734

Rolo's

Restaurant With
 The Trains!



505 East Airport Road

883-7656

Country Cooking

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am - 9:00 pm

Closed Sundays

Linda's
 Printing Services

3308 Seventh Avenue, S.W.
 Huntsville, Alabama 35805

534-4452

fax: 256-534-4456

email: linprint@mindspring.com

web: www.linprint.cceasy.com

VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS

Commercial

Business Cards, Letterheads, Envelopes, Flyers, Labels
 Doorhangers, Brochures, NCR Forms, Snapsets
 Presentation Folders

Computer Forms & Checks

CUSTOM & SOFTWARE COMPATIBLE:
 Continuous & Laser Forms, Checks & Labels

Social & Business

Invitations & Announcements, Napkins, Ribbons
 Engraving & Foil Stamping, Matchbooks
 Graduation & Name Cards

Ad Specialties

Pens, Pencils, Mugs, Caps, Lanyards, Key Tags
 Magnets, Rubber Stamps, Political Signs, Buttons

— Too Many Items to List —

A Miserly Man

Lived in Misery and Filth but Died with \$30,000 in his Boot

from 1899 newspaper

A few years ago there lived a miser by the name of Thomas Hussey - his name almost indicated his character. He owned one of the most valuable lots on South Perry, in the heart of the city, and on this lot this curiosity of natural history dwelled in an old-fashioned, antiquated and dilapidated frame house. It was an eyesore to the rich inhabitants who resided in their palatial residences on this most prominent and fashionable street.

He lived all alone in his glory or misery, and cared for no one in particular but himself. He worshiped but one God and that was the golden calf in the shape of money.

There was but one familiar tune that he became infatuated with, that he loved above all others, and that was the jingling of the many different coins when he was counting his untold wealth.

He accumulated most of his fortune about middle age--shoemaking when everything was high and he got a good price for his work. He was considered one of the best shoemakers in the South. He did good satisfactory work and got a good price for it. He invested in Wall Street stocks and bonds and was very lucky, and this helped to increase his wealth.

He was very economical in his dress and also in eating. He bought what few clothes that he wore at secondhand prices. He would go to market and buy refused scraps of meat, commonly called dog meat by the butchers.

He would purchase stale bread from the bakers at reduced prices. He slept on a bunk or cot that a menial slave would refuse to sleep on, on account of the ver-

min and filth. He used to tell the boys that the best friend that he ever had was his mother, and that the next best friend he had was his money.

He took an annual trip to New York every year. However bad that he wanted to go he would place himself in a great deal of incon-

LUMPKIN STAINED GLASS

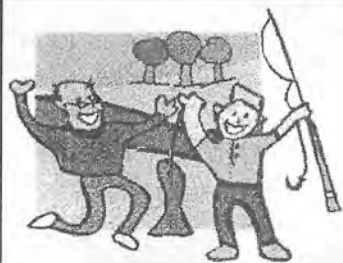
Hand Blown Christmas Balls

by Wayne Lumkin

Paper Weights
Hand Blown Vases
Custom Stained Glass
Beveled Glass
Repairs & Supplies

539-0532 or 534-4252

116 Oakwood Avenue
Huntsville, Al.



Lake Guntersville Holiday Inn
2140 Gunter Ave.
Guntersville, Alabama 35976
1-256-582-2220
Toll Free 1-888-882-1160



On the Lake"

\$48.00 per night - Includes Breakfast

All Rooms are Equipped with the Following:

- * Coffee Maker
- * Iron's & Ironing Boards
- * 55 Channel Cable TV with Showtime
- * Lakeside Rooms (Limited availability)
- * Kitchenettes (Limited availability)

Features include:

- * Full Service Restaurant open at 6:00 a.m.
- * Pier and Loading Dock
- * Walking Trail

"Boaz Outlets"

Not Valid during Special Events. Must present coupon at time of reservation. Not Valid with any other discount.

venience in waiting until he could get reduced rates. The ticket agent said that he would make a double daily trip to the union depot for a month inquiring for cheap tickets.

So finally the tickets came and he concluded to buy one. The ticket agent told him the price of same. It took him about fifteen minutes to count out his dollars, halves, quarters, nickels and copper cents for the price of the ticket. He told the ticket agent when he put down the last copper cent with a trembling hand, and with a pitiful voice, "take it all, I believe you would take the last cent a poor man had." The agent said it was like taking his heart's blood for him to part with his money.

This was the last trip he made to New York. This was in the year 1897. He was found insensible on the streets by the police shortly after. They took him around to the station house, and when he was searched they found over thirty thousand dollars stuffed down in his bootlegs. When the fact of his arrest was published in the papers, two women claiming to be relatives and whom he recognized, called and had him moved to their house where he soon died.



Everyone has a photographic memory - it's just that very few of us have the film.

**Advertise in
Old Huntsville
534-0502**

Unusual Ads from Other Countries



- "Bite the wax tadpole."-*Coca-Cola as originally translated into Chinese.*

- "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave."-*"Pepsi Comes Alive" as originally translated into Chinese.*

- "Please to bathe inside the tub."-*In a Japanese Hotel Room.*

- "Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts."-*In a Tokyo bar.*

- "Please leave your values at the front desk."-*In a Paris Hotel Elevator.*

- "Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily."-*In a Hotel in Athens.*

- "You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."-*In a Japanese Hotel.*



R.G. NAYMAN CO. INC.

RGN

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

General Contractors
Residential & Commercial
Specializing In
Fire Damage Repairs

*"A Contractor You Can
Trust"*

533-9016

Pine Crest Estate

A HOME FOR ADULTS WITH DEMENTIA

State licensed for magnetic door and gate locks
Positive security for persons who wander
Licensed nurse administers all medications
Registered nurse oversight
Home style environment 16 beds

582 Shields Road - Huntsville, Alabama 35811 - 256-851-9161

Lyda's
Antiques & Dolls

New Barbie Dolls &
Madame Alexander Dolls!

Ty Beanie Babies
Lee Middleton Dolls

and a large assortment
of antiques



Toll Free: 1-888-859-4046
Email: Hyda@bellsouth.net
3615 Hwy. 72 East
(256) 859-4046

Only 10 Minutes from downtown Huntsville
Tues - Sat. 10:00 - 430 MC - Visa - Amer. Exp. - Dis.



Segregation Laws And The Mailman

by James E. Taylor

From 1926 until 1-565 took our property in 1990, my parents' home was on Mitchell Drive which was a couple of blocks from Pulaski Pike and West Holmes Street, both of which were predominantly black neighborhoods. Around 1931 when I was 10 years old, I became fascinated with the black postman (Clarence Powers) who delivered our mail primarily because of his gentle manners and his mode of transportation. He delivered the mail by driving a horse and carriage. The carriage was enclosed much as in the manner of the small enclosed trucks of that day.

After the war, I returned to work at the Russel Erskine Hotel

and in 1947 was made manager.

Around 1948 or 49, the local postmaster contacted me and advised that Clarence's fellow workers at the post office wanted to give him a retirement party but didn't know how to get around the state segregation laws. (Remember - in 1948 there was only one post office in Huntsville and not very many postmen). Our blue room would seat 50 persons which was about the number in attendance. In the center of a dividing wall, there was a door to an adjoining room. We removed the door and placed a separate single table for Clarence in the door to give him the appearance of being the guest of honor, which he was. Thus, we legally beat the segregation laws.

I recall it as being a beautiful retirement party. As I recalled this event in later years, I only regretted that I failed to tell Clarence that I was that young teenager that he delivered mail to in the thirties.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

RENAISSANCE THEATRE at Lincoln Center

February, 2001
Three Tall Women
by Edward Albee

Winner of the 1994 Pulitzer Prize
Directed by Lee Deal
with Liz Scott, Dale Worley
and Freda Grant

Feb., 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 @ 8:00pm
Feb., 4 @ 2:30pm

Opening night \$15 w/catered intermission
All other performances \$12

Tickets available at
Shavers Book Store & Pratt Ave.
Antique Mall
or call 536-3117

1216 Meridian St. - with Free Parking!

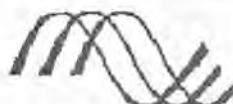
Hard of Hearing? 100 Years Ago, This Was State-of-the-Art Technology



Today There's MIRACLE-EARSM

*Hearing loss can occur at any age. Don't miss out on hearing your child's school play. Don't miss out on hearing your favorite symphony. After all, it's the little things that count the most.**

FREE Hearing tests**
Call or come in today.



Miracle-EarSM
Hearing System by Research & Labs



The MirageSM
Hearing
Aid

Two locations in Huntsville to serve you:
Miracle-Ear Center, 900 Bob Wallace Ave. - 539-4009
Sears Hearing Aid Center (Madison Square Mall) - 830-8529

**Hearing aids won't restore natural hearing. Individual experiences may vary depending on proper fit, severity of hearing loss, accuracy of evaluation and ability to adapt to amplification.

Christmas In A '47 Green Plymouth

by Theresa Hanvey Fallwell

Huntsville, Alabama in 1950, was, like most cities and towns in the United States, very concerned about the international crisis in Korea. President Truman's actions headlined newspapers daily, and strange words such as Chunchon and Pyongyang cropped up in hushed, foreboding adult conversations. However, "war talk was generally moderated at the nightly dinner table, and, since television and its twenty four hour news coverage was not yet a reality, most children remained blissfully oblivious to the turmoil and fear in those days so closely following World War II. I was one of those children steeped in innocence, and fortunate enough to live in a place with a family that sought to maintain the sanctity of childhood regardless of the obstacles.

My family moved back to Huntsville in 1945. Dad worked for Mr. Underwood at the Southern Cotton Oil Mill, and Mom taught at Rison School with Mr. Fain as Principal. My brother, Wayne, and I went to Lincoln School where he was in Miss Mitchell's fifth grade and I was in Mrs. Sibley's second grade. We walked back and forth to school every day. The high point of our trip home was a stop at Condra's for a frozen pop sickle, and the ever present hope of finding the advertised, free nickel frozen inside. Home was a four room house on Virginia Boulevard that my parents built themselves with discarded, wooden Redstone Ar-

senal boxes that had been used to ship munitions overseas during World War II.

The 1950 Christmas season started off with a great deal of promise despite world troubles, and milk skyrocketing to .24 a gallon. Mom and I had been busy preparing gifts, making gum wrappers, tinfoil star ornaments, and baking Grandma's jam cake in time for the season. Then the day after Thanksgiving events began to change. First, I broke out in a red rash Mom diagnosed as measles. She put me to bed and darkened the room. In those days,

the combination of sunlight and measles was thought to cause permanent eye damage. Then, just one day later, Mom took a terrible fall and hurt her ankle. Dad called Miss O'Neal, Dr. James Burnett Laughlin's nurse, and requested a house call.

"Dr. Jim," a tall, distinguished looking man with a full head of gray hair and dark-rimmed glasses, came to our home that evening. He began examining Mom's grotesquely swollen ankle while retelling and laughing at his own well-worn jokes. Suddenly, he turned serious and began to

7-Year
Anniversary Sale!



Alabama Spy Shop

Don't be a victim of theft anymore.

Come see our hidden cameras.

We also carry personal surveillance products
for work and home.

7169 A Highway 72 West

(258) 726-9048

(3 miles West of Madison Square Mall)

Check us out on the web! www.alaspyshop.com

Helping Create Tomorrow's Medicine...

We are currently looking for qualified volunteers to fill a variety of ongoing clinical research studies! They include, but are not limited to:

- Diabetes
- Prostate Cancer
- Enlarged Prostate
- High Blood Pressure
- Erectile Dysfunction
- Heart Attack Prevention
- Hormone Replacement Therapy



James G. McMurray, M.D.
Board Certified Urologist with
25 years of experience in Huntsville

MARC

Call today, to see if you may qualify for study medication, doctor visits, lab services and more at no charge to you!

For More Information, call today!

(256) 564-7175

www.marc-research.com

Medical Affiliated Research Center, Inc.
303 Williams Avenue, Suite 512 • Huntsville, AL 35801

examine me more closely. He announced that I did not have measles, but a much more serious disease, scarlet fever, that required quarantine. His experience with infectious diseases when he worked for the national health department caused him to act very prudently. He instructed Dad to remove my brother from the house and not let anyone come in direct contact with me. Dad immediately drove my brother the sixteen miles to Grandpa and Grandma McGehee's house in Upper Hurricane Valley. Dr. Jim returned to his office in the Times Building where he retrieved medicine and peppermints for me. For days, Dr. Jim stopped by our home during his house calls to check on my progress and make certain that both me and my scarlet fever were contained.

This turn of events, Mom and me bedridden, my brother dispatched to my Grandparents, and Dad making runs among all of us and working, seemed to evaporate the promise of a great Christmas. Being a seven year old, I began to complain miserably, particularly about the prospect of missing the Christmas parade. Mom attempted to allay my distress with games, stories, and songs, and Dad put up a sweet-smelling cedar tree that extended all the way from the corner of the bedroom to the door. Despite all their valiant efforts, I would not be consoled.

Early on the afternoon of the Christmas parade, December 3rd, Dad, in his old gray, felt fedora, peeked his head from behind the cedar tree sporting a grin from ear to ear. He told me to get my chin up off the floor as he began stripping quilts off of the bed. He tossed me into the middle of the quilts and rolled me up just like I'd seen him roll hundreds of

cigarettes. With me giggling and questioning his purpose, he placed me in the back seat of our green '47 Plymouth. After he gathered Mom, we drove toward Church Street. I could scarcely contain my excitement. I just knew we were going to the Christmas parade.

Dad pulled the '47 Plymouth into the Huntsville Railroad Depot, working his way around pull cars, trucks, piles of railroad ties, and other obstacles until we were very near the back of the Depot. Dad parked near the old Charleston and Memphis Railroad roundhouse which was now part of the Southern Cotton Oil Mill. He knew just where to park for the best view of the parade.

The day was terribly cold, even at 2:00 in the afternoon with the car heater running. Mom and I snuggled in closer together to share our quilts and our warmth. As I rubbed a ghostly circle on the window, I could see the parade

forming and moving toward Jefferson Street. Dad pointed out Police Chief Carroll and Captain Chambers of the Highway Patrol as they wandered through the crowd. Chaos seemed to reign with prancing horses, all varieties of pets attached to children, floats decorated with seasonal themes, bicycles with crepe paper streamers wrapped in the spokes and

-AAA- Printing


Where Quality is State of Art


**Book Binding - Foil Stamping
Cards & Stationery
Business Forms & Labels
Four Color Process Printing
Flyers & Brochures**

256-828-7422 - Fax 256-828-5902
12737 Hwy 231-431 North
Hazel Green, Alabama

Humidor Pipe Shop, Inc.

2502 S. Memorial Parkway





**Cigars
Pipes
Pipe Tobacco
Accessories
Lighters
Pipe Repairs**

Robin R. Morgan - Owner/Tobacconist (256) 539-6431

Sales and Bargains on all types of Antiques


HARTLEX ANTIQUÉ MALL

Where Quality Is Affordable!

30,000 Square Feet Of Antiques & Collectibles

We've Moved To The Foodland Location On Hughes Road!

181 Hughes Road - Madison 464-3940



streaming from the handlebars, and children dressed in costume. Hopalong Cassidy was popular that year and at least a dozen kids had that costume. One girl had a blue dress and red shoes like Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*. The boy who won the twenty five dollar Huntsville Times' prize was dressed like Daniel Boone, complete with several howling, blue tick hounds tied on ropes and all going in different directions. High school bands from Arab, Huntsville, Scottsboro, and Guntersville were noisily coming into formation.

While we watched the parade forming up and exiting the staging area, Dad zipped his coat, turned his collar up, and left the car. A few minutes later, he reappeared with Santa in tow. Santa, in his red suit and bigger than life, bent over and peered at me through the frosted window. Up close, I thought he looked like Mr. Alton Lynch. Santa didn't say a word, just smiled and waved his white gloved hand. I was awestruck and speechless as he walked away and assumed his place at the end of the parade in the Forty et Eight locomotive, a refitted school bus chassis, decorated to the hilt. Daddy later told me that Santa was traveling in the

Forty et Eight locomotive because it honored a group of forty mules and eight heroic men that rode together in a box car in France during World War I. With the Forty et Eight locomotive pulling out of sight and the last strains of Christmas carols still ringing in my ears, Dad pulled the '47 Plymouth back out onto Church Street. He announced his final surprise of the day, a trip to Mullins Cafe for a rare treat, takeout. Ten hamburgers. Dad was my hero-- he had found a way to save the Christmas parade and the day.

The parade was just the first Huntsville Christmas event I was to witness from the back seat of the '47 green Plymouth. Next came the Yule scenes at the Big Spring Park. Two life-size depictions, a Nativity and Santa Claus, designed by Mr. Howard Winkle, were made of plywood and completely lit up. Near the softball diamond across the lagoon from Canal Street was a stable with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus and three spectacular angels riding high on a golden staircase. Santa Claus, his sleigh, and eight reindeer were on top of the bath house headed for the North Pole with an Eskimo on a sled showing the way. The bath house was strung all around with sparkling lights, and a huge Christmas tree was in front of the playground office. Dad




France never had a chance!

www.rugratsinparis.com

JIM CARREY
Dr. Seuss' **THE GRINCH**
STOLE CHRISTMAS

REGAL CINEMAS Hollywood 18
3312 S. Mem. Pky



CERTIFIED PROPERTY MANAGER®



James C. Vaughn CPM®
South Realty Inc.

3313 S. Memorial Parkway
Suite 100
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
(256) 881-4800

James

CARPET & LIGHTING


LIGHTING - WALLPAPER - CEILING FANS - MIRRORS

 Carpets by Mohawk, Karatan Galaxy, Beaulieu	Laminates Wilson Art, Mannington, Armstrong
 Hardwood Bruce & Hartco	Oriental Rugs by Karastan & Capel

CERAMIC TILE - QUARRY TILE

(256) 859-9830

2722 North Park Drive
Huntsville, Alabama



CARPETS

WEAR-DATED CARPET

*Your Oriental Rug Gallery
From Around The World*

drove us around time and time again so we could take it all the glow and glitter of the lights.

The next event to which Dad chauffeured his cargo of patients was the living Christmas tree presented by the Madison County Girl Scouts. This event happened on the Courthouse Square. About fifty girls dressed in flowing, white robes with golden crowns stood on risers to form a tree. They sang Christmas carols, and Mrs. Joyce Jones read the poem, *The Night Before Christmas*. Dad parked across the street from the Courthouse in front of City Drug Store. We peered out the back window to see the living tree, and with the car window cracked just a little, the beautiful sounds of

Christmas carried on a cold wind and permeated the '47 green Plymouth.

Early on the morning of December 23rd, Dr. Jim made his last scarlet fever house call where he declared me free of disease and dismissed the quarantine. As a special treat for being such a good patient, he suggested that my brother and I might like to take advantage of Mr. Fritz H. Thomas', manager of the Lyric Theater on Washington Street, gift to all children of Huntsville, a free showing of the *Wizard of Oz*. I was ecstatic. Dad, Mom, me, and the '47 Plymouth made the trip out to Hurricane Valley to retrieve my brother. From there we went to the Lyric Theater to see that wonderful movie.

On Christmas Eve, the family once again crawled into the '47 green Plymouth. This time we drove down California, Wells, Jefferson, Monroe, and Williams Streets just to look at the lights. Everybody had beautiful, well-lit trees or candles in the window. My brother and I had a contest to see which side of the car had more trees in windows. When we got home, Mom made hot chocolate with peppermint sticks for stirring. We sat on an old, wooden apple crate with our backsides to the coal stove that Dad had stoked up heavily to warm us. Just about the time we sat down there was a loud commotion outside; someone was playing, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, calliope style. Daddy flung the front door open, and Mom grabbed coats for us. Outside was the Forty et Eight locomotive with Santa Claus making a "Cracker-Jack" run. American Legion, Post 37, members and guests escorting Santa Claus included Louis Tumminello, W.L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Collins, Mr. and Mrs. James Record, James McKee, Frank Rice, W.E. Kerr, S.A. Stephenson, and G.W. Smith. Throngs of kids appeared to receive gum, fruit, and "Crackerjacks" from Santa who was riding on the cowcatcher at the front of the locomotive.

As the locomotive and its flashing lights and sirens turned toward Oakwood Street, we walked back to our home still picking up candy and gum. I overheard Mom say to Dad, somewhat wistfully, "I wonder what Christmas will be like next year. The Times said that the city merchants are going to increase Christmas activities if this crisis in Korea does not break out into a full scaled world war." The word war passed through my consciousness in a fleeting fashion,



Celebration Yard Signs

Instead of a card ...SAY IT IN THE YARD

Delivery - Set Up - Pickup

We do all the work. You Have all the FUN!

Rent a personalized yard sign. Choose from:

Alabama signs w/elephants
Storks
Owl
Flock O Flamingos
Buzzards & Tombstones
Dino/Dinosaurs
Flock O Crows
Spaceship w/Flag & Pinwheels
Sportscar w/Flags & Traffic Signs
Teddy Bears

Auburn signs w/shakers
Pink Champagne
w/Pink Elephants
Kiti Kats
Panda Bears
Herd O Cows
Pack O Penguins
Rabbit w/Carrots
Skunk w/Skunk Family

Call And Reserve (256) 883-4495

Signs can also be ordered at Stone's Floral (536-2975)



Marie's

State Line Family Restaurant

Thursday nite - Karaoke Friday nite - Gospel Singing

Open 5:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mon. - Sat.

3271 Huntsville, Hwy 231-431

3/4 mile past State line

Phone 433-3405

Where Friends Gather!



Open Thur. & Fri. until 9:00

Lunch Buffet -\$5.00

but I was too focused on the really important stuff to question Mom's comment. After all it was Christmas Eve and I had been a good girl all year. I was no longer sick and my family was together. From the corner of my eye I saw the '47 green Plymouth silhouetted in the night, and somehow I knew, that Christmas, 1950, in Huntsville, Alabama had already exceeded all my expectations, and Christmas morn' was still to come.



If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

Stanlieo's Sub Villa



Phone in your order and it will be ready at our Call-In window. (usually 15 minutes)

Over 31 different Subs to choose from!

Two convenient locations to serve you.
607 Jordan Lane 837-7220
602 Governors Drive 536-6585

Open 7 Days Weekly

Monday-Friday 9:00am-10:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm
Sunday 11:00am-9:00pm

Stefanie's Famous Potato Salad



- 3 pounds new red potatoes, with skin
- 5 green onions chopped, including tops
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 6 ounces cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/4 cup chopped celery, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons dill weed
- 1 cup lite mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup regular mustard
- salt and white pepper to taste

In a large pot, boil your potatoes in plenty of water til tender. When cooked, allow to cool slightly, then cube with skin still on.

Place in fridge for at least an hour, covered in a large bowl.

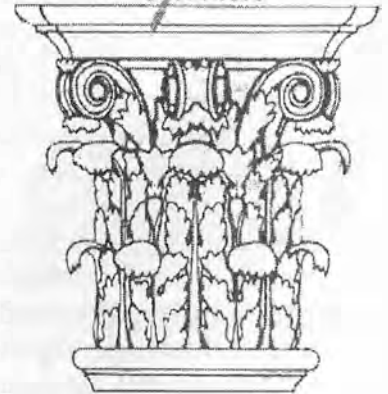
In a small bowl mix the mayonnaise, mustard, dill weed and salt and pepper. When potatoes are cool, add the mayonnaise mix and stir very well. Mix in the onion, bacon and celery, mixing well after each addition. Back in fridge for at least 3

hours.

To serve, add garnish on each plate of chopped parsley, sprig of fresh dill and a few dandelion heads for color.

FINDS

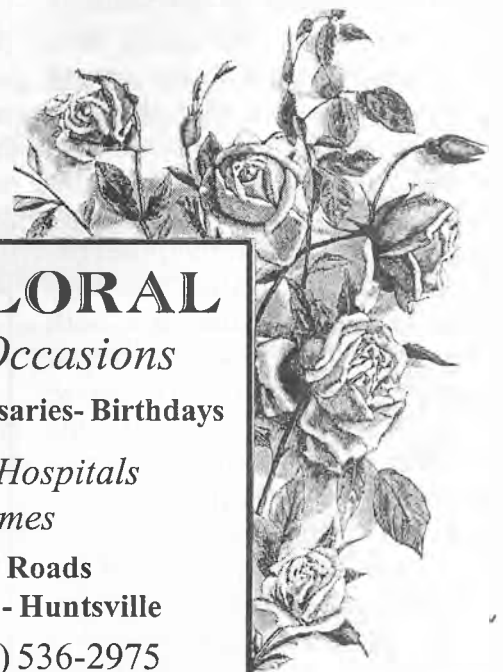
Unique finds for Home & Garden



RON COOPER

256-534-2337

Interior Design - Paint Finishes
Custom Lamps - Accessories



STONE'S FLORAL

Flowers For All Occasions

Weddings - Funerals - Anniversaries- Birthdays

*Deliveries To All Local Hospitals
and Funeral Homes*

Serving Owens Cross Roads
Big Cove - Hampton Cove - Huntsville
6584 Hwy 431 S - (256) 536-2975

Celebration Yard Signs can be ordered here or at 883-4495

A Letter



From Quartzburg, Idaho
April 26, 1895

Dear Ibby. I wrote a little last night will try to add a little noon 12 M. The boys are complaining a little now about not getting any money. Hope we will hear from Charlie to night will tell you if we do. I do not like to take your money for my self my little girl. I would rather use money that you did not have to work hard to earn. I think it would be just as well for me to make out the papers and send them to you and then you can send direct to Scranton. It will cost \$15.00 for drawing outfit and first mon. tuishon. I will also want some thin foolscap paper to write my lessons on in answer. Then the postage and expressage on the above.

If this should go on and Frank would like to come out he could have the benefit of the Schools instructions as well as my self. You would then have some one to come with you out here. Yes I can meet you in Boise if you want me to but do you think we can stand the extra expense it will (be) an additional \$2.50 at the Hotel beside \$1.00 for dinner two days provideing I whould walk both ways and if I wroad one way it would be \$7.00 both ways. \$10.00 with your fare added to the above then all baggage over 40 lbs costs two cents per lb. so you can see what it will cost.

Mother says (Gyfr?) has a baby that is the reason she got her breath so harde. What was it that was broken. I do not think you

will not kneed a smaller trunk you can bring that much with you and send the rest by freight just as you please. If we have to build we can put up a shell large enough to put up a partition of cheap calico and make it do untill we find out wheather the mine will pay or not. I do not like to invest very much in a house as it is not worth one cent when you leave it. as no one would buy it and it is just that much lost. If you have not sent me any money when you receive this just keep it and I will send you the papers. I will not get to write enough in this but will try and write some more in a day or two again. Yes I will tell you when ever I feel bad or any thing goes wrong did you think I would not. I am in a hurry to night as the P Master wants all our letters mailed at the burg. They have to have so many letters to cancel or it seases to be an office and at present the number is getting small. I have been just handing them to the stage driver in the morn. as he goes by. if the office is changed will have to walk 3 mi. to get our mail.


Yes you can not come to quick to suit me. although I have no place to take you and board is only \$6.00 per week. and just common at that. will have to close for this time will love you hugely when you get out here don't you forget it Good by with love to you and Ernest and you.

From the old boy Geo.


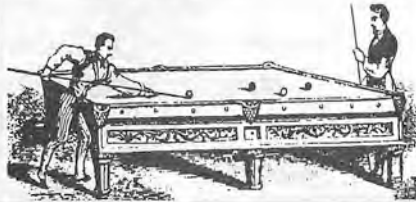
Editor's Note:

This letter was provided by Billie J. Haines of Huntsville.

It was written by his grandfather, George Hartsock Haines to his wife, Ibby while prospecting in Idaho. Both grandparents are buried in Shiloh Cemetery at Ryland, Alabama.

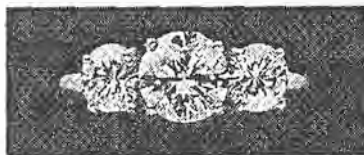


HUNTSVILLE'S FAVORITE STEAKHOUSE
Located inside

2703 University Dr.
536-4400

For that special place in the heart...



GOOKIN JEWELERS
Honesty, Quality, Value, and Service

The Three-Stone Diamond Anniversary Ring
a perfect way to celebrate
your past, your present and your future

Your independent FULL SERVICE JEWELER • Tues. - Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-4
7914 S. Memorial Parkway • Suite B-1



256-882-1114



Edward O'Neal

The General Who Wasn't

Huntsville was the birthplace of six generals of the War Between the States: Confederate Major Generals John Hunt Morgan and Jones M. Withers and Brigadier General LeRoy Pope Walker, and Union Brigadier Generals David and William Birney and Thomas T. Crittenden. However, another "almost general" was also a native of Huntsville and Madison County. His name was Edward O'Neal and his parents were among the earliest settlers of North Alabama.

Edward Asbury O'Neal was born near Huntsville on September 20, 1818. His parents, Irish on his father's side and French Huguenot on his mother's, had moved to Madison County from South Carolina. O'Neal received his education at the LaGrange Academy and then returned to Huntsville, marrying here on April 12, 1838. Two years later, however, O'Neal moved to Florence and thereafter made that city his home.

When the Civil War began, O'Neal promptly volunteered to defend his native state. He left for Virginia by rail in June, 1861, as senior captain of a battalion of three companies. O'Neal's men

became part of the 9th Alabama Infantry Regiment, and O'Neal was elected major. He rose in rank quickly, becoming lieutenant colonel in October, 1861 and taking over command as colonel in March, 1862.

O'Neal earned a reputation for bravery and skill, being wounded twice in battle. He commanded a brigade at Chancellorsville, and was recommended by Robert E. Lee for promotion to brigadier general. However, something must have happened at Gettysburg to change Lee's mind. O'Neal also commanded a brigade in that ferocious struggle, and while there are no complaints on record about O'Neal's conduct, Lee withdrew his recommendation. The Confederate Congress had already issued O'Neal's com-


mission, but complied with Lee's wishes and did not deliver it. O'Neal's promotion was then cancelled.

Edward O'Neal commanded his regiment through the end of the war. He was often referred to as General O'Neal, and many

DALE
INCORPORATED

MARVIN BY WINDOWS

**MADE TO ORDER
WINDOWS AND DOORS**



Penn Dilworth - Chris Craig
*Your Professional Construction
Specialists*

256-539-7704
2802 Memorial Parkway S.W.
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Glory Tours & Spirit Coach

Luxury Motor Coach Tours

Feb. 23 - 25 Pigeon Forge, Tn.

Shindig and Show Review! Two shows featuring singers, dancers and performers from popular entertainment theaters; the new Ripley's Aquarium, 4 meals, lodging, transportation and more!

Glory Tours

830-2468

1-888-89GLORY



Spirit Coach

534-9544

1-877-248-4748

Star Market and Pharmacy

**Your Friendly Neighborhood
Pharmacy & Grocery Store**

**Located In Historic Five Points
702 Pratt Ave, - 534-4509**



people apparently believed he was one. However, the courageous officer was never officially more than a colonel. Always a popular figure, O'Neal was elected Governor of Alabama twice, in 1882 and in 1884. He died at Florence on November 7, 1890, and is buried in his adopted city.

However, Edward O'Neal does hold a unique distinction by being the only governor of Alabama whose son was also elected governor. Florence native Emmett O'Neal was elected in 1910, and became the first Alabama governor to occupy the executive mansion in Montgomery. His father would have been proud.


If you get to thinkin' that you're a person of influence, try orderin' someone else's dog around.

Pearson's Flooring

for quality

**Sanding &
Refinishing**

**Fire and Water
Restoration**



Pearson's Flooring
536-9558

2021 Clinton Av. West

Dead from Morphine in Scottsboro

The following is taken from a special dated at Scottsboro. Whiskey and morphine seem to have done fatal work.

Mr. Shelton had been drinking heavily for the past two or three days, neighbors had heard violent arguments between him and his wife. His death resulted from the drinking, together with an overdose of morphine administered by physicians.

Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock Dr. Hugh Boyd was summoned to attend Mrs. Shelton who was ill from nervous prostration, and after attending to her was called into an adjoining room by Mr. Shelton, who requested a hypodermic injection of morphine, insisting that he was suffering intensely. The doctor gave him the dose.

About 10 o'clock last night Dr. W. C. Maples was called in to see Mrs. Shelton, and he, too, was called upon by Mr. Shelton for a hypodermic, which Dr. Maples administered, not knowing of the one given by Dr. Boyd.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Shelton was discovered to be dead by Dr. Hugh Boyd.

Mr. Shelton was a young man of fine business ability, and had been associated with his father, H. H. Shelton, in a prosperous mercantile business here for several years. He was 32 years of age and leaves a wife and 3 children.

From 1900 newspaper

Serving

Individual Investors
Since 1871

Stocks	CDs
Mutual funds	Money market funds
Bonds	IRAs
Government securities	Tax-free bonds

... and much more.
Call or stop by today!

Serving individual investors from more than 5000 offices nationwide.

Guy Caffey
307 Clinton Av. West
Suite 115
(256) 539-8746

www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones



Pleasures

An Adventure In Romance

Gift Baskets for that Special Someone.
Toys & Lotions, Informative Videos &
Literature - Cards & Magazines

Huntsville 4925 University Dr. 830-0069	Decatur 1711 Central Pkwy. 584-0069
---	---

SLAVERY

The Forgotten Story Of How It Began In America

Although the fact is seldom publicized, the first African Americans actually arrived in what is now the United States in 1619, one year before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth. This historical omission should not surprise us too much, since many "politically correct" history books almost ignore the fact that Virginia was founded in 1607. This makes the Pilgrims practically Johnnies-come-lately, which would never go over in Boston.

Critics of the South also conveniently ignore a landmark event that took place in Virginia in 1654. This was nothing less than the beginning of lifelong slavery for generations of black Americans. Massachusetts had legalized enslaving red Indians in 1646, after defeating the Pequods in King Philip's War.

African American slavery began with a simple legal suit brought by an obscure Virginian named Andrew Johnson. It seems Mr. Johnson had pur-

chased the services of a black man named John Casor. Casor was an indentured servant bound to his master only for five years.

Indentured servants were immigrants who could not afford to pay their own passage. Instead, they would bond themselves to the captain of a ship, who would auction their services to the highest bidder on arriving in America. The purchaser thus paid for the immigrant's passage, and in return the immigrant belonged to his master for a number of years. As often as not, these "temporary slaves" were white (both male and female) and were treated no better than black slaves would be in the centuries to come. In fact, indentured servants were often treated even harsher, since their master had no long term interest in their health. A master could also sell an indentured servant, and it was not unusual to see a free black overseer marching a group of white bond servants to an auction. Once a servant had

worked out his indenture, of course, he (or she) was freed and became a citizen. If male, he would be granted 50 acres by Virginia to start his own farm.

John Casor had already completed his indenture but Andrew Johnson still kept him in bondage, which was a serious legal offense. Casor complained to a neighbor named Parker, who told the authorities. Frightened, Johnson reluctantly set him free. However, Casor had no money of his own and entered a new indenture with Parker, who was obviously more kindhearted than Johnson.


When Andrew Johnson learned that Casor had bound himself to Parker, he was furious. Johnson promptly went to court, arguing that he had brought Casor to Virginia and if anyone had a right to Casor's services it was the man who paid his passage. Surprisingly, the court sided with Johnson and ordered Casor to be his servant for life.

John Casor thus became the first black slave in America.

So who was this despicable Andrew Johnson? Like Casor, he was himself black. Andrew Johnson was apparently one of the original 20 Africans who had been sold as indentured servants at Jamestown by a Dutch sea captain in 1619. Gaining his freedom a few years later, Johnson went on to become a prosperous tobacco plantation owner. In 1651 he imported five indentured servants, one of them the unfortunate John Casor. Ironically, slavery in the American South was thus unknowingly begun by an African American who in a few years would see his people suffer the same fate

Don't expect him to be honored on a postage stamp.

"NAWLINS STYLE" FRESHEST SEAFOOD IN TOWN!



Fresh Boiled
Crawfish, Crab and
Shrimp (in season)

Ask About Our Weekend
Specials of
Oysters "on The Half-shell"
and Spicy Boiled Crablegs

THE PO-BOY FACTORY

Open Tuesday - Saturday 11:00AM - 8:00PM

815 Andrew Jackson Way (Located in Five Points) 539-3616



Heard On The Streets In 1911

- An argument for the good health of Huntsville speaks for itself in the little fact about the old Negro who had lived here 106 years and during all that time he had not lost more than a year's time from actual labor.

- It is remarkable how some people can wear good clothes, sport around and enjoy life and not work. We were never able to work that combination.

- Next time you drive into town, you'll be wanting during your stay a real good drink. Something to quench your thirst to stay quenched. Drink Coca-

Cola. No matter how thirsty you are, or how tired you are or how particular you are, you'll like Coca-Cola because it hits that dry spot - relieves fatigue and tickles the palate all the way down. Delicious - refreshing - wholesome. Send for our free booklet "The Truth about Coca-Cola" tells all about it, what it is and why it is so delicious, wholesome and beneficial to you.

- John Griffin and Jim Brown, colored, were arrested and placed in jail here by Deputy Sheriffs Pierce and Robinson on charges of gaming and public drunkenness. Deputy Pierce also found a concealed razor on the person of Brown. Griffin it is believed is wanted in Gadsden on a charge of murder and will be held here until officials of that place advise disposition.

- We have a good heavy draft horse in good work condition for sale cheap. Address "Horse" care of the Times

The Rest of the Story

News comes to us from Marion county of a raid on a large moonshine operation. Also confiscated were some 1500 gallons of illicit whiskey that was being prepared for transport.

In related news, three sheriff's deputies were suspended for public intoxication.
from 1949 newspaper



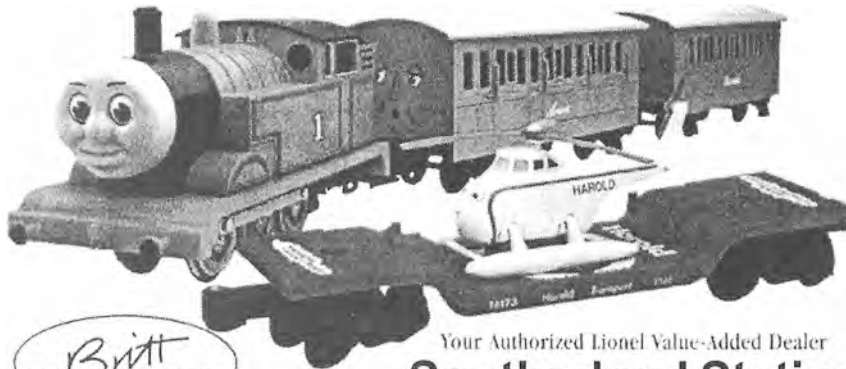
LIONEL

Thomas the Tank Engine Island of Sodor Train Set

Join Thomas the Tank Engine, Annie, Clarabel and Harold the Helicopter as they explore the Island of Sodor! **Ready-to-run**

- Motorized Thomas the Tank Engine
- Annie and Clarabel coaches, Flatcar with Harold the Helicopter
- Ready-to-run set with a station house building, scenic playboard, oval of 0-27 track and a transformer/controller

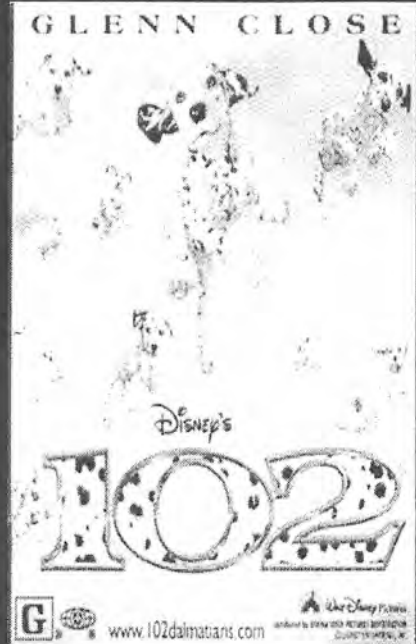
There is no better combination than Thomas the Tank Engine and Lionel!



Your Authorized Lionel Value-Added Dealer
Southerland Station

407 St. Clair
Huntsville, Al. 35801
(256 533-4720)

Hours: M-Th: 8am - 5:30pm
Fri. 8am - 5pm - Sat. 9pm - 12



G www.102dalmatians.com The Disney Store

**SAVE 15% ON 102 DALMATIANS
MERCHANDISE AT THE Disney store!**

See 102 Dalmatians November 22-26. Bring your movie ticket stub to the Disney store November 22-December 3 and save 15% on 102 Dalmatians merchandise. Details in store.

REGAL
GINEMAS
Hollywood 18
3312 S. Mem. Pky

Alabama Trial Lawyers Association Presents:

THE PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

February 5, 2001 - April 9, 2001; Monday nights 6:30 until 8:40 p.m.
Madison County Courthouse, Courtroom No. 1, 2nd Floor

\$45.00 Registration Fee



SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2001

February 5	6:30 Mark McDaniel	Criminal Law
	7:40 Mike Wisner	Wills, Estates & Taxes
February 12	6:30 Phil Price	DUI
	7:40 David Cromwell Johnson	USA becoming a 3 rd World Country
February 19	6:30 Steve Heninger	Bad Faith
	7:40 Ed Gentle	Constitutional Reform
February 26	6:30 George Moore	Workman's Compensation
	7:40 Connie Glass/Carol Wallace	Elder Law
March 5	6:30 Archie Lamb	Politics of Power/HMO & Healthcare
	7:40 Bill Burgess	Divorce Law
March 12	6:30 Tommy Siniard	Nursing Home Abuse & Neglect
	7:40 Charles Brinkley	Insurance Law
March 19	6:30 Jere Beasley	Defective Products and the Law
	7:40 Allen Brinkley	Contract Law
March 26	6:30 Don McKenna	Whistle Blower Litigation
	7:40 Richard Chesnut	Real Estate Law
April 2	6:30 Robert Patterson	Damages & Civil Actions
	7:40 Elizabeth Beason Moore	Employment Discrimination
April 9	6:30 Thomas Edwards	Finding your way in the Practice of Law
	7:40 Bob Prince	Car Wrecks

For More Information Call:

Brinkley & Chesnut

Attorneys At Law

307 Randolph Avenue

Huntsville, Alabama 35801

(256) 533-4534

Register Early!

Only the first 120 applicants
will be accepted.



(All programs will be recorded for
later television broadcast)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____
Company _____ Company Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Method of payment accepted: Check, Money Order, Mastercard, Visa, American Express

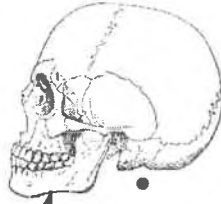
Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ to cover _____ Registration(s).

Bill My Credit Card: _____ Acct No.: _____ exp. date: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, P.O. Box 2026 Huntsville, AL 35804

If registering for more than one person, please list additional names and information on an attached sheet or duplicate this form.

Murder On Green Mountain



by Fred Simpson

As the sun rose on Oct. 17, 1961, there was no hint that the day would be any different than thousands of others. Like countless small southern towns, Huntsville awoke to the new day in a lethargic manner.

Old man Putnam, an employee at the downtown pool hall leaned on his broom debating whether the sidewalk was dirty enough for him to bother sweeping it. Earl Frazier, a deputy sheriff, was sitting in his patrol car reading the newspaper and drinking coffee. For some odd reason though, he was having trouble concentrating.

Across town, William "Bill" Bowen was having the same problem. He had shown up for work at the regular time that morning, but was having difficulty focusing on the day's business. The previous day he had gone door-to-door soliciting pest control contracts and one person he had called on was a lady by the name of Janice Thomas. Now, try as he might, he could not get her

out of his mind.

No one would have described Bowen as a ladies' man. Short, chubby, with a reddish complexion, he had a history of violent outbursts. Complicating the image that he tried to present was a perpetual shortage of money. Although he had recently been hired as manager of a local pest control firm and given a small raise in salary, a local finance company was calling him every day threatening to repossess his car.

Finally, giving up on any pretense of work, he grabbed his jacket and told an employee he would be out for the rest of the day. His first stop was at Clayton Allen's bootleg joint on Stevens Avenue. There he ran into one of his closest friends, James B. King, with whom he shared a bottle of beer. They rode around for a while before stopping at the First Na-

tional Bank where Bowen made a deposit for his company. Next they decided to stop at the Pullman's Cafe, where they drank more beer and killed time by shooting pool. When King casually mentioned that he had recently purchased some "bennies," Bowen insisted they go get them.

Bowen had a history of drug abuse and was addicted to amphetamines.

After dropping King off at the Fairground Cafe and picking up a bottle containing some 600 bennies, Bowen went back to work. Again his thoughts turned

SUNROOMS | ENCLOSURES

THE EXTRAORDINARY YEAR 'ROUND ROOM ADDITION! **THE PERFECT ENCLOSURE FOR YOUR PATIO OR DECK!**

SUNROOMS



- No More Wind & Rain
- No Freezing Cold
- No More Broiling Sun
- No More Insects

*-Totally Insulated-
For Year 'Round Use!*

101 Uses...

- Hot Tub Enclosure
- Recreation / Exercise
- Home Office
- Dining / Kitchen
- Family Room

Financing Available!

PATIO ROOMS



**America's
Largest
Sunroom
Manufacturer!**

CONSERVATORIES



PRE-HOLIDAY FACTORY SALE!
SAVE \$4900 ON A TYPICAL 10' X 16' SUNROOM LIMITED TIME OFFER!

**FOUR SEASONS
SUNROOMS**

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
SUNROOMS • CONSERVATORIES • PATIO ROOMS
Design & Remodeling Centers

Centers Independently Owned And Operated © 1997 Four Seasons Solar Products

CALL FOR FREE IN-HOME SURVEY!

Lifestyle Solariums, Inc.
2832 Jordan Lane
(256) 722-2101

*Subscribe to
Old Huntsville,
Or send as a Christmas gift*

North Alabama's most
popular Magazine
To subscribe send \$15.00 to:
**Old Huntsville,
716 East Clinton Av.,
Huntsville, AL 35801**



Antique Shoppe

All Types of Antique Furniture

Welsh Dressers, Wardrobes
Desks, Old Trunks, Chests, Tables
Book Cabinets and Much More!

11987 N. Memorial Parkway - Meridianville, Al.
(256) 829-1118

to the woman he had seen the day before. At about 2 p.m., Bowen decided to visit the woman again.

Janice Thomas' home was in the Green Mountain area in a wooded, secluded spot some 500 yards from the nearest neighbor. Bowen had left a termite control book at the Thomas home the previous day and it seemed the perfect excuse to regain entrance to the residence.

Approximately three hours later, at 5:45 that evening, Huntsville Police received word of a murder. Janice Thomas' husband had returned home from work and discovered his wife's bloody and mutilated body sprawled on the floor of their home. Thomas felt her pulse to see if she was still alive. She was not.

The first officers on the scene were Sgt. Butler, Officer Hogue and Detectives Owen and Shay. After securing the area they began a preliminary investigation. The partially clad body had been found sprawled on the floor amid a large amount of blood. The murder weapon, a large butcher knife, was still imbedded in the victim's neck. This was said to have been the most cold-blooded and ruthless murder in Huntsville history. Within hours every available policeman was assigned to the case with only one order: "Find the murderer!"

Unfortunately for the detectives there were no clues, no witnesses, and no one in the neighborhood had reported seeing anything unusual.

Late that night, with policemen all across Huntsville working overtime in an effort to find the killer, an unmarked police car pulled into an alley behind Lincoln School on Meridian Street. The driver of the car, an experienced investigator, waited patiently for a

figure to emerge from the shadows and slide into the front seat with him. The man was an informer, a small time hustler who periodically traded information to police in an effort to stay out of jail. Tonight he was informing on two of his friends who had recently broken into a grocery store.

The investigator, after writing down the information, prepared to leave when, almost as an afterthought, asked about the murder that had occurred that afternoon.

"I don't know nuthin' about that! I swear I don't!"

There was something unconvincing, something too quick, in



Gordon's Flowers & Gifts

Christmas Centerpieces,
Poinsettias, Wreaths,
Fresh Garlands,
Ornaments, and
Fruit and Gourmet Baskets

8402 G Whitesburg Dr.
881-3190

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Mollie Teal's

Superb Food & Fine Beverages

Huntsville's Meeting Place For Discriminating People

2003 Whitesburg Drive
533-5988

Welcome Back!

Gill Diamond and Jewelry, Inc.

Diamonds and Jewelry at Wholesale Plus Brokerage Fee
Don Gill, Graduate Gemologist (GIA), 25 years experience
visit us on the web at www.gilldiamond.com

Diamonds	Appraisals (While you wait)	Wedding Bands
Gold	Repair Service	Pearls
Chains	"Where Quality Is Not Expensive"	Colored Stones
Bracelets		Citizen Watches
Earrings		Artcarved™ Wedding Bands

(256) 534-3334
3609 Memorial Parkway
Huntsville, Ala. 35801

the informer's denial. So the investigator kept prying. The informer, who had several possible charges pending against him, finally told the detective that he would name the killer in exchange for having his name kept out of the case. A deal was quickly made and within minutes the officer had a name: William Bowen, the informer's best friend.

In a matter of hours the police had a printout on the suspect.

"William Bowen, 30 years old, dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army, twice convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of auto larceny and four counts of burglary and grand larceny."

During one of the assaults he had killed a man for which he spent time in the penitentiary.

At 7:30 on the morning after the murder, Bowen showed up at the pest control company he worked for. Although he had no idea the police were searching for him, he realized it was probably just a matter of time. Retrieving a sawed-off shotgun from the supply room and a bottle of amphetamines from his desk, he told a co-worker that he would not be back that day.

Another employee of the pest control company later told police that Bowen had long scratches on his face and was acting in a highly

agitated manner.

At 9:20 a.m. Bowen cashed a \$900 check at First National Bank on the Parkway. Bowen had either found or stolen this check a year before. He had no trouble forging the payee's name, E.H. Drake, to the check.

Paranoid and terrified that police were closing in on him, Bowen drove to Birmingham, taking pills and drinking alcohol all the way. After abandoning his car at the Quick Park parking lot on the corner of Fourth Ave. and 20th St., he walked to a post office, where he mailed a letter and \$200 to his wife.

The letter read:

"My darling, I am sorry about this, but I couldn't help it, but remember I do love you. Here is \$200, use it good, pay Ed for the

gas. I will find some way to come to you soon. The police are after me, I do love you. Bill."

Bowen next took a cab to the Sears Roebuck Shopping Center and bought a suit, shoes, shirts and underclothes. After completing his purchases he checked in at the Plaza Hotel where he bathed and changed clothes. The amphetamines he had been taking all day made it impossible for him to remain calm enough to stay in one place. Two hours later he hailed a Yellow Cab and asked for a ride to Atlanta. The cabbie, after making sure he had the \$56 to pay the fare, agreed to take him.

In Atlanta he registered at a cheap hotel under the name of James Patrick. Around 11 p.m., in an attempt to learn what was happening in Huntsville, he



Louie Tippett,
Owned and Operated



**United
Fire & Water
DAMAGE
Restoration
533-7163**

**United Cleaning
Service**
209 Parkway Drive



Specializing in: Carpet, Drapery & Upholstery, Oriental Rugs, Mini-Blinds, Removal of Unwanted Odors

Guaranteed to Melt The Fat Away!

SAFE • EASY • FAST
LOSE
30 lbs
In 10 Weeks

No SHOTS • No PILLS
GROCERY STORE FOOD
EAT AT FAVORITE RESTAURANTS



Grand Opening!
WEIGHT CONTROL CENTER
883-0010

\$79.00 OFF PROGRAM

BROOKSIDE PLACE
1428 WEATHERLY RD., SUITE 103
CALL 883-0010 TODAY!

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 8-5 * Tuesday-Thursday 9-5

placed a long distance call to the Fairground Cafe. Norma Dauberry, an employee, answered and the operator told her it was a long distance call for James B. King.

King, who often frequented the cafe, was present. He accepted the call and after a short conversation, told Norma it was Bowen trying to get him to come to Atlanta. He wasn't going to go, even though Bowen had offered him \$20 for expenses.

The following morning after drinking a bottle of cognac and taking more pills, Bowen called his family to learn what was happening. His wife told him that the police had already been to their home, and questioned her.

Bowen, in his drugged and drunken stupor, next called Sgt. Henshaw at the Huntsville Police Department and said he knew the police were looking for him. The booze and pills had warped his thinking to the point that he thought the noise he had earlier heard outside his room was the Atlanta police. He imagined that they had surrounded the building and were getting ready to tear gas his room.

Bowen told Henshaw that he would turn himself in if Henshaw would call the cops off. Henshaw, playing for time and trying to keep the conversation going, agreed, providing that Bowen would return to Huntsville immediately and give himself up.

Bowen immediately took a cab to the airport where he caught an airplane flight to Huntsville. Upon arriving in Huntsville, he took another cab to the police headquarters where he surrendered.

Ironically, the plane also carried two Huntsville policemen who were unaware of their fellow passenger's identity.

At police headquarters, Bowen was quickly ushered into an interrogation room where they began to question him. At first Bowen denied everything, even claiming the scratches on his face had occurred when he was wrestling with a friend. Finally when all other attempts at getting Bowen to talk had failed, he was confronted with a statement from an informer linking Bowen to the murder. The police refused to identify the informer.

Probably realizing that it was useless to deny it any longer, Bowen confessed to the brutal slaying, giving the following account:

As he drove toward the Thomas home the afternoon of Oct. 17, he had already planned to rape Mrs. Thomas. When she answered the door she recognized

him and asked if he had come for his termite book. After chatting for a few minutes, Bowen, emboldened by the drugs and alcohol, told her that he wanted to "love her."

Ignoring her pleas that her husband would be home from work soon, Bowen forced her into the bedroom where he made her begin undressing. His conscience began to bother him at this point and he apologized to Mrs. Thomas saying, "Mrs. Thomas, I am ashamed of myself and I can't go through with this." He started to leave when Mrs. Thomas, terrified, ran past him toward the kitchen.

Afraid that she was going to call the police, Bowen ran after her and began beating her about the head with a rolling pin that was lying on the kitchen counter. Dur-

OPTIONS

UNIQUE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

HOME ACCENTS • GIFT BASKETS • SILK ARRANGEMENTS

you should see us now!

You'll like our new look, our expanded inventory
and especially our new location on

7540 South Parkway, between Rosie's and Victorio's Cafe

(256) 880-2668

UNIQUE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS



**ECLECTIC
CHOICES FROM
LAND AND SEA**

**LUNCH MONDAY-FRIDAY
DINNER MONDAY-SATURDAY**

11-2:30 5-untill

*MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESERVATION
TODAY*

Space still available

Sunday Brunch

10:30 to 2:30

CATERING & PRIVATE PARTIES

**NEAR BOOKS A MILLION
ON AIRPORT ROAD**

**SALMON BAR & GRILL
975 AIRPORT RD
882-0459**

ing the struggle Mrs. Thomas managed to scratch Bowen on his face before she was knocked to the floor, unconscious. Bowen, afraid she would identify him, grabbed a butcher knife from a kitchen drawer and began stabbing her.

She was lying on the floor, "making a funny noise," as he stabbed her approximately 30 times. After the murder Bowen regained his composure and went around the house wiping away all fingerprints that he could remember having made.

Bowen claimed that after hitting Mrs. Thomas' head with the rolling pen his mind went blank. He had been taking amphetamines and opium daily and had injected some that morning. According to his account, he had become addicted to it while serving in Korea during the war.

"What will happen to me now?" Bowen asked an officer after finishing his confession.

"Friend, you've just bought yourself a one-way ticket to hell. You gonna ride the lightning!" was the reply.

Although, he was employed at the time, Bowen claimed to have no resources with which to hire an attorney and the court appointed James W. Baker to represent him.

On Nov. 14, 1961, William S. Bowen Jr. was arraigned. A trial date was set for Dec. 5, 1961. Before the trial, lawyer Baker offered to plead his client guilty to first-degree murder for the reduced sentence of life in prison. The offer was rejected, so Baker pled his client "not guilty by reason of in-

sanity."

Circuit Judge Elbert Parsons presided over the case which was prosecuted by Solicitor Thomas N. Younger and his assistant, David L. "Dea" Thomas. The trial's outcome was almost a foregone conclusion. The state paraded a steady stream of witnesses in front of the jury to corroborate Bowen's confession, which was the state's whole case and had been obtained with the help of an informer. There was no hard evidence that Bowen was the killer, only his word and that of the informer, who ironically testified as a friend of Bowen.

The jury took less than two hours to render a verdict of guilty. Bowen stood before the judge with his hands clasped in front of him, apparently unmoved as the judge sentenced him to death. His only comment was that he "deserved it."

Later, Bowen asked for a meeting with prosecutor Younger. After shaking hands Bowen broke the ice saying "no hard feelings."

Younger replied "It's just a job."

On Jan. 15, 1965, some three years after his conviction, Bowen ate a heavy meal and went unassisted to the death chamber where he joked with guards as they strapped him in the electric chair, preparing him to "ride the lightning."

Bowen died without ever knowing the identity of the friend

who had betrayed him and sent him to the chair.

The informer was killed in a honky-tonk brawl a few years later.

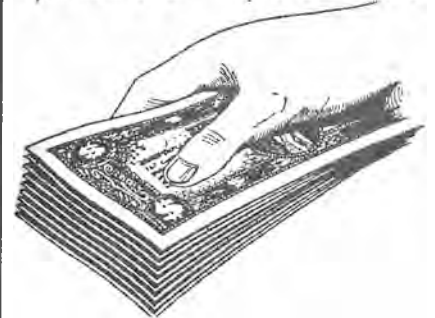
Fred Simpson is the author of Sins of Madison County. The book tells in vivid detail of Huntsville's darkest period; a time when mobs ruled the streets and vigilantes lynched people with no interference from the authorities.

HUNTSVILLE LOANS

Your Small Loan Company

Not a check cashing or title pawn.

\$75.00 - \$600.00



**1004 Jordan Lane
Suite 6**

Subject to our liberal credit policy

512-5551



L. THOMAS RYAN, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

**2319 MARKET PLACE, SUITE B
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801**

**TELEPHONE
(256) 533-1103**

**FAX
(256) 533-9711**

ESTATE PLANNING, LIVING TRUSTS, WILLS, PROBATE

No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.

**Visit Our
Web Site**

WWW.oldhuntsville.com

Wildcat Caught on Keel Mountain

from 1915 Newspaper

Revenue Officer Bennett found a wildcat still on Keel's mountain last week and caught two persons, a man named Atchley and a woman, Mrs. Pearl Conley, at work making the sparkling dew. Conley, husband of the woman, made his escape. After destroying the still and emptying beer, singlings, etc. on the ground, the officer brought the prisoners to Scottsboro and placed them in jail.

In a trial Saturday before Judge of Probate James B. Hackworth each were given a fine of fifty dollars and costs amounting to \$96.66.

The place where the still was found was an ideal spot near a large basin surrounded by huge frowning cliffs, a narrow passage way leading directly under a large bluff quite a distance and emerging into a room thirty feet in circumference.

The operator of the still then made an excavation in the wall and placed the still of "effervescent joy" back in this receptacle and unmolested for some time was monarch of all he surveyed until in an evil hour the dreaded Revenuer arrived and destroyed his playhouse.

The sole reason for a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's REALLY in trouble.

BOOK PUBLISHING
1-256-534-0502

Old Huntsville Gift Shoppe

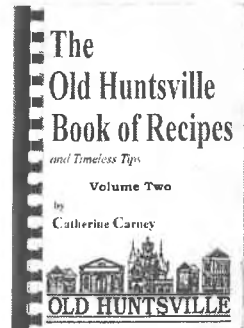


Old Huntsville Book of Recipes and Remedies

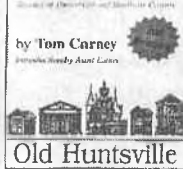
Volume 2

\$15.95

Hard to find recipes and wonderful timeless tips! One of the most unique cookbooks you will ever own with some of the best recipes you will ever taste!



Portraits in Time



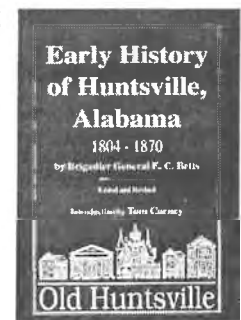
Portraits In Time

\$17.95 Over 300 pages of entertaining stories from Huntsville and Madison County. Famous and infamous - bootleggers, murderers and judges - they are all here in a book you will treasure forever! Now you can read the stories that your ancestors lived through!

Early History of Huntsville, Alabama, 1804-1870

\$12.95

A fascinating look at the Huntsville of over a century ago! Fascinating to read and hard to put down - It's a must for anyone interested in Huntsville's history!



\$15.95

The Old Huntsville Photo Album on CD Rom!

The largest selection of Old Huntsville photos ever offered to the public. Photos from the Civil War all the way up to when our city became the Rocket City! Almost five hundred photos on one CD!



Subscribe to

Old Huntsville Magazine

Get a full year's worth of the stories about Huntsville you will find nowhere else! Still only \$15.00 a year! Sorry, no credit card orders for subscriptions.

To order by mail send your check to: Old Huntsville, 716 East Clinton Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. Enclose \$2.00 shipping and handling. Credit card orders call 256-536-1604. All orders will be filled as soon as received.

What Do You Give Someone Who Has Just About Everything?



How About The Gift Of Friendship?

Upon reaching a certain age, most people have all the stuff they could ever want, so what would they really appreciate as a gift? How about friends? A group of folks their own age to share the best years of their lives? Sounds like a gift membership in the National Association of Senior Friends.

What comes with a membership in an association so exclusive it takes 50 years to get in?

- *A national magazine*
- *Health & wellness information*
- *Social events & travel opportunities*
- *Friends to last a lifetime and much more!*

More than 330,000 adults over 50 who are both employed and retired, have already joined Senior Friends, participate in group activities and learn about health and wellness in an atmosphere of fun. And best of all for you, a membership in Senior Friends is available at the low cost of **just \$15**.

So don't agonize over trying to find that perfect gift at the mall, act now by picking up the phone and calling **(256) 880-4131** or sending in the form below.



To join or purchase a gift membership, clip this form, make check payable to Senior Friends, and send to:
 Senior Friends • Crestwood Medical Center • Professional Bldg., Ste. 110 • One Hospital Drive • Huntsville, AL 35801

First Name	MI	Last	Gender	Date of Birth
Address		City	State	Zip
Telephone				
SECOND MEMBER				
First Name	MI	Last	Gender	Date of Birth
Address		City	State	Zip
Telephone				

If this is a gift membership, please fill in the name and phone number of the giver below:

- Individual, One-Year Membership (\$15)
 Couples, One-Year Membership (\$25)
 Individual, Two-Year Membership (\$25)
 Couples, Two-Year Membership (\$45)