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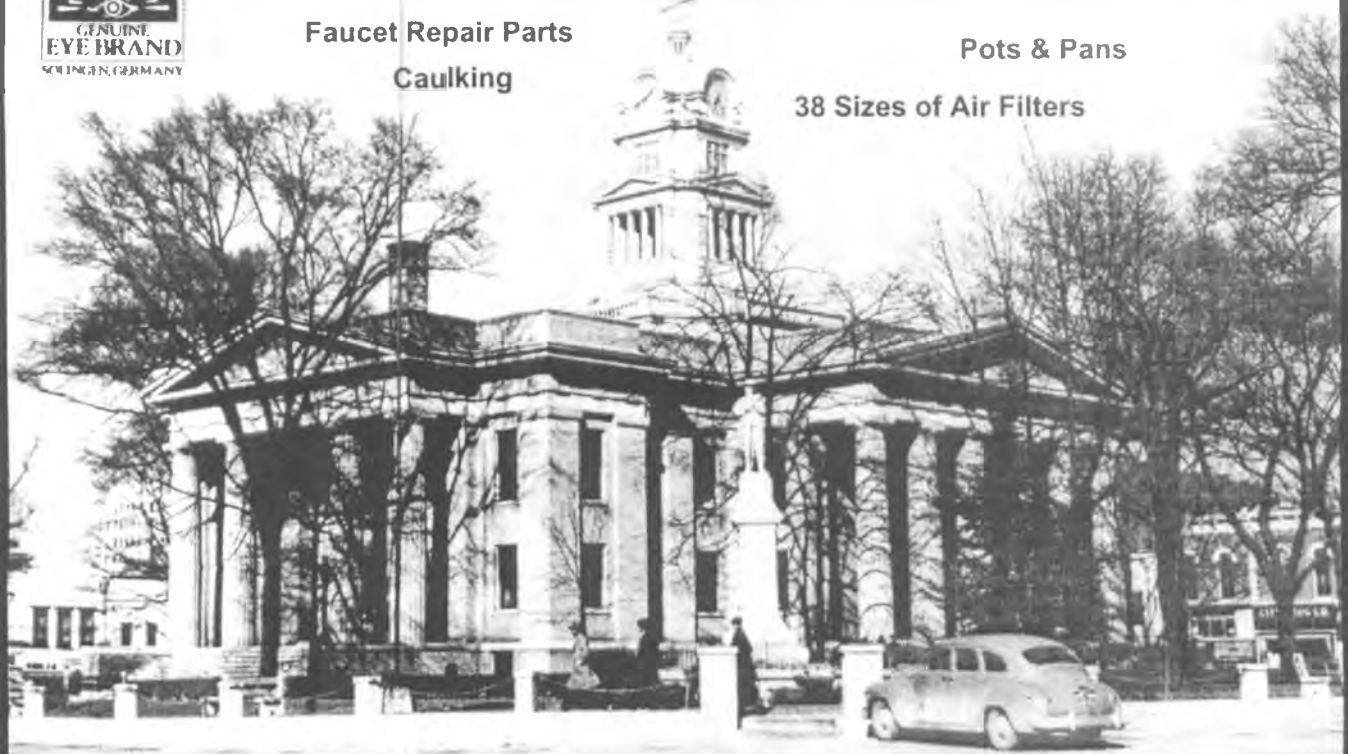
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# A Love Story

by Jon Jackson

There have been many love stories that took place in North Alabama, but probably none as sad as that of a young girl who became rich and famous but in the end simply wanted to be loved.

When Peter accepted a job as Helen's secretary in 1916 it was love at first sight. She was beautiful and vibrant with a full figure, flowing chestnut hair and a thirst for knowledge that matched his own. Yet Helen's family would never approve of the match. Even though they had lived in Boston for several years, they were still a prominent North Alabama family and he was a hated Yankee. He was also an avowed socialist.

As the months wore on Peter became even more deeply in love with Helen. He was afraid, however, to confess his feelings to her for fear her mother, who disapproved of him, would put an end to it. Finally, gathering his courage one night, he stepped into the study where Helen was reading. Taking her hands gen-

tly in his, he told her of his love and his desire to marry her. Helen confessed that she had been in love with him from the very first time they met.

For a while the young lovers tried to be discreet and thought themselves unnoticed but love is not a thing that can be kept a secret for very long. When Helen's mother learned of the budding romance she was furious and forbade Helen to see him again. But the lovers were undeterred. They passed notes and met secretly, their love affair consuming them to the point of recklessness.

Helen's mother, having exhausted every way she could to stop the budding romance, finally decided to take Helen to visit relatives in Montgomery. She probably hoped that a lengthy boat trip and separation would put an end to the affair.

The lovers panicked and devised a plan to elope. Peter was going to meet up with Helen at one of the boat's stops and spirit her away to Florida where one of his friends would marry them. Unfortunately, at the last instant, Helen's mother found out and changed their travel plans from boat to train.

The course of true love never runs smooth but it could be a lot rougher when the young woman's name was Helen Keller, blind and deaf since 19 months of age.



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Helen Adams Keller was born in 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The Keller family was a genteel Southern family bankrupted by the Civil War. Her father, Captain Arthur Henley Keller, worked the family plantation and edited the local newspaper to make ends meet. Kate Adams Keller, related to the New England Adams that had produced two presidents, was twenty years younger than her husband.

Kate's family had settled in Memphis before the war and had become prosperous. When Captain Keller's first wife died he found and married Kate quickly. The new bride looked forward to the adventure of marriage but with a husband twenty years her senior, life was not always happy for the young, vivacious Southern belle. Yet things began looking up when their first child, Helen Adams Keller, was born.

At nineteen months Helen began running a high fever. To this day nobody knows exactly what the child contracted, though many experts feel it was Scarlet Fever. Whatever the case the fever subsided a short time later and the Kellers thought the danger was past.

It was only a few days later, when they noticed that the youngster did not respond to sights or sounds, that they realized the extent of the damage: She could nei-

ther see nor hear. Yet the young Helen continued to develop, somewhat. She learned to walk, feed herself, do many other routine things a child learns.

For the next seven years Helen began to act like a like wild animal. Unable to see or hear, she took her frustrations out on her family. Running around the family home, Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, she would slap, kick, and punch anyone who came within her reach. At family dinners she ate food off of the plates of others. Several times a jealous Helen tried to overturn her baby sister's cradle. Their hearts heavy, the Kellers began planning to institutionalize their daughter.

But then Kate remembered a book she had read by her favorite author, Charles Dickens. where he described meeting with a famous American deaf-mute, Laura Bridgman. He described how her teacher, first director of the Perkins Institution for the Blind, Samuel Gridley Howe, had taught Laura to communicate using what was called the manual alphabet. Invented in the eighteenth century

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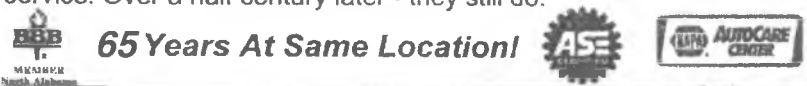
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by Trappist monks seeking to talk to each other without breaking their vow of silence, the alphabet had quickly been seized by those teaching the deaf as the perfect means of communication. Laura was able to feel someone else spelling words into her hands and to spell words back to them. When news of what Laura and her teacher had accomplished spread they became the objects of international fame and curiosity as people came from all over the world to see for themselves.

But Kate's hopes were dashed when she found out that Howe had been dead for over ten years. Kate and Arthur then turned their attentions to finding a medical solution to Helen's problems. Early in 1887 they made a trip to Baltimore to consult with a famous oculist who specialized in "hopeless" cases.

When they saw the doctor he told them that while there was nothing he could do, there was still hope. He proceeded to put them in touch with a man in nearby Washington who had a passion for working with the deaf - Alexander Graham Bell.

At first Helen didn't like the idea of being poked and prodded by yet another stranger, but she soon calmed down when Bell gave her his pocket watch to play with. The watch's vibrations fascinated Helen and she sat on Bell's knee and played with it while he and her parents talked. He suggested the Kellers contact Michael Anagnos, the director of Perkins,

in Boston.

Encouraged by Bell, Arthur contacted Anagnos and told him of their plight. In the early spring of 1887 Anagnos wrote the family recommending a young lady by the name of Annie Sullivan to serve as Helen's teacher.

Annie, the oldest daughter of poor Irish immigrants, was a survivor. At five she developed trachoma, a disease of the mucous membrane covering the eyes, and became almost completely blind. Three years later her mother died from tuberculosis and her father abandoned the family. Annie and her younger brother Jimmie went to live in the Almshouse near Boston. There, Jimmie died from a tubercular hip and Annie was forced to live alone among the cast-offs of society for the next eight years.

In 1880, when Annie was fourteen, a group from the State Board of Charities toured the Massachusetts Almshouses. Annie found out from another inmate that the head investigator of the group was named Frank B. Sanborn. When the group arrived, Annie, who could not even distinguish one person from another, flung herself in their midst crying "Mr. Sanborn! Mr.

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Sanborn! I want to go to school!" A few days later a woman arrived to pick up Annie and take her to school.

Through hard work and perseverance Annie graduated from Perkins as class valedictorian in 1886. But she had no prospects. As a poor Irish girl she had very little hope of going on to college. During the summers she had worked as a chambermaid in a local rooming house and went back there after graduation. But while this would allow her to survive, it would not provide more than a roof over her head. It also would not provide for the periodic operations she needed to keep her sight, of which she had had two while at Perkins. She needed a career where she could put her talents to work.

When Annie arrived in Tuscumbia as Helen's teacher she immediately set about gaining control over the wild child. She moved her, after a prolonged carriage ride to disorient her so Helen would think they had moved a long ways away, into the cottage that adjoined the main house. Annie allowed the parents to visit only if they would not allow their

presence to be known to Helen. She then began making Helen touch objects and spelling the names of the objects in her hand using the manual alphabet. For weeks the child didn't get the point of these exercises. Then, on April the 5th, 1887, a day immortalized by William Gibson in his play The Miracle Worker, Annie held her pupil's hand under the running water of a hand pump and spelled w-a-t-e-r. Somewhere in Helen's mind a light came on and she realized the connection between the words being spelled and the objects they represented. That day she learned thirty words and added many more in the days ahead.

Unlike other children who learn to talk first and then to read and write as a separate set of skills, Helen learned all of these skills at the same time. That summer she was writing letters, including one from Huntsville where she went to stay with relatives. But this accomplishment, while being a great feat, also pointed up one of the limitations of Helen's world: While she became a great writer, she did not actually experience many of the things she wrote about. This was because almost all of her experiences had to be spelled into her hands by someone else. She didn't see; she had the description of what someone else saw

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spelled into her hand. She didn't hear; she had the description of what someone else heard spelled into her hand. When Helen wrote about how a field of grass looks and the sound the wind makes rustling through it, the reader has to keep in mind that she had never seen a field of grass. In *The Story of My Life*, an autobiography of her early life, she complains about not being able to distinguish between what she had read and what she had actually experienced. Later, when her more radical political views became known, many accused her of exactly that, saying she did not understand the realities as she would have if she had been able to see and hear.

Helen's condition also created a unique interdependence between Helen and Annie, whom she called Teacher. Helen needed someone who could communicate with her via the manual alphabet and Annie, as an Irish immigrant in a land where the Irish were often despised, needed a star to hitch her wagon to. Because of this some sources speculate that Annie willfully kept Helen from the heights she could have accomplished.

It is known that Annie discouraged the Kellers from learning the manual alphabet, though Kate did eventually learn it. It's also known

that Annie discouraged Helen from romantic attachments, possibly fearing that someone else might take her place.

In the fall of 1887 Helen and Annie traveled to Boston to attend Perkins. After graduating she went to Radcliffe College, then America's premiere women's university, graduating cum laude in 1904, becoming the first deaf-blind student to graduate from an American university. Yet even here the strain began to show in both women. Helen had at least one nervous breakdown under the pressure and Annie seriously damaged her sight (again) while reading to Helen.

In 1903 Helen wrote *The Story of My Life*, an autobiography of her early life. It was during this time that she met John Albert Macy, a writer, literary critic, and socialist. John introduced Helen to socialist authors which she began reading with a passion. The utopian dreams of a world where everyone was valued held enormous appeal to a deaf-blind girl who lived in a world where the handicapped were all too often shoved out of sight. Besides leading Helen to her socialist awakening, John also began a passionate affair with Annie. In 1905 the two were married and moved, along with Helen who was almost totally dependent on Annie, to a

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Wrentham, Massachusetts farmhouse they bought with the proceeds of Helen's book.

During this time Helen began, with the help of Annie, who translated the manual alphabet into spoken words, to lecture on the Chautauqua circuit. (A Chautauqua is a traveling adult education exhibit featuring lectures, plays, and musical performances. Dating from the 1870's, the circuit was still in its heyday when Helen toured with them.)

In 1916 Macy brought Peter Fagan to Annie who hired him to do secretarial work for what was quickly becoming a cottage industry centered on Helen. As noted above Peter and Helen fell in love and planned to marry, going so far as to obtain a marriage license from the state of Massachusetts. Helen wanted to share her happiness with Annie and her mother but Peter advised against it. "The thought," Helen later wrote, "of not sharing my happiness with my mother and her who had been all things to me for thirty years [Annie] seemed abject, and little by little it destroyed the joy of being loved."

She had decided to tell her

mother about Peter, when, according to Helen, an overwrought Kate burst into her room. "What have you been doing with that creature?" Mrs. Keller demanded. "The papers are full of a dreadful story about you and him. What does it mean? Tell me!"

A panicked Helen lied to her mother, telling her that she didn't know what her mother was talking about. Later she lied to Annie as well, something she had never done before, "fearing the consequences that would result from the revelation coming to her in this shocking way." Kate banished Peter from the house and made preparations to take Helen to visit relatives in Montgomery. Yet somehow Peter managed to sneak notes in Braille to Helen. Through these notes they made plans for Peter to meet Helen when their boat stopped in Savannah, Geor-

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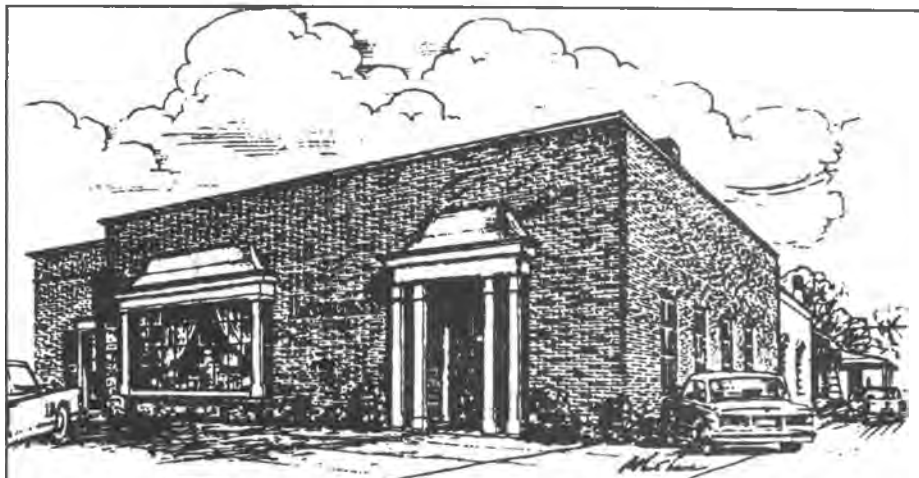
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gia. Kate found out about the plot and changed their travel plans to train.

Undaunted by his failure, Peter traveled to Montgomery where he continued to sneak notes to Helen. On at least one occasion Helen's brother-in-law threatened to shoot the ardent lover but he was undeterred.

Finally the two lovers made a plan to try eloping again. Helen was to meet Peter with her bags packed on the front porch of the house where she was staying. Mildred, Helen's sister, heard a noise on the porch that night and woke her husband. He told her that it was Helen and went back to sleep, unperturbed. Mildred went to the porch and saw Helen sitting there in the dark with her bags packed.


Although Helen remained on the porch all night long waiting, Peter never showed up.

History is silent on what happened to Peter, but of Helen we

know a lot. Already famous, she went on to become even more so. Until the end of her days she fought for the rights of the disabled and the cast offs of society. She founded Helen Keller International, a non-profit organization for the prevention of blindness. She met every president from Grover Cleveland to John Kennedy. Among those she counted as friends were many famous people including Alexander Graham Bell, Mark Twain, and Charlie Chaplin. She raised millions of dollars on the behalf of the American Foundation for the Blind and in the process helped many disabled to lead fuller, more productive lives.

Yet, when all is said and done, she was still a woman. A woman who wanted to be loved by a man.

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- Three cases were docketed in city court Saturday morning. W. Jordan appeared and pled guilty and was fined \$10. The other two defendants, Will Ikard and John Kennedy of New Hope, forfeited their bonds and \$10 by not appearing.

- Mr. John Rison Jones and children are indisposed at their home on West Holmes Street.

- Hotel Twickenham will be the scene tonight of one of the most spectacular dances of the winter in celebration of St. Valentine season, with the Grace Club as hostess.

- Mrs. White and Mrs. Schiffman were present representing the Library board and stated that the Library was in need of a heating apparatus in view of the fact that it was heated by the same furnace that heats the city hall and that after the city hall closed in the afternoon the library had to close on account of being without heat.

The council voted to install gas heaters in the library to be used when needed to heat the building.

- There was only one case in City Court this morning, that of Floyd Wallace, colored, who was up on a charge of disorderly conduct. He pled guilty to hitting a Negro woman in the head with a hatchet and was fined \$10.

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# Harry Townes

by Ken Owens

Harry Townes was one of those actors who, if someone asks if you've ever heard of him, you would probably say no. But as soon as you see his photo, it's "Oh yeah! THAT guy!"

Townes was born (1914) and raised in Huntsville, and apparently enjoyed a typical childhood here. But while a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa during the 1930s, he just happened to attend a Birmingham play that was performed by a touring stage company from New York. That was all it took for Townes to be bitten by the acting bug. He abruptly quit the U. of A. and moved to New York, determined to study acting. Enrolling at Columbia University, he soon received his undergraduate degree.

Immediately following school, he began his career in 1936 as a stage actor for a traveling New England stock company, co-starring as 'Captain Tim' in their stoic production of "Tobacco Road". This exceptionally successful production kept Townes busy for nearly 20 years, including performances in England and extensive US travel.

But the age of television was dawning, and Townes recognized that opportunities existed for his talents in this new media, too.

Yearning for a bit more stability and less travel in his life,



Townes came to Hollywood to appear on NBC's Matinee Theater, thus transitioning from stage acting to television. It wasn't long before Townes moved to California, and entered the Beverly Hills lifestyle.

Townes' acting career is most impressive. His resume includes 29 movie appearances, performing alongside such notables as Robert Wagner, Yul Brenner, Spencer Tracy, and David Carradine.




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But Townes was more successful and steady in the television arena. Credited with over 200 television appearances, he generally played small-time crooks, questionable businessmen, misdirected military officers, and double-crossing informers. Some of the series he appeared in are sure to ring bells: *Magnum PI*, *The Fugitive*, *Bonanza*, *Star Trek*, *Perry Mason*, *Twilight Zone*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Outer Limits*, *Kung Fu*, *Gunsmoke*, *Rawhide*, and *Dr. Kildare*. And there are many, many more. In fact, his acting career spanned nearly 40 years.

It is unclear exactly why (although obviously an intensely personal decision) Townes decided to change direction in 1970, when he entered the seminary to become an ordained Episcopalian priest, and retired from his full time acting career.

He served as the Episcopalian minister at the Church of the Bells in Palm Springs, CA, before mov-

ing back to his hometown of Huntsville in the mid 1970s. He continued acting as well, but on a part time basis, through 1986.

Harry Townes died in Huntsville on May 23, 2001, and is buried in Maple Hill cemetery.

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great and courageous conflict. Their courage upon many a hard-fought field where countless comrades fell has bound us together by ties too strong to be severed by less than death."

"Life with me is drawing to a close, my race is nearly run, but I am indebted to you. While life lasts, you will have the warmest place in my heart, and when I shall be no more, this afternoon will continue to live in the hearts of my children."

General Wheeler then mounted his charger, rode to the corner of Washington and Randolph streets, accompanied

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# Heard On The Street

by Cathey Carney



That cute boy in last month's photo was **Mitch Howie**, renowned attorney in downtown Huntsville. The winning caller was **Jim Brinkley** of Keller Williams Real Estate. Jim said that he'd know those ears anywhere!

We were sorry to hear that **Betty Hamlin** died in June. She visited here often and loved Huntsville and its people, even though she had lived in Clearwater, Fl. for years. Her stepson, **Bob Hamlin**, is the husband of **Linda Hamlin**, who owns Linda's Printing here.

There was a fun birthday bash in Old Town for **John Walters**, of A.G. Edwards. John just turned 30 and his wife Lori threw him a great party attended by neighbors and friends, and plenty of great music.

That handsome **Ken Owens** celebrated a birthday in July with a pool party given in his honor by **Stef** and **John Troup**.

We met a great guy, **Luke O'Neal**, the other night at Starfish in 5 Points. He's a retired educator and has lived here since '62.

Our dear friend **Newman Ward** performed the wedding ceremony for his granddaughter

recently in Malibu, Ca. Her name is **Lolly Ward**, and she married **Nathan Kornelis**.

We were really sorry to hear that **Harold Bee** had died recently, at only 76. He worked as agent for New York Life here for years, and was Director of the Red Cross. His son is **Bill Bee** of Huntsville, also an agent at NYL.

That good-lookin' **James Rusiniak**, who works at the garden center in Walmart South, says to all his friends - STAY COOL!

Happy 2nd birthday to beautiful **NaRyah Lasha Marie Lester**. Her sister, **Jakisa**, and mother **Tekisa**, are so proud of her! Also singing happy birthday are **Granny Marie**, **Aunt Jelisa** and **Uncle Tonio Andre**.

With the new property appraisals a lot of the older people are saying they can no longer afford the homes they worked all their lives to pay for.

We met a super waitress the other week at Sazio's. **Candis Calloway** took very good care of us and it was delightful to talk

with her. Of course, that handsome **Tim Hastings** is always surrounded by a crowd there!

**Linda Hamlin** recently took a wrong step on wet grass and really bummed up her knee. It's amazing what can happen to you in a matter of just a few seconds!

**Joyce Russell**, Senior Partner at New York Life, has been under the weather lately and we send her best wishes to get better soon!

We were sorry to hear that **Don Smith** died of a brain tumor recently. He was a first cousin of **Cecil Ashburn** and was known as quite a racing legend here.

We saw **Don Jordan** at the Furniture Factory the other night. His good friend **Mike Crisco** wasn't there but **Don** said to tell him he needs to get out more!

It was good to see **Jean Brandeau** who visited lately. She has been publishing About.Com locally for nearly 6 years and if anyone is interested in seeing what's going on in Huntsville, you can contact her via email at [huntsville.guide@about.com](mailto:huntsville.guide@about.com).

**Jimmie "Della" Harbin** has

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a huge event coming up in August. **Della** will turn 98 on Aug. 20 and a tea will be held for her at Fellowship Baptist Church in the Ryland area from 2-5 on the 20th. All of her friends are invited to join in the celebration.

**Betty (Morrison) Benson** joined us lately for a great birthday party - that lady is looking great!

We sure feel for the folks who **deliver our mail** - this heat is brutal and those guys & ladies do a great job no matter what the weather is!

**Marian Biss**, a resident at Somerby, will turn 100 in August. She is a long-time resident of Huntsville, having moved here with her husband **Andy**.

We enjoyed a good dinner recently at Redstone Village, catching up with folks like **Ann Collins, Chuck and Annelie Owens, Marie Melochick, Gen. & Mrs. Turnmeyer** and **Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gilstrap**. Also there were **Donald and Kay Cornelius**, who are new residents of Redstone Village.

I was so proud of my hubby **Tom (Carney)** the other day, when a worker who was on the roof of a home next door began to pass out from the 90+ heat. Tom went up on the roof, got the guy down, and stayed with him til the ambulance came. He's my hero!

**Tom Nalls** died recently and he was a great friend of so many here. Tom was head of the Madison County Water System, and was 92 when he died. We send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

We saw someone lately who's a legend in Huntsville. **Ollie Taylor, Sr.**, the barber who used to work at the Haysland Square barber shop, knows so many people locally! He and his son and barber **Brandon Stone** have opened up a new barber shop on South Parkway, just north of the Skate Odyssey. Wife **Linda's** a doll!

We talked to a dear friend of **Aunt Eunice's** recently. **Brad**

**Grasham** visited her often when she got sick. His wife **Tamara** is a 4th grade teacher at Challenger and just loves seeing her "kids" every day!

**Cliff Butler** of Cottondale, Fl., brother of Joyce Russell, recently shared a great thought. He said it's always better to be kind than right. I bet that could apply to many of us!

**Pluitt Dean** and his pretty wife **Ruth Ann** of Pearson's flooring are sure working hard on renovating **Luther Wikle's** old home place in Old Town. That neighborhood just gets better and better.

Congratulations to the Huntsville Times for the great job they have done covering our city's birthday. Can hardly wait for another 50 years to see how their predictions turn out but don't

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Well that's about all for this month. Just remember how lucky we are to live in Huntsville, AL.



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# Heirlooms from the Kitchen

(From the wonderful cookbook by Huntsville's Joan Hutson)

## Vinegar Pie

- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 T. vinegar
- 2 T. flour
- 1 T. butter
- 1 c. hot water
- Nutmeg to taste

Mix together all ingredients and pour in a fresh open pie crust. Bake in moderate oven (325 degrees) til the center is done. Very old recipe.

## Fried Apples

- 5 tart cooking apples
- 2 T. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- Red hots

Cut the apples into 1/4 inch slices, do not peel. Melt the butter in a skillet and add the apples.

Sprinkle sugar over the apples and add 3/4 cup of water.

Cover and cook for a few minutes until the sugar is dissolved. Remove lid and cook til done. Stir only enough to keep apples from burning. Add more water if necessary to keep them from becoming dry. Add a few red hots for even more flavor.

## Senate Bean Soup

- 2 lbs. navy (pea) beans
- 1 1/2 lbs. smoked ham hocks
- 1 onion chopped
- Salt and pepper

Wash beans and run through hot water. Add beans to a kettle with 4 quarts hot water and the ham hocks. Boil slowly for 4 hours, covered. Braise chopped onion in butter and when light brown add to soup. When beans are tender, season with salt and pepper and serve.

## Apple Pandawdy

- 1/2 loaf stale brown bread
- 2 T. butter
- 8 tart apples
- Sugar
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- Salt

Cut the bread in thin slices and pare off crusts. Butter each slice. Lay them in a buttered baking dish so that it is neatly lined. Top with the pared and sliced apples. Sprinkle with a thick layer of sugar. Add the cinnamon and a dusting of salt. Pour 1 cup cold water over all. Top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake slowly at 325 degrees for an hour. Serve hot with hard sauce if desired.

## Cheesy Hash Browns

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### Chocolate Truffles

2 packages chocolate chips  
 15 oz. can sweetened condensed milk  
 1 t. vanilla  
 1 c. chopped nuts

Melt chips over hot water in double boiler, when melted remove from heat and add remaining ingredients. Chill until firm on a buttered plate. Shape into balls and roll in nuts, cocoa or coconut.

### Chocolate Popcorn

1 1/2 c. sugar  
 1 rounded T. butter  
 1 sq. unsweetened chocolate  
 3 qrts. freshly popped corn  
 3 T. water

Boil the sugar, butter, chocolate and water til mixture spins a long thread. Pour hot over

warm popped corn and stir til all kernels are coated.

### Chicken with Almond Sauce

4 chicken breasts, bone in  
 1 T. Crisco  
 1 T. flour  
 2 c. heavy cream  
 1 T. fresh parsley, chopped  
 1 c. blanched almonds, chopped

Heat Crisco in skillet and fry chicken til golden brown and done. Put it on hot platter while you make the sauce. Thicken the grease in the skillet with the flour, stir til smooth. Add the cream and parsley, add salt and pepper. Stir well, add the almonds. Let boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add liquid if it gets too thick. Pour the sauce over the chicken and serve.

### Mother's Meat Loaf

1 lb. ground beef  
 1/4 lb. ground sausage  
 1 t. Worcestershire  
 1/2 onion, chopped  
 1/4 c. milk  
 1 c. bread crumbs  
 1 egg, beaten

Mix all ingredients well in large bowl. Salt & pepper to taste. Form into loaf and place in baking pan with small amount of water. Spread catsup on top, bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

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# Flogging of a White Man by Klan

*from 1923 newspaper*

Something of a sensation was created yesterday morning when it was brought to the attention of the district attorney that Jesse Warren, living in the Hazel Green neighborhood, had been severely flogged by a number of men who, following the beating, warned Warren to leave the section of the country where he lived. Also that Mrs. Warren had been warned to leave the neighborhood.

The story was brought to Huntsville by the father of the man flogged, who said his son had been called from the home of his sister-in-law, where he and Mrs. Warren and their two children were visiting, and taken in charge by a band of thirty or more men, robed in white and with faces masked.

According to the story told by the father, young Warren was forcibly carried a short distance, where he was severely beaten, later he was taken to the Huntsville-Fayetteville Pike, where another beating was administered and Warren headed north and was told to leave.

The beaten man is said to be

about 30 years old. No arrests have been made but an investigation is said to be under way. No cause was assigned by the elder Warren for the flogging of his son.

Another source says the beating came after several warnings for Warren to change his conduct. The flogging is widely assumed to have something to do with the way his children were being raised.

Nightriders have been active in the community for several years but, so far is known, this is the first time a beating has been administered to a white man.

## Strange Hobos Locked In Jail

*from 1923 newspaper*

Two white hobos, giving their names as G. L. Crutcheon and Robert Whitson, were confined to the city jail yesterday morning. Both men claim to be from Chicago, Illinois and were carrying over \$1000 in cash on their persons. One of the men sported a large gold and diamond ring on his left hand. Both men wore expensive watches. No explanation was given of how they acquired the money or the jewelry. They are being held on the charge of riding trains until the investigation can be completed.

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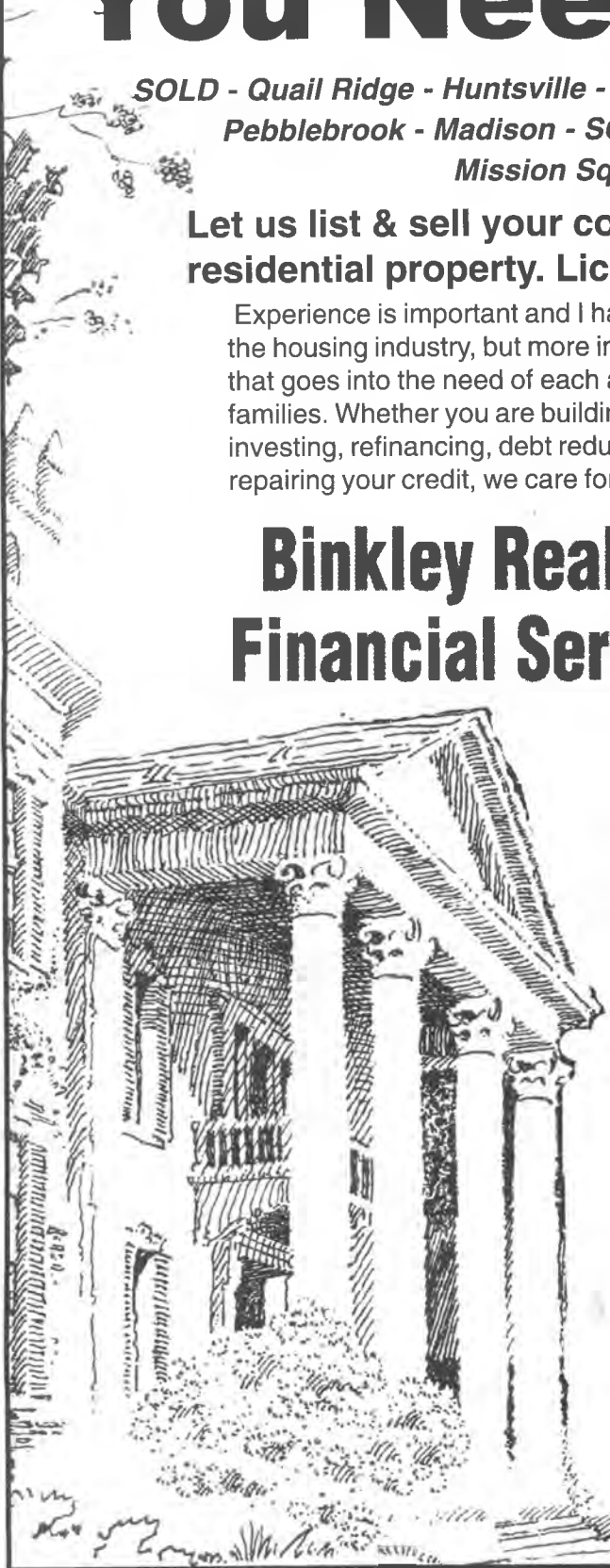
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# The Feud

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That afternoon, after spending most of the day in a bar licking his wounds, Cagle gathered his two brothers, his son and a son-in-law and confronted Foster once again. A brawl ensued, with one account claiming at least 14 people were involved. Suddenly someone, never identified, fired a gun wounding Foster in the leg.

The wound was not serious but the fear of more gunplay caused the crowd to quickly disperse.

Foster tried to get the sheriff to arrest Cagle but was told that nothing could be done unless he

could identify the person who fired the shot. Cagle, in turn, tried to sue Foster but was informed there was no grounds for a law suit - it had been his decision to leave the horse in the barn.

For the next half century the feud simmered, often boiling over

into fist fights and cursing whenever the clans met. Every calamity that befell the families was blamed on the other. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were taught to hate as their elders regaled them with lurid stories of supposed misfortunes suffered from the other family.

By the turn of the century the only people who really remembered the cause was Hoyt Foster



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and Dewitt Cagle, sons of the men who originally started the feud. Both men were in their seventies and heads of large families numbering in the many dozens if you counted cousins and in-laws.

In November of 1903 thousands of people gathered in Huntsville for the dedication of the Confederate statue. It was a day of festivities with young and old alike celebrating. Sixteen year old Hazel Cagle, the granddaughter of Dewitt Cagle, was sitting in a buggy several blocks away waiting for her father when a group of young men set off a string of firecrackers nearby. The sudden noise startled the horse, causing it to bolt and throwing her from the buggy.

A large crowd quickly gathered, with many making veiled threats about "young hooligans." The girl's father rushed from the nearby store and after making sure she was not harmed seriously, began inquiring about what caused the accident.

Someone said they saw a Foster in the crowd of men who threw the firecrackers. Someone else

said the Fosters were at the Big Spring where they were eating dinner. For a man raised in the belief that the Fosters were mortal enemies, that was all Cagle needed to hear.

Within minutes an unruly mob of Cagle kin folks and friends were surging toward the Big Spring. Someone ran ahead to warn the Foster family and they too gathered friends and kin to meet the onslaught. Minutes later the Big Spring became a scene of bedlam as men and boys threw punches, kicked and gauged one another. One account even had mothers and grandmothers throwing fried chicken at each other.

Fortunately the chief of police, David Overton, and a stocky deputy quickly arrived on the scene and broke the fight up before either side suffered serious injury. After ordering the crowd to disperse, Overton arrested several members of each family hoping that a few hours in jail would serve to cool their tempers.

The next morning Dewitt Cagle and Hoyt Foster arrived in town to pay the fines for their re-

spective kin. Afterwards, Overton invited both of them to his office for a talk. Like everyone else in town, he had grown up hearing stories about the feud and thought the whole affair was ridiculous. He hoped that by appealing to reason he could get the men to settle their differences.



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To paraphrase an old saying, he could have been talking to a brick wall.

If anything, instead of cooling tempers off, the night in jail only seemed to inflame the animosity between the families.

Several weeks later two cousins from one family ran into two cousins from the other family at a local bar. Almost immediately another brawl broke out ending up with all of them in jail and several hundred dollars worth of damage to the bar.

Again, the following morning Dewitt Cagle and Hoyt Foster showed up to pay the fines. And again, Overton tried to talk to the men, pointing out that they were the heads of the families and if they stopped the feuding everyone else would follow their lead.

The old men responded by cursing.

Despite Chief Overton's attempts to keep the peace, brawls and fist fights between the two families became almost weekly occurrences. When a fight broke out in a hotel bar the management responded by placing a notice on the door saying, "We don't serve Cagles or Fosters." Several other businesses did the same.

The trouble spread to the mills where many of the families worked. The mill authorities reacted by firing everyone who was kin to either family. At every sign

of trouble Chief Overton would appear on the scene and arrest the offenders for disturbing the peace. Unfortunately, Hoyt Foster and Dewitt Cagle would show up at the jail just like clock work to pay the fines and the trouble would start all over again.

Up until this time the community had treated the feud as a public nuisance. The violence had been limited to fist fights, cursing and an occasional bar stool broken over someone's head. The worst injuries were black eyes, bloody noses and bruised egos.

All this changed however on a warm spring day in 1904 when the Cagles and Fosters accidentally met on the courthouse square. Curses and insults were exchanged and the inevitable fist fight began. A large crowd had gathered to watch the melee when suddenly a shot rang out. Seconds later 18 year old Elizabeth Cagle lay sprawled on the ground with blood pouring from a bullet wound in her shoulder.

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been spilled and family pride demanded revenge.

The following week a Foster relative was shot while on his way to work at a construction site on Holmes Avenue. Days later a Cagle was shot and wounded near New Hope.

As tensions between the two families boiled over, Chief Overton tried his best to stop the feud. His efforts proved futile however as relatives provided alibis for their kin and refused to talk to the authorities. At one point he was reported to have been told to stay out of the affair. "It's a family thing," said one person, "We'll take care of our own."

Overton responded the only way he could by continuing to arrest members of the families at the slightest hint of trouble. Even this had no effect as the elders, Hoyt Foster and Dewitt Cagle, continued to show up at the jail to pay the fines and to congratulate their kin for upholding the family honor.

One of Dewitt Cagle's kin, a nephew, was a part time preacher whom every year held a brush arbor revival near the Big Spring.

The meeting was a family tradition with members gathering to swap gossip, show off new babies and share picnic baskets before the preaching began late in the day.

In spite of the trouble, or perhaps because of it, Dewitt Cagle insisted the meeting be held as usual. He sent word through intermediaries that the family would be armed and would resist any effort to disrupt the meeting.

For the Fosters, this was almost as if someone had thrown a gauntlet in their face. They began almost immediately to make plans to break up the meeting, sending word that they too would be armed.

As word of the threats and counter threats

spread throughout Huntsville it seemed almost certain that a bloody confrontation was about to occur. Chief Overton repeatedly tried to talk to Hoyt and Dewitt, telling them that no insult or threats were as important as the lives that

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would surely be lost if they didn't put an end to the feud. The old men once again replied by cursing and telling Overton to "mind his own business."

The day before the revival all of Huntsville was on edge. Relatives of both families had begun gathering downtown in groups, eyeing one another cautiously as if daring someone to start something. Overton went from group to group, trying to talk to them and, when that failed, arresting them for carrying weapons, intoxication or any other charge he could think of. By that afternoon almost a dozen men were locked up in the jail but the trouble showed no signs of abating.

Overton was disgusted. Sitting at his desk at the jail, his thoughts kept returning to the two pathetic old men who were willing to sacrifice their families for something so senseless. Suddenly, he called for a deputy.

"Turn them loose," he said with a look of scorn on his face, "Turn them all loose!"

Within minutes the jail was practically empty and he summoned the deputy again. "Go pick up the old men Cagle and Foster."

A short while later Cagle and Foster stood before Overton's desk. "You're both under arrest."

"For what?" the old men replied, astonished.

Overton looked at the men for a long while before replying. "I don't know yet but I'll think of something." With that he ordered the deputy to lock them up. "Put both of them in the same cell."

The deputy was incredulous. "Are you sure you want to lock them up together?" Overton replied with a wave of his hand.

Bedlam broke out almost as soon as the cell door was locked. With kicking, gouging, screaming and pulling hair the two old men fought one another tooth and nail. Within minutes both men had bloody noses and their clothes had been ripped to shreds.

Quickly the deputy returned to the front office where Overton was sitting reading a newspaper. "What are we going to do?" the deputy asked. "They're going to kill each other." About that time another series of screams and curses rent the air.

"Close the door," said Overton. "It won't be so loud out here." With that he resumed reading the newspaper.

A f t e r about an hour or so Overton went back to check on the two old men. They were sitting in opposite corners of the cell glaring at each other

and muttering curses as they nursed their bruises. Cagle's shirt had been ripped off and his white hair was matted with blood from his broken nose. Foster, too, had a bloody nose and sported a large lump on his forehead where he had been slammed into the wall.

Overton merely shook his head and returned to the front office where a deputy was preparing to take supper to the prisoners. Noticing the two plates of food, Overton took one and dumped it on top of the other. "Let them eat off the same plate," he said, "and just give them one

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Hardly had the cell door slammed when both men were at it again, screaming and throwing punches wildly. A few minutes later when Overton walked back to see how they were doing, he took one look at the men and burst out laughing. The old men were lying exhausted in opposite corners. Cagle had fresh lumps on his head and a clump of green peas was dripping from his ear. Foster had taken a blow to his mouth and somehow his false teeth had become bent making him to look like some bizarre cartoon character when he opened his mouth. A pile of turnip greens rested on his head, held in place by handfuls of mashed potatoes matted in his hair.

Overton's loud laughter attracted the deputies and when they witnessed the scene, they too burst out laughing. Within minutes the hallway of the jail was

crowded with people trying to get a glimpse of the battered, food-smearred old men. Overton finally managed to stop laughing long enough to tell a deputy to release the prisoners.

As word of the release spread a large crowd gathered in front of the jail. When the two old men finally appeared a wave of silence

descended on the crowd as they gazed at the strange sight before them. The two men whom hours earlier had been the proud war lords of their respective families now stood before them looking like common bar room brawlers who had spent the night in the drunk tank.

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slid down the side of Cagles face, falling briefly on his shoulder before landing at his feet in a gooey green pile. A few people began tittering and when Foster opened his mouth, as if to say something, and revealed his bizarre warped teeth, the whole crowd broke into an uncontrollable laughter.

Foster and Cagle both stood there stunned. No one had ever dared laugh at them before and now the whole town was treating them like a hilarious joke. Even their sons and grandsons, who had been the foot soldiers in the fights for family honor, now saw the men for what they truly were - two pathetic, warped old men.

Both families went back to

their homes and Huntsville breathed a sigh of relief. For all practical purposes the cursing and fighting ended that day with the only incident occurring several weeks later when another fight broke out between some of the younger and more hot-headed members of the families.

Chief Overton broke the fight up and send the boys home with a warning. He then ordered a deputy to arrest the old men again.

That was the end of the great Cagle - Foster feud.

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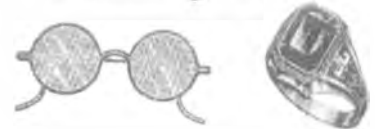
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The Times used to be a real conservative paper, located in the 12-story Times Building downtown. The circulation office was right by the front door, Mr. Amis and the editorial staff were on the 2nd. floor. The press room was located on the first 2 floors. I remember a Mr. Duffy who worked there, and Jack Langhorne was business manager. P. I. Pruitt was Sports Editor.

My route started with me at the Times Building on Holmes and Green, I went up the elevator to the top of the building to get my papers. I went to Fowler's store, where Belk Hudson used to be, then to Dunnivant's at the corner of Washington and Clinton. I left several pa-



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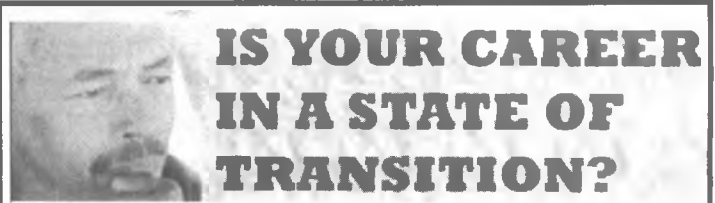
pers at the Twickenham hotel news counter, then went across the street to Sterchi's then down to the Yarbrough hotel - kind of a fleabag joint, not as nice as Twickenham or Russel Erskine Hotel. It was located on Holmes between Washington and Jefferson.

Then I'd go around the corner to Jefferson street, where Rison Bank used to be, and then Tennessee Valley Bank before they put in apartments. I remember there was a bank where the Kaffeeklatsch is now downtown, on the bottom floor. Also Dr. England, a dentist, was located in that building.

I remember I got rid of a lot of my papers at the Russel Erskine because I'd leave 20 papers on the counter and the desk clerk would put them in boxes for each room. At one point I made \$6 a week, but I heard of people working for the WPA (Works Projects Admin set up by President Roosevelt, a make-work project set up to give poor people jobs) who made \$12 a week. That was a lot of money back then.

I remember Mr. Goldsmith and Homer Chase - a couple of my good customers who lived at the Russel Erskine. Homer spent about half the year in New York. It was hard for me to collect from the high class barbershops like the one in the Twickenham - they charged \$.35 per week for the paper and hair cuts were \$.15 so they could afford the papers. The Times printed six times a week so for most customers the whole week's cost was just \$.15 and if you got it out of the newsstand it was just a nickel. Next to the Twickenham was Shelby Johnson, he had Grand Shine parlor with a shoe shine up front on the sidewalk, and behind that was a dry cleaning place. On the north side of Clinton where the Coca Cola plant is now was a house called the Rogers house, where the Rogers sisters lived. I threw papers to all the houses except for these sisters, they were so far off the road I had to get off my bicycle and walk up the sidewalk and hand them their paper - they would be on their front porch every day waiting for me and their paper.

Behind where Meadow Gold used to be was Mr. Taylor. One Sunday I saw a wreath on his door and in the yard were the deputy,



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I remember there was a lot of whispering about Hazel's house and what it was that her girls did for a living, but I was pretty young and didn't really understand. There certainly was lots of traffic in and out of that house. In back of Hazel's house was a big pen full of cats, and I always thought that people called Hazel's house a Cat House because there were so many cats in that pen back there.

Hazel was my last stop of each day and by the time I got home, I was really tired. I loved my job though, especially getting to know the people who were my good customers.

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*from 1923 newspaper*

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The Wright brothers say they conquered the problems that have prevented heavier-than-air flight at their bicycle repair shop in Dayton. One important invention, they say, is the use of movable wingtips to control the aircraft, a problem that others had not been able to overcome. They also developed and

built a lightweight 25-horsepower engine that provided more power with less weight than any previous engine. The brothers then tested a series of scale models in a wind tunnel that they designed and built. The work took more than seven years and cost over \$1,000. However, they say they will not publish a detailed description of their aircraft until they have filed a patent.

## 60-Foot Airship Crashes into Potomac on First Flight

An attempt to fly a 60-foot airship, the climax of years of study by Professor Samuel Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, ended in failure today when the ship plunged into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. Langley's motorized flying machine sped along its 70-foot track and sailed for 100 yards before falling into the river, where it was completely wrecked. An official statement said the navigator was not injured but is not expected to repeat the stunt again any time soon.

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# The YMCA

by Robert L. Sanders

The Virginia McCormick's Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) opened in about 1914 on Pike Street (now Triana Blvd.) in West Huntsville.

My Grandfather, Lawrence Schamberger and family lived in a home directly across the street at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Pike Street. Grandpa was involved in the original landscaping of the YMCA. The "Y" complex covered the entire block between Pike Street and Eighth Street on the east and west, and Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue on the north and south. The "Y" included a large building with a gymnasium, bowling alleys and several large meeting rooms. Outside were tennis courts and ball fields. The block complex also included three houses for the secretary and his two assistants for men's and women's programs. The entire block was fenced and surrounded by a privet hedge.

This YMCA was named for Virginia McCormick (daughter of reaper inventor Cyrus McCormick) whose summer home was the Kildare mansion on Oakwood Avenue in north Huntsville. Since it was located in west Huntsville, it most commonly was referred to as the West Huntsville "Y".

In the early years, the "Y" was the center of most community functions, which included sports, musical recitals, and social activities of all sorts. The "Y" sponsored both men's and women's basketball teams. Basketball had been invented by James Neismith in the 1890's at the Springfield, Mass. YMCA. YMCA's throughout

the United States were chief sponsors of basketball in the early 1900's. Some of the men on the West Huntsville "Y" early teams included J.D. Jones, Sr., Johnny Woodard, Tommy Snipes and Bud Buford. Apparently they played teams throughout the southeast, and on at least one occasion won the Alabama YMCA state championship.

By the mid 1930's, the secretary of the "Y" was a Mr. Patterson. Director of Men's programs was Andy Boyd. Selma Mitchell was in charge of women's activities. Andy Boyd and Selma Mitchell were also teachers at West Huntsville High School, lo-

cated at that time on Ninth Avenue, about 2 blocks from the "Y". By this time, the "Y" was used for many community activities including movies at least twice a week, church tent revivals, and a small carnival that played for about a week in the "Y" yard every summer. The highlight of the carnival was a daredevil that jumped or dove from a supposed 100-foot ladder into a small metal pool of water that had been set on fire. This act occurred late every evening and was watched by hundreds of people who crowded into the grounds.

Selma Mitchell resided in one of the YMCA houses with her

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mother and nephew, Dicky Beall. Selma was a music teacher who organized several kids' bands and conducted many musical recitals at the YMCA. One of the kid's bands included Charles (Big Nose) Fann, Dicky Beall, and myself. We were such poor musicians, I think Selma gave up on us and disbanded our group.

Following the outbreak of World War II the McCormick YMCA was taken over by the United Service Organization (USO) and utilized by off-duty servicemen from Redstone Arsenal and other area military installations. The USO's first directors were Mr. Duff and Mr. Epps who had been YMCA officials in Pennsylvania, and later Mr. H.M. Johnston.

When I was a teenager in the early 1940's, I was employed as groundskeeper for the tennis courts during the summer months, and canteen clerk during the after school hours. I practically lived at the "Y" which was right across Triana Boulevard from our house. When I was not working, I was playing some type of sport: basketball, sand-lot football, tennis, bowling, ping-pong, horseshoes, volleyball, etc. The "Y" also had movies one to two nights, and after the USO took over in the early forties, they formed youth groups, and occasionally had dances and other social functions.

I think the YMCA and the USO had a profound influence on the youth of West Huntsville during the late thirties and early forties. The "Y", along with the churches and schools, were at the center of most community functions.

Among my contemporaries during this period were: Donald and Pat Sims; B.J. Allison; J.D. Jones, Jr; Ed Cantrell; Emile, Pete, and Tinker Childress; Claiborne (Buttermilk) and James Johnson; W.D. and Ray Stinnett; C.R. Williamson; Oakley Luna; Charlie (Big Nose) Fann;

Earle and Ed Gattis; Tom Moon; O.J. Hatchett; L.J. Steakley; Bob Cluttnut; Charles McDonald; Charles Thornberry; Dicky Beall; Charles Manning; Slug Clark; O.J. Browning; Frank and Ellis Hornbuckle; Johnny Isom; John D Stovall; Red Acklin; Gene Blocker; Orville Coward; Tom Taylor; Vernon, Jack and Rufus Nunley; Harold and Ocie Hill; Ferrell Mason; Allen Esslinger; Sterling and Zeke Gill; Skinny

Edmondson; and Fred Rosenblum. These are but a few who grew up during this period who spent a lot of their time at the YMCA.

Following a fire in December 1941 that destroyed its gym, practices and home games for the West Huntsville High School basketball team were played at the "Y". West Huntsville High continued to use the "Y" gym until Butler High School opened and built



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its own gym during the 1950's.

Following World War II the USO reverted back to the YMCA, and Bill Childress and his wife Sue, took over and ran the "Y" programs for a number of years. The West Huntsville YMCA continued to operate until sometime in the 1980's, when the property was sold for commercial use.

## Wikle Resigns

*from 1923 newspaper*

Pitcher Merritt Wikle of the Huntsville baseball team has tendered his resignation to Manager Pat Cruise, and it has been reluctantly accepted. Wikle's letter indicated that his work at the bank had become heavier and he needed to be released from his obligations with the team.

## Crowd sees Large Still Destroyed

*from 1923 newspaper*

Quite a crowd gathered on the Green Street side of the county jail yesterday afternoon to witness the destruction of the big still captured Tuesday and resulting in 3 arrests, as related in the news. The still was 150 gallon capacity and appeared to be of modern construction. It took hard blows to break it up, the job being accomplished only after half an hour or more of work with a heavy sledge hammer.

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- Mrs. Annie Farley, a well-known lady of this city, lost her life recently while preparing supper. Her dress caught fire from the

cooking stove, and in her frightened state she ran into the yard. She called for help but before the family could reach her the frightened woman was burned to a crisp.

- Litt McCloud, who had a fight with Dave Carter near Dew Drop saloon a few days ago, was tried before Justice Pickens this morning on the charge of an assault. McCloud was convicted and fined twenty-five dollars and costs and was also placed in jail to await sentence.

- Joseph Young, a man of nearly 70 years, a doortender in a local hotel, dropped dead this morning under unusual circumstances. The old man was in love, and in his pocket was found a letter. It said: "I died for Miss Boyd, of 161 Bolton street. I cannot live without her and my body should be sent to my brother at East Pepperill, Miss.

That he was in love with Miss Boyd there is no doubt, but Miss Boyd rejected his advances.

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# Lincoln Pride

by Johnny Johnston

How do you hold a simple reunion of a school, which held its last high school graduation in 1951, and expect to get a crowd there? Simple - you hold it at Lincoln School and make sure all the mill kids know about it.

Mill kids are the thousands of people, now mostly over 65 years of age, who grew up and attended Lincoln School. The Spirit of these meetings is greater than you can find at most family reunions, let alone school reunions. I was so impressed by the condition of the school, the number of people there, and especially the amount of rare pictures through the campus; however, the first thing you notice is the age of the attendees. I am in my late 60's and among the youngest there.

One of the first people I found was my brother Fred. He was talking to Betty Jo Hill, mill kid and wife of the late Commissioner Tillman Hill, also a mill kid. They were talking over old times. I loved the story Fred told about the interference from Betty, Tillman and another friend after he slipped off and married.

Fred, age 18, and Allene Sharp age 17, slipped off to Iuka, Mississippi and married on July

5, 1951. They had rented a one-room apartment in Dallas to move into which would also be their honeymoon location. Fred had sneaked out of our house with a white shirt belonging to Dad since he didn't have one at the time. I remember a telephone call in the late afternoon from Fred in which my brother Lloyd answered the phone. Fred said "Lloyd, tell Mama that I got married and won't be home." Lloyd said, "No, I'm not telling her anything, you tell her" and handed Mom the phone. That was just the beginning of a bad day for Fred and his new teenage wife.

Earl gave me this story which is very typical of the time. One of our favorite teachers was Mrs. Margaret Chapman, who was famous for her morning worship services in her class. She prayed, read the Bible and told stories about Christian heroes and people she admired. Earl was especially excited about the award she gave on Monday morning to those students who went to Sunday school the day before. Earl said he would not miss Sunday school for any-



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thing because he would have disappointed Mrs. Chapman. He went on to say that he is getting an award this month for having perfect attendance at Sunday school for sixty years. Earl credits Mrs. Chapman for his life in the church since childhood.

Across Meridian Street lived the Superintendent of the Lincoln Mills, Mr. Peeler. A rock wall stretched down the front of his residence from Abingdon to way past the Lincoln Ballpark and all the way to the Creek, that being the Huntsville City Limits at the time.

The Wall was the focal point of society during the 40's and 50's. I had not been able to find a picture of that wall until this reunion. There it was in black and white, exactly the way I remembered it. The Wall was the place where you went in the afternoon to meet friends and talk about your favorite movie, favorite song or maybe the latest piece of chrome on that new DeSoto.

Talk about religion in school. Every day we had devotion in the school auditorium. Preachers would sometimes be brought in. At one such meeting a preaching service was so emotional that over 400 children joined churches in the neighborhood at one time. And to think, that would be criminal behavior now and the school leaders would be terminated from their jobs or even arrested.

J. L. Ivy was a mill kid who grew up on Barrell Street and later became a preacher. The story goes that he, Alvin Sons and Dewey Wales were doing visitation for their church one evening and took groceries to this lady's house. They could hear a large dog barking but couldn't get anyone to the door right away. J. L. decided to go to the back yard and look for the resident. He got about half way then started yelling and running back past the porch trying to find the gate in the dark. The 160-pound angry Saint Bernard Dog caught him first, ripped out the seat of his pants and did serious damage to his ego. Alvin and Dewey had already made it to the top of the car and pulled J.L. up there with them. The lady came outside called the dog, "Here Tiny," and told them she would chain the dog and that they should come on

in. J.L. started back in, but about that time saw Tiny dragging a large doghouse across the yard.

J.L. yelled to the lady, "We put some groceries on the porch mam, we'll pray with you some other time!"

Then there was the community fight that broke out at the Lincoln Baptist Church during service on a Sunday night. Some say it started when one man made passes at someone else's wife.



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That may have been but the Union and the Mill management were having trouble coming to terms on a work agreement which was causing disagreement all over. A lady attending service in the church allegedly slapped the preacher that started it. Then the fight went into the street with some people seriously hurt.

Lincoln mill kids had to be street smart to make it in a world of no money, no income, and no transportation other than walking. Several of the local stores made good money by hooking them on cigarettes. Roy Jacks and Campbell grocery stores to name two, opened cigarette packs, placed them individually on the counter and encouraged the children to bring a penny for a cigarette. Many of my friends were hooked this way. Roger and Don Grider took it a step further. Someone in the village had a machine that rolled cigarettes. Tobacco could be placed in with

cigarette paper and magic; you had a cigarette. Roger and Donald took their little paper bags, went over to the ballpark after a ballgame or wrestling match and picked up all the cigarette butts. They emptied the tobacco into cigarette paper, rolled them and sold them 20 at a time for 15 or 20 cents. The system worked well until someone found out where the tobacco came from. Their former customers said some unpleasant things to them.

You ask most any Lincoln student of old who his favorite teacher was and they will have one. Bill Gant mentions Mrs. Pitman who continually asked students to bring in clay to build a castle. The castle was worked on

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for years until it became the size of a desk. Many of the students at the time had their education interrupted. Coaches were known to recruit male students for the Alabama National Guard. Alvin had followed Coach Warren's advice when he was in the tenth grade at Butler, along with many of his friends, and was called up for the Korean War. Alvin and a few others secured releases from the National Guard and then joined the Navy. Their education had to wait until the war was over and they returned home.

You always remember students and neighbors, who were burdened with a problem, had special needs or maybe some unnamed handicap. Sometimes these people were overly protected. One such teenage boy loved to wrestle and got into wrestling match with a friend. He received a split lip and went home crying. His father came back with a gun and threatened his son's friends for what they had done. Lincoln was a hard place but this is the only incident of gun use I can remember.

The Lincoln reunion was so meaningful to me because of the old friends I saw. My friend Cordelia Booker and some others were walking down the hall with me on the second floor when I

heard a voice say, "Do you know who I am?" That was maybe the 20<sup>th</sup> time that had been said to me during the morning. This time I couldn't recall. It was Ray Jones. Ray was one of those people who could not stay out of trouble to save himself. Ray owned a motor bike, one of the few around, and got into trouble when he rode it to school. He was caught by the Principal on one occasion and told to take it home and leave it. He took it home but didn't leave it. He came back got caught again and his punishment began. Being of short temper and having a bad attitude anyway, he rode the motorbike up the steps on one end of the building, down the hall (during class) and out the door and down the steps on the other end of the building. His punishment this time was severe.

The Auditorium looked great, although not as large as before since some rooms had been added inside. The curtains looked

the same as they did 60 years before when we were in school plays. David Whitt was playing the Georgette Graham Piano just as he had done many years before for school plays or for the many singers we had at Lincoln. We looked at all the trophies - in addition to sports trophies there were some singing award trophies going back to 1929 and 1930. It was very nostalgic. I called my old friend Norman Stephens who shared with me many memories of our childhood. I told him I was looking out the same window we looked through when we skipped class in 1947 to try out a small telescope that had shown up at my home. Norman could hear David playing in the background just like he had played years before for Norman.

The last stop should have been my first. I went into the Library to look at some pictures hanging on the wall and found myself looking at class records

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from the 30's, 40's and 50's and of my class from 1948. Pictures were on the wall of my sister's class in 1948 and even my brother's class of 1944. I captured as much of this as possible with my camera. My siblings never got pictures of their graduation because of a money shortage in the 40's. It was great to see them.

A highlight of the day was when Mrs. Benson brought in the pay records of the Lincoln Mills from 1929 and 1930. Among the workers I saw the name Emmett Lee who was a neighbor 60 years ago. I had just been talking to his daughter a moment before and called her over. When she saw and touched her father's signature of 75 years before it was very emotional. I was astounded to see that the employees worked an average of 107 hours every two weeks.

It seemed everyone had pictures to share. I reminisced with

pictures of the old McClure store; the inside shot of the Union Store and of then there was Candra's Ice Cream store. Wow! We looked at the building across the street, which was the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., and pictures next door where it was said Mr. Milton Cummings of Cummings Research fame lived many, many years ago.

The reunion is losing attendees from death, age and illness every year but the number of attendees seems to increase. There really is something special about old friends and memories. The Lincoln reunion is scheduled next year for the last Saturday in June. I hope I'm there.


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- Mayor Moore will issue a proclamation forbidding the shooting of fireworks of any description on the streets until after the holidays.

- All of the new hose for the Fire Department has arrived and the only thing now lacking is the chemical engine which is expected the early part of January. The fire men are in their new quarters and are preparing for any fires that may occur.

- A new industry for the city has been secured for North Huntsville through the efforts of Mr. W. S. Wells. It is a hoop and barrel factory to be established by Messrs. S. H. Allen & Co, and will employ about twenty-five hands.

- The \$1,000 street roller which was purchased some time ago to put the finishing touches on streets after crushed rock had been spread will finally be used on the public thoroughfares. This should have been done much earlier.

- The rainy season has come and caught the approaches to the Colored City School in a very bad condition. Our city ought to take more pride in its schools.

- Supt. Hamlet of the water works, says it will be only a short while and the new pouring station will be ready for operation.

The matter of securing a training school for boys for this city will come up before the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce this evening for definite action. A great

deal of interest has been indicated on this subject.

- Frank Miller, of Huntsville, was at the point of death recently after a lingering illness and it was reported that his brother John offered up a prayer for him. In the course of the prayer John Miller said, "Oh, Lord, I am willing to give my life, if it be required, to save my beloved brother." A moment later he fell dead. His brother died that night, and the two were buried in the same grave.

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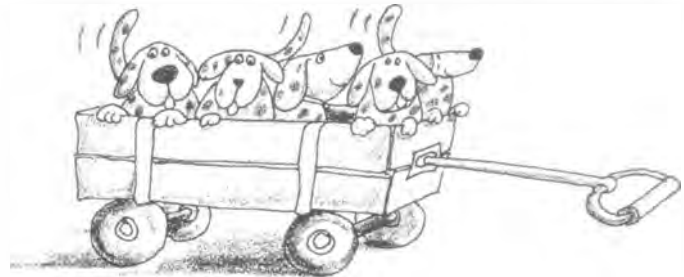
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# A Letter Home

November, 1863

Dear Ma,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. We are in camp now in a place called Huntsville. The people here aren't too friendly and there is not much to do. There is a big spring here and that is where people go to see other people.

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

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

Last week I saw the Carpenter boys. Luke was in the guardhouse again, for what this time I don't know. He said to ask you to give his regards to Miss Lampley.

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# The Sad Saga of Samuel Van Wyck

by Charles Rice

Samuel Maverick Van Wyck was a young man of promise. Full of hope, the 29 year-old physician had moved his family to Huntsville from his native South Carolina just a year or so before the war. He was a fine fellow, so thought his next door neighbor on Randolph Street, Rev. W. D. Chadick. The popular doctor even taught Sunday school at First Methodist Church, just a few blocks away. If anyone seemed to have a bright future before him, it was Samuel Van Wyck. Unfortunately, fate had other plans in store for this devoted father and family man.

Van Wyck came from a proud line. His father, William Van Wyck, belonged to an old Knickerbocker family from New York State. The

elder Van Wyck had moved to South Carolina in the 1830s, marrying Lydia A. Maverick, daugh-

ter of wealthy plantation owner Samuel Maverick. William Van Wyck spent some time in Alabama in the 1840s and then went back to New York for a few years. However, he had come to consider South Carolina his home and returned there in the early 1850s. Like his father-in-law, William Van Wyck had become wealthy. His personal estate in 1860 totaled an

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impressive \$125,000. Lydia's brother, Samuel Maverick, would also achieve some prominence after moving to Texas. Maverick County is named for him; so are unbranded cattle, thanks to his practice of claiming them all as his own.

When the grim specter of war first strode across the nation in the spring of 1861, Samuel Van Wyck stayed home with his wife, Margaret, and their four small sons. He did join a local defense unit, the Huntsville Blues, as surgeon. Shortly afterward, however, Rev. David C. Kelly of Huntsville's First Methodist Church accepted command of a new cavalry company raised at Maysville, Alabama. Calling themselves the Kelly Rangers, the novice horse soldiers soon came to Huntsville and commenced drilling. "Everything being new and without camp equipage, the men was divided out at night and sent to the citizens' houses to be fed," recalled Frank B. Gurley, a former private in the Kelly Rangers. Apparently at Rev. Kelly's suggestion, Dr. Van Wyck volunteered to go with them on active duty.

In late August 1861, the Kelly Rangers journeyed to Memphis and became part of Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Bedford Forrest's Cavalry Battalion. The horsemen from Madison County thus began their war service under the man who would later be called the greatest cavalry leader America ever produced. Having originally enlisted as a private, Bedford Forrest would finish the war as a lieutenant general.

From Memphis, Forrest's Battalion was sent by train to Nashville. They were next ordered to Fort Henry, on the Cumberland River. Here Rev. Kelly was elected major and the men from Madison County had their first excitement hunting a female spy. Frank Gurley and two others were dispatched to catch her. "We had a



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long tedious hunt and the nearest we could come to the spy was a part of her underclothes with some important papers secreted in them," recalled Gurley. "After getting these clothes we went back to report and [saw] the spy in the Fort talking to the commanders."

The Kelly Rangers next joined Forrest on a night march to Canton, Kentucky. "It was a long ruff road and we had many fall downs," said Gurley. "We arrived at the river the next morning with many bleeding faces and skinned noses." Dr. Van Wyck's skills no doubt came in handy this time.

After eating breakfast and resting for several hours, Forrest's Battalion rode on all day and night to Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Here the Kelly Rangers supposedly earned all Alabamians the nickname they carry to this day. Post-war accounts vary (there is no contemporary record), but the Kelly Rangers allegedly were wearing uniforms with bright yellow trim. (Or maybe only the officers were. Or perhaps the horsemen were covered with yellow dust. Pick the version you like.) A soldier from another regiment saw them and began calling out, "Yellerhammer, yellerhammer, flicker, flicker!" At any rate, Alabama thereafter became

known as the Yellowhammer State and Alabamians as Yellowhammers. It's a good story anyway.

The battalion remained in camp several days and then went out on a scout. "It commenced raining the day we left camp and rained or snowed every day for 10 days," wrote Frank Gurley. "We found no Yanks but plenty of pretty girls and a fine lot of good grub. We had 700 men and it was a great show to everyone."

Forrest captured a small quantity of Federal equipment at Greenville, as well as one prisoner. He also "visited Providence and Claysville and Morganfield, at all

of which places the people met us with smiles and cheers, and fed and greeted us kindly," he reported. Forrest then led his men to the Ohio River at Caseyville, opposite the Illinois shore. The men from North Alabama thus had the satisfaction of gazing upon Abe Lincoln's home state. From Caseyville they rode up the Tradewater River, all without mishap.

Near the town of Marion, in Crittenden County, however, "a lady came from her door and begged in the name of her children for help," said Forrest. It seems that several local Union men had been responsible for her



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husband's arrest as a Southern sympathizer. Always moved by a woman's tears, Forrest determined to arrest the Unionists and hold them hostage for the prisoner's release. The date was November 30, 1861.

Anticipating little trouble, Forrest himself went to arrest one of the men, a 40 year-old Tennessee born farmer named Jonathan Belt. Forrest was accompanied only by J. P. Strange, later a major on his staff, and Dr. Samuel Van Wyck. Probably the best account of what happened is found in the *Huntsville Democrat* of December 11, 1861.

Approaching the farm house, Forrest engaged Belt in conversation at the front door, "while Van Wyck and Strange stood at the rear of the house. Belt went into the house under pretense of getting his hat, but got his gun, and putting it through a crack in the house, shot Van Wyck dead in his tracks, jumped out the back window, and escaped into a thicket not far off. Strange shot at him twice, but, it is supposed missed him." The gentle doctor from Huntsville was no more.

"It was an inexcusable rashness for three men to go on such a mission, when Col. F. had 600 men in his command," commented John Withers Clay in the *Democrat*. "The needlessness of the sacrifice renders Dr. Van Wyck's death much more deplorable." Ironically, Forrest's first casualty of the war was the one man in the battalion who was

sworn to save lives, not take them.

"A noble and brave man was Dr. Van Wyck," wrote Forrest in his report, "and his loss was deeply felt by the whole regiment."

A somewhat chastened Bedford Forrest brought the doctor's body into town, "and there I saw the first dead soldier," remembered Frank Gurley. Forrest paid tribute to the Huntsville doctor as best he could under the circumstances. The battalion was ordered out on dress parade and Forrest spoke from the heart. "The speech was not very eloquent," recalled Gurley, "but very strong and substantial."


Forrest sent Major Kelley back to Hopkinsville with the body, es-

corted by an honor guard of 100 men. Van Wick's remains were then returned to Huntsville, to be met by his grieving widow and many friends. After services at First Methodist, Van Wyck's body was sent to Anderson, South Carolina, for burial in the family cemetery.

Van Wyck's killer, Jonathan

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Belt, made his way to Union lines and later served for a time as a captain in the 15th Kentucky Union Cavalry. Nathan Bedford Forrest, of course, went on to become one the greatest heroes of the South. As the casualties climbed into the tens of thousands, however, Samuel Maverick Van Wyck was virtually forgotten.

But a fascinating "maybe" just could have taken place that long ago day in Marion, Kentucky. Dr. John Allan Wyeth, a Confederate veteran and Forrest's first biographer, wrote that Belt, "mistaking the doctor, who was dressed in full uniform, for the officer in command of the squadron, selected him as his victim, and with deadly aim sent a bullet through his heart." Suppose Belt had instead shot the commander, Nathan Bedford Forrest! Without Forrest's brilliant leadership, would the war have ended sooner in the west?

"There will never be peace in Tennessee till Forrest is dead," was the way Union General William Tecumseh Sherman had put it in 1864. Did Jonathan Belt miss his one chance to win the war for the Union?

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Such was the case of David Humphrey Todd.

By the time David Todd moved to Huntsville in 1865 he had already lived an eventful life. Born in 1832 into a well respected Kentucky family, David was serving with the Kentucky Infantry during the war with Mexico, when he received word of his father's death from cholera. When one of David's brothers contested the probate of the Will, the once close family was torn asunder. Brothers, sisters, and cousins all refused to talk to one another. Complicating matters even more was

the fact that his half sister's husband, an attorney, was selected to represent the other heirs while another member of the family represented David and his brothers.

The Will was eventually settled, with his brother-in-law winning, but the family had suffered a split from which they would never recover.

Whether out of resentment or longing for more adventure, when David received his discharge at the end of the war, he soon enlisted as a mercenary in an attempt to overthrow the Chilean government in South America. Not much is known about his exploits in Chile except that he barely escaped with his life by hiding on a ship leaving the country.

Strangely enough, though he spent the next several years in China, he was never able to escape the presence of his brother-in-law. As the years passed it seemed as if more and more people associated him with the young attorney who

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At the beginning of the Civil War, David enlisted in the Confederate service as a Captain. By this time his brother-in-law had become one of the most hated people in the country so it is

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doubtful if David told anyone of his kinship. When David was erroneously reported killed during the battle of Vicksburg, it probably suited him well as he was finally out of the shadow of his notorious in-law.

David kept a low profile during the years after the war. He had married Susan Turner and was considered a leading citizen of Huntsville by all who knew him. His wife was a devout member of the Church of the Nativity and his home, on the northeast corner of Franklin and Gates, was a meeting place for many influential people of Madison County.

If there was anything odd about David Todd during these years, it was his obvious reluctance to talk about his family. Even many of his closest friends knew nothing about him except that he was an ex-Confederate soldier.

David Humphrey Todd died August 4, 1871 at his home here in Huntsville and was most likely buried in the Turner plot at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Ironically, the best selling book at the time of his death was a book about his despised brother-in-law ... "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

## The Wrong War

General Joe Wheeler, a Confederate cavalry general for whom Wheeler Wildlife Refuge was named, also served admirably in the Spanish-American War, but had a hard time remembering who the enemy was.

At the battle of Santiago, in Cuba, he insisted on being in the midst of the battle though he was very sick and had to be transported in an ambulance. When the battle seemed to be going badly, he bravely left the ambulance, dramatically leaped upon a horse and led a charge.

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Pollard, without actually threatening her life, repeatedly intimated that it would be bad for Marancy if she exposed her, and she kept her silence until a fortnight ago, when her aunt got

a perception of the fact and questioned her closely, and she related to her the whole story.

The victim says that the woman's real name is Sarah M. Pollard, and that her trunk is filled with feminine apparel. A com-

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by Ruby Petcher

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Earlier in the day, my mother had picked up some self-rising corn meal mix instead of the regular cornmeal. She had dampened it as usual and fed the hens.

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Word was sent to all the children and grandchildren of the upcoming burial. The next day saw the whole family gathered at

the cemetery to pay their last respects.

Five young men dressed in Confederate gray stood on one side of the casket and the four Union men stood on the other side. When the time came to lower the casket, all nine young men helped, and when it was done, they looked at one another across the grave. Slowly and almost awkwardly, they reached across the still open grave and shook hands with one another.

Almost seventy-five years later, Mrs. E. Grant still remembered the tears on her uncles' faces that day. She said it was almost as if they were saying their last good-byes before they got back on their horses to return to the war.

Out of the nine grandsons, four were killed in battle, one was captured and died in a Federal prison, and two others were wounded.

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