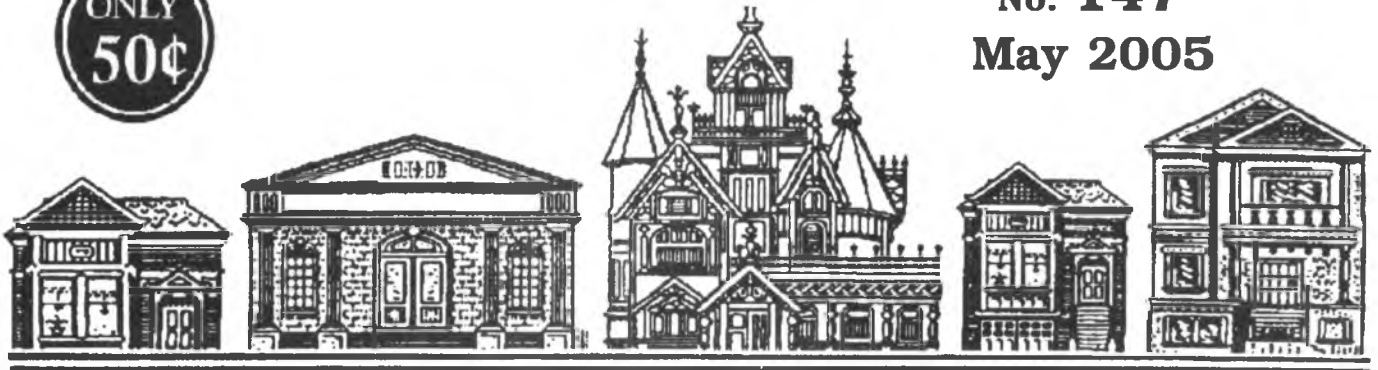


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Everyone knew it was coming. The trouble had been brewing for years. Frank Riddick, since his election as sheriff in 1927, had sworn to break the backs of the liquor rings that had been allowed to operate in Madison County.

Although the outfits operated openly, Riddick found that proving cases against them was almost impossible. Every time he made an arrest, evidence would disappear or witnesses would refuse to talk. Many times he suspected his own deputies of warning the bootleggers of impending raids.

The whiskey and bootlegging business in Madison County was controlled by three families, one in Owens Cross Roads, one in Gurley and the other near Hobbs Island. These families had settled in the county well over a hundred years earlier and each had many children and grandchildren. The families had intermarried so often that it was difficult to find someone who was not related to them in some way. While this was beneficial to the bootleggers, it was a major handicap to any sheriff trying to build a case against them. Fortunately, Sheriff Riddick had an ally in Deputy Hugh Craft who

lived in Gurley and was intimately aware of the whiskey operations.

In the spring of 1929, Riddick established a small, unofficial fund with which to pay informers. Deputy Craft, who was well known as a man who kept his word, was the obvious conduit for these funds. Many of the same people who had before refused to betray "blood kin" now began succumbing to the temptation of easy money.

Often Craft would be awakened in the middle of the night by someone softly knocking at his back door. After a brief whispered conversation, he would pass \$20 or \$30 through the door and the stranger would disappear into the night.

Unfortunately, the bootleggers still received word of impending raids. Sheriff Riddick would often arrive to find the evidence and the culprits long gone.

Finally, after months of frustration, Riddick tried a new tactic. Without telling them why, he would order his deputies to meet at the jail at a certain time. Then, with the deputies still uninformed of their destinations, he would order them to follow him. Though raids such as these were fairly successful, the deputies often managed to lose much of the evidence on the way back to the jail and few people were actually prosecuted. Many times the deputies were suspected of either returning or selling the whiskey back



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to the very bootleggers from whom they had confiscated it.

Sheriff Riddick was furious. He had long known that some of his deputies were involved with the whiskey ring, but lacking proof, he was unable to do anything about it. Calling his deputies together, he informed them that in the future any deputy even suspected of involvement would be fired on the spot. As if to emphasize his point, Riddick immediately fired three officers.

The bootleggers, keenly aware of the profits they were losing, decided to fight back.

Riddick soon started receiving letters in the mail, warning him that his life was in danger. At first he ignored them, but as they became more frequent he reluctantly agreed to begin carrying a small pistol in his pants pocket.

On one occasion, while driving home in the evening, his car was shot at by someone lying in ambush. Though the assailant was never found, the only effect the threats had was to make Riddick increase his efforts to break up the whiskey ring.

Realizing their threats against Riddick were ineffectual, the bootleggers turned their attention to Deputy Craft. By this time the families were aware that Craft was the conduit for the informers. At first the threats took the form of subtle warnings, but as these were ignored, they took on a more

serious nature. Shots were fired into his home at nighttime, shattering the windows. When this also failed, Craft awoke one night to find the back of his house burning - the result of an arsonist.

Craft responded by buying two large watchdogs, which were trained to bark at the approach of strangers.

The bootleggers, frustrated in their attempts to intimidate the law officers, decided to take more drastic action.

During the first week of May 1929, a meeting of all the major bootleggers and moonshiners in Madison County was held at a drugstore in Gurley. It was a foregone conclusion among the men present that Riddick and Craft were to be murdered. The only question was how and by whom.

Not wanting to face both the lawmen at once, the bootleggers decided to kill Craft first.

In a scene worthy of a B-grade movie, a bootlegger from Paint Rock Valley removed a handful of straws from an old broom. After making three of them shorter than the rest, he invited the assembled men to draw straws. The men drawing the short straws were to assassinate Deputy Hugh Craft.

The three men picked for the gruesome task began to carefully make plans. They had received word from a friendly deputy that Riddick was going to pick up Craft at his home on the morning

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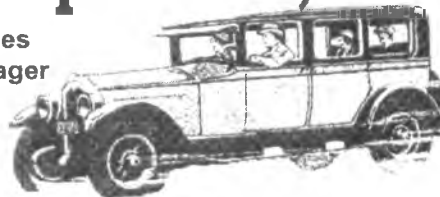
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of June 12, and then drive to Owens Cross Road to get a witness for a trial scheduled that day. Because of witnesses being so easily intimidated, the two men had decided to personally escort this one.

The road leading across Esslinger Mountain to Owens Cross Roads was a perfect ambush site, but the assassins had to make sure Sheriff Riddick would not be with his deputy.

On the afternoon of June 11, a phone call was received at the jail. The caller claimed to have inside information on the whiskey ring and more importantly, was willing to testify. But first he wanted to meet with the sheriff in person, at the jail, at 8 o'clock the next morning.

Regretfully, Riddick informed Craft that he could not accompany him in the morning. Both men were elated at the news of a possible witness and gave no thought to the last minute change in plans.

Hugh Craft left his home at about 6:30 on the morning of June 12 for the short drive to Owens Cross Roads. Although it was still early in the day, it was already hot and muggy. A black man working in a nearby field, watched lazily as Craft's car climbed the slight incline in his direction. Suddenly he saw three men armed with shotguns appear out of the bushes lining the road. With timed precision, the trio opened fire at the approaching lawman. Seconds later the car

carrying the dead body of Deputy Hugh Craft careened sharply to the right, ran off a small bluff and landed upright in a tree.

Just as suddenly as they had appeared, the bushwhackers ran to a white car and fled the scene. The field hand, unnerved by what he had just witnessed, ran away.

Minutes later, Craft's body was discovered by Marion Besson, who immediately notified the sheriff's office. Riddick, who was still waiting for the supposed informer to show up, answered the call. As soon as he learned of his deputies murder, Riddick knew he had been set up.

One old-timer later stated he had never seen the sheriff as angry as he was when he received the news. Within hours Riddick began questioning everyone even suspected of being associated with the whiskey ring. To say that he was "rough" in his interrogations would probably be an understatement. All the speakeasies in town received personal visits from the sheriff. In one case, where a speakeasy had already closed for the night, Riddick kicked the door down and after destroying all the liquor, told the owner he had 24 hours to come up with the names of the killers.

If there was anything the bootleggers had not considered, it was the publicity the murder generated. It became front page news, not only here in Huntsville, but as far away as Chicago, Illinois. Although Riddick was slated to be assassinated next, the intense

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publicity caused the murderers to change their plans.

Within days practically everybody in the county, including the sheriff, knew about the bootleggers drawing straws to see who would do the killing. Even the names of the assassins became widely known.

Getting someone to testify was a different matter. The black field hand who witnessed the killing was found dead in a neighboring county. Another man, reputed to have firsthand information, left for work one morning and was never seen again. Three other men, one who lived in Gurley and two in Owens Cross Roads, moved out of state suddenly.

The local Ku Klux Klan got involved by offering a reward for the killers. It was hastily withdrawn when it was pointed out that the main suspects were also members of the Gurley Klavern.

Finally, Sheriff Riddick found someone who would talk, but only on the condition of anonymity. This person had been at the drugstore when the straws were drawn and had heard the men discuss the murder moments after it occurred.

Knowing that he had to have a witness in order to make a case, Riddick used every power of persuasion he could muster to convince the witness to testify. Reportedly, after seeing how angry the sheriff was, the witness probably figured the bootleggers were the lesser of two evils.

Within hours a warrant was sworn out for Ebb Renfro, a middle-aged farmer and resident of Gurley. The other two suspects had disappeared.

On June 27, 1929 a grand jury indicted Renfro for first degree murder.

What should have been a speedy trial quickly turned into a nightmare for the sheriff and prosecuting attorneys. Trials were twice scheduled and had to be postponed because of witnesses' reluctance to testify in open court. Making the situation worse were members of the whiskey ring, who showed up at every hearing and silently glared at anybody who looked like a potential witness. Many of the bootleggers who loitered around the courthouse openly brandished weapons.

The situation became so tense that Riddick had to detail four of

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murder case against Ebb Renfro was dropped. No one ever stood trial for the murder of Deputy Hugh Craft.

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No longer able to trust one another, the whiskey ring turned on itself. In the next three years nine members of the ring were ei-

ther shot, maimed or killed - by one another.

Editor's note:

Probably the strangest fact about this case was that the conspirators talked about it so openly. Every minute detail of the plot became public gossip. Even today, many of their descendants take a morbid pride in telling the story of their fathers' involvement in the whiskey ring and the assassination of Deputy Hugh Craft.

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and someone was on the watch for them. One day when the family was seated at the dinner table, Joanna, a little negro maid, ran in exclaiming, "The Yankees are coming, the Yankees are coming." We looked out the windows and sure enough, they were already at the gate, about a hundred of them. Some were hitching their horses to the fence. Others had torn down part of the fence and were riding onto the lawn, while some dismounted and were running to the front door that was open. My father, at the first alarm, ran to the back hall to get his hat and cane, and then fled across the back yard, dodging behind trees, making a dash for the garden gate. Joanna alone had witnessed

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her master's flight and it had amused her. She rushed again into the house, now full of soldiers searching everywhere for fire-arms they said, and she cried gleefully, "I tell you, old master made the dust fly!" Some of the men gathered around her, asking, "Which way did he go?" but before she could point the way, Harriet, a house maid, knocked her senseless to the floor and my father made his escape.

It was on one of the days of this raid my Mother was seated on the porch talking to an officer and trying to persuade him to send a letter through the lines to one of my brothers, in prison at Camp Chase. The yard was full of men, riding over the lawn, the shrubbery, the flower borders and we could see a train of wagons going to the barn for loads of corn. The house had been searched and the locked doors and drawers of furniture beaten in, trunks opened while two negro maids were going from room to room protesting that they ought to be ashamed of themselves. The cellar had been emptied. A cask of wine, one of two demi johns, some bottles and jugs had been carried to the front lawn and the men were getting jolly drunk.

Pistols were fired freely. I was terrified and had squatted on the floor by my mother's chair. I can see her as well as hear her yet, pleading, "He is just a lad and I

know he must be homesick; he has never been more than 25 miles from home before and a letter from his mother would comfort him. I would be perfectly willing for you to read every word of it." The officer was explaining politely the difficulties over communicating with prisoners. The letter could hardly be sent. Orders were very strict. Just at this moment one of my sisters and a cousin appeared, wearing every frock they owned and, naturally, the last layers refused to meet so as to be buttoned up. My mother, in amazement, said "What do you girls mean by dressing this way?", and they answered, "We heard the Yankees would take all the clothes, so we put ours on to keep them from getting them." The officer laughed immediately and then sat

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down to wait while my mother wrote the letter; and I heard him solemnly assure her as he sealed the letter himself that it would be delivered. It was delivered to my brother, as we learned from a comrade of my brother, more than a year after his death. (This was William, who died in prison.)

Gen. Mitchell's troops swept the valley clean, and we had little food left. Alabama had never been a cattle country, but depended for meat mainly upon the sheep and hog. The grain was loaded and sent away to the army.

The horses and mules were seized on, but ours were left as we thought. One morning we woke up to find that about 25 of our negroes, mostly men and well-grown boys, had slipped away in the night, taking with them every horse and mule in the stables.

This was a staggering blow, but we soon saw there was some comfort in the loss of slaves. It had become a serious problem to provide their food and clothing. The slaves remaining on the place recognized the responsibility, too. There was no more thought of planting cotton: the energies of everyone on the place were bent on one purpose of getting food and clothes. My father at this time organized all his forces-everybody was put to work, even the small children. The women were cutting, sewing, and knitting from early morning till late bedtime. The negro women were spinning and weaving and some helping in the fields; the old men and little boys were cultivating the fields with hoes. A large crop of cow-peas was planted for food. My father got some medical books to read and he learned to make some of the simple medicines. He went from place to place to see the sick and prescribe for them as though he were a physician. You know that in those days blisters were thought to be indispensable for inflammations, pneumonia, etc.

There were no drugstores to furnish supplies-we could not even buy a mustard plaster. My father had been experimenting with plants, trying to find a blistering agent. One day it was reported to him that the lightning bugs were eating all the leaves from the potato plants. We were growing potatoes on a large scale because it was a food that could be easily concealed in case of a raid. He found that some rows, at least, were swarming with a bug that looked like the firefly, and he ordered the boys to knock them into the water. This was done, but some of the boys reported that their hands blistered. Then these bugs were gathered up, dried, pulverized, mixed with lard, and the mixture proved a fine blistering agent and was sent far and wide for this purpose. The bugs had never appeared before and

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never came again. Long afterward, we learned that they were the real Spanish fly.

My father also learned to make various colored dyes from roots and bark; cultivated indigo and learned to ferment the plant to get the blue dye. He also found out how to make cheese and taught the blacksmith how to make wrought nails.

Singularly enough, one of the most precious of articles at this time was common salt. Now salt was needed to season food, but it was absolutely necessary to preserve meat, and the plantation depended for its meat supply on salt pork. On the plantations there were large smokehouses where, winter after winter, many slaughtered porkers would be salted down and much salt wasted on the dirt floors, so this floor was dug up to the depth of two feet and the earth leached with water and the water evaporated off. We got bushels and bushels of salt this way. There was no soda, but we made a substitute for the lye of wood ashes. Parched rye was used as a substitute for coffee - it tasted something like the modern postum. For sugar, we cultivated the sorghum cane and made many barrels of molasses, and when this molasses was all out of the barrel, we usually found a few pounds of sugar. Our writing paper gave out very early and at first we tore out the blank leaves from father's old ledgers, and when these were exhausted, we moistened the wallpaper on the walls, tore it off in strips and used the blank side. Sometimes letters went off, decorated on one side with a picture of George Washington crossing the Delaware, or with a wreath of roses. There were no pencils, but we learned to make very good ink from oak balls and copperas, and any boy with a pocket knife could make a perfectly good pen from a goose quill.

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Webster's Blue Back Spelling Book in the community, but the whole school used it by making out a schedule of time when each could have the book. I remember once walking five miles and back to get the book for an hour to learn the next day's lesson.

My own tasks in this new economy were varied and were shared for the most part by my little negro playmate. (We were about seven years old.) We went back and forth to carry leather to the shoemakers and then to bring the shoes home (there were some forty people on the place to shoe). It seemed to me the shoemaker was always drunk when we called, and never had the work done. Then we were sent all around the neighborhood to exchange garden seed, to borrow a tool or lend one, to carry news or gather it, and to do errands gen-



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erally. I think our gala days came when we were put to melting up tallow and molding it into candles, or to bringing up pails of lye for the soap kettle and keeping the fire going.

I believe we were fairly happy, but even we children had our anxious moments and talked of what we would do if the Yankees came upon us while away from home. Once we were tested and ignominiously hid under the floor of an old house by the roadside.

The war wore wearily on - reverses in arms now alternated with victory; we were becoming poorer and poorer. Still we had no thought of giving up and worked all the harder.

I remember working all day for days scraping lint from old linen tablecloths and sheets and tearing off bandages to be sent to the nearest hospital. During these years, every yard of cloth was used for clothing, bedding, for table; in fact, every yard required for the forty people on the place, as well as for blankets and clothing for many soldiers, was spun and woven on the place - and in these four years we didn't spend five dollars for anything. There was nothing to buy.

I have seen my mother working whole days, working and sizing the thread for the looms. About this time, I learned the art of platting straw in several different patterns and mother sewed the braid into straw hats which we bleached with sulphur, and we used for hat bands strips of black silk torn from old worn-out dresses.

I could not possibly make anyone understand the isolation in which communities lived. The railroads were torn up, the steamboats burned, the roads mostly impassable. Our heavy old carriage could hardly have gone over them, even if there had been horses to draw them.

One day we had a merry surprise over the arrival of a stately

old lady who lived five miles away. All of her horses and mules had been taken; she wanted to visit us but couldn't walk the five miles. Old Ben, her carriage driver, was called in and asked if he could hitch two yoke of oxen to her carriage. He said he would try; so about noon we heard loud cries of "Gee! Wah! Come! Get up!", and then we saw Mrs. Harris' big carriage slowly coming up the hill while she was leaning out the window, waving gaily.

But most of the times were terribly serious. There was far more weeping than laughter. Women sometimes grew white-headed worrying for news of their sons.

By this time, there was no mail and no newspapers. The only news we got filtered in was rumors caught from carriers bearing dispatches. We of-

ten hear a rumor of a great battle, and then wait days and weeks in suspense before knowing anything. Sometimes, if the front were not too far away, my brothers would send their servant George on horseback with their letters and some gathered up from their

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friends. We were always on the lookout for George, though he came only a few times a year; and then we dreaded to ask him questions, or to open the letters.

Every time there would be heavy tidings for some of the neighbors and my father would go as comforter to the house of mourning-to read over and over his son's letters telling how this boy or that had died fighting for his country. And then, in turn, the black news came to us, and our neighbors came to share our grief!

At last came Gen. Lee's surrender to Gen. Grant and we knew the end had come. About a month after this, that is, in May, 1865-my three surviving brothers (James, Charles, and Walter) rode home in tattered uniforms, but with no possessions but their horses.

They found us without money and little food except the vegetables growing in the garden. The stock, except a few sheep and milk cows, was gone; the fences burnt, as well as the gin house, and packs of wolves were prowling about. The red fields were intersected with deep red gullies and dotted with thickets of bushes.

Such is the picture of desolation. I remember so vividly; and such it was throughout Alabama.

We had lost-lost our cause, the flower of our manhood, our slaves, our property, our all, except our families and the land.

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600,000 white population, yet she sent 123,000 soldiers to the war-over one out of every five of her whole population; 33,000 of these soldiers lay buried on the battlefields.

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Though some came back lacking a leg or arm and some brought back bullets imbedded in flesh or bone, none had shell shock. These young fellows went to work to fell trees, split rails, build fences and barns, and cultivate food crops. The women and children went on spinning, weaving and making the things needed in the home.

Apple Crisp

Slice 6 apples in bowl, mix in 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup honey and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Place all in medium baking dish. Top with following mixture and bake at 350 degrees for an hour.

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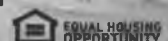
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Heard On The Street

by *Cathey Carney*



Congratulations to **Willodene Smithey** of Huntsville, who was the first to call and identify last month's Photo of the Month. It was **Danny Banks**, esteemed retired judge of Huntsville, who really doesn't look much different than he did as a youngster! We got hundreds of calls from people who thought the boy was **Emmett Sanders!**

Kathleen Kemp, of Options, told us that her father-in-law **Barney Kemp**, 83 years old, recently had a bad fall and broke his kneecap - we sure hope he gets to feeling better really soon.

Jean Honyotski, who works at the Church St. ABC store, lives in Elkmont, Al. but loves Huntsville. She still has that "yankee" accent but her friends love her anyway!

Ollie White sure is proud lately. Her beautiful granddaughter **Wykena Jackson** recently learned that she'll undergo her residency as a medical doctor at Carraway Methodist Medical Center, her top choice. Her boyfriend **Andre Scott** is happy too!

Starfish was really hopping recently. We talked with that handsome bartender **Luke O'Neal**, and spent time with **Jennifer Daniel**, whose husband Ja-

son is chef at Starfish.

Bob Haydon told us he is having a birthday May 20 and will be 62 years old - he looks like he's 50! We want to know what vitamins he's taking!

Joyce Russell told us that New York Life Ins. Company has just celebrated their 160th. birthday. Joyce is managing partner for the company here locally and told us that NYL started in Alabama in 1849, and has been part of Huntsville since the 1970's.

Boy, didn't **Shelly Haskins**, city editor for the Huntsville Times, do a great job on their recent Bicentennial edition! We're definitely saving our copy!

It was great to see **Curtis Ramey** recently - he was a judge in Huntsville for years and now lives in Texas. He was visiting here with his beautiful wife **Edwina**.

There are several birthdays coming up at Garden Cove among the employees. **Ricky Coley** works in Produce, **Raymon Hernandez** is in Maintenance and **Peggy Quillivan** is in the Bulk department and all will be a year

older! **Andi Underwood** checked me out - I finally found some good-tasting liquid calcium there - and she says hi to all her friends. Her husband **Mark** works at Adtran.

The mayor of Hurricane Creek, **J B Tucker**, has been having medical problems lately but we bet they will clear up when the fish start biting!

What a great-looking couple we ran into recently - **Jack Farrington**, of Jack's Toy Shop, and his gorgeous wife **Beverly**, of Accents of the South, were having dinner recently when we met up with them and caught up. They have lots of traveling plans for the summer.

We saw our friend **Judge Bruce Williams** recently at the Kaffeeklatch. Huntsville is really lucky to have people like him serving on the bench.

Loretta Spencer, Zach Jacobsen, Kim Davis, General Turnmeyer and his lovely wife were among many celebrating the Grand Opening ribbon cutting ceremony for Redstone Village recently, along with **Jack** and **Peggy**

Photo of The Month

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Janelle Conly has been under the weather lately, but sure has a sweet daughter and son-in-law (**Debra** and **Mitch Howie**) taking such good care of her.

Speaking of **Mitch Howie**, we hear he has a birthday coming up soon - getting old is rough, right Mitch?

We ran across our friend **Bud Cramer** recently. He's looking great but he sure does have a hard job as Congressman.

Janie Oaks is so proud of her handsome son **Timothy Mitchell**, who is currently serving in Iraq. We're proud of you too, Timothy!

We caught up with **Tony Mason** recently. For those of you who may not be familiar with him, Tony is a performer who entertained thousands of people at Bubba's downtown, and before that at his own club on Pratt. He says he loves staying home now with wife **Selena** and stepson **Cassidy**, who will soon be attending Huntsville High.

Another birthday is that of **Kathy Pence**, of Old Town, who is married to the handsome **Brian Pence** who used to be one of Tony Mason's **Doobie Boys**. What is that you ask? Well, they were a group of friends who were always in the crowd at Bubba's, who knew the words of every song and sang along with him! Very entertaining for the rest of us!

We were happy to find out that **Debra Carmichael** is feeling much better recently after several operations. She and her husband **Darrell** live in 5 Points and are very proud of their son, **James Brian Carmichael** who is currently attending school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He is expected to be sent back to Iraq in the next couple of months. **Nicole** is Brian's proud wife and has a birthday coming up in June.

The latest issue of "Culture &

Leisure" Magazine has a gorgeous Huntsville model on the cover - **Valerie Styles**, baby sister of **Rosetta Fuller** of Atlanta. Her proud parents are **Robert & Ellen Styles** of Huntsville. Valerie has modeled for the **Pama Agency** for 2 1/2 years, headed up by the talented **Marie Hewett**.

We were sorry to hear of the death of **John Robinson** recently. His sister **Sandy Blount** and her husband **Wes**, from Winter Springs, Fl. came to Huntsville for the funeral.

Dave Tomlin, of New York Life Ins. Co., recently celebrated a birthday - we won't say how many but it was BARELY under 60.

Our best wishes to **Amy Cantrell** who was in the hospital. We're thinking of you, Amy - get well soon!

Well, that's about all for this month. Enjoy this beautiful weather and remember how lucky we are to live in a place like Huntsville, Alabama.



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Mix all ingredients in a bowl, cover and chill an hour before serving with fresh vegetables like red peppers, yellow squash, black olives, cauliflower and broccoli.

Cucumber Dip

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 T. mayonnaise
- 1/2 c. grated cucumber
- Dash salt and pepper
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- 1 t. garlic powder

Mix all ingredients together and serve with crackers, chips, pita sandwiches, etc.

Hot Brown Rice

- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 c. rice
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 can beef consommé
- 1 can water
- 1/2 t. each oregano, thyme and garlic powder

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Add all ingredients and bake for an hour. Stir after 30 minutes, cover for the balance of the baking time.

Senate Bean Soup

- 2 lbs. navy beans, dried
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. black pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1 1/2 lbs. ham hocks

- 2 onions, chopped
- Dash cayenne pepper

Wash your beans and run through hot water. Place them in a 6-quart pot with 4 quarts of water boiling. Add hocks and reduce heat to simmer. Boil slowly for 4 hours, pot covered. Pre-cook the onions til light brown and add them to the pot. Taste beans to see if tender, then serve with hot bread and a good salad.

Lentil-Bulgur Dish

- 2 c. lentils
- Water to cover
- 1/2 c. bulgur wheat
- 1 T. garlic powder
- 2 T. beef bouillon granules

In a saucepan add your lentils, then enough water to cover. Heat to boiling, reduce heat and add the garlic powder and beef bouillon granules. Cook for about 45 minutes, then add the bulgur.

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Cook for an additional 20 minutes, check that the lentils are done.

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- 1/4 c. fruit juice (apple OK)
- 4 apples, sliced, cored and peeled
- 1/4 c. sugar
- Dash cinnamon
- Dash ground nutmeg

Put the liquid and 5 pieces of the apple into your blender container. Cover and process til smooth, increase speed and add remaining apples and spices a little at a time. A couple of teaspoons of lemon juice will keep your apples from turning dark.

Blueberry Treat

- 2 pints fresh blueberries
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 c. plain flour
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 4 T. brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 t. baking powder

Wash your blueberries and place them in a medium baking dish, sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix the sugar, baking powder, egg and flour together to make a crumb mixture. Spoon this over the berries and top with melted butter. Add the brown sugar

mixed with cinnamon to top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes and serve warm with rich homemade vanilla ice cream.

Green Beans & Pecans

- 1 lb. green beans
- 4c. water
- 1/2 t. salt
- 3 T. butter
- 4 T. chopped pecans
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. cayenne

Wash and prepare your beans, cut into 2" pieces. Bring water and salt to a boil, add the beans and cook uncovered for about 10-15 minutes. Drain and set aside. Melt butter in a skillet, add the pecans and cook til golden, stirring often. Add beans and toss til heated.

Onion-Roasted Potatoes

- 1 env. Lipton Onion soup mix
- 1/3 c. olive oil
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 2 lbs. potatoes, chunked into medium pieces

Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. Place all ingredients in a large plastic bag and shake til the potatoes are evenly coated.

Pour the potatoes into a shallow, greased baking pan. Bake for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally, til they are golden and tender.

Good with chicken or pork.

- 2 c. fresh basil leaves
 - 2/3 c. olive oil
 - 4 t. minced garlic
 - 1 c. grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 T. unsalted butter, softened
- Blend all very well & use.



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GOOD ADVICE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

- Look for heavy showers the first half of the month followed by a drying out period in the second half.

- Tomato plants should be well planted so the roots can survive the heat of the summer.

- Fish the deep holes along the Tennessee River as the weather gets warmer. Remember that on hot days when you feel like taking a nap in a shady spot - so do the fish.

- To prevent bugs and caterpillars from eating your young plants take 5 cigar butts, steep them in water in a sunny spot for 9 days then sprinkle on plants.

- Mix 1/8 teaspoon of cayenne pepper in a glass of water and drink it down to benefit your circulatory system.

- If you want to gamble - just have children. If you want a good investment - raise them right.

- May is the perfect month for taking grandchildren to the Big Spring to feed the ducks. Day-old bread makes a perfect duck treat.

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- To stop that tickle in your throat, chew a couple of whole cloves.

- Early vegetables are ready to pick the day after a raccoon eats them.

- The good news about baldness - you won't have dandruff.

- When outside, don't wear blue. Mosquitos are attracted to that color more than others.

- For a sinus headache, sniff a little horseradish juice - the stronger the better. Do it slowly.

- Cooled camomile tea makes a great eyewash for pink eye.

- If you can't sleep, put your feet in the refrigerator for 10 minutes, then turn in. You'll drop right off.

- To keep yourself from snacking at night, drink a cup of hot tea, turn off the kitchen light and tell yourself the kitchen is closed.

- Get out of a mild depression by getting into gardening.

- For thicker eyelashes apply castor oil to them at night.

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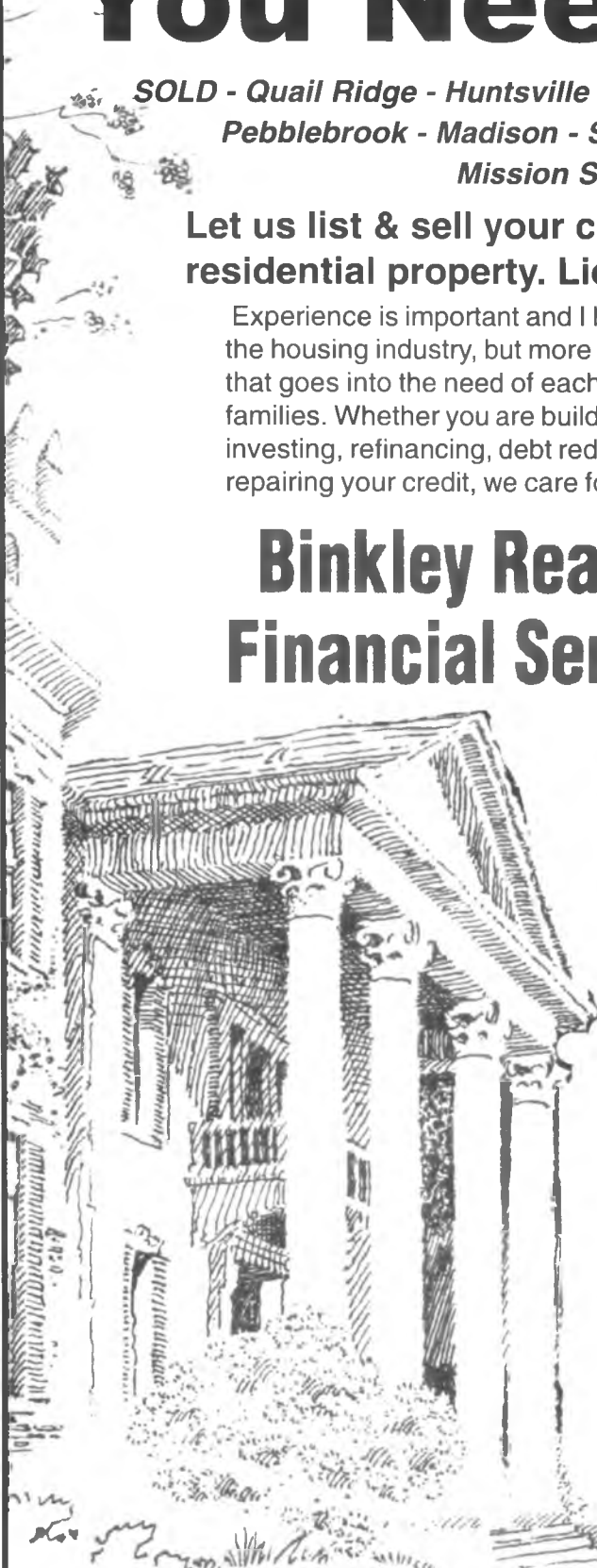
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Maysville, Ala. Dec. 16, 1864
Dear Sir,

Yours by Dr. Clopton is at hand. We are delighted to hear

from you as we so seldom get any knowledge of you. The condition of things around us is somewhat changed, but we are in daily dread of a raid. The Yankees are at Paint Rock. Twenty odd were captured by General Meade yesterday and passed through last night. Roddy and others are after the balance of them and we will hear from them today or tomorrow.

Well, we are all used up as to fencing, etc., as I wrote you, and years will pass before the destruction will be repaired. Many vacant houses were torn down to make tools, etc. Mr. Stewart's store, Bill Hall's old exchange, Masonic hall, all torn to pieces. Some parts remain, but ruined. Mr. Jones' store and Wortham's gutted. Your office remains as it was with the exception of the things - medicines, table, etc., all of which is gone except for a few bottles. I got most

of your papers, among which is Mr. O'Neal's note for property - which I got from a Yankee doctor, for they occupied it as an office. It was then turned into a saddle makers shop, then into a

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Since that time it has not been disturbed only the removing of the two front sash which are lost, as also all the Jack O'Neal residence, where not a trace is left to tell where it stood except one load of joist, which I paid a man \$5 to haul home and are now in the smokehouse. All the fencing about the place, except for the orchard and garden are gone, and they are simply patched up.

Nearly all the citizens are gone, negroes and whites, and the present conscript act will leave not more than eight or ten men in the place, such as Mr. Burns, Pitts, Wortham, etc.

There is scarcely a single negro here that was here when you left. Some few of the Daniel plantation negroes are here in great confusion since the retreat of the army and should any of your darkies come here they will find a change of population and a ruined town.

I will give you an idea of that retreat caused by a flank movement of General Hood. The soldiers amounted to about 8000

and baggage wagons beyond number. Refugees and contraband, astonishing in number slowly moved with the cavalcade. It began to pass here at 8 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. So hasty was the move among the contraband that they emptied their featherbeds and cotton on the road until, even now, the track of the caravan could be followed by feathers and cotton.

The day they passed led to many astonishing sights but the distressing feature is that women gave birth to children during the flight and quite unnaturally left them to perish. One case occurred near this place. A yankee soldier picked up the infant, wrapped it up and tried to give it away as he passed along.

Several cases of the kind are reported to have taken place on the banks of the Paint Rock. At Stevenson, 'tis said that they are dying by multitudes since the cold weather set in. Other children were left behind, running about looking for their mothers, who had left them to their fate.

At or near Paint Rock many

of them (refugees) were cut off by our calvary and for several days others were passing in small numbers, deploring their lot, returning to their former homes.

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many things, but we have not been used like others who were plundered of all they had; in flour, meal and meat, bed clothes etc., but even now, though we have a respite, we dread a raid.

A few almost worthless horses, a little stock and a few pigs are still left. Our house was once ransacked from top to basement by a set of the worst men I have ever seen, but were dispersed by two surgeons who providently stepped in while they were depredating, and so we lost but little. I got twenty men to guard the town that night, had two at my house. But for them we would have been ruined, burned out, as was threatened.

As to supplies, we have always had bread and meat and even some of the luxuries. Thomas has sent us coffee and sugar, cheese, bacon and salt. These have kept us together with what I could do with my own scanty money. My cow, or rather yours, died last winter. This put us on short rations. As to milk and butter we have done without until a few weeks ago. Mrs. Howard, who went to live at the college in Huntsville, loaned her (a cow) to us. She has now returned and will take her home again. Mrs. Kelley loaned me her cow and calf but the yankees took the calf before we got them in our possession and we left the cow, not bringing her

home.

We raised nothing but what we got from the orchard and garden, which was plundered of all its fruit before they were ripe. It would amuse you and distress you to see how they stole from the orchard, and how obsequious we all were, fearing to say a word. We are now hiding our scanty food, fearing we shall lose what little we have left.

Our home affairs go on very quietly. Mattie is not quite so taciturn as formerly, has become domesticated, can wash a little, iron, cook, milk, make fires, feed chickens, bring in wood and nurse the baby as though she was used to it. Her health monthly is inexpressibly better than formerly, although she fell into her old condition and was alarmingly sick until she heard of a certain herb whose vulgar or classical name I do not know.

I eat two meals a day and sleep about six hours in twenty-four, rather restless, and lay awake many hours these long nights. I chop all my own wood and work hard during the working season, have not preached for many months except for a funeral sermon for Mrs.

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Sleepwalker Takes Tumble Out Of Hotel

Anderson Hammer of New Hope walked out of a second story window in the Tulane Hotel on Washington Street early Sunday morning while asleep and was seriously bruised about the head and body. Hammer had retired only a short time before and after about an hour got up and walked about in the room, finally going to the front window, out of which he stepped and tumbled head first to the concrete pavement. Hammer is subject to somnambulations and has been known to take nocturnal rambles before, it is stated.

Huntsville Democrat, 1913

Bordellos in Huntsville To Close Tonight

from 1913 Huntsville paper

The so called segregated or red light district of Huntsville will go out of existence tonight at midnight and by tomorrow, practically all of the occupants of "the houses of our midst" will have departed from the city or changed their mode of making a living.

When the question of abolishing the district was brought before the City Commission in November by a committee representing the Men and Religion Forward Movement, proprietors of the houses agreed to close up quietly and get out provided they were not molested before the first of January. The commissioners entered into this agreement and the action of the police will not be necessary. The women declared their intention of keeping their promise to move away.

Several of the inmates of the

houses have already left the city, but a majority are still here however. A few will go to the homes from which they have long been absent but most of them will make their way to other cities and continue their life.

Occupants, as well as patrons, of the houses will face hefty fines in our city court after today.

Other cities have driven the red light districts out before this and the outcome of the experiment in those cities as well as here will be watched with a great deal of interest.

Don't Waste A Good Hand

A pious father entered a Huntsville saloon the other night with a horse-whip, and found his son playing poker. He tanned the young man's jacket and sent him home, and then sat down to finish the game himself.

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Although both monkeynauts survived the historic flight, Able died soon after re-entry. Miss Baker, the sole survivor, would go on to live an incredible twenty-five more years while becoming one of the world's most famous and adored monkeys.

Miss Baker was born in a Peruvian jungle in 1957. She was taken from her habitat shortly thereafter and was subjected to an intense pre-flight program to condition her to being strapped into a miniature couch during her flight for mankind. She was a spunky little squirrel monkey all her life. Her first response to humans after the flight was to bite her handler. Her last act before her death in 1984 was again to bite her handler.

In between she became the cornerstone and prime attraction of the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center. She was in no small way responsible for the museum's growth and popularity that today has reached international proportions. Miss Baker was beloved by children all over the world and in her lifetime received thousands of letters and appeared on twenty network news shows over the years. Typical letters to Miss Baker usually inquired of her health and would ask her if she needed or wanted a new friend. Children also were curious if Miss Baker saw any Martians while in space.

The little monkey (14-ounces) was under me-

ticulous medical care during her entire life in captivity. Besides her Huntsville veterinarian, the Yerkes Primate Center's monkey specialists in Atlanta were always on call in case of any dramatic change in Miss Baker's condition.

Unfortunately, nothing is forever and in the late fall of 1984 Miss Baker passed into legend. Her death was mourned worldwide for she was the little squirrel monkey that blazed a trail into space that men and women would later follow. Her tombstone at the Space and Rocket Center reads:

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Surviving The Depression

by Evelyn Hayden Hodges

The Hoover Administration had hardly begun when the stock market crashed in the fall of 1929.

After the crash, the country sank into the worst depression of its history. Millions of people lost every cent they owned. More factories shut down, stores closed, businesses were paralyzed. Local governments could not collect half their taxes.

By the end of 1931 there were 12 million people out of work.

Now, how did the average, everyday person in Huntsville cope with the depression?

First, there was no money. Everybody was scrambling to find work wherever they could. Men and boys rode freight trains from one place to another, looking for work. Even when they found work, it paid very little. A ten-hour workday in the field — hoeing cotton or tobacco — paid 25 cents a day and people picked cotton for 50 cents a hundred pounds. The farmers had a rough time too. All farm prices dropped — cotton fell from \$1 to 5 cents a pound. Corn sold for 25 cents a bushel. Most farmers were deep in debt at the end of the year.

One man recalls that his father, grandfather and uncle all worked at a sawmill for 25 cents a day. On payday, instead of receiving \$1.25 in cash,

they were required to take the equivalent in trade at the company store.

Another tells about the people who worked in the cotton mills, eleven hours a day: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., with an hour off for lunch. The mills owned the houses where most of the workers lived and they would take out the money for rent and utilities. The employee's take home pay was about \$4



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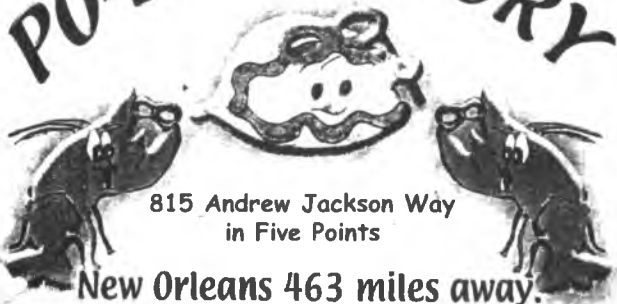
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a week. This fellow also said that, when he was fourteen years old, he worked in the mill during the summer vacation and was paid 10 cents an hour. Some jobs paid a little better. My brother worked at a drug store for a dollar a day. One man, who had been a traveling salesman for a Nashville wholesale grocery company, was out of work. So he bought and butchered hogs and ground them, except the hams, into sausage. He cured the hams for use at home and sold the sausage to the public for 20 cents a pound or two pounds for 35 cents.

Groceries were dirt cheap but nobody had any money. So everybody who had any space at all raised a garden. We moved outside the Huntsville city limits so we could keep a cow. We rented a six-room stucco house with a carport and a basement for \$20 a month. We had a large lot with plenty of room for the cow, chickens and a large garden. We had our own milk, butter, eggs and vegetables. We not only grew vegetables for the table in the summer, we canned and preserved everything available for winter.

We had fruit trees too. One year we had a big crop of peaches. I recall that my mother sold the surplus fruit to a grocery in town.

I don't remember how many peaches she sold but, I do recall, that they paid her \$15 in gold - a ten dollar and a five dollar gold piece. We never figured out why they paid in gold but that \$15 seemed like a lot of money then.


During the Depression I was teaching at Rison School for \$65 a month. The highest salary paid to any Madison County teacher then was \$146 to a high school principal. For two or three years Alabama had only enough money to run the schools for seven months. Parents who could afford it paid tuition for the other two months so their children could complete the full term.

One year the state was so short of funds that they couldn't pay the teachers. So for three months they gave us warrants (IOUs). Nobody wanted the warrants because of their extended date of maturity. I was told that

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the Alabama Power Company would take them in trade. So I traded my three warrants to the power company for our first electric refrigerator.

Madison County, like the state, also ran short of funds. They didn't have the money to pay people for jury duty. They gave them IOUs called script. There were two or three men in town who bought the script at a big discount from the jurors. Then they collected the full amount when it became due.

Real estate prices fell lower than ever before. In 1935 a farmer, who had 44 acres of land with a house, two barns, and a crib sold it all for \$1,000. Then he bought 153 acres with a house, two barns and a smokehouse for \$1,800. He paid the thousand he got from the sale of his property and signed a mortgage for the \$800. He paid that after he sold his crop the next year.

Young people also felt the pinch of hard times. Getting gasoline for their cars was a problem. Four or five boys would get together or couples would double-date so they could split the cost of the gasoline. They had no money for movies so they would go up on Monte Sano and park at one of their favorite gathering places. Sometimes several couples would get together at the home of one of the girls and, if a piano or a guitar were handy, that made it all the better. Picnics, swimming and other inexpensive pastimes were also popular.

There were the popular floursack dresses. Back then flour came packed in white cloth bags with the label printed on the front of the bag. It was packed in 24 and 48 pound bags. The milling companies hit upon the idea of packing the flour in cloth bags that were printed in colored designs. Women would select a pattern that she liked and then she bought flour in that same print until she had enough material to make a dress or other garment for herself or another member of the family.

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then but they seem almost unbelievable to us today. For example, a lunch consisting of a hot dog, a pint of milk and a piece of pie cost 20 cents, a five pound bucket of peanut butter cost 60 cents and a pound of crackers was 50 cents. Before blue jeans, men and boys wore overalls which cost 50 cents a pair. A four-door model A Ford cost \$665.

By 1937 times were some better but not by a whole lot. I recall that we could buy groceries for two for \$5.00 a week. That included flour, sugar, coffee, bacon, potatoes, a beef roast and other smaller items.

Times were slowly improving. Even as the depression wound down and World War II had begun, a frame house sold for three or four thousand dollars and a brick house could be built for around \$5,000.

Most of us survived the Great Depression and it is something we shall never forget, but we truly hope that there will never be another one.

Bigamist Marries Mother, Daughter and Niece

DECATUR, 1914 — Thomas "Piker" Easley, a former resident of our county, is behind bars in the County Jail on a charge of bigamy, having married three women in the same family: the mother, her daughter and a niece.


The marriages were over a period of ten years, during which time he worked as a sawmill hand during the day and a stablehand at night.

The arrest was made on an affidavit sworn by Deputy Sheriff A. S. Grubbs before Magistrate E.R. Raney of Decatur. Sheriff Forman had heard several times of Easley's misbehavior involving damsels in Jackson and Madison counties and was successful Saturday in capturing the man. He was courting another lass at the time.

The sheriff expects to have a hard time finding witnesses willing to testify against Easley. The womenfolk who became his spouses are hesitant to find disfavor with him, saying instead that they would be willing to continue on with him as an amorous quartet.

The defendant, Mr. Easley, however, has rejected attempts to be freed on bond, preferring to stay sheltered safely in the jail house.

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The young man was born near Royston, Georgia in 1886. At a young age he discovered the sport of baseball and immediately it became the passion in his life. This was in the days when every city, town and mill village had their own teams and professional players were almost unheard of.

At the age of nineteen the young man left home to pursue his new career. Walking and hitching rides on wagons he made his way across the Southland, looking for the "Big Time," or so he thought. According to one report of the day, there were so many baseball teams that the scores

were no longer listed in the newspaper. Players were expected to pay their own expenses, a fact that discouraged many would-be players.

The young man sought out every sandlot team in town trying for a position but was repeatedly turned down. One team offered him a position as an unpaid player, but he had to furnish his own uniform and glove. The young man had a glove but did not have the money to buy the uniform.

The manager of a local team, a mill village team, listened to the young man and then burst out laughing. "Son, you better go on back home and get a real job. If you think you can make a living playing baseball, why, you're crazier than you look!"

Probably a large part of it had to do with the exorbitant salary he was asking ... \$65.00 a month.

Disappointed, he left Huntsville after only a few days and eventually ended up in Detroit where he landed a job with a local baseball team.

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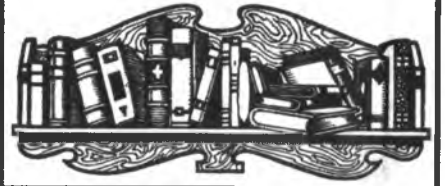
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Witnesses say the body was weighed down with iron which Ed Green identified as coming from the Madison County Jail, Another witness, 15 year old Gary Clinton, told of seeing bloodstains on the bridge.

Judge Lawler was last seen at the Chatauqua on East Clinton street. He reportedly received a message reminding him of an appointment and left in great haste. When he did not return that night the family began making inquiries.

Allegations that the judge was deeply involved with a bootleg ring have fueled speculation that other elected officials may be connected with the murder.

These rumors began when the Grand Jury recommended impeachment for the judge, Commisioneres and County Soliciter, all of whom are suspected

of taking bribes to let bootleggers and whiskey runners operate with impunity in Huntsville and Madison County.

David Overton, a one time Police Chief whom Lawler defeated in the last election, is being sought for questioning.

Buffalo Bill Dies at 71

William F. Cody was so skilled with a rifle that in 1868 he managed to kill more than 4,000 buffalo. Ever since, he has been known as "Buffalo Bill." Born in Iowa, raised in Missouri and Kansas, Cody was also an Army scout, Indian fighter, hotel owner and land speculator. But his greatest role was showman: his Wild West Show, featuring Sitting Bull and Annie Oakley, toured the world, earning Cody the friendship of European royalty. Buffalo Bill was 71 years old when he died.

World's Richest Woman Dies

Mrs. Hetty Green, believed to be the world's wealthiest woman, died yesterday in her 82nd year, leaving one son and one daughter. Born Henrietta Howland Robinson, she was the only child of a New Bedford, Massachusetts, merchant and shipowner, from whom she inherited about \$9 million. Shortly after his death, an aunt died, leaving her \$4 million, a bitterly contested legacy.

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to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million. Stories about her penurious habits are legendary. When those who had only a million or two would spend money for a cab to a party, she would put coarse stockings over her shoes and walk through the snow. In 1867, she married Edward H. Green, American Consul in Manila, but had a pre-nuptial agreement drawn up, so that her fortune remained entirely in her capable hands.

Pancho Villa Routed in Surprise Attack

Two weeks after their arrival in Mexico, American troops under the command of Brigadier General John J. Pershing have routed Pancho Villa's army in their first military engagement.

The fighting took place in the early morning when a detachment of United States Cavalry led by Colonel George Dodd launched a surprise attack on Villa's camp at Guerrero after riding 55 miles in 17 hours. Numbering 400, the cavalry engaged the Mexicans in

a five-hour running battle, killing 30 of Villa's 500 troops and wounding numerous others. Four Americans were slightly wounded.

According to Pershing's communique, Villa himself was not present, but others report seeing him escape in a carriage.

700,000 Soldiers Dead at Verdun

French troops today broke through the German lines in the Verdun sector north of Fort Douaumont on a front of six and one-half miles with some units penetrating up to two miles.

The French Ministry of War announced "success is complete" and that 7,500 prisoners have been taken, including 300 officers.

This tactical success may balance official concern over Verdun's drain on the French army.

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Gabby Street: A Baseball Legend

by Jon Jackson

Huntsville has always had its share of heros. We have had astronauts, movie stars and scientists but for generations of young boys growing up here, none would ever be as important as a tall gangly young man with the unlikely name of Gabby Street.

Charles Edward Street was born to William and Mary Street in Huntsville, on Randolph Street, in 1882. This was an age when baseball was fast becoming America's favorite sport and Charles, like thousands of other young boys, was drawn to the game. Early on, he developed a passion for the game and by 1898 he was playing for the Milligan Sluggers, a local amateur team that played against the mill teams.

From the first, Charles gravitated toward the position of catcher. "Gabby had a good arm," said Sluggers pitcher Ollie Copeland. "We had a play where a man on third would take a good lead. Gabby would throw the ball about waist high to me. The runner would break for the plate, and we would catch him in a chase." Ollie then went on to explain how "the Sluggers beat everything around Huntsville and went looking for more challenging teams to play."

The Milligan Sluggers enjoyed a brief fame when they played the

Memphis Chicks, a team in the Southern League. Good as the Sluggers were in a bush-league setting, they were soundly defeated by the professional team. But now Gabby knew what he wanted to do: Play professional baseball.

In 1903, he made his professional debut in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, with the Kitty League for \$60 a month. Yet, despite having the job of his dreams, all did not go well for the young catcher. He was traded twice during the course of the year: first to Terre Haute, Indiana, in the Central League, and then to the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League.

But fortune prepared to shine on him.

Toward the end of 1903, a scout for the Cincinnati Reds saw Gabby play and offered him a position in the majors. Even as a big-leaguer, however, Gabby still struggled to catch on with a team. After the 1904 season, Cincinnati traded him to the Boston Braves for another player and spare change. A year later, he went back to the minors, where he played with the Chattanooga Lookouts until the Washington Senators picked him up in 1908. It was there that he hit his stride. For the next four years, he

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worked with one of the best pitchers the game has ever seen: the legendary Walter "Big Train" Johnson.

No one today can be certain of just how fast Johnson actually pitched, but baseball experts estimate that his heater may well have clocked at over a hundred miles per hour. Ty Cobb, then playing with the Detroit Tigers, said of Johnson: "The first time I faced him, I watched him take that easy windup—and then something went past me that made me flinch. I hardly saw the pitch, but I heard it. The thing just hissed with danger. Every one of us knew we'd met the most powerful arm ever turned loose in a ballpark."

Yet Johnson credited his success to Street for helping him maintain concentration. And it did not hurt that Street was not afraid

to take the blame if one of his calls for a pitch ended up costing Washington the game. Johnson also explained how Street got the nickname "Gabby". "What a catcher he was," Johnson said, "a big fellow, a perfect target, a great arm, spry as a cat back of the plate, always talking, full of pep and fight. Gabby was always jabbering and never let a pitcher take his mind off the game. When we got in a tight spot Gabby was right there to talk it over with me. He never let me forget a batter's weakness." Street talked the young Johnson to fourteen victories in his first

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season with the Senators, and thirteen in the second.

It was also during his stint in Washington that he received a bit of fame for catching a ball dropped from the top of the Washington Monument. While this may seem a minor feat to some, it should be remembered that the ball would have been traveling at over 150 mph. Papers of the day reported that Gabby was "considerably jarred by the impact", but he went on to catch for Johnson that day, and Washington beat the Detroit Tigers three to one. In his third and fourth seasons Johnson won twenty-five games each. By then, the Senators were looking for fresh talent and Johnson was doing pretty well on his own.

Gabby was traded to the New York Yankees in 1911 but the following year he went back to the minors, where he stayed until the outbreak of World War I. Like many young men of his generation, he signed up to go "over there" and win a "war to end all wars". Street made sergeant by the end of the war. Afterward, there was something different about Gabby: he had grown up. The minor league clubs he played with after the war noticed his new maturity.

In 1920, he became a manager in the minors, returning to the major leagues in 1929. As a

man in a boy's game, Gabby saw things his players often could not: The need for discipline, how to push players to be the best, and when to stop pushing. It was during this time that the players began calling him "Old Sarge."

In 1929 the St. Louis Cardinals hired him as a first base coach. Near the end of the 1929 season, Cardinals owner, Sam Breardon, announced that Gabby had signed a contract to manage for the 1930 season. All that winter Gabby worked hard to bring the best talent possible to the club. When the team went to Florida for spring training, Gabby worked his "boys" hard and expected them to stick to the schedule. Smoking, drinking, and other training in-

fractions were met with stiff fines and no one was allowed to see their girlfriends or wives for the duration of the training camp. By the time the preseason exhibition games started, everyone on the team knew why Gabby had the nickname "Old Sarge."

Yet there was a method to the Old Sarge's madness. The Cardinals started the season on fire, winning 17 out of 18 games. Yet by the beginning of summer, a

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combination of injuries and illness knocked Gabby's "boys" down to fourth place. The summer of 1930 was a scorcher, with temperatures reaching triple digits most days. One hundred and thirty-three St. Louis residents died from the heat. In August the team was still in fourth, 9 1/2 games out of first. Once more fortune smiled on Gabby and his boys. On August 5th, the Cardinals beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 4-3 and began a nine-game winning streak. Over the next month and a half, the Red Birds won 38 of their last 48 games and swept Brooklyn in a three-game series to win the National League pennant. But, as good as Gabby's Cardinals were, the Philadelphia Athletics defeated them in the World Series, 4 games to 2.

That was the year the Cardinals brought to St. Louis one of the most talented players the game has ever seen: Jay "Dizzy" Dean. Dizzy earned his name

through his pitching ability, as well as by his oddball antics both on and off the field. And while Gabby thought Dizzy was one of the best pitchers he had ever seen, he realized Dizzy's stunts and lack of discipline might very well cost the team dearly. In the 1930 Series Gabby did not allow the 19-year-old rookie to play. The Spring of 1931 saw Gabby, with the approval of club vice president Branch Rickey, sending Dizzy back to the minors.

Nineteen thirty-one began with a bang for Gabby. At 49, the seasoned baseball veteran had set the record as the first manager to win a league pennant in his first year with a major league team. After a great spring camp, the Cardinals began their pre-season exhibition games with a stop in Gabby's hometown of Huntsville. When the Red Birds rolled into town, Huntsville's leaders treated the local hero to a royal welcome. The Merrimack

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Band (led by John L. Hay) and a large crowd of friends and local baseball fans greeted the team at the train station. From there, a parade made its way to the Hotel Russell Erskine, where the team had breakfast and were housed for the day. Gabby visited with friends and family he hadn't seen in years.

That afternoon the team went to Martin Park to play for a capacity crowd. Horton Hutchens, the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, presented Gabby with a Hamilton wristwatch. For the first time in his life words failed Gabby Street.

The Cardinals played the best local talent Huntsville had to offer, but at 14-4 it wasn't even close. Even when the Cardinals loaned the Huntsville team Dizzy Dean (he had not yet gone back to the minors at this point) and Mike Gonzalez, the local talent could not make up the deficit. After the game Gabby and the other Cardinals signed autographs to hoards of admiring fans.

By the end of the season, they were ahead by 13 games, a feat almost unheard-of in modern baseball history. Yet, going into the Series, no one really thought the St. Louis team could win. For one thing, the team had its share of

injured players. But the real reason for the critics' doubt was the sheer power of the opposing team - Connie Mack's Athletics.

The whole country sat spellbound listening as radio stations broadcast play by play action of the World Series. By the end of the sixth game, with the teams tied 3-3, even the harshest critics were beginning to believe that Gabby Street might actually pull it off and win the pennant.

In game seven, the Cardinals were leading with a 4-0 lead when the Athletics began a rally in the ninth inning. Within minutes a series of home runs dashed Gabby Street's dreams of winning the World Series. As all of St. Louis began to celebrate Gabby just smiled, briefly spoke to the reporters after the game, and went home.

The next few years weren't kind to Gabby. In '32 he couldn't pull the team above sixth place, and in '33 they finished in fifth. It was back to the minors for a few years before the St. Louis Browns, an American League team,

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hired him to manage in 1938. The team finished that season in seventh place, and Gabby once again went to the minors.

Gabby began a broadcasting career in 1940. His talkative nature and the stories gained from years of baseball made him the ideal color commentator. A couple of years later, St. Louis hired one of the most famous voices to ever go on the air: Harry Caray. For the rest of the 1940s, until Gabby's death in 1951, the team of Harry Caray and Gabby Street could be heard every summer, broadcasting Cardinal games across the Mid-West on WMOX and a 90-station radio network.

Caray always claimed that Gabby was like a father. "He was such a great influence on me," Caray later said, "I was just a kid when I started out and he guided me along. Gabby was a great philosopher. He was born 30 years too soon; today he'd be a national figure. Gabby was perfect—he'd always have a humorous story in fit a situation on the field... He was a great baseball analyst."

Charles Evard "Gabby" Street died on February 6th, 1951, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by family, friends, and memories of the game he loved so well.

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- By reason of an open switch on the Southern railway freight train No. 306 - J. Edward, engineer and switch train No 431 with Conductor Miller in charge - collided on the side track on Meridian Street late yesterday afternoon, wrecking and derailing two cars of the regular train, demolishing the pilots of both engines, smashing the front of a car and the trucks of the end of the switch train. No one was hurt.

- Hon. W. T. Lawler, probate judge of Madison County, entered upon his 4th year of office on Monday morning with every deed mortgage left on the books from the past year. Business is heavier than ever and the probate office is especially busy.

- Mrs. Elma Wesley died of apoplexy in Merrimack. A long time resident of Merrimack Village, she died last night after a few days illness with apoplexy. She left three daughters.

- R.C. Smallwood, sixty years, died last night at his residence in the Rowe Mill Village of pneumonia.

- The bursting of a water main leading from the city pumping station to the standpipe caused no end of trouble Saturday and Sunday. A leak was found in front of the Schiffman Building on the southeast corner of the square

early Saturday morning and a force of men set to work to dig down and make the necessary repair. The job was bigger than they thought it to be. When the hard crust of the macadamized street was removed the escaping water burst forth and flooded the street.

The flood washed out a bed down the gutter and being unable to get in the storm sewer at Randolph Street, passed on down to Clinton and flooded that corner. No damage whatever was done by the flood.

- The daily newspapers of the city are the chief sufferers because they had to depend on water power to run the presses. The Evening Banner was caught half through with its editions and city subscribers were furnished with the paper in an unusual form. The Evening Tribune, which had gotten into trouble at its own plant

and was depending on the Mercury plant for publication, was unable to get out at all.

- Three buildings on Jefferson Street burned Sunday night. A blaze that is supposed to have originated from a live wire in the grocery store of C.K. Brown on Sunday evening ruined three of

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- An older man, too drunk to walk, was arrested this afternoon by Officer Bullard on a charge of drunkenness. The old man was too intoxicated to walk alone and he was hauled to the city lockup in a delivery wagon. His granddaughter paid the fine and took him home.

- A negro by the name of Sharpe appeared in the recorder's court and complained that while driving his mule along East Holmes street last night his mule ran into a pile of brick, the presence of which was not disclosed by any sign of warning. His mule broke his leg but was not shot.

- The city street force and Superintendent Murphy are making improvements in various portions of the city. California Street is being graded and put in good condition. Granitoid pavements are being placed on Locust Street in accordance with the promise made the realty firm that developed the property further out this street.

Foot bridges are being put down wherever needed. Good use is being made of the street force and the convicts who are sentenced to hard labor are required to do the good work.

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Mr. Anderson's Monument

by Jack Harwell

Most of the major roads in town are named after people, usually either presidents or prominent local citizens. One exception to this is Meridian Street. It is named, not for a politician, but for a topographical feature. The story of how that name came about goes back nearly two centuries.

At the turn of the 19th century, the land where Huntsville is now located was mostly untouched wilderness. The human population consisted largely of Indians, with an occasional hardy white settler. The numbers of the latter grew rapidly after John Hunt settled near the Big Spring in 1805, as news of the area's suitability for farming began to spread.

As more and more settlers came to what would one day be called Huntsville, disputes inevitably arose over land ownership. With no local government, there was no way for an individual to stake a legal claim to his land. Fortunately, the nation's founders had foreseen this problem, and one of the first tasks the new United States government undertook was to establish a standard for locating and disposing of public lands in the territories west of the Appalachian Mountains.

In 1785, Congress established a method of surveying the public lands by which all such lands were divided into squares six miles on a side. These squares were called townships. The

squares were marked off on the map with east-west lines, called township lines, and north-south lines, called range lines. Each township was further divided into 36 squares called sections. Each section contained an area of one square mile (640 acres). Settlers could then buy the land in sections, half-sections, and quarter-sections. These sections lines are still used today, usually to identify land outside the city limits.

In order to determine the exact location of the township and range lines, a single reference point was needed. This point, called the initial point, was marked in 1807 by Thomas Freeman, a surveyor from Nashville, who was employed to survey the public lands in north Alabama. For his initial point, Freeman selected the point where the highway from Huntsville to Fayetteville crossed the state line. The site is visible from the modern highway,

U.S. 231-43 1, which follows the same route. From that point, Freeman struck a line due south, which he called the Huntsville Meridian, since it passed through Huntsville, then the largest town north of Mobile. He drew the north-south range lines parallel to the meridian, one every six miles, and the east-west township lines he drew parallel to the state line. Freeman completed his survey in May 1809, and the first lands were offered for sale three months later.

Because the highway leading north from Huntsville ran along the meridian, it came to be known as Meridian Pike. The part of the

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Meridian Street remained the major north-south route in north Huntsville until Memorial Parkway was completed in 1955. At one time there were five motels on Meridian to serve travellers arriving from Fayetteville and points north. All are gone now. Also gone is Woody's Drive-In Theater, which was located just north of the Quietdale Drive intersection. The author can recall, as a child, falling asleep in the back seat of my parents' Chevy as they took in one of the features at Woody's in the early sixties. The site is currently vacant, with only the vestiges of the marquee to mark the entrance.

The Huntsville Meridian comes down the middle of England Street and passes through Maple Hill Cemetery. There, in 1835, riverboat captain and outdoor enthusiast Richard W. Anderson erected a monument on the meridian. Anderson was known as an avid long distance walker; he liked to take his cotton by boat to New Orleans, then walk back to Huntsville! Every morning before breakfast, he would walk from his home to Whitesburg and back. The reason for his interest in the Huntsville Meridian is not known; however, since his monument bears the names of many family members who lived here, he may have just decided to make one marker serve two purposes.

Dear Mama

There is nothing to rite about here but I will try anyhow. Mary misses Huntsville but we are doing all right. Nothing is happening here and there is not anything to tell. We took the train to Cincinatti but there was nothing there to talk about. We saw Louie there and he says he is all right but there is nothing to rite about. Well, that is about all. I will rite again when I have something else to rite about.

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The fence surrounding the city cemetery has disappeared and many of its stones have been toppled. The invaders pay no concern to this desecration.

The soldiers are, for the most part, Regulars, and under better discipline than formerly, and being prohibited from entering private houses or lots, without special leave. Not a single Negro company is stationed there or has been organized there. Negro men, women and children are quartered in Greene Academy. When Governor Chapman was ordered out of his home for refusing to take the oath, and was on the eve of starting, he received notice that the family must vacate the house in a specified time and it was said that he was ordered not to remove any of the furniture, and that Negroes were to be quartered there, but the latter needs confirmation.

The coal mines in the mountains around Huntsville have stopped producing. The owners state their coal is being confiscated almost as rapidly as it can be dug and they no longer desire to labor for nothing.

Thurstan Lumpkin, a citizen of Huntsville, who was sent to the Nashville Penitentiary, several months ago, for telling the Yankees that he believed that they were stealing Negro men to carry them North and improve the Yankee breed, is reported to have died there, a short time since.

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Houston Clark, a prominent young man of New Hope, is on trial in the law and equity court for the killing of Charles Drake, a young man of the same neighborhood. The charge against him is murder in the first degree.

A jury of twelve men was selected this morning. The hearing of evidence for the prosecution was begun shortly after noon. The state claims that Charles Drake was beaten to death by Houston Clark at the home of P. Overton, a short distance from New Hope and has introduced evidence to show that the instrument of death was a plank of wood which is presented as evidence.

There are three dents and blood stains on the plank and these are said to correspond with the wounds on Drake's head. Dr. H. R. Johnson testified that he was called to examine the dead man and found that his skull had been fractured in three places and his neck disjuncted, any one of the wounds being serious enough to cause death.

The defense will introduce evidence to show that the defendant found Drake in the act of pulling a young woman through the window of the Overton home. The plea of the defense is that the act was justified by the circumstances. Miss Overton will be an important witness in the case.

Both families involved in the tragedy have large connections and immediately after the killing Clark, accompanied by his uncle,

walked to town and surrendered to Sheriff Mitchell. Clark states that he walked in order to avoid trouble, as threats had been made against his life.

The trial promises to develop some sensational features and because few of the facts in the case have been allowed to reach the public, there is considerable general interest in the case.

Attorneys for both sides state the trial will probably last all week. A heavy attendance is expected.

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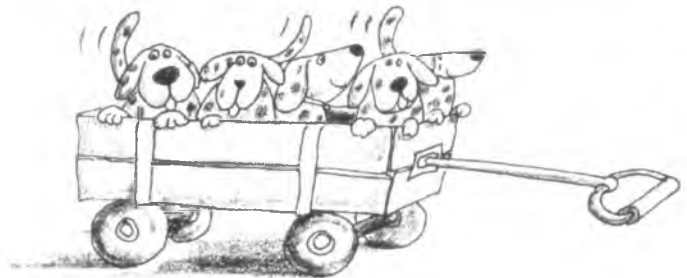
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When John C. and Emeline were married on Christmas Eve, 1829, no one would have predicted the unhappy and scandalous end their union would see. Emeline was many years younger than John, a prosperous and distinguished land owner, who had come to Huntsville with his parents in 1807. He was the ideal husband for the young Emeline, or so everyone thought.

Emeline was barely 18 when they married, and was considered by many to be lighthearted and girlish. She possessed a trim figure and an extremely romantic and imaginative mind. In this last characteristic, she and her husband were totally different.

The couple were married in Courtland and moved to Huntsville after the wedding. They began their married life in the home of his mother, about a mile or so outside of Huntsville. Living with them were John's two sisters, older ladies who had never married. Both spinsters took an immediate liking to the bright and flirtatious young woman, and the three soon became good friends.

When his mother died in 1831, John and Emeline moved to the brick home at the corner of Greene and Randolph.

On August 9, 1836 the trouble began. There was a high board fence that surrounded the home, and on that day a handbill was dropped over it. It announced that a certain Henry Riley, "Stage manager of many of the principal theaters in the Union," would present an entertainment consisting of recitals, imitations, and songs.

This handbill was found in the garden by Emeline's favorite Ne-

gro girl, Ann, and plans were made to attend. John however, was not a theater-goer and chose to stay home that night and read. So Emeline, with anticipation of a good time, set off for the event with her Ann.

Arriving at the theater, Emeline went directly to the choice seats always reserved for the ladies at the front. The first act was horribly boring to

Emeline, and she fidgeted badly. But the second act was one she would remember forever.

When Henry Riley first entered the stage, Emeline was struck. Here was her ideal of a man. As he began to give imitations of "celebrated performers," his glance fell often on Emeline who was sitting on the first row. Riley was intrigued by the young and flirtatious girl.

Although Riley had no chance to speak to Emeline that night, the whole city was soon aware of the looks exchanged between the two.

In a few days, a note from Emeline came to Henry, brought by the servant girl. He didn't respond, as he had asked a few questions of the tavern owner and had found out that Emeline was



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married to a powerful man in the community. Another note was delivered in two days.

"Henry, if you will come down to the theater this evening, I will go there and tell you where you may see me. Let no one know of this, not for your life. Mr. C. is in the country, I am all alone.

Your Emeline.

In no time this innocent flirtation exploded into a full blown affair. Almost everyone in town was talking about it by now, except for John, who remained unaware.

Emeline now thought of Henry every waking moment. Even though she was acting cheerful at home with her husband, and as if nothing bothered her, she knew her heart belonged to Henry. Infatuated with her new love, Emeline wrote in her diary every day.

"My heart wanders like a drop from the ocean which cannot meet its kindred drop, like a voice which in all Nature finds no echo. Keep that ring I sent you in remembrance of me. One who loves you. Farewell. Farewell."

A few days later, Henry met Emeline again in the garden behind her home. The garden adjoined the lot where the theater was located and there was a fence

between the two lots. They spent more time together than they had planned on, talking in whispers. When they separated and Emeline ran toward the house, John stepped out the back door, anger clouding his face.

For several weeks John had ignored the whispers and gossip he had heard around him. But now, before he could stop, he found himself accusing Emeline of meeting someone in the dark. She remained silent. He demanded to know where she had been for so long but she still refused to answer. Once inside the house, John's rage exploded as he began shaking her violently, while shouting all kinds of accusations. Emeline remained strangely unemotional, not bothering to reply to John.

Hours later, unable to sleep, Emeline was torn between loyalty to John and love for Henry. She thought of telling John everything, but she knew if she did John would kill Henry.

On September 19, the actor was preparing to depart Huntsville when Emeline's servant girl brought him another note. It said that Emeline's husband had missed a favorite picture of her, the one that Emeline had given to Henry. She had to get it back, and in the note told him not to write her again.

She didn't hear from Henry for some time. He was now in Tuscumbia appearing in another production. Emeline, missing him terribly, sent word, *"Come to Huntsville to see me. I was once a bright jewel, but you have*

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Whatever hope John had in saving their marriage now seemed to crumble. Since August, he had been anything but a happy man. When his mind was not on the severe problems he had in his business, he brooded often about the ugly and malicious rumors about his wife that had originated among the Negroes. Disturbing stories had been brought to him directly by his sisters, who by now had had a falling out with Emeline.

A familiar face emerged around the middle of December, that of Henry Riley. Rumors traveled rapidly: why was he here, without his theatrical company, unannounced, and without any business? Then, around 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 19, two men "minding their own business" saw Riley walking along Randolph, from the direction of the square.

As the actor passed Emeline's home, the two men saw the blinds of a window in the second story cautiously open and a piece of paper drop to Riley's feet. He

hastily looked around him, picked up the paper, and quickly walked back toward the courthouse.

The two men could not keep information of this type to themselves, so they quickly went to the office of their friend, attorney James W. McClung, and told him what they had seen. McClung was a friend of John's, so he immediately rushed to the land office with the story.

After hearing McClung's secondhand version, John C. sat back in his chair with a resigned look on his face. He said that, if there was enough evidence to prove that Emeline was unfaithful, he would proceed with a divorce.

The two men accosted Henry Riley a few minutes later in front of the Bell Tavern, and aided by a few curious bystanders, wrestled him to the ground. After a short struggle, they managed to pry the piece of paper out of the actor's hand.

"I am so much pleased to see you here once more, but it is impossible for me to speak to you.

I am still the same and ever shall be. Return home, Henry, and forget me, if you please, but if it is ever in my power to become the bride of H., with honor I will, and as soon as I can, you shall know it. Keep my secret. Never betray me so long as you live. Write a letter this evening, and tonight, after tea, slip it through the window blinds of the arch. I will be there playing the piano. Adieu, Henry, Yours."

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John was still not satisfied with this latest proof, so he summoned his very best friend, Samuel Crusoe. He insisted that they should go to the tavern where Henry was staying and inquire as to whether or not Riley had any luggage with him. When the tavern keeper indicated that he did indeed have a trunk upstairs, John and Samuel insisted on searching the actor's room, over much protest from the tavern keeper.

Up until this moment, John still did not believe that Emeline had been unfaithful to him. He remembered the early days of their marriage when every day was happy. He believed it could be like that again, if he would just be patient. Upon opening the trunk, however, and gazing at its contents, John knew there was no more hope. He felt his heart sink within his chest, and tried to fight back tears of rage.

The trunk contained very little, just a few clothes, a hat, and a large bundle wrapped in a theater program. When they opened the bundle, a small miniature of Emeline fell out. The picture was one that John had made the day after their wedding. Letters, all in Emeline's handwriting, made up most of the bundle. John did not have to read many of them to know the truth about Henry and Emeline.

That night, after a long and painful deliberation, John called his wife into the parlor of their home. Emeline could tell by the look on his face, that her secret romance had been discovered. Without any sort of preamble, John told her that she had to leave. Their marriage was over.

When Emeline began to weep, John announced

that she would be sent back to her father's home on the very next stage out.

He had already purchased a ticket for her. Late that night, in the midst of a blinding rainstorm, Emeline boarded the stage to leave Huntsville forever. There was no one to see her off.

John sued for divorce the following March. The trial did not come up until October, and after reviewing all of the evidence for two days, Judge George W. Lane ruled in favor of the plaintiff.

Emeline's only comment about the decision was that she believed that John's associates had approached her under the guise of friendship and really desired to destroy his happiness and her reputation.

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wife of his youth died and was buried near the village of Alexandria.

While assigned to the Larkinsville circuit, Milus Johnston married Mrs. Mary E. (Hammer) Findley, of Madison County, Alabama.

Milus did not leave Tennessee until it became unsafe for people to assemble and worship in their churches. When Federal soldiers invaded Tennessee, Reverend Johnston was assigned to the Fayetteville circuit and was attending to his own business, that being the business of preaching the gospel. Without any cause on his part, he was arrested by Union troops and told to quit preaching. He was later set free and started preaching again, slipping through the hills to his appointments. Again, he was arrested and his horse confiscated. Reverend Johnston then walked the hills and valleys to preach to his congregations. Unable to preach in

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peace, Reverend Johnston took his wife and moved southward to Madison County, Alabama, to the home of his wife's father.

On arriving home and finding there was no chance to preach the gospel and having no desire to enlist in the army, Reverend Johnston went to work farming. His only goal was to take care of his family to the best of his ability.

On came the Federal army laying waste to everything in their path. They burned out the Reverend's family three times, taking everything they had including the boots off his feet. He then crossed the Tennessee River at the mouth of the Paint Rock River with the assistance of some of Col. Roddy's (4th Alabama Cavalry) men. Upon reaching the south bank of the Tennessee River, he looked northward and said, "Boys, I have come to the conclusion that God never yet made a man to be slobbered on always by dogs; hence. I'm going to give those fellows a turn - the best turn I can get into the hopper." He immediately went to the Confederate authorities and was given a commission and sent back inside the Federal lines to raise troops. Reverend Johnston helped organize a company of partisan rangers that was mustered into the Confederate Army and operated primarily in Jackson, Madison and Marshall Counties of north Alabama.

He acquired the name "Bushwhacker" Johnston after being appointed a captain of Company E of Mead's Confederate Cavalry.

These units were also known as Mead's Regiment of Partisan Rangers. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel on March 27, 1865, and given command of the 25th Alabama Cavalry, which he commanded until its surrender to Union forces on May 11, 1865, at Trough Spring on Monte Sano Mountain and was paroled at

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After the war Reverend (Bushwhacker) Johnston lived at New Hope, Alabama, until his second wife's death. His second wife bore him five children while they lived at New Hope. After her death, he moved to Union Grove, Marshall County, Alabama, to live with his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Cadenhead, wife of the inventor of the Cadenhead plow.

In the 1890's Reverend Johnston was assigned to the Warrenton, Alabama Mission circuit. Reverend Johnston helped establish and was pastor of the First Methodist Church of Arab. He also established Methodist churches at Oleander, Ruth and Union Grove while assigned to the Warrenton circuit. Milus E. Johnston retired in November, 1896, at the age of 73.

On January 4, 1899, Reverend Johnston married Mrs. Jane Jullian, the widow of John Jullian. They were married at the bride's home in Cataco Valley near Oleander, Alabama. He was 76 and she was 69 at the time of their marriage. Reverend Johnston lived on his wife's farm, where he wrote his memoirs, until her death.

After his wife's death, Milus E. Johnston moved to Watertown, Tennessee, in Wilson County to live with one of his sons. He died in 1915 at the age of 92 and is buried in Hearn Hill Cemetery near Watertown.



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Prock Fisk was a tall "gentleman farmer/businessman" looking fellow and nearly always smoked a large crooked Pipe which emitted a strong tobacco fragrance. He was a friendly and accommodating man. I think he knew me largely through his acquaintance with my Father (Ben Ramey) who dealt a lot in livestock trades with Mr. Fisk. When I campaigned for Madison County Judge, Mr. Fisk offered me the use of his offices during the campaign. I thanked him, but did not use them.

The auction barn was very crowded and noisy on auction day, which I seem to remember, was on Wednesday of each week. There were wagons, trucks, people and cattle all over the place. To me, it was very exciting, kind of like a circus. Inside the barn, there were seemingly endless cattle stalls and a huge open arena. A large and imposing auctioneer's desk was on the north wall of the arena. Around the arena, there were rows of seats where the farmers and prospective bidders sat. The auctioneer was a Mr. Tinson who lived in Gadsden, Alabama, and commuted to the auction every week. He was a fascinating man when auctioning. He could hold a kid spellbound just listening to his

singsong.

It seems there were always peddlers of various and sundry goods around the barn, especially on auction day. One could buy fruit, vegetables, molasses, syrup, blankets, quilts, walking canes, maybe a used gun, and other assorted items.

There was a "sheep dip" at the barn for treating and delousing animals. They had to pass through the dip before being weighed. One of my many cousins worked at the barn one summer, and did the weighing of the animals. Mr. Fisk would permit some of us boys to run our dog through the dip to rid the dog of fleas.

When an animal was brought into the auction arena by two or three attendants with prods and sheep crooks, the auctioneer began his song. I marveled at how he could do the staccato singsong of bidding prices. To purchase an animal, a bidder would nod his head or raise his arm slightly to signal his willingness to pay a certain price. You had to be careful with your body movements or you

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would have made a bid unintentionally. The arena smelled of hay, manure and strong tobacco, all in a sturdy, bracing melange of odor. Also, piles of hay were stored above and behind the bleacher seats where the bidders sat. We boys would lie up there in the hay and be mesmerized by the auctioneer's steady whine. I must admit that several of us frequently played "hooky" from school to go to the auction. There were a few chickens living around the barn area, and they layed their eggs in the hay above the arena. We were not above rolling or gently tossing an egg down on the crowd of bidders. When we did so, we were forced to take immediate flight and go on to Sycamore swimming hole on the Pinhook Creek. I often wondered if Mr. Fisk knew I was one of the culprits rolling eggs down on the unsuspecting people below. I suppose not, in the light of his generous offer of the use of his offices for my campaign.

I have no idea when the old auction barn closed its operations. It is gone now. I don't know what I wouldn't give to hear that musical sing-song of the auctioneer, and to sit under the shade trees outside, watching the movement of men and cattle. It was a joy to sit around a small group of the farmers and hear their jesting and story telling. They dearly loved to whittle on a stick of wood and spin their tales. What gripping and exciting stories they could tell! It was a good and peaceful atmosphere for a young kid spellbound by crowds and a wonderful auctioneer!

This story is an excerpt from "Memories" by Curtis Ramey. The book is a wonderful collection of stories from Lincoln Village and can be purchased by sending \$20 plus \$5 shipping and handling to Curtis Ramey, 309 W. 7th St., Suite 1030, Fort Worth, Texas 76102



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Tips From Liz

- Emptied fruit, such as oranges or cantaloupes, refilled with vanilla ice cream with raspberries or strawberries make dainty little bowls. Cover with pink whipped cream and garnish with red cherries and serve at your summer afternoon tea.

- When you rub lotion on your face, be sure and get your neck area too as it need moisturizing as much as your face.

- Having trouble sleeping? Oftentimes, just an extra pillow will help.

- Dip asparagus into egg batter, roll in fresh bread crumbs or cracker meal and fry to a golden brown in butter. A very select vegetable with a juicy steak.

- Two cups of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder, a pinch of salt, and add cold water to make a stiff batter. Drop by teaspoonfuls in meat broth for drop dumplings that never fail.

- Give your colicky infant mild ginger tea. It's wonderful for di-

gestion and gas. For fever, eat grapes throughout the day. Also dilute pure grape juice and sip.

- Whisper to an angry child. He'll have to stop crying to listen to you.

- To ease the discomfort of a bad hangover, rub half a lemon under each armpit. This may ease the feeling somewhat.

- For Asthma, eat 3-6 apricots a day. They help heal lung/bronchial conditions.

- For regularity, drink the juice of one lemon mixed in one cup of warm water, every morning. A bit of honey may be added to sweeten. You'll be amazed at the results.

- A lady who had ringing in her ears tried dropping 2 drops of onion juice into her ears 3 times a week and it stopped.

- Garlic is wonderful for your heart - take 2 capsules a day to protect and strengthen the heart and help thin your blood. Also,

use garlic in cooking and raw in salads - the cloves get really mild and sweet when baked or roasted.

- For indigestion, scrub an orange and eat some of the peel 5 minutes after a meal.



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The 1943 American Legion Baseball Team

by John Medlin

During the 17th year of my life, I was, as always, on a baseball team from the Lincoln Mill Village. The year was 1943 and we played at Lincoln Park on Meridian Street. Each year there were at least four teams from Lincoln Village. They were the Cardinals, those boys in the new village area, the Yankees, those boys from around the Cottage Street area, the Browns, those boys from streets south of the Lincoln Mill and the Phillies, boys north of the Lincoln Mill. These groups made up the baseball teams of the village. We would play against each other all summer.

In those days there were no Little League ball clubs and so the older folks who had actual baseball knowledge and who lived in the Village would get all of the kids organized and form these teams.

Every year the best players of the four teams in Lincoln Mill Vil-

lage would be selected for the American Legion Baseball team who would then represent the Mill Village in other games. In 1943 we were invited to play in Lanett, Alabama.

While we were in Lanett we were on the way back to the Armory where we were staying when a policeman began to follow us. The person driving did not have a license so before the policeman got to the car Alton Berryhill leaped over the seat and into the driver's seat. He was the only one who had a driver's license. Once the policeman saw who we were he let us go without a ticket.

We played for three games and in the last game we lost our pitcher, Paul Carroll, when a ball hit him on the shoulder when he was at bat. He was the best pitcher we had and afterwards everyone, including me, took turns pitching. I always played short stop and had never pitched a

game. One ball was popped up to me while I was on short stop and I started to holler, "I got it, I got it" and the ball landed right in front of me. None of us had ever played under night lights before.

In the 9th inning, J.W. Ivey was put in as our pitcher. He was wild and walked 2 or 3 men. After the first half of the game, Frank Williams, who was one of the managers, started changing pitchers. In the top of the 9th inning Lanett made 19 runs and in the bottom of the 9th they scored another 2 runs beating us 21-3.

Regardless, we still had a great time.

Each year at the end of the baseball season, Mr. Milton Peeler, the Mill Superintendent, gave a banquet for the teams at his home on Meridian Street. There were player awards given out to the Most Valuable player and other types of awards.

The rock wall around Mr. Peeler's home was a meeting place for the young ball players and many nights I have set on the wall with my friends rehashing the day's events.



From left to right: Coyle Ray, Frank Williams, Obie Johnson, Erskine Cantrell, Bill Shelton, Billy Stone, Wesley Worley, Erskine Payne, Leon Hill, J.W. Ivey, Paul Carroll, Bart Ellis, J.J. Graham, unknown, Leon Helton, Phil Peeler, Cecil Fain, Herbert Ray. Kneeling: Billy Johnson, Grady Harbin, Alton Berryhill, John Medlin, unknown

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