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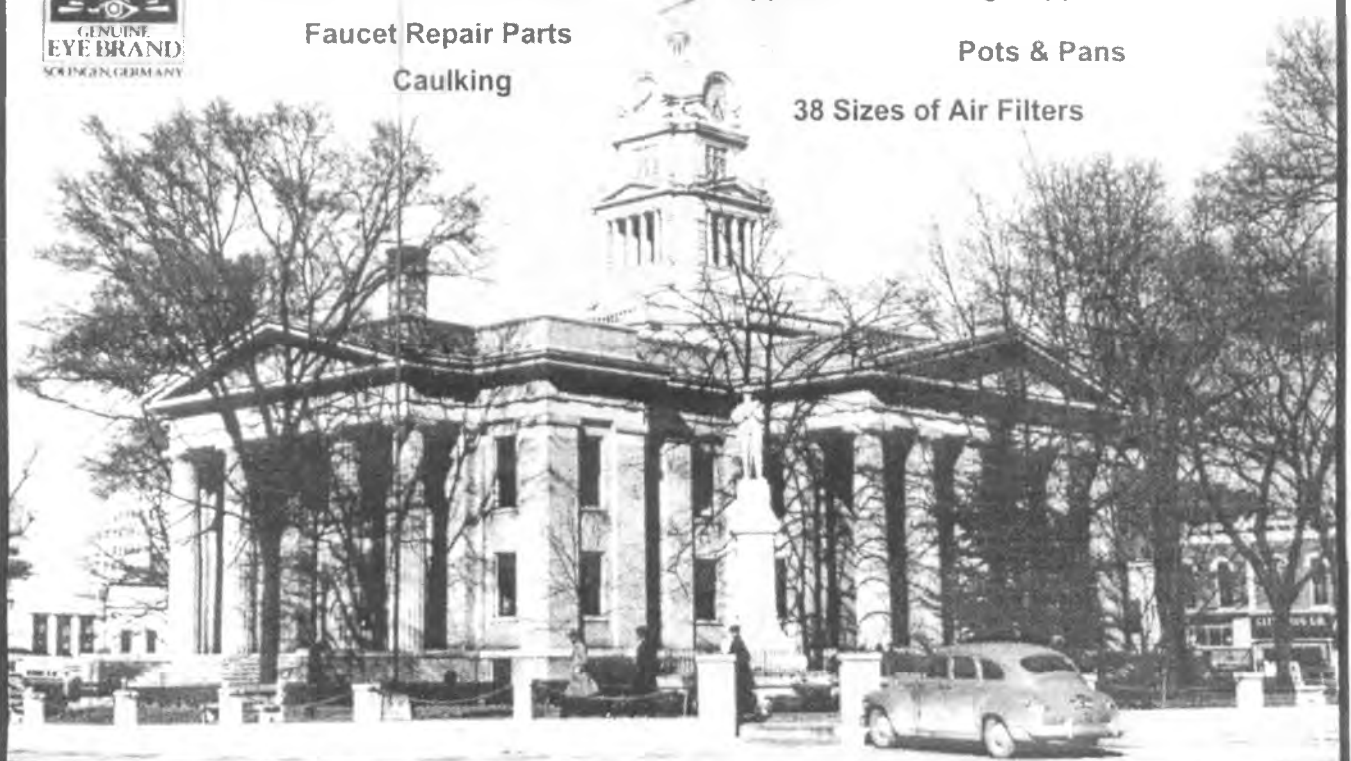
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"I don't think I'm going to go to my graduation."

The words hung heavily in the small room as Kenneth Younger struggled for the right words to explain the decision to his parents. "It's not that big of a thing anyway and there's no sense in wasting the money."

Mr. Younger paused while repairing an old pair of shoes and looked at his son. Kenneth would be the first one in the family, within memory, to graduate from high school. Hopefully, with an education, he would also be the first in the family to break the bondage of poverty that had become a way of life for much of the rural south.

"Don't worry," Younger finally said, "You're going to graduate and you're going to wear a new suit."

In 1936 a new suit was almost like a rite of passage for boys graduating from high school. Families would scrimp and save diligently to purchase a new suit for their sons, many of whom had never worn anything but overalls all their lives. Many young boys, whose fami-

lies could not afford a suit, chose to skip the ceremony rather than wear overalls and suffer embarrassment when everyone else were dressed in suits.

The few boys who showed up for graduation wearing a new pair of overalls were often referred to as "blues," a derisive term stemming from the blue dye in a new pair of overalls that would often stain the skin a dark blue when wet.

One writer, describing Southern culture during the depression, estimated that one out of every four boys missed his graduation because he didn't have the proper clothes to wear.

Kenneth never thought of his family as being poor. Most of the other families he knew lived the same way; with an outhouse out back, kerosene lamps for lighting, and pinto beans almost every day for supper. On the first Monday of each month they would go to town for their "government commodities" of cheese, beans, grits and, sometimes, canned meat which had a way of going rancid after being opened for a few hours.

If anything, Kenneth thought, his family was pretty well off, all things considered. They had almost an acre of land, only a half mile off Whitesburg Pike, with a three room house that had originally been a log cabin before his grandfather had covered it with siding. A garden provided most



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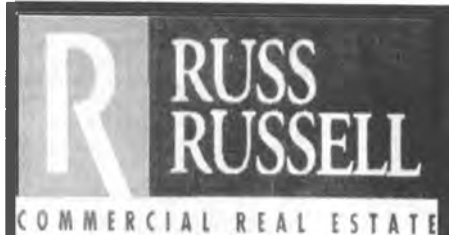
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of their food and there were always rabbits, squirrels, doves and quail for fresh meat. Less than a mile away was the Tennessee River where his father caught fish in homemade fish traps. The fish was then peddled in town from the back of what had once been a 1920 something Ford before someone sawed it in half and made a truck out of it.

The few dollars earned from selling fish was deposited in a coffee can that sat on a high shelf in the kitchen. Usually it was barely enough to buy the few staples not grown in the garden, pay the insurance man and purchase an occasional cheap shirt or a pair of shoes. Other items, more expensive, had to wait until the fall when cotton picking started.

For many kids in Huntsville schools it was referred to as "cotton picking vacation" but it wasn't any vacation. The schools would close during the harvest to allow the children to work in the fields alongside their parents. If the cotton was good, one could, by working sun-up to sun-down, pick two hundred pounds a day, which at two cents a pound, was four dollars a day. Often times a family could make ten or twelve dollars a day which, for many, was the most money they would see all year.

Almost as familiar as the

faded overalls most boys wore was the yearly trek to Montgomery Wards by parents whose sons were about to graduate. There, by paying two dollars down, they could layaway a suit and have it paid for by the time cotton picking season ended.

Kenneth's parents were determined he would have a new suit to wear at his graduation and, although there was less than four dollars in the coffee can, they insisted he accompany them to Montgomery Wards. The array of suits was awesome for a family who rarely ventured into a department store. There were blue suits, black suits and grey suits all in a vast assortment of fabrics and styles.

Kenneth and his mother examined the different suits carefully before finally narrowing the choice down to two, a black suit and a dark blue one with wide lapels. Turning to his father, they asked his opinion. Somewhat embarrassed, Mr. Younger confessed he had no idea; he had never owned a suit.

With the help of a salesperson they finally decided on the right suit with a white shirt and colorful tie. Shoes would have to wait, but they thought that with enough polish they could make do with the ones he already had. The bill was \$32.65 and Mr. Younger paid the customary two

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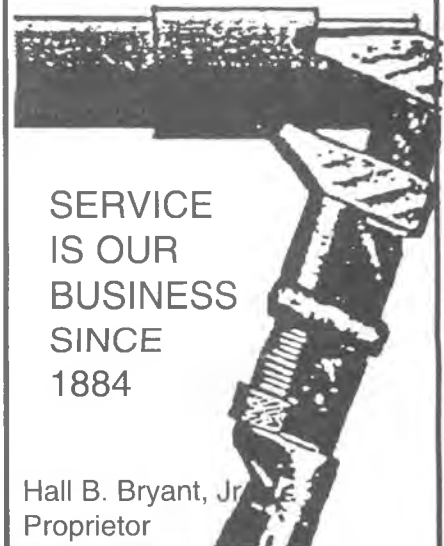


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No one ever accused Mr. Younger of being lazy. From the time he and his wife had gotten married almost thirty five years earlier he had worked from daylight to dark doing what ever he could do to earn money. Besides selling fish, he would cut and deliver firewood from the nearby woods. Unfortunately, the neighbor who owned the woods took half the money and after paying gas, it was often a losing business. When there was nothing else to do he spent hours in the nearby mountains looking for ginseng or in the fields searching for arrowheads. A man from Knoxville would come through every year and purchase the arrowheads, sometimes paying as much as ten dollars for a small bucketful.

Every day Mr. Younger would examine the cotton in the nearby fields trying to gauge when it would be ready to pick. Finally, with the ripe cotton almost spilling from its bolls, word went out that the cotton growers were hiring. At first light the next morning, and with their picking sacks folded under their arms, Kenneth and his parents walked to the main road where they waited

only a few minutes before a truck pulled up.

"Two cents a pound," said the driver. Nodding in agreement, they climbed into the back of the truck which was already crowded with other pickers trying to ward off the early morning chill. A short drive of several miles took them to a cotton field where sixty or seventy other people were milling around. The country was in the middle of a depression and thousands of people were wandering from town to town willing to pick cotton for anything they could get.

With so many pickers, the field was been stripped clean that afternoon. Still, the Youngers were almost jovial about their day's labor. Between the three of them they had made almost eleven dollars to put in the coffee can. Secure in the knowledge there would be other fields the next day they returned home that night to a late supper and liberal applications of liniment. A couple more days, they figured, and the suit could be paid off and then they could start saving money.

The following morning the scene was repeated, except this time the driver only offered one and a half cents per pound. "Got all the pickers we need," he said, "take it or leave it."

Shaking his head "No," Younger decided to wait on another truck. A few minutes later another truck pulled up with the same offer: "You may as well take

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The field that day was hard picking with stunted cotton plants and rows overgrown with weeds and briars. The plants were too short to pick while bending over and the numerous rocks made working on scraped knees almost unbearable. That evening, after they settled up at the scales, they went home with a little more than seven dollars and two arrowheads they figured were worth a quarter apiece. Still, they reasoned, it was more than they had before.

The following day was even worse. The pay had dropped to one cent a pound and there were still more pickers than needed. Day after day the Youngers waited patiently as trucks that had once searched for workers now sped by without even slowing down. Occasionally they would get a day's work in some hard-scrabble field that most pickers would pass by. Sometimes they earned seven or eight dollars; other times it might be just four or five but it all went into the coffee can.

And then the rain began.

It started as a light shower

one night, not hard but just enough so that it was almost mid-day by the time the workers were allowed to go into the fields. That evening, however, dark storm clouds rolled across the Valley, accompanied by thunderous claps of thunder and lightning. Cotton fields quickly turned into sticky red quagmires and streams overflowed their banks.

After several days of being cooped up in the house, Mr. Younger, despite pleas from his wife, decided to brave the pouring rain to check his fish traps on the river. It was late that evening, after dark, when he returned, soaking wet and mud splattered. In between fits of coughing and shivering he told what had happened. The raging waters had swept his fish traps away and he had searched for hours before finally giving up and returning to his truck. When he tried to start it there was only a grinding noise - the starter had gone out. The rain was coming down even harder as Younger began walking home. By the time he reached there he was shivering uncontrollably.

Early the next morning, after

taking money from the coffee can, Kenneth walked to the main road where he caught a ride to a junk yard to buy another starter for the truck. By the time he got home that afternoon, his father's

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condition had worsened. He was running a high fever and was coughing almost constantly. Kenneth helped move his father's bed into the kitchen where it was warmer and all that night Kenneth and his mother took turns sitting with him.

Day after day passed and the sickness continued. The fever finally broke but the coughing got worse. About a week later Kenneth got up one morning to get ready for school and found his mother sitting at the kitchen table carefully counting the money in the coffee can.

"You're not going to school today," she said. "We're taking your father to the doctor."

Mr. Younger was adamant, refusing to even consider spending money on a doctor. "Ain't no one in this family ever graduated

or had a new suit and my son is going to be the first."

"Ain't no one in this family ever been to a doctor neither but you're going to be the first!" The look on his wife's face ended the argument.

The doctor's diagnosis was brief but to the point. "It's settled in your lungs. There's not much we can do but prescribe some medicine and have you come back in a couple weeks. Just don't try to do any work." The total bill was \$23.00, leaving only \$3.00 to put back in the coffee can. Despite Kenneth's objections, Mr. Younger insisted on stopping at Montgomery Wards to pay another \$2.00 on the lay away.

The next few months were a blur for Kenneth as he struggled to earn enough money to support the family and pay the doctor's bills. Cotton picking season was over but it was time to pick bolls; filling sacks full of cotton bolls and sitting in front of the fireplace at night trying to salvage tiny strands of cotton that had been left by the pickers. Sometimes, on Saturdays, he would get a day's work at one of the nearby farms. On days when his father had a doctor's appointment, Kenneth would skip school and get up early in the morning to check the fish traps.

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Then, while his father was at the doctor's, Kenneth would spend the morning trying to peddle the fish. When he was done he would meet his father downtown on the courthouse steps.

Evenings were a time for chopping wood, drawing water and the thousands of other small tasks around a farm that his father had once done and that Kenneth had always taken for granted. Regardless of how hard he worked there were never enough hours in the day and the coffee can stayed empty. It seemed as if every penny he earned went to the doctor; then the truck broke down again, costing even more money.

Finally one evening, bone tired and giving up hope of ever earning enough money for the bills and pay off the layaway, Kenneth angrily confronted his parents. "I'll finish school but I'm not going to graduation. All I ever do is work to give the money to someone else!"

The sudden outburst caught Kenneth's parents by surprise. Finally his mother, with a barely controlled anger in her voice replied, "Son, that's what your father has been doing for years."

The winter dragged on and then it was springtime. Kenneth attended school during the week and got work in the fields chopping cotton whenever he could. He still brought his father to the doctor and he still tried to peddle fish, but the coffee can stayed empty.

One day, several weeks before the end of the school year, Kenneth's father announced that he was going to drive himself to the doctor. Kenneth protested, saying he was too weak to drive himself, but the old man, in between coughing spells, insisted and ordered Kenneth to school.

That day after school Kenneth asked the bus driver to let him off at a neighboring farm. There he worked chopping cotton until dark before walking the two miles on to home. As soon as he entered the house he knew

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something was different. Both his parents were sitting in front of the fireplace, not saying anything but with big smiles on their faces.

As he bent down to kiss his mother on the cheek he noticed something hanging on the wall behind her. It was a new suit, black with wide lapels and a crisp new white shirt. On the same hanger was a new tie with colorful flowery designs. Kenneth was speechless; his first thought was, "how?"

"Your father bought it," his mother explained. "He's been saving money."

The next week was a happy one for Kenneth. He still worked from dawn to dusk but thoughts of tired muscles were now replaced by thoughts of graduation and having a new suit. Sometimes at night the family would sit and stare at the suit, debating on whether it would be bad luck to try it on before gradua-

tion. Kenneth's father was especially proud, declaring it "the most handsome suit he had ever seen."

One Friday night, just days from graduation, Kenneth's mother woke him from a sound sleep with tears running down her cheeks. "I need you to go to the telephone. Your Pa just died."

After the undertaker had come and gone, the house suddenly seemed so empty. His mother sat in front of the fireplace staring straight ahead, alone with her grief. Kenneth busied himself by gathering clothes for his father to be buried in and trying to find the insurance policy. Opening a cigar box, he began sorting through the papers when suddenly his attention was riveted by a small bunch of papers held together by

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They buried Mr. Younger two days later. At the funeral people said they had never seen such a pretty day and that he looked so natural dressed in a new suit with a white shirt and colorful tie.

Kenneth graduated from high school the following day. He still has a photograph of the ceremony. He's the proud one in the second row, the one in overalls.

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Uncle Bill

The Bootlegger

by Charles Martin

The first memories I have of my uncle Bill was when I was about nine or ten years old back in the 1920s. I remember spending the night with my cousins and being woke up at all times of the night when people would knock on the door. After a few minutes whispered conversation, my uncle would give them a bottle in a brown paper bag.

At the time I supposed I just assumed my uncle had a lot of friends. It was several years before I realized he was a bootlegger.

Uncle Bill sold moonshine. He would buy several gallons at a time and dispense it in half pint and pint fruit jars. Friday nights were always his busiest time and us kids were warned to stay out of the kitchen.

Sometimes we would sneak and watch what was going on. I remember a bunch of men drinking and playing cards. I don't remember there ever being any trouble.

Uncle Bill had a small room built on the house, next to the kitchen, for a bathroom, only it wasn't a bathroom. There was a commode that fed into a wash tub under the house. When he got raided he would pour the liquor down the commode and after the law left he would retrieve it and bottle it again.

One time he got raided and he just barely had time to pour the booze down the commode. After the deputies had searched in vain and were about to leave, one of them excused himself, saying he had to go to the bathroom.

I hope Uncle Bill didn't bottle that whiskey again.

Another time he was walking into the house carrying a glass gallon jar of moonshine when deputies sneaked up on him. Thinking fast, my uncle threw the jar with all of his might against a large rock. Instead of breaking it simply bounced off the rock like a rubber ball and rolled to where one of the deputies was standing.

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not arrest Uncle Bill.

We all knew what he did for a living but, somehow, it just didn't seem that bad back then. I don't remember him ever saying a curse word or raising his voice.

Aunt Jemma never talked about her husband bootlegging. She always referred to it as "Bill's business." The only argument I ever recall them having was when Uncle Bill confiscated two boxes of canning jars that she had purchased.

Family legend has it that when he died Aunt Jemma put a half pint in his coffin.

Sidewalks for the Courthouse

from 1888 newspaper

Last evening at a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, a petition was presented asking that a sidewalk be built around the courtyard fence by he city of Huntsville.

One conception of the rights of the city in this case is, that the city of Huntsville owns the property outside of the court yard, as they do all the sidewalks and streets in the city.

We anticipate that on the subject of the walk around the court yard, the city will receive cold comfort and little money from the County Commissioners for the sidewalks.

J.L. Phillips and a Dallas young lady have vanished - thought to be in St. Louis

The disappearance of J. L. Phillips, a well-known employee of the Dallas Mills and Miss Ada Horton of Dallas village, have led their families to believe that they have eloped and are now in St. Louis. Phillips is a married man and has 3 children.

Miss Horton left here last Saturday and went to Stevenson. Phillips departed that night and it is said that he joined Miss Horton at Stevenson. Nothing has been heard from them since then. It is not believed that Mrs. Phillips will have her husband arrested. According to one report she has expressed relief that he is gone and prevented her brothers from taking up pursuit.

from 1904 newspaper

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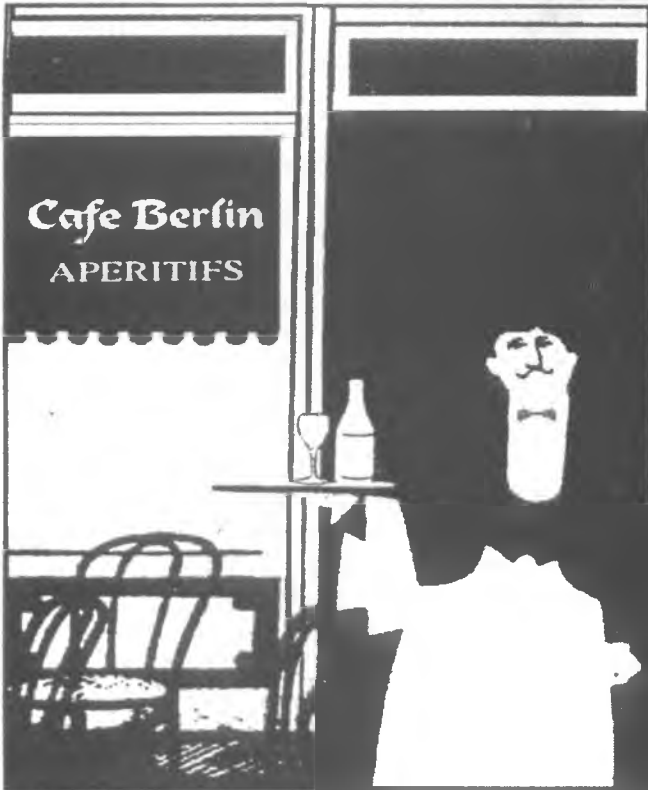
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Heard On The Street

by Cathey Carney



Congratulations to **Nancy Hollingsworth** for correctly guessing the picture of the month for May. It was none other than **Lynn Berry**, with the **Huntsville Historic Foundation**.

The ribbon cutting for **Aunt Eunice's Country Kitchen** (museum) at the Huntsville Depot was held May 21. She would have been proud.

Our **Mayor, Loretta**, was at the ribbon cutting. When she spoke of Aunt Eunice she had tears in her eyes, and that was exactly how the rest of us felt.

Congratulations to **Annetta (Barnes) Martinson**, the very first Homecoming Queen of Huntsville High. She celebrated her 90th birthday this past April and son **Doug Martinson**, and grandsons, threw a big birthday celebration for her at the Ledges.

Boy, we see our pal, **Glenn Watson**, everywhere shaking hands and talking to people. He has been a good city councilman and we need to keep him around.

There are lots of June wedding anniversaries. **Chuck and Annelie Owens** will be celebrating their **57th**, **Ken and Diane Owens** will have a big **34**.

Curtis J. Hall, best banjo

picker in the whole wide world, and his lovely wife **Carol Banton-Hall** are celebrating their 7th anniversary in June. They act like they're still on their honeymoon!

We were so sad to hear about the death of **Behn Taylor**, a wonderful man who always had a big smile for everyone. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, **Betty** and daughter, **Paula Perkins**, as well as his son, **Larry Taylor**.

Our good friend, **Bud Cramer**, has really been working hard in D.C. to make sure there are no cutbacks on the Arsenal. He has always amazed us by the way he makes time to talk to so many people when he is home for the weekends.

Congratulations to our friend **David Driscoll** who just opened up his new business, **Driscoll Communications**. We know he will be a success. We were very sorry about the death of David's father, **Michael P. Driscoll**. He died the week after Aunt Eunice died, and we know you miss him.

CASA Gardens recently invited the public to a celebration of **Terry Ford's** life and his con-

tributions to the community. Terry will be missed by everyone who ever knew him.

We keep seeing more and more campaign buttons supporting **Mary Jane Caylor** for mayor. She's been around for a long time and has a lot of friends.

We recently saw our friend **Brenda Rigsby, Coppertop Bar & Grille** owner, and she caught us up on the latest. Her husband, **Jim**, is off on another adventure - that man will never retire!

We were sorry to hear **Dave Gallagher's** (Microwave Dave) Mom died recently. We send out good wishes to his family.

Congratulations to **Vanessa Rigsby** who recently got inducted into the Junior National Honor Society and a special hello goes out to **"Sam" Dodsworth**.

We saw our buddy, City Council man **Bill Kling** and his lovely wife **Tanji** recently. He's really enjoying this political season, especially because he does not have to run for re-election this time.

We were so saddened to learn

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of the death of **Ailene Moore** of Hurricane Creek. There are some people about whom mere words will never be able to describe the goodness in their hearts - Ailene was such a person. She was fatally injured while riding a horse on her birthday. She was 93.

The roads in **Hurricane Creek** have never been in such great shape. Could the County Commissioner's race have anything to do with it?

Nita and **Pete Batt** did their courting at Aunt Eunice's restaurant back when it was open at night! They sure do miss her.

Jeanette & Sam Davis just celebrated 30 years of marriage at **Paul's Chophouse**. Congratulations to you both!

We recently heard about the birth of **Natalie Elizabeth Phillips**. **Vivian Cruse** is ecstatic and already acting like the proud grandmother.

Our buddy **Parker Griffith** is really shaking up the mayor's race. Every time we turn around we hear of someone else who is supporting him. This will be the race to watch.

A special hello to **Becky Sanford** and **Rachael Buckelew**.

It is always good to see our friends **Jim** and **Carolyn Rountree** - one of the best-looking couples you'll see anywhere in North Alabama!

Congratulations to **Pat Miller**, who just recently retired after 22 years of service as a crossing guard at the corner of Clinton and Andrew Jackson. We're going to miss her wonderful smile every day.

Horace and **Frances Coltrane** just celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Huntsville Country Club. We hear they had a great time!

We also hear that **D. J. Clark** just retired from Meadow Gold. Get your fishing poles ready!

Two more lovebirds, **Tillman** and **Helen Williams**, just cel-

ebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on May 20th! That's a long time! Also, **Tillman** was recently honored for his 50 years in the insurance business.

Mr. Robert Martin is so happy his son **Randy** is home safe from Mosul, Iraq. **Randy** is 877th Battalion commander for 603 soldiers and he's proud that there were no losses or injuries suffered in his entire unit.

We saw **Billy Bell**, **Jay Gates**, **Derek Simpson**, **Gen. Bob Drolet**, **Tim Morgan** and **Della Evans** at the Aunt Eunice museum ribbon-cutting. Also there was **Michael Lindley**, who did much of the restoration of the museum at the Depot. And we saw **Lindsey Clarke**, who donated his woodworking skills.

We were so sorry to learn of the death of **Judge Howard Burns** of Athens. He was a much-loved man who really cared about people.

Howard and **Jan Camp** recently traveled to Iowa to visit Jan's uncle, who is very sick. We hope he is doing better.

That's it for now, have a wonderful and safe month!

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- 1 t. vanilla extract

Mix dry ingredients together, then add milk. Cook in top of double boiler, stirring constantly, until desired thickness is achieved, then add vanilla. Pour over hot buttered biscuits.

Nell's mother's recipe

Turnips

Place cleaned, diced turnip roots in shallow pan and cover with water. Salt to taste. Cover and boil about 10-12 minutes, drain. Season with pepper and butter to taste.

Mrs. George A. Martin

Southern Fried Okra

- 4 c. sliced okra, fresh or frozen
- 1 c. yellow corn meal
- 1/2 c. plain flour
- 2 t. garlic pepper
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cayenne
- 5 T. olive oil

Pour okra into large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl mix the corn meal, flour, and spices. Pour flour mixture into the okra slices and mix well. Heat olive oil in a large fry pan, pour in the coated okra as one layer. Fry at medium high, flipping frequently to brown on all sides. Serve hot.

Cathey Carney

Good Hot Sandwich

- 1 slice white bread
- Mayonnaise
- 1 slice cheese
- 1 slice tomato
- 1/2 slice uncooked bacon
- 1 T. minced onion

- Salt and pepper
- Seasoned salt

Spread bread with mayonnaise and stack next 4 ingredients in order. Season to taste. Bake at 350 degrees til bread is nicely browned and bacon crisp. Serve hot with fruit salad

Mrs. Milton Anderson, Sr.

Easy Pineapple Sherbet

- Juice of 3 lemons
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 qt. whole milk
- 1 small can Pet milk
- 1 - #1 can crushed pineapple, drained

Add lemon juice to sugar, Stir in milks, add pineapple. Pour in refrigerator tray, stir occasionally as it freezes.

Mrs. W. C. Smith

Egg Custard Pie

- 1 c. milk
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- 1 unbaked pie shell

Pour milk in saucepan and allow to warm over very low heat; add butter and vanilla. Mix sugar and flour and add to slightly beaten eggs; mix well. Add milk mixture to this and mix well. Pour in pie shell and sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes.

Nell's mother's recipe

Deep-Fried Tuna Balls

- 1 small can tuna
- 1 egg
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 t. each salt & pepper
- 3/4 c. plain flour

Mix all together and form balls. Drop into hot grease and fry til golden brown.

Stefanie Troup

Bourbon Franks

- 1 14-oz. bottle catsup
- 3 c. bourbon
- 1 c. dark brown sugar
- 4 8-oz. pkgs. small cocktail franks

In a large saucepan mix all ingredients except franks. Cover and simmer for 2 hours. Add franks and simmer 5 minutes. Serve in a chafing dish. Made in advance, this is even better!

Ron Eyestone

Banana Salad

- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/2 c. sugar
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 T. sweet cream
- 1 c. roasted peanuts, chopped

8 bananas

On top of double boiler place first three ingredients, cook over boiling water, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add cream. Cool totally, slice bananas crosswise into a bowl. Add peanuts, add sauce to the bananas and toss. Sauce can be made earlier in the day. Mix together just before serving.

Peggy Hawkins

Brandy Ice

- 1 qt. vanilla bean ice cream
- 4 oz. brandy

Using your blender, blend the ice cream and brandy, and freeze. Blend again just before you serve, and dip it into elegant glass as slush.

Diane Owens

Parmesan Pasta

- 1 pkg. spaghetti
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese

Boil spaghetti in salted water for 8 minutes. Drain, wash with cold water. In small pot,

melt butter and cook over medium heat til it browns.

Add spaghetti and stir til thoroughly drenched with butter. Remove from heat, stir in cheese, sprinkle with parsley and serve.

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Made In Huntsville

by Charles Rice

"The MADISON WORKS, this place, Messrs. J. R. Young & Co., are now engaged in casting cannon, 6 pounders. They will make good shooting irons, we predict." So reported the Southern Advocate of Huntsville to its readers on June 3, 1861.

The outbreak of war caught the South woefully unprepared to do battle with the much more industrialized North. Indeed, the Confederacy seemed lacking almost everything needed to fight for its independence, even such obvious necessities as guns and gunpowder. To help fill the shortage, iron and brass foundries across the South shifted their production to war items, and the Madison Iron Works of Huntsville was no exception.

The Madison Iron Works was a thriving business on the west side of Mill Street only a block away from the Memphis and Charleston Railroad depot. The large multi-story brick buildings normally produced items of a more peaceable nature. Their pre-war advertisements offered mill machinery castings and gin gears for plantation owners, plus stoves, coal grates, fire dogs, ovens, bakers, skillets, stew pots,

sink pans, and wash tubs for the housewife. Some of the iron fences and balconies that still exist in Huntsville's historic districts might well have been produced by the Madison Iron Works.

The Madison Iron Works were owned by the firm of J. R. and Company, which was composed of John R. Young, Andrew D. Lighton, Joseph Armbruster, and John Z. Hamel. John Young was a Connecticut Yankee who had moved his family to Huntsville in the early 1850s. He had brought expertise needed with the arrival the Memphis & Charleston Railroad and the accompanying growth of Huntsville. John Hamel was a 32 year-old Canadian who had evidently come about the same time as Young. Both Hamel and Lighton had married Huntsville girls in 1855, Hamel's bride being 16 and Lighton's only 15. Joseph Armbruster, a 29 year-old native of Wuerttemberg, Germany, was a machinist.

Possibly using the city's old brass howitzer as a pattern, John Young set to work manufacturing big guns for the South. On July 17, 1861, the Huntsville Demo-

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What are Municipal Bonds?

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Why are Municipal Bonds Different?

Unlike other bonds, the interest earned from municipal bonds is exempt from federal taxes. Additionally, depending on where you live, if you buy bonds from a governing authority in your home state, your earnings may be exempt from state and even local taxes as well. Keep in mind that only the interest is tax-free; you may have to pay capital gains tax if you sell the bond before maturity and make a profit. Although interest rates may be lower for municipal bonds than for taxable bonds, when you figure in your tax savings you may be getting a greater return on your investment.

What are some of the Risks?

One potential drawback of owning municipal bonds is known as reinvestment risk, or call risk. This means that you may be forced to reinvest your money into lower-yielding bonds in the event your original bond is called before its maturity date. This usually happens when interest rates are falling, so even though current levels are very low, it's something to be aware of. That's why it is always a good idea to familiarize yourself with any call provisions a bond may have.

Another possible risk associated with municipal bonds—like all bonds—is interest-rate risk. When interest rates rise, bonds with higher rates become more attractive, sending the value of lower interest-rate bonds down. But if you plan to hold your bond until maturity, price fluctuations shouldn't have any impact on your investment. Despite price changes that will occur, once your bond reaches maturity you can expect your full principal to be paid back to you.

Municipal bonds can be a beneficial investment for many investors. Your financial consultant will be able to help you decide if they're right for you. To learn more about the tax advantages municipal bonds offer, and the benefits of bonds in general, schedule an appointment today.



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at the Huntsville Machine Shop of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad three beautiful iron 6 pounders which were cast in our city in the foundry of our enterprising fellow citizen J. R. Young & Company and bored out and finished at the machine shop under Mr. Crawford's directions." Like Young, Crawford was an adopted Southerner. Employed as master machinist at the Memphis & Charleston's Huntsville shop, "Uncle Jimmy" was a good natured Irishman. Crawford also had begun making gun carriages at his railroad shop just north of the depot. Before long a thriving little ordnance operation was underway in Huntsville.

By the middle of August, no less than seven cannon had been cast, bored, and mounted through the combined efforts of John Young and James Crawford. This was no small achievement for a company that had only recently been making mostly household goods. John Young became even more ambitious, trying to produce rifling equipment to turn out even longer range guns for his adopted South. Evidently impressed by their products, Colonel Josiah Gorgas of the Confederate Ordnance Department ordered several of the cannon sent to him at Richmond, Virginia.

Production continued with-

out let up and in November Samuel Tate, an aide to General Albert Sidney Johnston, reported, "I can get six guns a week cut and bored at Huntsville, from 6 pounder to 24 pounder howitzer."

Tragically, John Young died on December 13, 1861, at the early age of only 42. However, cannon construction continued under the supervision of James Crawford. On February 8, 1862, A. J. Hopper, a Memphis & Charleston official, wrote to General Johnston that the Huntsville machine shop had a 6 pounder Parrot gun rifled and mounted on a carriage, though still needing the wheels. Another gun had been bored and rifled, but lacked its carriage.

With this last mention, all record of cannon production in Huntsville ends. Perhaps the casting ceased with the death of John Young, and Jimmy Crawford simply finished those he already had. On the other hand, production might have continued until the city was occupied and the machine shops taken over by the Union forces. Whatever the answer, at least one thing is certain.

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by Dr. Kaylene Hughes,
Senior Historian, US Missile Command Historical Office

More than 50 years ago, fire trucks raced through Huntsville delivering an "Extra" edition of the local newspaper. The 3 July 1941 Huntsville Times' banner headline trumpeted the construction of a \$40 million war plant on the southwestern edge of what was then a quiet town in northern Alabama. A month later, the Army's Chemical Warfare Service broke ground on a new chemical munitions manufacturing and storage facility named Huntsville Arsenal.

The ordnance Corps was attracted to the area by the presence of the Chemical Warfare Service installation. Recognizing the tremendous economy of locating a shell loading and assembly plant close to Huntsville Arsenal, on 8 July 1941, the War

Department announced the establishment of a \$6 million ordnance facility on a 4,000 acre tract east of and adjacent to the neighboring chemical munitions plant. It was hot and sultry in Huntsville on the morning of Oct. 25, 1941, when Major Carl D. Hudson walked to the center of a cotton field and turned over a shovelful of earth. This simple ceremony marked the beginning of construction of the ordnance Corps' seventh manufacturing arsenal, originally known as Redstone Arsenal on 26 February 1943.

During WW II Redstone Arsenal produced such items as burster charges, medium—and major—caliber chemical artillery ammunition, rifle grenades, demolition blocks, and bombs of varying weights and sizes. Be-

tween March 1942 and September 1945, over 45.2 million units of ammunition were loaded and assembled for shipment. The Army's impact on Huntsville was immediate and profound. But few, if any, of the town's citizens could have imagined what a change these installations and the war they were built to sup-

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port would generate in the lives of the women living in Huntsville and the surrounding counties. The Army's initial need for civilian employees was limited to engineers and skilled office personnel. The contractors selected to build the new plants also needed thousands of construction workers. Hundreds of men poured into Huntsville seeking employment. Within a week of the Army's selection of a site, almost 1,200 men had registered after "...the storming of the employment office ... on Monday, [July 7th]. " The local newspaper went on to report that, "Few women have registered, but approximately 200 of those placed on file ... have been Negroes."

War Manpower Commission and U.S. Employment office estimates showed that about 95 percent of the laboring class in Huntsville and the surrounding counties in 1940 were dependent directly or indirectly upon farming. Furthermore, the small percentage of industrial labor available locally was limited to textile manufacturing. In addition, of the more than 6,300 members of the total labor force in Huntsville still unemployed in 1940, about 16 percent were women. These characteristics helped to impede the Army's recruitment of skilled labor, male or female, for its new production facilities.

Several other factors also hampered the Army's efforts to hire needed personnel, including a lack of sufficient numbers of local secretarial and clerical personnel, and the migration of more qualified workers to defense plants on the coast. Another obstacle was the Army's inability to compete with the higher wages being paid by the contractors for certain types of jobs. Compounding these problems were such hindrances as the inadequacy of inexpensive local housing, poor transportation, poor secondary roads, and a large number of seasonal farm workers.

The emphasis in the first two years of production at Huntsville Arsenal was for male help of both races to do the heavy work while white females were employed initially for production line work. Arsenal records noted that no demand was made for large numbers of black female employees until the local labor market was exhausted of white females. The lack of "...toilet facilities to take care of race distinctions peculiar to the South" was the reason

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For quite some time, the basic training at Huntsville Arsenal was of the "on-the job" variety. The urgent need to meet wartime production quotas left little time for operating officials to seriously consider any formal training program at the installation. To acquire additional locally trained skilled labor, the arsenal relied on technical courses offered by the University of Alabama and Auburn University. Conducted two nights a week for 12 weeks, these tuition free "defense training courses" instructed men and women in such fields as basic accounting, structural design, mechanical and electrical maintenance, industrial management, chemistry, and engineering drawing.

Given these educational and employment opportunities, most women initially demonstrated their patriotism in more traditional ways. Like their counterparts elsewhere in America and

Europe, women in Huntsville and the surrounding counties were expected to do their part on the home front. In some areas women quickly took the lead in accomplishing particular tasks to support the nation's war effort. In July 1941, the American Red Cross called upon "every woman and girl in Huntsville and Madison County who knits, crochets or sews..." to cooperate in meeting the deadline for completing the area's assigned quota of sewing.

Throughout WW II local women not only sewed for the Red Cross but helped to wind the thousands of bandages desperately needed in the battle zones of Europe and the Pacific. In addition to their Red Cross work, the city's female inhabitants were active participants in the civilian defense effort. They also learned basic first aid techniques; formed "bicycle brigades" to conserve gasoline and rubber tires; volunteered to work at the local

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The continual loss of male employees to the draft, accompanied as it was by the necessity of filling more jobs with women, impacted Huntsville Arsenal operations more than those of neighboring Redstone Arsenal. Many of the operating officials at the Chemical Warfare Service plant in 1942 opposed an increase in female hiring because the performance of women, especially black women, was an unknown quantity. The Redstone Arsenal commander, on the other hand, had publicized in February 1942 his intentions "...to use women employees wherever possible..." because men would be needed by the armed forces. The first two per diem female workers at Redstone were hired on 28 February 1942. By the close of December 1942, about 40 percent of the people working on the four ordnance production lines were women and jumped to a peak of 62 percent by September 1945.

The women who sought employment at Huntsville and Redstone arsenals during WW II had economic, patriotic, and per-

sonal reasons for working. Although most of these women defense workers certainly appreciated the opportunity to bring in money to help support their families, it was the desire to contribute to the national war effort that gave these "soldiers of production" the incentive to work hard and long at their assigned tasks. Marie Owens, a 31 year old employee of Huntsville Arsenal whose husband was in the Army, expressed to a local reporter in May 1943 that, "I am

interested in carrying on here while the boys do the fighting over there. It is not a question with me as to what I do, nor how hard I work. The harder I work for them here, the sooner they will come home."

Eugenia Holman, a Redstone WOW (that is, Woman Ordnance Worker) explained her reasons for doing defense work in an open letter to a "friend" published in the Redstone Eagle post newspaper in May 1943, "I remember when I came to work

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The first jobs that women were given at Redstone and Huntsville arsenals were administrative or lighter production tasks. The ordnance installation advertised for "minor engineering aids" in January 1942, a position that involved testing and inspecting various metallic materials, mechanical parts, castings, assemblies, and components for ordnance materials. Initially offered a starting salary of \$1,020 a year, the pay scale for men and women entry level employees was subsequently re-

vised to \$5.04 a day, with time and a half for overtime. "Chemical plant workers," according to a 1942 local news report, were to "...be paid good wages in line with their particular jobs." Stacey Posey, a former Huntsville Arsenal employee, recalled that entry level female production workers earned \$3.60 a day. Men at the plant were paid more than the women. She also remembered that the Army paid higher wages for certain jobs deemed to be more hazardous, although women workers in those areas still earned less. For example, men who worked in mustard gas production

were paid \$5.76 daily, while women were paid \$4.40. The principle of equal pay for equal work," adopted by the War Labor Board in 1942, was subsequently implemented at both arsenals as part of the basic War Department philosophy of wage



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administration. This concept was particularly important as women assumed more positions in defense production formerly considered to be within the exclusive domain of men.

In compliance with directives from higher headquarters, and despite local misgivings, many jobs once held by men at Huntsville Arsenal were filled by women as the draft continued to shrink the pool of available male labor. Though apprehensive at first, arsenal officials quickly discovered that jobs such as tool-crib operators, inspectors, clerks, forklift operators, guards, truck drivers, checkers, and press operators could be performed satisfactorily by female employees. Even lingering doubts about the suitability of hiring black women for defense work were soon overridden by the pressing need to meet production demands. In the summer of 1943, Huntsville Arsenal negotiated with officials at Atlanta University to recruit about 100 black women students as production line workers. This group's production performance was later reported as "...very

gratifying to arsenal authorities." The first black women production crews began work at Redstone Arsenal in April 1944. The Redstone Eagle reported that, "From all appearances their work and attendance ... [set] an example any of us would do well to follow."

The movement toward all-female work crews was a gradual one, particularly in those areas where women had never been assigned duty. Women-only crews, supervised by men, were not unusual at Redstone Arsenal even in 1942. By 1943, a woman supervisor and her "...all-girl crew of 15 at Huntsville Arsenal assembled smoke pots and acquired a reputation for being ...one of the most efficient crews at the arsenal. They ... [were] usually ahead on production requirements and ... [were] never known to fall behind."

The overwhelming success of the women "soldiers of production" at Redstone and Huntsville arsenals is substantiated by the fact that the ordnance installation won the Army-Navy "E" Award five times during WW II, while the chemical manufactur-

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ing plant won the coveted award four times for its outstanding record in the production of war equipment. One Huntsville Arsenal foreman, whose support for the war effort was so extensive that he invested his entire salary in war bonds, maintained his willingness "...to stake ... [his crew of women workers] against any group of men for production results."

Although Huntsville's women defense workers were willing and able to do a "man's job," they still maintained their sense of femininity even under the most trying circumstances. For example, most of the women employed on the lines at both arsenals were provided nondescript coveralls and headgear to wear on the job. When the Redstone Arsenal burster line employees were issued new caps "...of a sheer material ... in the shape of a Frenchman's beret;" with matching face masks similar to surgical garb, the women were able to joke about their "new bonnet." A description of the new apparel concluded on the note that, "The caps are worn at the angle which is most becoming to the individual and some of the Bursterettes have really done well with this little problem." In 1942, after the Redstone commander learned that office employees were wearing civilian uniforms at several other installations, a military type uniform was selected for the arsenal's female employees. Interested women voluntarily bought their own outfits, which were the color

of the WW II officer's "pinks." Even those women who could not actually wear the outfit during working hours wanted a uniform. According to the Redstone Eagle, "Every girl on Line 3 has the [complete] outfit ... of the WOW and proudly wears it. It makes her feel that she really is the 'man' behind the man." Years after WW II, one of Redstone Arsenal's historians wrote, "When the call went out for female applicants, hundreds of housewives, mothers, and

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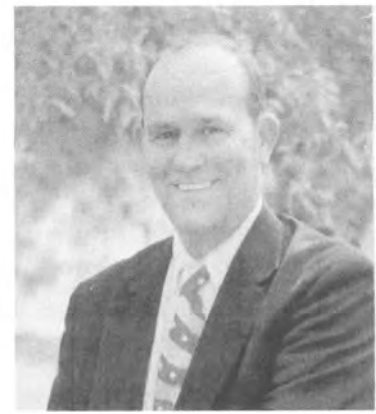
even grandmothers promptly dropped their household tasks and volunteered their services to help defeat the Axis Powers." While it is certainly true that an unprecedented numbers of women responded to their government's call for assistance, they did not have the luxury of "dropping" their family and household obligations to do so. Children had to be cared for; household chores had to be done, either before or after work; shopping and other errands had to be taken care of on the job at Huntsville and Redstone arsenals, women "...daily lived in this world of noise, heat [or cold], vibration, tension, and danger, where carelessness may cause an immediate accident or a disaster." During WW II, a total of five women were killed while on duty, three at Huntsville Arsenal and two at Redstone. Numerous others were hurt seriously, many of whom returned to work once their injuries had healed.

Most of the women employed by the Army had to adjust not only to working outside the home but had to accustom themselves to working under conditions that would have tried the stamina and patience of experienced male industrial workers.

The pressures of work and the strain of trying to keep up with family obligations, the stress of worrying about loved ones fighting in the war or being held prisoner behind enemy

lines, the lack of adequate rest and nutrition, even ill health all contributed to higher levels of absenteeism among women workers. Although at times chastised for failing to display an adequate amount of patriotic favor, most woman did not stay away from work simply to enjoy a leisurely day. Officials at both Army installations in Huntsville recognized the problems faced daily by many of their female employees and sought to address commonplace issues. Counseling services were provided to male and female workers through the employee relations offices at both installations. Huntsville Arsenal also hired a registered nurse to deal with problems hampering the productivity of individual employees. She even traveled to the homes of absent workers to ascertain that any illness keeping personnel off the job was being treated properly.

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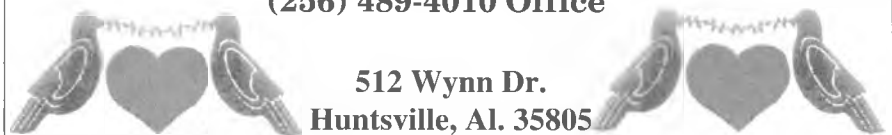
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With the successful conclusion of the war in Europe in May 1945 and the cessation of fighting in the Pacific in August, the need for munitions production abruptly ceased. Redstone Arsenal implemented its first reduction-in-force in June 1945, when about 200 employees were terminated as a "result of adjustments in production schedules..." The majority of those terminated were black women. By

the end of October 1945, all of the ordnance lines had been shut down and the number of female production employees was reduced to zero.

The contribution made by America's women "soldiers of production" during WWII was significant. The importance of women during this period of national crisis was acknowledged then and it is still recognized today.

For example, in November 1942, Huntsville saluted the varied efforts of women by a number of displays in downtown store windows and special programs offered throughout the county. A special salute to "Women At War" arranged by the Huntsville Arsenal Public Affairs officer was broadcast by a local radio station on 15 August 1943. Redstone Arsenal paid tribute in

1944 to the "gallant mothers of fighting men who were working at Redstone and in war plants all over the nation." On 10 May 1994, the U. S. Army Missile Command honored the WWII women defense workers of the Redstone Arsenal complex by renaming the former military recreational area for Easter Posey, the first woman killed in the line of duty on 21 April 1942. The plaque unveiled during the ceremony reads, "Dedicated to the Women Workers of Redstone and Huntsville Arsenals Who Gave Their Lives in Service to Their Country."

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The city busses actually ran every ten minutes through town to the mill villages of Merrimack,

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went on his merry way.

We got our first radio when I was about nine years old. It was a Philco battery model since we did not have electricity, and many of the neighbors would gather in to listen to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday night. All day each Saturday there would be live hillbilly bands playing on the local station.

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I remember when every thing closed on Sunday and if you cut grass or worked the garden or did any kind of labor you were ridiculed by your neighbors. My parents wouldn't even let us play ball, go swimming or fishing on Sunday.

My how things have changed in my lifetime. Back then there was no television, no air conditioners, very few phones. In the Ryland community where I grew up there might have been four or five phones and they were the crank type that hung on the wall and didn't work half the time. The switch board was run by a

blind man named Charlie Lacy. When you made a call you would pick up the receiver, turn the crank and say hello Charlie and he would plug your phone line into the phone line of whomever you wanted to talk to.

When I was a small boy there were very few cars. There were a few A models and T models and I dare say during the summer time revivals at all the churches, which most every one went during revivals, there were

more mules and wagons and horses than there were cars.

Those were hard times, but good times in many ways, cokes and double colas were a nickel, but who had a nickel? It is good to reminisce about the good old days when times were bad as Dolly Parton wrote in the song, but right now I think I will turn up the air conditioner, drink a coke and watch a Gun Smoke rerun on television.



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attention, and he used it to proclaim, "The National Revolution has begun."

Hitler took Kahr's place as the speaker, and then forced the Bavarian leaders to join him in a private room. With gun in hand, he tried to persuade them to turn the Bavarian dictatorship into a national one.

Next morning, after the fiasco of the Beer Hall Putsch, Hitler and Ludendorff led a column of storm troopers toward army headquarters to join Roehm. They approached through a nar-

row street blocked at the end by police. Somebody opened fire. Sixteen police and Nazis lay dead or dying, many more were hurt, and the crowd scattered, including Hitler.

Today, Hitler was found about 40 miles from Munich in a villa belonging to Ernest "Putzi" Hanfstaengl; a Harvard graduate, a former art dealer in New York and a supporter of Hitler's Nazi Party. Hitler was not injured except for a grazed shoulder, apparently hurt as he hit the ground when the shooting started in Munich.

This is expected to spell the end for Hitler's small Nazi party. Already reports have been received indicating the party will be banned.

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More splendors have been uncovered in King Tutankhamen's tomb by Howard Carter and his excavation crew. It was believed nothing could be more exciting than the discovery last January of the pharaoh's personal effects within the outer shrine; yet a second shrine within the first was detected, and it houses even more precious goods.

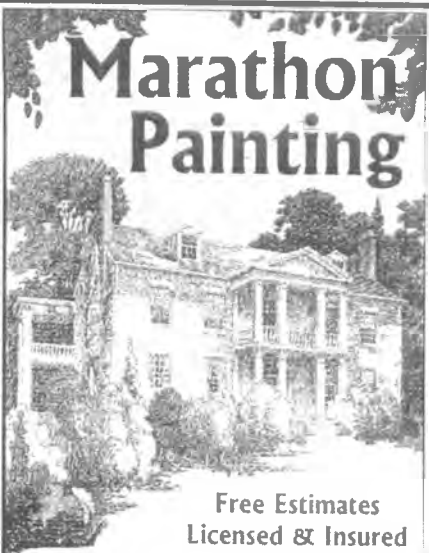
The excavators found the door to the inner shrine with its clay seal intact. They carefully pried it open to reveal a room no eyes had seen for 3,370 years. Facing the men as they stepped inside was a huge alabaster urn laced with gold and silver. Mounted upon it were two god-like figures representing upper and lower Egypt. The neck of this vase is cracked, possibly due to an acidic reaction with its former contents. In two corners of the room are several staves, a scepter and a mace. These are gilded

with gold.

As the excavators cast their lights about, they sighted religious scripture, also etched in gold, lining the walls. The meaning of the other hieroglyphs will remain a mystery until the philologist Dr. Alan Gardiner arrives to decipher them. Less beautiful but just as intriguing is a giant linen coffin cloth, littered with golden flowers, bolted and tied down.

More People in Prison

Montgomery - An Alabama Prison report shows that more people are being convicted of crimes. The detail of the report follows: "Thirty-nine prisoners were sentenced for grand larceny, and 33 for burglary. There were 21 new prisoners sentenced for murder in the second degree, and 17 of assault to murder. Five of the 230 new prisoners were convicted of having more than one wife."



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- Pulling off band-aids can be painful, especially for kids. To make it easier, just use your heated hair dryer on it for a few seconds, it will come right off.

- Do you have very small holes developing in your outdoor screen? You can seal them up with clear nail polish.

- Many food dishes are very bland. To add excitement to your cooking, kick up the garlic, salt and hot peppers a bit, then wait for the applause.

- If you like feeding the birds, add some chopped apples to their menu - they'll love you!

- Most insects hate tobacco juice - just put a few cigarettes or cigars in a spray bottle of water and place in sun 2 days. Use on outdoor areas.

- Your bacon shouldn't curl if you sprinkle it with a little flour before frying.

- Keep a regular blackboard eraser handy in your car to wipe off steamed windows. There will be no smear marks or streaks.

- A couple of coats of dark rose nail polish will make most feet look much better. (Women)

- Camphorated oil will remove those white marks made by hot dishes on a polished table.

- When you don't have a small funnel, use half an egg shell with a hole in the end, place on bottle and pour.

- If you like that crisp, cool feeling in bed at night, buy cheaper sheets. The more expensive, high thread count sheets feel much warmer to your skin.

- Custard should be baked near the bottom of the oven to cook the bottom and prevent the top from scorching.

- When seating your guests, the lady sits to the right of the host. The gentleman sits at

the right of the hostess.

- Before serving dessert all dishes are to be removed from the table, also salt and pepper, and the table is crumbed.

- Lemon or orange oil is perfect for removing shower scum from stained glass windows.

- Clean your fingernails by digging them into a lemon or orange rind.

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Local News From 1889

- George Hardy, aged 31, has been committed for trial on \$2,500 bond on a charge of grand larceny preferred by his sister-in-law, Dora Rane, who alleges that he stole \$50 from her pocket on the day of marriage to her sister. The accused denied the charge and said it was a case of spite. When arrested he had over \$1,200 in his possession. It was said Hardy made a practice of marrying women for money and leaving them on their wedding day. The detectives say he is wanted for a similar charge in Limestone County.

- Since the arrest of two men last week charged with burglary, the Huntsville police have had things their way. Saturday night there was an unusually large number of officers employed and

some were hid out while others patrolled the street. This is told because it is a warning to some poor devil who may think he can burglarize a store in the future and get away with it. Our boys in blue will be in number, especially on Friday and Saturday nights and will not tolerate any suspicious activity.

- Roger Unger has departed for Nashville where he will participate in a foot race against the famed French runner Peter Euclid. The prize is \$1000.00.

- Our city fathers have passed an ordinance which has been on the statute book for some time, forbidding hog pens in the city, yet the nuisance is kept up in defiance of the law.

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The Town of Hazel Green

by Jack Harwell

If you spend any time traveling about Madison County, you will find communities whose origins seem to be lost in the mists of history. But each one has a story to tell.

During the early part of the last century, people flocked to what is now North Alabama from the more populated areas back east. Two of the more popular migration routes intersected about 14 miles north of John Hunt's cabin at the Big Spring. One was the road leading south from Nashville, where the sales of lands in the area were recorded. The other road ran east west toward Athens and was known as the Limestone Road. Also known as the Military Road, it brought many settlers to Alabama from the Carolinas and Virginia.

By 1809 this crossroads had become a busy place. With both hotels and stores, and a spring for watering horses, it was becoming a real town, rivalling the settlement at the Spring to the south. It was during this period that the little community became known as Hazel Green. Travelers passing through the town were struck by the abundance of green hazelnut bushes there. Thus the place where the hazelnuts grew became Hazel Green. One version of this story suggests

that the name was bestowed by none other than Andrew Jackson. This is certainly possible, since the general and future president was a frequent visitor to Huntsville.

Thomas McGeehee came to north Madison County in 1815 and built a mill on a fork of the Flint River about two miles north of Hazel Green. Another settler, Charles Cabiness, built a cotton gin in the same area. Both the McGeehee mill and the Cabiness gin are believed to be the first operations of their kind in Madison County, and possibly in the state.

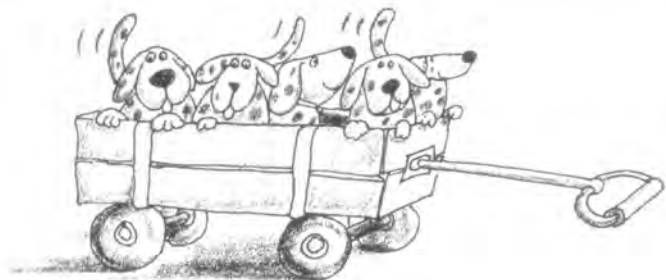
So rapid was Hazel Green's growth that the town incorporated in 1821. Five trustees were elected in August of that year,

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and later there was a treasurer and a constable. At this time, perhaps three or four hundred people lived in Hazel Green, making it the third largest city in the county, behind Huntsville and Triana. A post office had been established in 1819. But the City of Hazel Green was destined for a short life, for the articles of incorporation were repealed by the state legislature in 1830. Hazel Green has been unincorporated ever since, although in the last twenty years there has been some sentiment to reincorporate.

During Hazel Green's days as a popular stopover for Huntsville-bound travellers, one of the favorite lodging places was the Round Mound Inn. Located one mile east of the town, this structure was built in 1847 by a woman with a questionable past. Elizabeth Evans Dale had moved to Hazel Green in 1835, having recently married a man named Gibbons. Gibbons died shortly after arriving in Hazel Green. His widow remarried - but her new husband died soon after. She then married Alexander Jefferies, who owned a large plantation in the area. Eight years later, Jefferies passed on as well, and some locals began to whisper about the woman whose husbands seemed to die

mysteriously.

Elizabeth was a woman of great beauty, which she would retain well past her youth, and had no trouble attracting rich and influential men. Not long after burying Mr. Jefferies, she married Robert High, a Limestone County legislator. He lasted three years. In 1846, Elizabeth married for a fifth time, this time

to Absalom Brown, a merchant of New Market. It was during her marriage to Brown that Elizabeth began construction of the inn, but he was not around for the opening, having died suddenly. Now the rumors were mentioned more openly. It was said that Elizabeth hung the hats of each husband on a rack in an upstairs hallway. Supposedly, the burial



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of Absalom Brown on the grounds of the inn took place late at night.

Elizabeth's sixth marriage, to Willis Routt, fared no better than the others. He soon followed his predecessors to the grave. She then began keeping company with D. H. Bingham, a local schoolteacher. But then matters finally came to a head. A neighbor, Abner Tate, published a book which specifically charged Elizabeth with the murders of her husbands. Tate believed Elizabeth and Bingham to be responsible for legal problems he had been experiencing. The couple brought libel charges against Tate, which were later dropped. Elizabeth sold the inn in 1854 and moved to Mississippi, where, it is assumed. She spent the remainder of her life.

Hazel Green's first residents were attracted to the area by the abundance of fertile farmland, and the town would always remain a farming community. The wealthy cotton planters of antebellum days were replaced after the Civil War by small tract farmers. Meanwhile, the center of population of Madison County shifted to Huntsville.

The road to Huntsville eventually became a paved state highway, which was widened to four lanes in the 1950s. Until inter-

state highways were built, it remained the main road from Huntsville to Nashville. Many of Hazel Green's natives took jobs in Huntsville. But change always came slowly to Hazel Green. A survey done in the mid-50s listed 88 cars and 70 tractors.

The past yields slowly, but inexorably. The Round Mound Inn burned down in 1968. A traffic light now stops traffic at the crossroads where travellers once watered their horses and marvelled at the hazelnut bushes. But Hazel Green is still a town centered at a single crossroads, just as it was 175 years ago. And away from the main roads, land is still being farmed, just as it was in the days of Andrew Jackson.



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They say that Morgan is going to try and take the city back but we are ready for him. We got a lot of defenses and no one would try to overcome them. We march all the time. Last week we went to New Market and I saw the elephant. Some of our boys got killed and a bunch more got

shot up.

This war cannot last much longer because people are going to get tired of killing. People can't kill but so much and they will get tired of it and then there will not be any more wars.

Give Nessie my regards and tell her that she can use my room until I get home. Roy is coming back home on leave soon. He got a bullet but not bad. I hope this war will be over by Christmas and I can come home. Please send me a comb and some real sugar if you can, we don't ever get none of that here.

Don't forget me Ma,
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In the late fall of 1958, a strange caravan pulled into Huntsville. After erecting a large tent on an empty lot, near Washington and Pratt Avenue, they immediately began passing out handbills throughout town.

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Traveling revivals were nothing new to Huntsville. Almost yearly, miracle workers or religious healers would appear in town to stage week long revivals promising to heal the bodies and save the souls.

Of course, the faithful were always expected to make generous donations.

This revival troupe, however, was different. Just how different

soon became apparent when Huntsville got a good look at the newest miracle worker.

A tall man, slim with dark hair, Preacher Ramone was clad in a stylish suit, crafted from light burgundy satin, heavily inlaid with gold brocade.

He was just different enough to stir the curiosity of Huntsville's natives. The first night there were maybe 15 or 20 people scattered throughout the large tent, waiting to be healed, saved, or amused.

The show opened with Preacher Ramone giving a passionate plea to the faithful. After working himself to a feverish pitch, he motioned to his helpers waiting in the wings. Slowly, with a chorus of singers singing softly in the background, the helpers rolled a coffin onto the stage.

Just as the choir finished, and with everyone in the audience waiting to see what would happen next, Preacher Ramone raised the lid of the coffin to re-

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Of course, Preacher Ramone did not neglect to take contributions. Every few minutes a plate would be passed, with the preacher exhorting the people to help him continue in his work.

The tent was full on the third night, and overflowing by the fifth. On the sixth night, police had to be called to help with traffic control. The plates that had been passed around the first nights were now replaced with dishpans, and even they were not large enough to hold the money donated by the thousands of people who were now showing up each night.

Photographs of the coffin were sold for \$2 apiece, and for an extra donation, one could actually go up on stage and place their hands on the coffin. For another \$1 the people could have their picture taken with Preacher Ramone, in all of his burgundy glory.

Early on the morning of the seventh day people began flocking to town from points all over North Alabama. Eagerly they gathered in the field around the tent, waiting and talking about the miracle scheduled to occur that night.

By 5 o'clock in the evening the crowd waiting was estimated

to be over 4000 people.

And they waited.

Finally, around 8:00 pm, a small delegation took it upon themselves to enter the tent to see what was holding up the show. The chairs were still in place, the coffin still sitting in the stage position ... but there was

no body.

Missing also was the choir, Preacher Ramone, and thousands of dollars that had once belonged to Huntsville's citizens.

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- Pro-golfer Homero Blancas once hit a ball out of the rough during a tournament and watched it hit a palm tree and become lodged in the bra of a female spectator. Blancas asked fellow golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez what he should do, Rodriguez reportedly replied, "I think you should play it."

- A jury in Nassau County, New York, awarded \$425,000 to

a 24 year-old bookkeeper who claimed she lost her hair from the shock of biting into a squirming beetle in her yogurt. The woman was watching TV and spooning some raspberry yogurt when, according to her attorney, Abraham Ficksberg, "she felt a piece of foreign matter in her mouth. She knew it was too hard to be a raspberry, and besides it was moving."

- A judge in Tennessee decided a jury went a little far in recommending a sentence of 5,005 years for a man they convicted of five robberies and a kidnapping. The judge reduced the sentence to 1,001 years.

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Unfortunately, they made so much racket that some of 'Bushwhacker' Johnston's Confederates heard them. The Johnny Rebs sent several of their men to slip around behind the Yankees. Meanwhile, the rest of the Confederates set an ambush along the road. Without warning, the Confeds in advance opened fire into the carousing Yankees. Panic stricken, the blue coats dropped their booze and fled straight into the ambush.

When the Yankees sobered up, they were faced with the double humiliation of having a hangover and being taken prisoners.

Local News From 1907

- John T. Howland is visiting his brother, Charley Howland at the McGee Hotel.

- James Murphree will leave for Cincinnati next week to purchase the fixtures for the new Henderson National Bank. The fixtures will be mahogany and marble base and mosaic tiles.

- Mr. John Sutherland, about 50 years of age, died yesterday from hydrophobia. He was bitten about six weeks ago and was sent to Atlanta. He died in awful agony, six men being required to hold him.

- Children will not be allowed in the pool rooms in Huntsville. Mayor Smith has given instructions to the police on the enforcement of the city laws and minors will not be allowed to enter pool rooms in this city. Proprietors will be required to remove their curtains so that people can see in as they pass along the street.

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Memories

by Mrs. Lola Henley
(recorded in 1995)

I was born in 1898, in a two room log cabin near Paint Rock. My Daddy grew cotton and tobacco. One of my earliest memories is my Mother carrying me to the fields and placing me on a blanket in the shade of a tree while she helped Daddy in the fields.

By the time I was 6 or 7 years old I had to help in the fields, too. Daddy made me a cotton picking sack out of old pillow cases and I helped pick cotton. My other job was fetching water for the field hands. My cousin and I were both expected to pick a certain amount of cotton each day. One day, realizing we didn't have enough, we decided to put some heavy rocks in our bags to make them weigh more.

When Daddy got home from the gin he took a belt to both of us. We learned later that the rocks had tore the gin up.

Daddy also raised honey bees. After he robbed the hives every fall he would take the honey to Huntsville where he would trade it with Mr. Harrison (Harrison Brothers Hardware). We also dug ginseng to trade in town.

Going to town was always a big event for us. The night before Daddy would load the wagon with crock jars full of honey packed with straw so they wouldn't break. The next morning we would get up before daylight, and after Daddy had

hitched the wagon up, we would start for town. Mother always placed a quilt behind the wagon seat and I would curl up back there listening to all the honey jars rattle.

About lunch time we would stop at a creek to eat our biscuits Mother had prepared the night before. There was a wooden box nailed to a tree next to the creek where people would leave messages for other people. Lots of times people would leave a note asking you to pick up something in town.

Our first stop in town was at the Big Spring. All the people from out in the county camped out there when they went to town. Daddy had a piece of canvas he would make a tent out of, and that's where

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we spent the night. It was always great fun with all the campfires and everyone visiting back and forth.

The next morning we would hitch the wagon and take the honey up to Harrison's (Harrison Brothers). Daddy and the man who had the store would always argue and shout for what seemed like hours and finally they would make a deal. We got paid in half cash and half trade out. Next we would look up a man by the name of Foster, who always bought our ginseng. He didn't have a store or an office, but was always hanging around the Courthouse square. He would look at it real carefully and if he liked it, we would go to another place where they would weigh it.

While Daddy got supplies from Mr. Harrison, Mother and I would go shopping at the other stores. I still remember the first store-bought dress I ever had. Before that they were always made from flour sacks.

Someone later told me they had deer in the Courthouse yard back then but I don't remember it. The only thing I remember about any animals there is stepping in mule droppings and Mother washing my shoes under the pump. There were lots of pigeons too. I remember you could throw a piece of bread on the ground and hundreds of pigeons would fight over it.

Once Daddy carried us to a hotel for dinner and we had oysters. Daddy liked them but Mother and I got sick. Most times, however, we just ate at the

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No less than eight Civil War generals could claim Huntsville and Madison County as their birthplace. Oddly enough, they were evenly divided — four on each side. Without a doubt, the most distinguished were Confederates John Hunt Morgan and Edward Dorr Tracy. Tracy was a courageous leader, and his war record deserves to be better known.

A first rate fighting man, Edward Dorr Tracy (1833-1863), was a native of Macon, Georgia. However, he made his home in Huntsville from the mid 1850s. A lawyer by profession, he had graduated from the University of Georgia at the age of seventeen. In 1855 Tracy married Ellen Steele, a daughter of George Steele, Huntsville's noted antebellum architect. In April 1861, Tracy went to war as captain of a company of Huntsville volunteers known as the "North Alabamians." The unit went by rail to Georgia, where it became Company I of Col. Egbert J. Jones' famous 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. In July 1861, Tracy led his company at the Battle of Manassas, Virginia, but shortly thereafter accepted the position of major in the 12th Alabama Infantry. In October 1861, he became lieutenant colonel of the new 19th Alabama Infantry, serving under then Colonel Joseph Wheeler. Tracy commanded

the 19th Alabama at the Battle of Shiloh, having his horse killed under him. He was next sent with his regiment to East Tennessee to reinforce General Edmund Kirby Smith's Army. Recommended for promotion by Smith, Tracy was commissioned a brigadier general on August 16, 1862.

General Tracy commanded a brigade of five Alabama regiments: the 20th, 23rd, 30th, 31st, and 46th. He led his men into battle for the last time at Port Gibson, Mississippi, on May 1, 1863. Fatally struck by a minnie ball, Tracy "fell near the front line, pierced through the breast, and died instantly without uttering a word," wrote one of his men. Since Huntsville was then threatened by Union cavalry raiders, General

Tracy's remains was buried in Macon, Georgia. The Huntsville hero was interred with both military and Masonic honors.

Looking for my Wife

from 1872 newspaper

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Lost Towns

by Tom Kenny

Located a few miles outside of Huntsville were once two thriving communities by the names of Mullins Flat and Pond Beat. Today, if one tried to locate them, all one would find are manicured fields fenced in by the fences surrounding Redstone Arsenal.

Most of us are familiar with the government, in time of need, taking the land a house or a business sits on, but few people realize that at the beginning of the Second War whole communities were erased from the face of the earth.

Pond Beat got its name from a series of ponds, Mack Pond, Rock Pond, Round Pond and others that extended from Pond Beat nearly to Triana.

The two communities were separated by a branch of Indian Creek. Mullin's Flat was north of the creek, Pond Beat to the south. These old communities lacked electricity, plumbing and telephones. Some of the houses had dirt floors and makeshift heating.

Many of the people occupying these communities were poor, very poor, but others were quite affluent.

In Mullin's Flat there were over fifty black families and five white families. The community was not integrated but everyone got along very well.

Many of the residents were tenant farmers, providing labor for the land owner in exchange for a place to live and a share of the crop, usually a third or a fourth.

Most of the land was owned by individuals who were the children or grandchildren of former slaves. They farmed the land, owned businesses, stores, gins and mills and ran their own communities.

Peddlers called, "rolling stores" visited both communities once a week, selling household goods, foodstuffs, sweets and personal needs.

Mail was delivered by horseback. The riders came from Talucah in Morgan County by ferryboat, delivered the mail and ferried back home. Later mail was de-

livered by automobile.

The three room, wood framed, Silver Hill School of Mullin's Flat was located off present Dodd Road had an enrollment of about 150 black students.

The school was financed partly by the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago to help black schools in the

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South. Rosenwald funded one-third of the money, the State of Alabama funded one-third and the balance was supplied by the Mullin's Flat community. Most of the community funding was supplied by several of the wealthy black farmers.

James P. Burns who died in 1919 of double pneumonia, was a resident of Mullin's Flat. He operated a general store, a blacksmith shop and forge and a carpentry shop which specialized in the manufacturing of caskets. There is a good possibility some of the caskets found in the archaeological investigation of Elko Cemetery were made by Mr. Burns.

The Horton School, located in Pond Beat, like the Silver Hills School, was funded jointly by the Rosenwald Fund, the State and the Community. In the early days of Pond Beat there was a large southern mansion and plantation near the Tennessee River. The building was demolished in 1982. The land became part of the Redstone Arsenal. The house had been occupied at times by the Childress family and the Jones family.

The government moved rapidly in its efforts to acquire the lands of Mullin's Flat and Pond Beat.

The Quartermaster General filed a petition on July 23rd, 1941 for the seizure of the lands.

The U.S. District Court of Northern Alabama entered an order granting possession of the lands to the Government as of noon July 24th, 1941.

The Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, acting as a consultant to the Government made an appraisal of each tract.

Most of the land owners accepted the evaluation. A few owners went to court to protest the Government evaluation and offer.

The Government permitted the land owners to remain in

possession of their property until crops were harvested.

The Churches in the two communities merged and formed the Center Grove United Church. When their congregations were forced to move the original church was dismantled and moved to the corner of Jordan Land and Mastin Lake Road in Huntsville.

Many of the old residents of the two communities believed the large black ownership (about 80%) of the land was influential in the area being chosen for the arsenal. When the Government decided to build the arsenal, the property owners had no choice, but to sell. As one old resident said, "They set the price and we had to accept it."

But, the coming of the arsenal was a Godsend for many of the tenant farmers and their families, even members of the land owners families benefited.

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The Lord does work in mysterious ways. What appeared to be a disaster for many of the families of Mullin's Flat and Pond Beat, became truly a blessing.

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from 1890 Huntsville paper

Mary Herben and Mable Brown, daughters of prominent residents of Pleasantville, fought a prizefight in a 16 foot ring pitched in an old barn on the outskirts of that town at three o'clock Sunday morning.

The cause of the fight was rivalry for the attentions of a young man named George Woodward. Thirty-eight rounds were fought, in which both girls were severely punished, but neither had the advantage, and the contest was declared a draw.

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Though Hart managed to escape unscathed, she never forgot her tormentor's face. The next time she met up with the miserable oaf, she tethered him to her horse, forced him to don one of her gowns, and paraded the corseted captive around town for hours.

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Dilworth Lumber Company

by Penn Dilworth

It's not quite shrouded in the mists of time, but no one has been able to determine the actual date the Dilworth family entered into the lumber business in Huntsville. Somewhere between 1885 and 1890, J. D. Dilworth was a building contractor using his own lumber yard as a source of supply. That business, called J. D. Dilworth and Son, was no great success, but several families were able to sustain through troubled financial times at the end of Reconstruction.

An 1898 invoice from J. D. Dilworth and Son to D. D. Shelby priced 2x4x12's at \$1.20 - for 10! Two-by-fours sixteen feet long were 15 cents each and a "small coal shed" cost \$14.95 for the lumber! Today, sales tax for this purchase would be more than that total bill.

The "son" of the business, W. P. Dilworth, must have felt hampered under the close proprietorship of his father, and purchased the Huntsville Lumber Company (renamed Huntsville Manufacturing and Land Company). This business was located at Church Street and the Southern Rail Crossing, the present site of Dilworth Lumber Company. Upon the death of J. D. Dilworth the two businesses were combined.

Soon after the purchase of the Church Street business, the coal trading division was discontinued. A 1916 newspaper article noted that "...too many kinds of broth spoil the cook so he (W. P. Dilworth) decided to devote his entire time and attention to the manufacturing for and supplying of the retail trade in everything that goes into the building of homes."

This news report went on to detail, "the number of horse teams (increasing from one in 1907 to three in 1916), proximity to the rail line that enabled them to handle carload lots of lumber and supplies with ease and dispatch," and further noting that a supply of new asphalt shingles was available since the "... recent city ordinance provides against the use of wooden shingles in the city of Huntsville. Mr. Dilworth states that while the dealer makes money selling the composition roofing, both the city and the builder are better off for having passed that

ordinance."

1916 was the year a new lumber planing mill was installed. The business carried a stock of "... rough and dressed lumber in a full and complete line, sash, doors, mill work lime, cement, paints, oils, brick, builders' hardware, shingles and composition roofing." 75 years later, only brick and oils had been discontinued.

This was also the year that L. A. Sublett built a house in Brownsboro. His 2x4x16's were up to 18 cents each. The bill for this two story house was \$890.15 for lumber, brick windows (at

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The Huntsville Daily Times reported in 1925 that the firm had adopted the name of Dilworth Lumber Company in 1923. News traveled slow at that time.

Economic problems were prevalent everywhere in the thirties. W. P. Dilworth would often speak of the high volume of barter in those days. It was also common to extend credit on the basis of personality, as it was sure that an honest man would pay his debts as soon as possible. After the funeral of W. P. Dilworth Jr., Mr. Theodore Wilson related that money had been loaned for his home when "...the banks wouldn't talk to a Black man. All we had was our word, and that's how our house was built." Times were hard and people pulled together."

Prosperity began to return with the military buildup of World War II. Supplies were diverted to military uses, but with the expansion of Huntsville Arsenal the business grew. Founding of the Army's missile program headquarters at Redstone Arsenal and the influx of new residents made Huntsville into a 'boom town.' James F. Smith began a thirty-year career as salesman in 1948, and W. P. Dilworth, III returned home from military service in 1955 to work in the family firm.

Beginning in 1951 taxes were added to your bill at the end of each month. Mrs. C. E. (Mollie) Hutchens' statement of that same year showed that a 2x4x16 foot pine was selling for a little over a dollar each. Windows were up to \$9 each!

New building materials suppliers opened to sell to the suburbs springing up in between cotton fields. Wilson Lumber and Huntsville Roofing opened their doors with the boom. In the 1960s, the boom continued. Dilworth Lumber built a new warehouse and office and the old house which had served for so long was torn

down.

W.P. Dilworth, Sr. died in 1964. He had been a very active citizen in many organizations in Huntsville. Dilworth Lumber remained, under the ownership of W. P. Dilworth, Jr. and his sister, Mrs. Virginia D. Henry.

This era saw some of the "old" names in lumber disappear. Van Valkenburgh, Gunn, Geron, Bartee - all left in the sixties and seventies. New chain lumber yards opened up in Huntsville and brought the mass merchandise concept with them. Slowly, Dilworth changed from commodity lines to products of higher quality. They now concentrated on the very best lines of lumber, pine and a large selection of hardwoods. Decorator hardware and paint brands were added. This opened whole new areas of sales and customers. In 1987 industrial and

contractor sales were expanded. During the following year W. P. Dilworth, Jr. passed away. He was very proud of his good health and worked a full day on the day he died. He was fascinated by the I-65 construction, and had always hoped that he would live to see its completion.

Editors note: With the opening of chain stores such as Home Depot and Handy City many small businesses found it impossible to compete. In 1998, after over a hundred years in business, Dilworth Lumber Co. closed its doors.

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