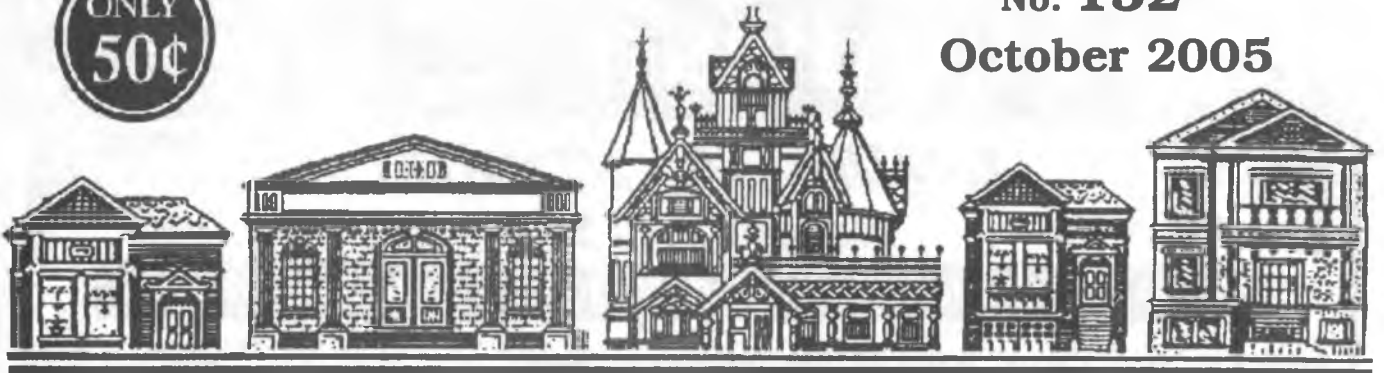


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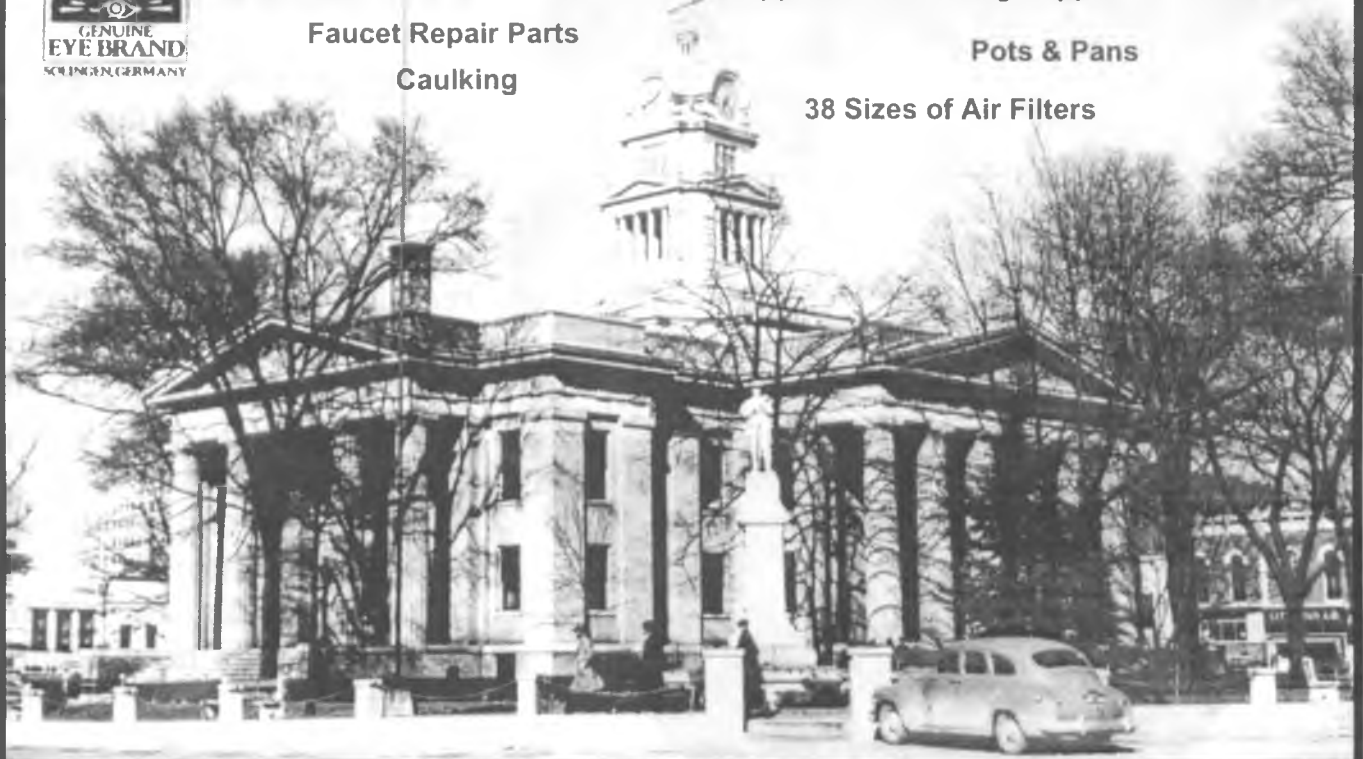
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A Family Matter

His name was Robert E. Lee Gilliam but most people simply called him "Gilliam, or "old man Gilliam." He was aged beyond his years, a product of a hard scrabble life and trying to eke out a living on a few acres of sunbaked red clay that never seemed to produce enough to keep body and soul together.

Being a truck farmer was not the life Gilliam had chosen originally. He had worked most of his life at a saw mill near Gurley until an accident left his right leg crippled. Unable to find other work, he worked as a sharecropper for a time before the landlord told him he was letting another man, an able-bodied man, take over the farm.

The next several years saw Gilliam moving from farm to farm, each one poorer than the one he had left previously until finally he ended up, in 1943, on a small tract of land near Winchester Road. The land was a virtual rock pile, overgrown with no water supply, and with a dilapidated old house that probably should have fallen down years ago.

Regardless, Gilliam, with his wife and three children, made the best out of a bad situation. Soon they had several acres cleared and were growing tomatoes, squash and other vegetables. These he peddled from door to door in an ancient pick-up truck he had patched together from parts salvaged from junk yards and trash heaps. On weekends, while he worked his route, his wife and children would spend the day at the Farmers Market selling the produce to Huntsville housewives who flocked to the stalls in search of bargains on fresh vegetables.

Gilliam's family was his pride and joy. His wife, a quiet-spoken woman with jet black hair that belied her Indian heritage was a perfect helpmate, spending long days toiling in the fields beside him and then going home to cook dinner with never a complaint. The youngest two children, both boys, were still too young to be of much help, but his daughter Lucy, who at fourteen was already turning into a striking young lady, helped her mother sell produce at the market. Many people, captivated by the young girl's exotic beauty and quiet charm, became regular customers.

The summer of 1946 was an especially hot and dry one. Almost three months had passed with no measurable rainfall and small gardens that had always pro-



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duced a bountiful harvest began drying up. Gilliam had always hauled water from a nearby spring for cooking and washing but his work load was increased dramatically when he was forced to begin hauling water for the parched fields.

Every day, often three or four times a day, he would drive his truck to the nearby spring where he filled large containers with water. Returning to his garden he would use a gourd to pour a certain amount around each thirsty and parched plant. The work was backbreaking, and with the sun seemingly getting hotter every day, it soon became apparent that something else had to be done.

Calling his family together one afternoon, Gilliam announced a change in the family's routine. He was going to dig a well. His wife would drive the truck on the route each weekend and Lucy would work at the market by herself. The two boys would remain at home with him, helping haul dirt from the proposed well. Gilliam figured a week, maybe two, would be enough to complete the job.

Though at first the job went well, with the dry, red clay yielding easily to the pick and shovel, a few feet down he began to encounter rock. Even the most casual observer surely realized it was going to take much longer than planned. Gilliam, however,

was not a man to give up easily. Every Saturday morning he would help load the truck with produce and then return to what many people had already dubbed his "rock hole."

For Lucy, however, these were exciting times. Her mother would drop her off early at the market where she would spend the day selling produce and talking to the other people who worked there. Every day seemed like another adventure to the impressionable fourteen year old girl. Probably even more exciting were the young men who visited the market to flirt with her. Without the stern looks of her mother to warn them off, there was a constant stream of young Gallahads vying for her attention.

One of the men who noticed her was William Roberts. No one disputed the fact that Roberts was a good looking man, well dressed and with a line of blarney that could sway even the most doubtful person. It was the other things about him, though, that made people whisper. Some people claimed he had been married before, although no one was sure what had happened. He was also rumored to be involved in gambling and was a well-known supplier of bootleg whiskey to the G.I.'s at Huntsville Arsenal. Many people said he had a violent temper and was involved in many

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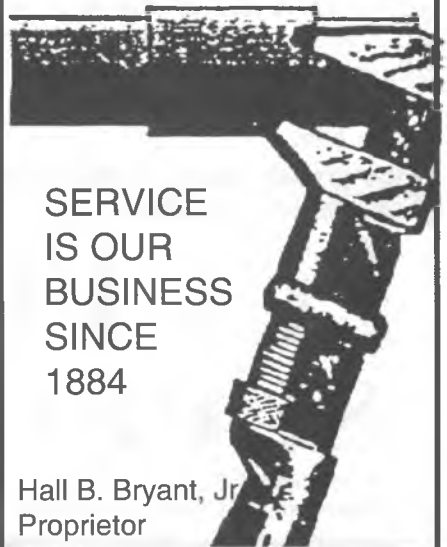
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Everyone was surprised when Roberts began paying attention to Lucy. Not only was she still a child, she was totally different from the hard drinking, carousing women he normally hung out with in the road houses and gambling joints.

For the first several weeks it was merely an innocent flirtation, with Roberts stopping by the produce stall to tease the young girl. Lucy had already heard of his reputation,but he was so handsome. She was also careful not to mention anything about him to her father whom she knew would not approve.

When Roberts appeared at the market one day and proposed that Lucy go for a ride with him she hesitated, explaining that she could not afford to miss any potential customers.

"How much do you make a day?" asked Roberts.

"Three or four dollars, if I'm

lucky," replied Lucy.

Roberts quickly ended the conversation by laying a five dollar bill on the counter.

A pattern soon evolved. Lucy would work at the produce stand every Saturday until lunch time when Roberts would pick her up. Lucy always insisted that she be back at the market before 6:00 pm when her mother arrived to take her home.

Gilliam, preoccupied with digging the well and trying to support his family, had no idea of the courtship until one afternoon, about the time school let out, when Roberts and Lucy drove up.

Gilliam paused, laying the shovel aside, as he watched the couple walk toward him. He knew something was going on, Lucy was dressed in different clothes than the ones she wore to school that morning.

"Pa, we got married today."

Gilliam, stunned by this unexpected turn of events, stood silently as Lucy explained how Roberts had met her at school that morning and they had driven across the state line where they found a justice of the peace who had agreed to marry them.

By this time the rest of the family had gathered around Lucy, wanting to hear every detail. Roberts, not caring much for the emotions of the moment, wandered over to the well Gilliam had been working on.

Gilliam, sensing the need to say something to Roberts but not knowing what to say, walked over

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to the well with him. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, he asked, "You going to take care of her?" It was as much of a statement as it was a question.

"Get serious, old man," Roberts replied in an almost sarcastic manner. Then almost as an afterthought added, "You still working on this rock hole? The rains are going to come soon and you won't need it."

Gilliam, surprised at the sarcasm from his daughter's new husband, was at a loss for words. After a few moments of awkward hesitation he replied, "May as well finish it, might come in handy some day."

That evening, after the couple had left, Gilliam sat on the porch smoking his pipe, thinking about the day's events. If he had his druthers, none of it would have ever happened. "But still, Lucy is almost a grown woman. Her mother was only 15 when I married her and it worked out well. Maybe that boy will take care of her and everything will be all right."

Left unsaid, but in the back of his mind, was the realization that poor people just naturally married

young. With no education, no money and no hope for a future, the only thing a girl had to look forward to was getting married.

The first sign of trouble came several weeks later, on a Sunday afternoon, when Gilliam and his wife stopped by to visit Lucy at her new home. Although Roberts was supposedly making good money from his various illegal enterprises, little if any of it went home with him. Most of it went to gambling and drinking. The house where they resided, in Dallas Village, was actually a bootleg joint owned by someone else but the person owed Roberts money and had agreed to let the couple live in the front part rent free while he continued bootlegging in the back.

Lucy was thrilled to see her parents, even in such shabby surroundings. "This is just temporary," she explained apologetically. "We're going to get us a big house just as soon as he gets on his feet."

Even though it was almost three in the afternoon Roberts was still in bed. "He: had some business to take care of last night and didn't get in until late."

Wakened by the sound of

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Ignoring Gilliam, Roberts abruptly ordered Lucy to get him something to eat. When she didn't respond immediately, Roberts grabbed her arm and shoved her roughly toward the kitchen with the admonition to "make sure it's fit to eat!"

Noticing Gilliam sitting in the corner of the room, Roberts explained sarcastically, "We've still got some kinks to work out but she'll learn."

With Lucy no longer helping her family, Gilliam returned to driving his produce route every Saturday while his wife worked at the market. Still, he continued digging the well, even if only for an hour or two a week. He had struck solid rock and progress was measured in inches as he laboriously chiseled away at it with a hammer and crowbar.

The family, knowing Roberts didn't care for their company, stopped visiting Lucy at her house. Instead, several times a month, she would walk the 5 or 6 miles to her parents' home where she would spend the day. When it came time to return home, Gilliam would drive her, letting her out about a block down the street. "My husband doesn't want me to take any favors from anyone and if he sees me taking a ride from someone he might get upset."

Despite the many warning signs, Gilliam held his peace. Possibly he was hoping that time would work matters out. Most likely however, he was a product of his time, a culture where

no one interfered in another person's marriage and where divorce was unspeakable. Never in the history of the Gilliam family had a couple even separated, much less divorced. Making matters even worse was the fact that most people considered a divorced woman little better than a "lady of the night."

Lucy's visits became less frequent, but when she did visit there would often be signs of bruises on her arms and neck. "Just an accident," she would explain. "I bumped into something." One hot sweltering day she showed up wearing a long sleeved flannel shirt. When her mother insisted, Lucy rolled the sleeves up revealing dark ugly bruises. There were even more bruises on her back and legs.

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"It was my fault," explained Lucy while wiping tears from her eyes. "I made him upset and I shouldn't have."

Her mother called Gilliam into the room and explained what happened. After examining the bruises himself, he stood silent for a long time looking at his wife and daughter, trying in his mind to verbalize the words he had been putting off for so long.

"You don't have to go back," he said quietly. "We'll go to the courthouse and get papers."

The words stunned Lucy and her mother. They both realized how hard it was for Gilliam to accept a divorce in the family.

The decision was made by Lucy. "Things will get better, I just know they will and he's expecting me to have dinner on the table, so I have to go."

That evening Gilliam worked in the well. Long after the sun had gone down he continued pounding the hard rock with a vengeance he had never known before. He was no longer crushing simple rocks, he was crushing his helplessness and despair with a cold rage for which he knew

there was no outlet.

The next morning Gilliam drove into Huntsville to talk to Sheriff Blakemore. His second cousin's oldest daughter was married to the sheriff and though Gilliam didn't consider him a close friend, they had what he called a "passable" relationship.

After listening to Gilliam's account of the bruises, the sheriff had but one question. "Will she swear out a warrant?"

"I don't think so," replied Gilliam.

"There ain't nothing I can do then. It's all up to her."

Nevertheless, that afternoon the sheriff stopped by to talk with Roberts. Though he had no legal basis for the visit, he was undoubtedly hoping a bluff, or a threat, might accomplish the same thing.

Roberts merely listened to the

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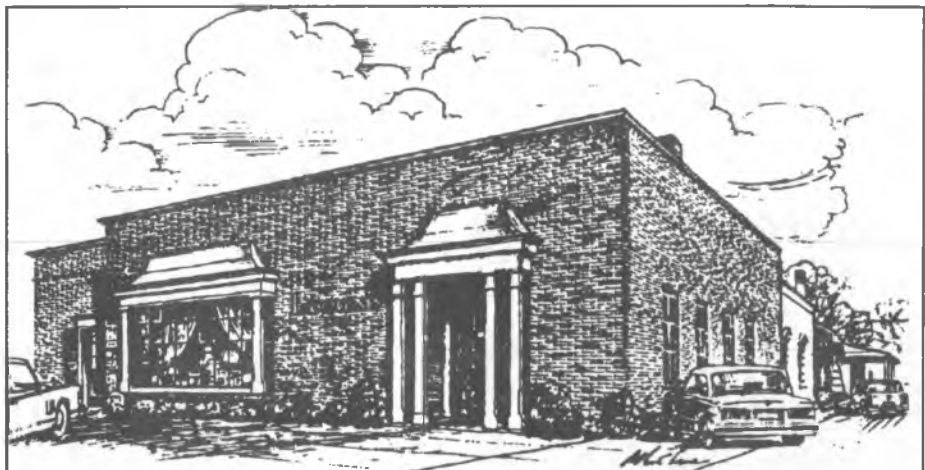
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sheriff with thinly disguised contempt and then ordered him off the property. "You ain't got no right meddling in peoples' marriages," he shouted. "This is a family matter!"

Several days later Gilliam and his family had just sat down at the supper table and were about to say the blessing when a neighbor stopped by to say he had seen Lucy at the hospital. He had been visiting a relative, he explained, and just as he was leaving, he saw Lucy being treated by a doctor. "I think she's got a broken arm because I saw them putting a cast on it."

Gilliam said nothing but the look of rage on his face made his intent clear. He had just reached for his coat and was about to walk out when his wife ordered him to sit back down first. "We are going to say the blessing first and then you can go do whatever it is you have to do."

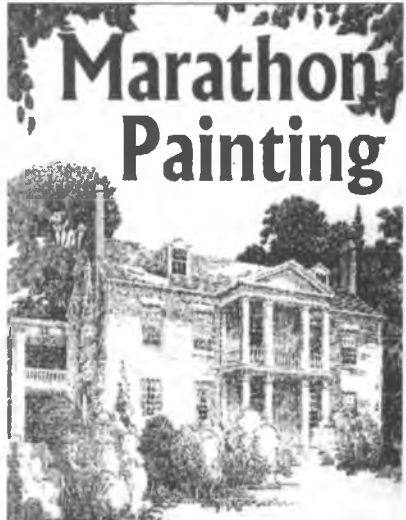
Gilliam rushed to the hospital where the nurses told him that Lucy had been taken away by her husband. Next he drove to

their house but even from a distance it was evident that it was vacant. The only other place he could think of was the "Clip Joint." He had never been there but had heard the rumors of the crooked dice games Roberts ran from the trailer.

Upon arriving, Gilliam knew he was at the right place by the loud music and profanity piercing the night air. Entering the trailer he immediately saw Lucy sitting in a corner. Her arm was in a cast, and her hair hung limply across her face. On her right cheek was a bruise that was just starting to turn a dark purple. "Come on," Gilliam said. "We're going home."

Roberts had been on his knees in the back of the trailer shooting dice when he noticed the old man. Springing to his feet he


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ordered, "Leave her be. This is a private thing between her and me!"

Gilliam paused for a brief second, eyeing all the men in the trailer before letting his gaze rest on Roberts. "Boy, I ought to kill you right now but I'm not going to. I'm going to take my daughter home and you can go on about whatever you do. Just don't never let me see you again."

Something about the unarmed old crippled man; something more than the barely controlled wrath in his voice, caused the men in the trailer to freeze in their footsteps as they watched him escort his daughter out.

If Gilliam had hoped that would be the end of it, he was sadly mistaken. In the morning's early hours, before the sun came up, the family was awakened by the sound of an automobile and loud cursing. Gilliam quickly grabbed his overalls and started for the front door when he was startled by the sound of breaking glass followed almost instantly by a wall of flames.

In spite of all the noise and confusion of the inferno, the whole family swore they heard Roberts laughing as the car drove away.

Although no one was hurt in the fire, the house was destroyed and all of their meager possessions lost. After salvaging what little they could from the ruins, Gilliam drove to the Huntsville bus depot where he put his family on a bus to Chicago where his wife's sister lived.

Word of the fire and of Gilliam sending his family to Chicago had spread throughout the community. Several neighbors, though taking great pains not to get involved, stopped by the ruins of the house to see the carnage from the night before. The first thing they noticed was Gilliam with a pick and shovel still working in the well.

Trying to make conversation, one of the

neighbors remarked, "That well will come in handy next summer won't it?"

Without pausing in his labor, Gilliam replied in a barely audible mumble, "Ain't going to need it. Going to Chicago."

Many townspeople were even more puzzled by the fact that Gilliam had not showed up at the sheriff's office to swear out a warrant for the arson. Until he made a complaint there was nothing the authorities could do.

That same night an unidentified person threw several sticks of dynamite under the "Clip Joint." The trailer was totally destroyed and its occupants, cut and bruised, barely escaped. People assumed that Gilliam was responsible, probably as a last measure of revenge before joining his family in Chicago.



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"If he was responsible," people theorized, "that boy had it coming." Almost everyone had heard of Roberts' abuse of his child bride and of the arson he undoubtedly had committed. For many people there was even a certain amount of wishful reminiscing about the "old days when the Klan took care of that kind."

Gilliam had not left town, though. The next morning he was back at the well working at a feverish pace. Neighbors, curious at his strange behavior but still not wanting to get involved, stopped by several times during the day trying to draw the old man into a conversation. Gilliam, after politely acknowledging their presence, continued digging, refusing all attempts at conversation.

Late that afternoon neighbors saw him sitting on top of the huge pile of dirt next to the well. Something about the way he sat silently staring into the hole made it apparent that the well was finally finished.

That evening, about 9 o'clock, Roberts was sitting at the bar in the White Castle, a notorious speakeasy located near the intersection of Meridian Street and Winchester Road. With all of his cronies gathered around, he was basking in his new notoriety as he told of run-

ning the Gilliam family out of Madison County.

Most of the patrons, however, tried to ignore Roberts. The incidents of the past few days had disgusted them. Probably what bothered them the most, though no one would say it out loud, was the fact that they had let it happen without doing anything.

Suddenly the whole place got quiet as people focused on a solitary figure standing in the doorway, holding a shotgun leveled at Roberts. Some people said it was 'ol man Gilliam, but other people, probably wiser, said there was no resemblance.

Without saying a word, letting the motions of his gun give the orders, the figure directed Roberts outside. A backward glance insured that no one would follow.


Some people claimed to have



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heard a gunshot moments later but others, after careful thought, insisted it was just a car backfiring

By the next morning almost everyone in Huntsville had heard of the evening's strange events. Gilliam's neighbors, embarrassed because they hadn't helped, drove by the burned out homestead. The place looked much the same as it had the day before with personal belongings scattered across the yard and partially burnt timbers swaying in the wind. There was no sign of Gilliam, though.

The only sign that someone had been there since the day before was the well. It had been completely filled up.

Roberts was never seen again. Some people in Huntsville, perhaps a lot wiser than most, said he probably left town suddenly due to "unexpected business."

More than likely they felt, as Sheriff Blakemore was later overheard saying, "It was just a family matter."

Old Huntsville Trivia

1811 - Residents of what is now Madison County pass the first Water Pollution Law, making it unlawful to pollute Indian Creek.

1818 - The first library in Alabama is formed in Huntsville. The library was organized and set up at John Boardman's printing office, on the East side of Madison Street.

1821 - Fifteen prisoners break out of jail.

1839 - Lillian Malone, a local madam, is asked by city officials to leave town.

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A Letter Home

Editor's Note: This letter originally appeared in an 1861 issue of The Huntsville Democrat. It was written by a local man who had joined the Madison Rifles, a company of local volunteers who fought for Dixie.

Fort Morgan, Florida
March 30, 1861

The Madison Rifles arrived here at 2 o'clock, on Thursday. The privilege of feeding us was transferred to two white barber-looking men and a very handsome yellow girl. They had a table set out covered with ginger cakes - price, three for a quarter; biscuit and ham - one biscuit and a slice of ham, ten cents; cup of coffee, fifteen cents; small oranges, ten cents a piece; together with many other eatables at proportionate prices.

The first appearance of Fort Morgan, upon nearing it, is that of a boundless waste of white sand, dotted here and there with Shrub Pine and a degenerate Palmetto. I shall reserve a description and partial history of this fortress for another letter, as my duties have so far prevented me from procuring information sufficient to risk asser-

tion in relation to it. All that I can now say is, that there are about twelve hundred men here - all of whom are volunteers from the State of Alabama. There are about two hundred and fifty more troops expected here every day, who will complete the First Regiment of Alabama Volunteers. Col. Hardee, formerly U.S. army, and author of Hardee's Tactics, is in command here. He is a fine looking man, with a strictly military bearing. He looks every inch the soldier.

The Rifles are encamped upon the sand in the rear of the fort. We occupy seventeen tents, besides the officers' marquee. Each tent is occupied by six men, called a "mess," each mess is furnished with a large camp kettle, a camp frying pan, and each man with a tin plate, tin cup, one knife and fork - bone handle, an iron spoon, and a tin canteen to hold water in. The canteen is fixed for a strap, so as to be carried about the per-

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son, and they see constant service too, as the hot sun over head and the heated sand under foot, are well calculated to engender a pretty constant thirst.

A part of the time since we have been here, one man in each mess has acted as cook and dish washer, whilst the rest of the mess bring wood and water; our meals are now all cooked by four or five detailed every day for that purpose; and as the tents are called by numbers, the men come forward and get their half-cup of coffee, half cup of peas, and vinegar, if we choose it; by the by, our mess bought a cabbage head today, and we must draw a pint tonight.

As yet, we wear the clothes we left Huntsville in; our uniforms are promised very soon. We have been furnished each with two mixed jean outer shirts, two flannel undershirts; one grey and one white, two pair of drawers, and two pair of socks.

There are no fruit or vegetables grown here, on account of the sand. Oysters can be bought here for \$1.50 a barrel, in the shell, and our camp now presents quite an interesting scene, as I sit looking at a party of the Madison Rifles, assembled around a large fire, with bags of oysters around them.

The air is laden with the shouts of some 200 men in the Gulf, sea bathing. This is the greatest luxury of camp life, and partaken of by all but a very few, who are scared off by the fear of sharks, and the sight of porpoises, which appear in droves all along the coast. Some are off gathering shells, of which there are countless numbers of beautiful colors and kinds; many are off in the shade of pine trees, talking of home and their sweethearts.



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News from 1875

- Joe Graham, above Triana, had all his outhouses and fences blown down during the late storm. Many of the houses were also blown down at the Nick Lewis place.

- Runaway from my residence about 3 miles northwest of Huntsville, during my absence on the 9th., James Carter, a bound boy about fifteen years of age escaped. Said boy when leaving had on a black sack cloth coat and gray jeans pantaloons. Description: rather small for his age, fair skin, round face, blue eyes, rather low forehead, and very black thick hair. I forewarn any man from harboring him. He has no relatives in Alabama and it would be to his advantage to have him returned. Thos. H. Hewlett

- The city is now burning Monte Sano coal, taken from the

mines in our immediate vicinity, and it appears to be of very high quality. It is surprising that the mines are not more extensively worked. Ruben Street is engaged in delivery of this coal to our homes daily.

- The friends of Dr. Burritt will regret to learn that his condition is not improved by the operation performed on his lip. The cancerous affliction was perhaps more deeply seated than was at first supposed. He will go from St. Louis to Hot

Springs and spend a short time.

- Citizens are warned that pigs running loose in the downtown will no longer be tolerated. This business has gone on far too long and it is hoped that a few hefty fines will put an end to it.

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Heard On The Street

by *Cathey Carney*



Congratulations to **Carolyn Bracken**, who works as an accountant at the office of **Doyal J. Hyatt, CPA**. She called with the first correct guess for the Photo of the Month. You may remember Carolyn's husband, **Glenn Bracken**. The sweet little girl in the picture was **Carol Record**, proprietor of the Kaffeeklatsch Bar in downtown Huntsville.

We got a call recently from probably our biggest fan, who lives in Scranton, PA. **Scottie Brier** came to Huntsville in 1976 as an instructor on the Arsenal, lived here for 8 years, and says to this day the people of Huntsville are the best in the world and he misses living here every single day. He is taking care of his mama, **Jane Scott Brier**, who will celebrate her 87th birthday in October. We appreciate you, Scottie!

We saw our dear friend **Lynne Berry** at Trade Day on the Square. She's doing a great job managing **Harrison Brothers**, and they are getting in new stock daily.

Well, I think we've met the future Mayor of Huntsville. **Justin Bzdell**, 14 years old and a stu-

dent at Monrovia Middle School, has been telling his dad **John Bzdell** for years that his one goal in life is to be the Mayor. He absolutely loves the city and her people, and for a young man shows surprising wisdom. He loves eating at Little Deb's diner with his grandpa **Stephen S. Bzdell**, who is 87 and lives in Toney. And Justin has some great stories about his grandma, **Loudella Shaughnessy**, living in the Oak Park area. She is 75 and loves to tell Justin about the old days. We'll have to keep an eye on this ambitious young man!

We hear **Chester Huskins** of the Golden K Kiwanis is leaving Huntsville to live in South Carolina. We'll sure miss you, Chester!

It was good to see **Trice Hinds** recently, shopping at **Shaver's Bookstore**. His family is full of royalty and he has so many interesting stories!

Our good friends **Cordy** and **Mark Fortson** will be celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary in

October. Happy Anniversary!

We want to send out a special hello to our mailman **Jeff Tucker**, probably the best in Huntsville! We're very proud of all the hardworking folks who deliver our mail every day.

Many probably remember **Rick Carleton**, who lived and worked in Huntsville for years in the used car business. He recently found out he had lung cancer, having lived in Missouri for a number of years, and passed away two months after the diagnosis. Our deepest sympathy to **Lorene Fish**, his mom, and sister **Jan**.

Betty Gordon's sister **Stacie Bramlett** was rushed to the emergency room recently and Betty wanted to thank all the kind folks who prayed for Stacie.

It was good to see that handsome **Tony Balch**, of **The Balch Agency**, recently. We ran into him at the **Chef's Table** on South Parkway for lunch one day. He was telling us how happy he is to have recently moved his office to 614 Madison Street, and especially now that it's finally completed!

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Ann Price recently suffered a stroke and is recuperating. She has a great caretaker in niece **Gale Nichols**. We're thinking of you both, get well Ann.

A very exciting pool tournament was held recently at **Redstone Village** among the residents there. When the **Owens'** pulled out their gloves and pool cues, wonder if that was intimidating to the other competitors?

We were very sorry to hear of the death of **Liz Waggett's** mother recently. **Ann Casey** lived in Satellite Beach, Fl. We send our sympathy to Liz and her family.

Happy birthday to **Diane Owens** - Hope hubby **Ken** is planning a huge party for you!

Trade Day this year was great fun and the weather was hot but dry. We talked with **Sarah Israel**, who got here in 1998 and has 3 grandchildren who all had birthdays in Sep. and Oct. **Ollie Gemmel** turned 5, **Hannah Israel** turned 6, and **Charlie Israel** turned 4. Sarah's friend **Judith Elrod** has been living in Huntsville for 20 years and loves it here!

Happy Anniversary to that great couple **Ron & Barb Eyestone** - 26 big years! Congratulations to you both!

New York Life/Huntsville welcomes it's new Managing Partner, **Kim Johnson**, who comes here from Hilliard Ohio. Welcome to our beautiful city, Kim!

We were sad to hear that **Tom Gurley** lost his younger brother recently, of a heart attack. **Ted Kennedy** was from Owens Cross Roads.

Donna Gurley has two sisters who are both celebrating birthdays in October. **Linda Pridmore** is Oct. 6 and **Bell Buchanan** is Oct.20. Donna says they are best sisters a girl can have!

The **Golden K Kiwanis Club** was very pleasantly surprised by a visit from **Mayor Loretta Spencer** at one of their recent meetings. They really appreciated her tak-

ing the time out from her busy schedule to see them.

A special Hello to **Billy Joe Cooley**, who knows so many folks and is seen everywhere!

Huntsville's **Melvin Brown** has a new book of poems out that really touches your heart. He takes care of his sweet mom, **Ruby Brown**, who is sure proud of her young son.

There are so many people in our area who are here living with families, displaced by **Katrina**. Welcome to Huntsville and good luck to you in the future.

We hear twin grandkids are on the horizon for **Sam Keith**. His daughter **Rebecca** and her sweet husband **John McKinney** are expecting & thrilled. More babysitting for you, Sam!

Well, that's it for now, have a good October and remember how lucky we are to be living in Huntsville, Alabama!



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Chocolate Sponge Layer Cake

1/2 c. soy flour
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 pinch salt
 1 T. unsweetened cocoa
 2 eggs
 8 packets sugar substitute
 1 t. vanilla extract

1 t. chocolate extract
 Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sift 1st four ingredients together. Beat eggs with sugar substitute til very thick, stir in extracts. Fold in flour mixture and bake in greased layer pan for 30 minutes til done. Makes one layer.

Almond-Chocolate Cheesecake

2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese
 3 eggs
 1 c. sour cream
 1 t. vanilla extract
 12 packets Splenda
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place all ingredients into large bowl and mix with electric mixer for about 7 minutes. Pour mixture into 9-inch springform pan. Place in pan of hot water. Bake for an hour, turn off oven and leave cake in oven for additional hour, oven

turned off.

Frosting:

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 1/3 c. whipping cream
 1 t. vanilla or almond extract
 1/4 c. toasted slivered almonds
 Unwrap candies and place them in microwaveable bowl - microwave for 1 minutes. Remove, stir, add the cream and extract. Stir well. Drizzle with large spoon over the cooled cheesecake, sprinkle with almonds. Back in fridge for 2 hours before serving.

Baked Bananas with Rum Sauce

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Arrange the bananas, flat side down, in single layer in a shallow baking dish. Pour butter mixture over the bananas and sprinkle with pecans. Bake til the bananas are tender and the sauce has thickened slightly, about 12-15 minutes.

Cantaloupe Sorbet

4 c. frozen cantaloupe, slightly thawed

- 1 frozen banana, sliced
- 1/4 c. Splenda
- 1 T. creme de menthe liqueur
- 1 T. lime juice
- 2 t. grated lime peel
- 1/4 t. ground cinnamon

In a blender or food processor combine all ingredients and process til smooth.

Scrape into a shallow metal pan. Cover and freeze for 4 hours or overnight. Using a knife, break the mixtue into chunks. Process briefly in a food processor before serving. Garnish with a mint sprig.

Peanut Butter Cookies

- 6 T. unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 c. unsweetened creamy peanut butter, room temp
- 1/4 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/4 c. Splenda
- 1 lrg. egg, room temperature, lightly beaten
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 c. sifted oat flour
- 1/4 t. baking powder
- 3 T. salted peanuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl beat the butter and peanut butter til very smooth. Add sugar and Splenda and beat til well combined and light in color, 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually beat in the egg and vnilla extract, beating til very smooth and a little fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Mix in the flour and baking powder, beating til a moist but cohesive dough forms. Stir in peanuts. Drop by table-spoon about 2" apart on greased cooking sheet. Flatten each with tines of a fork til 2" in diameter. Bake til golden brown, 22 to 25 minutes. Remove to rack to cool.

Chocolate Fudge

- 1 pkg. Sugar-free jello Chocolate instant pudding
- 1/2 c. heavy cream

- 1 t. creme de cacao
- 3 T. chunky sugar-free peanut butter

Mix all together except peanut butter. Place over low heat, add peanut butter. Heat til peanut butter melts, stir. Spoon mixture into greased pan, refrigerate til firm.



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Slave Revolt

by Charles Rice

"Startling news!" wrote Daniel Robinson Hundley in his diary on May 18, 1861. "I have just learned that a Vigilance Committee in Triana has ferreted out a most hellish insurrection plot among the slaves, and in consequence I expect to go out patrolling tonight, something I never did before. I have already rode about thirty miles today, but I do not expect to close my eyes tonight."

Fort Sumter had been fired on only a fortnight before, and both North and South were intoxicated with war fever. Septimus D. Cabaniss, a Huntsville lawyer known for his cool head, apparently had some doubts.

"In the winter & spring after the election of Mr. Lincoln," said Cabaniss, "there was an apprehension in the minds of many of our citizens & especially the ladies, that there would be an Insurrection among the slaves. This increased, after three companies of volunteers had gone to the Confederate Army, leaving no military organization in the county.

"To allay this excitement, nearly every male citizen of Hunts-

ville & vicinity between the ages of fourteen & eighty years, voluntarily united in a military association, forming a small battalion.

"As a consequence of this uneasiness & the state of the country, there was, as is usual in times of high excitement, a disposition upon the part of some of the community to take the law in their own hands; and when the military association was formed, it was agreed that it should be under the control & direction of a committee of nine citizens, elected at the time of its organization, who should be charged with the duty of investigating any matters which the safety of the community might seem to require."

Cabaniss agreed to serve on the Committee of Safety only because of "his knowledge of the high character of the gentlemen associated with him for intelligence, integrity & discretion, and the belief that the existence of that committee would serve to allay excitement, and to prevent less discrete persons from taking the law in their own hands."

Cabaniss served on the Committee of Safety in Huntsville, and it appears this council was

indeed of an exemplary nature. "Several startling reports were brought before the committee," noted Cabaniss, "of insurrectionary plots which, when carefully investigated, proved to be without foundation."

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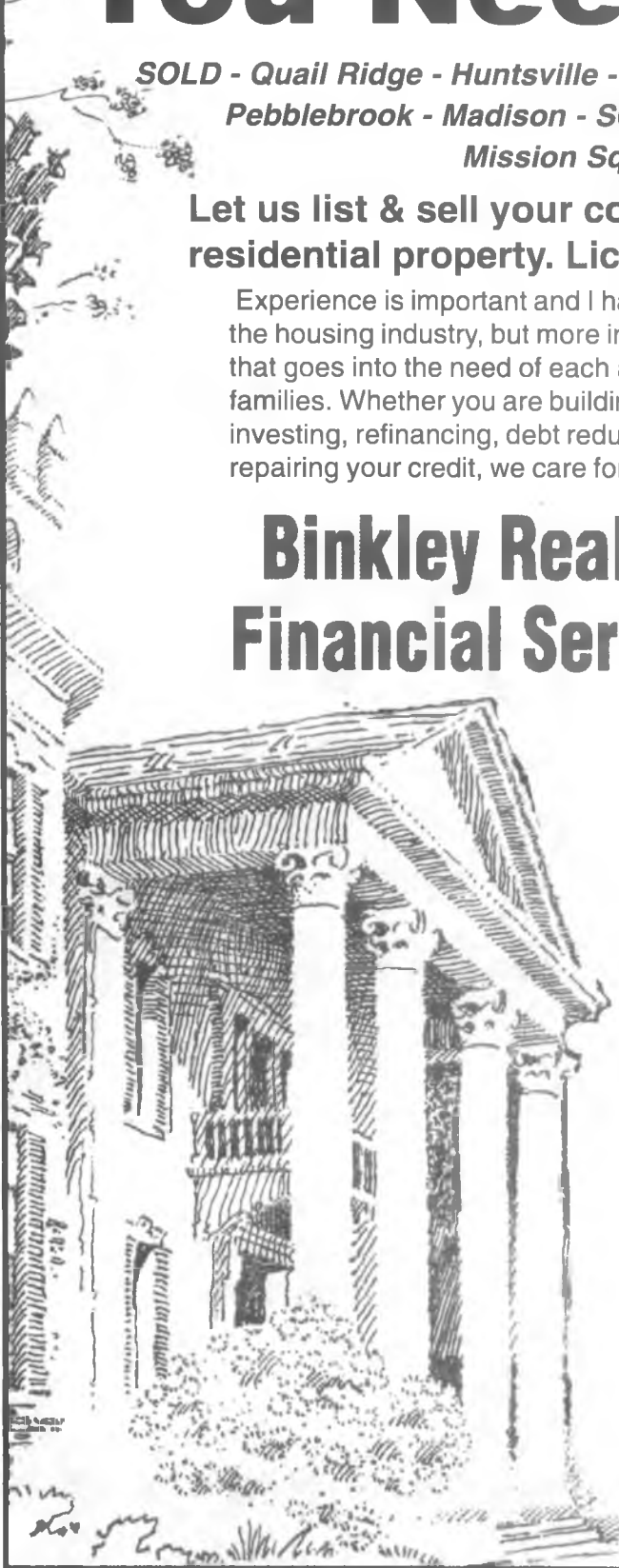
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In neighboring Limestone County, however, the situation continued to be tense. Daniel R. Hundley became a member of another Committee of Public Safety - one considerably less discrete than Huntsville's.

On May 20, 1862, wrote Hundley, the Mooresville committee investigated "the insurrectionary movements of the slaves in the neighborhood of my father's residence. We have punished several, and the testimony elicited is very startling. The whole servile population appears to be disaffected, and the most egregious falsehoods everywhere pass current among them."

The following day, Hundley wrote, "It seems the Negroes have concluded that Lincoln is soon going to free them all, and they are everywhere making preparations to aid him when he makes his appearance."

Was this simply wishful thinking on the part the slaves, or was someone inciting them in this erroneous belief? The committee determined to find out. "So far as our investigations have now extended," wrote Hundley on May 23, "we are led to believe that Peter Mud, Andrew Green, and Nicholas Moore. slaves, and one or two free Negroes, aided by base white men, are the leaders of the proposed servile insurrection."

Two days later, the members of the various Limestone County

committees "met with the Triana Committee in Triana. This committee has already hung one free Negro, named Jacobs, and today had up an old English abolitionist, who, for lack of proper evidence, was sent to Huntsville jail to await further action of the Committee." Matters were definitely

becoming ~serious.

On May 26, another man was hung, this time a slave in Mooresville. "A jury of twelve men selected by his overseer, were allowed to hear the evidence against him, and afterwards bring in their verdict - it being the design of the citizens to preserve the



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spirit of the law at all events, although it may be necessary in these exciting and dangerous times to override the letter thereof."

Was there in fact a slave plot, or was it simply hysteria caused by the tensions of the times? On May 27, a third man was executed. "Andrew Green, one of the instigators and leaders of the conspiracy, was hung in Triana. He made a partial confession."

However, Peter Mud's master, Dr. John Pickett, still remained unconvinced. Pickett sent Mud off by train to try to protect him. "We sent one of our Committee men after the fugitive," wrote Hundley, "and were informed by telegraph that the police had secured him in Memphis."

On May 30, 1861, the Triana Committee met once again. "First we tried a free Negro, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life," noted Hundley. "We then tried parson Peter Mud. Peter was proven to be one of the principal conspirators, but the influence of his master's family in his behalf was great - however, he was found guilty by the jury, and was hung about half an hour after sundown." Tellingly, those who knew Peter Mud best believed in his innocence. The following day, "Two

Negroes were tried, but the final decision in their case was postponed for one month - in the meantime the Negroes remain in Huntsville jail. We also tried Bob Williams, white man. He was given until Christmas to settle up his affairs and leave the country."

After this, the tensions began to die down. On June 9, Hundley wrote in his diary, "The Committee seems to be satisfied with their labors thus far, and by apparently general consent are doing nothing more about the Negro Insurrection."

Had a bloody slave revolt been prevented? Perhaps. But more than likely it was much ado about nothing. Four unfortunate black men had lost their lives. In contrast, not one slave had been punished in Huntsville. In fact, only one person - a white man - was sentenced by the Huntsville committee.

"It was proved that this person had been in Huntsville but a few months," wrote Septimus Cabaniss, "was a gambler by profession, & came from Memphis or New Orleans." The unwelcome gambling man was simply told to get out town and make sure he stayed gone.

Robert K. Dickson, a wealthy planter and merchant, "was also before the Committee charged with uttering disloyal senti-

ments. The facts charged against him were investigated. The Committee advised him to be more discrete in his language, & he agreed to do so in the future." Such was the extent of their corrective action.

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Unfortunately for Parson Peter Mud and his colleagues, they had been tried by the wrong people.

A Lady of Distinction

from 1866 newspaper

Clarissa Douglass, a lady of dubious distinction, was up before Squire Figg yesterday on a charge of stealing clothes from Huntsville's merchants.

Miss Douglass' downfall was her penchant for fine clothing which she said, "is necessary for any lady in my changed position," hence she began a monologue describing why each article of the purloined clothing was essential to maintain her position in our fair city's society.

She found her purse would not withstand so heavy a load, but the clothes must be had. Recalling the raids of the late war, she decided to undertake one of her own, and if successful, would be clothed as well as the best of them.

Her raid ended on a sour note when she attempted to leave the store with three dresses in an egg basket, and two hats perched daintly upon her head.

She was brought up before the august presence of Justice Figg, who after hearing evidence of the state, bound Clarissa over in a bond of \$100.00.

No one appearing to endorse for her, Clarissa went down to the corrier of Clinton and Green streets to board until the court is held.

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Old Cowboy's advice

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A Genealogical Nightmare

from 1874 newspaper

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Mr. Allan Dement, a 72 year old resident of this city is charged with the crime of marrying his granddaughter. According to reports, Mr. Dement returned from the war to find his home burned and family scattered to the four winds. Finally after much difficulty he was able to locate his granddaughter, who was at the time living in Jackson all alone, but for her four children. She too had become separated from her family.

The couple soon set up house together and began living a life as man and wife along with her children who were his great grandchildren but were now his stepchildren, making them their mother's uncles by marriage. After the granddaughter/wife sensed signs of approaching motherhood, a quick visit before a justice of the peace was arranged. When the child was born it became the mother's son/great uncle, the father's son/ great grandson and the half brother and great great uncle of the other children.

Soon, however, her eldest son (the great grandson of its stepfather and the great nephew of his half brother) began a correspondence with his aunt who was also Dement's granddaughter. The aunt/granddaughter, upon hearing the news immediately notified her great uncle who was also Dement's brother who paid a personal visit to his great nephew who was his brother's stepson.

The' great nephew/stepson and brother/great uncle then notified the judge (no kin

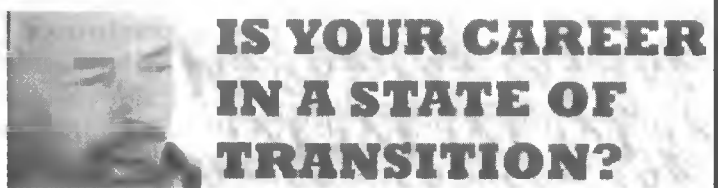
who issued a writ for the arrest of the grandfather/husband and granddaughter/wife. The child has been placed in care of its half brother who is also his nephew and his mother's uncle by marriage.

The trial is sure to attract a lot of relatives.

Dear Mama

(written in 1932) I am in Idaho now but there ain't no jobs here, Jim and I have been living on rabbits we catch. Tomorrow we are going to hobo to Texas. They say there is work there. If not we might come back to Huntsville. I would rather be hungry at home than under a bridge.

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- As the result of a runaway accident near the Wade Mattress Factory yesterday afternoon, Mrs. R. B. Searcy was badly injured and Mrs. Frank J. Thompson was painfully bruised.

The ladies were driving in front of the factory when the horse got his tail over one of the reins and began to run. Mrs. Searcy attempted to jump out

of the buggy and was thrown with great force against the ground, the back of her head striking against the stone curbing and cutting the scalp very badly. Mrs. Thompson did not jump but was thrown from the buggy a little further down the street. She was painfully bruised but was not cut.

The ladies were attended to by Drs. Rand and Brooks and last night both were resting quietly.

- Joseph Mason, the well known egg and produce dealer, was tried before Commission Greenleaf yesterday on a charge of retailing whiskey.

The revenue men claim that Mason has been violating the revenue laws with impunity for several years and has kept a whole section of Pain Rock Valley supplied with whiskey. Mason, on the other hand, claims that he was not selling whiskey but that he merely took orders

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Lost Towns of Mullin's Flat and Pond Beat

by Tom Kenny

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

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

Pond Beat got its name from a series of ponds, Mack Pond, Rock Pond, Round Pond and

others that extended from Pond Beat nearly to Triana.

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

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Many of the people occupying these communities were poor, very poor, but others were quite affluent. In Mullin's Flat there were over fifty black families and five white families. The community was not integrated but everyone got along very well.

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Peddlers called, "rolling stores" visited both communities once a week, selling household goods, foodstuffs, sweets and personal needs. Mail was delivered by horseback. The riders came from Talucah in Morgan County by ferryboat, delivered the mail and ferried back home. Later mail was delivered by automobile.

The three room, wood framed Silver Hill School of Mullin's Flat located off present Dodd Road had an enrollment of about 150 black students. The school was financed partly by the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago to help black schools in the South. Rosenwald funded one-third of the money, the State of Alabama funded one-third and the balance was supplied by the Mullin's Flat community. Most of the community funding was supplied by several of the wealthy black farmers.

James P. Burns who died in 1919 of double pneumonia, was a resident of Mullin's Flat. He

operated a general store, a blacksmith shop and forge and a carpentry shop which specialized in the manufacturing of caskets.

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

The government moved rapidly in its efforts to acquire the lands of Mullin's Flat and Pond Beat. The Quartermaster General filed a petition on July 23rd, 1941 for the seizure of the lands.

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

Many of the old residents of the two communities believed the large black ownership (about 80%) of the land was influential in the area being chosen for the arsenal. When the Government decided to build the ar-

senal, the property owners had no choice but to sell. As one old resident said, "They set the price and we had to accept it."

Still, the coming of the arsenal was a Godsend for many of the tenant farmers and their families.

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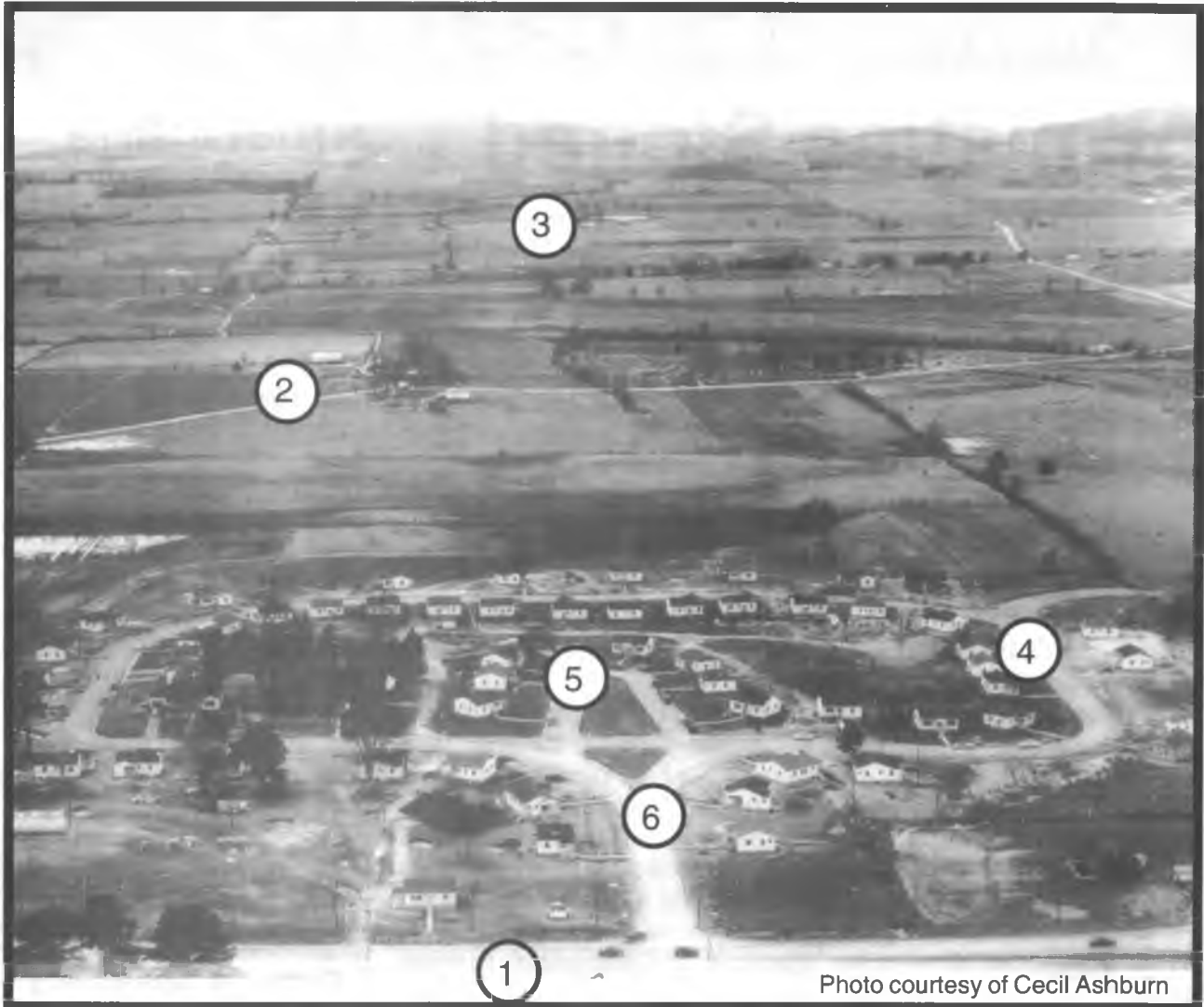


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Armistice Signed

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Since Austria-Hungary surrendered November 3, the collapse of Germany was certain. It ran out of manpower: its latest recruits were 14-year-old boys and men in their 60's. It had no more food or supplies, due to the naval blockade. Internal unrest, fomented by Bolsheviks and liberals, shook the government. Yesterday, the Kaiser fled unceremoniously to Holland.

On November 8, Matthias Erzberger, head of the Catholic Centrists, led other German representatives to a spot outside Allied headquarters at Compiègne. They met with Marshal Foch, who took two days calculating the surrender demands. Germany was asked to

give up its heavy guns and aircraft, 5,000 trucks, 5,000 train engines and 150,000 railroad cars. Large warships and most of the submarines will be docked at Allied ports. German troops in Austria-Hungary, Rumania, Turkey and Russia must retreat at once.

Territory west of the Rhine must be evacuated. Erzberger and his compatriots agreed to the terms and signed the armistice in Foch's private railway car.

Western Europe and the outer theaters of the war face many years of rebuilding. Germany can count its blessings; no battles destroyed its fertile soil. Its economy, however, is in shreds. Yesterday, the Crown Prince chose Socialist Friedrich Ebert to be Chancellor. Europe will demand reparations of him.

More than ten million died in the four-year war. Six million were civilians.

Americans Celebrate End of War Twice

The war in Europe is over, and this time it is for real. Just four days ago, Americans cheered lustily and marched through the streets all over the nation when a United Press bulletin, sent by young Roy Howard from Brest, announced prematurely that the armistice had been signed. But today, appearing before Congress in Washington, President Wilson pronounced the official word: "The war thus comes to an end."

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14 Million Men Registered For Draft

The tide may have turned in Europe, but fledgling American doughboys keep pouring into training camps in unpredicted numbers. Thus far, about three million men have been drafted, with some one million volunteers, and their steady arrival in Europe has made the A.E.F. a most powerful force.

There have been few draft dodgers. It is true that some farmers have been reluctant to leave their plows, and some "slackers" who would rather shoot pool have been rounded up by vigilante groups, but with some 14 million men now registered, the first Selective Service Act in our history has been a resounding success.

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Millions of U.S. Women Working in Factories

Feminists are not altogether pleased with the record number of women in the workplace. Some suffragists, following the lead of pacifist Carrie Chapman Catt object to wartime efforts by either sex. Feminists who do approve argue that very few women are actually entering the work force for the first time.

The typical female worker is a young woman stepping up from a lower-paying position. And the nature of the work is not much more challenging than the old; only a handful of women are involved in any aspect of heavy industry.

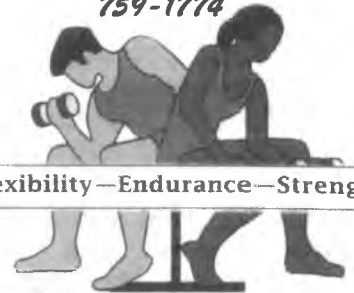
Most labor unions refuse to admit women, and their health and pay go neglected. In New York, for example, 91 percent of female employees are paid less than men doing equivalent work. There is speculation over what will happen to these women when the war is over.

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Memories of A Peddling Store

by Roy Jacks

I was born at Mt. Fork Creek, near New Market, in 1906. At around the age of seven, I moved with my family first to Decatur, Alabama then to Guntersville, Alabama.

My father traveled from city to city selling bibles and other religious books. This life of travelling ended after about 2 years due to the declining health of my father. He moved us all back near to our old homeplace in New Market.

The move was not an easy one; we had to bring our prize cow, Beauty, which was not a simple task. We loaded her onto a barge and ferried her down the Tennessee Rive to Ditto Landing south of Huntsville. From there we walked the cow all the way to our home near the community of Hump in Madison County.

Father's health continued to deteriorate and there was an epidemic of flu throughout Madison County at that time. Father contracted the flu and succumbed to the illness in 1918 at the young age of 38.

I always wanted to be an automobile mechanic but that was not to be. My first job was with The Spelce Company, a cotton gin in Hump, where I hauled firewood to the gin. Later I worked at the steam press bailing cotton and also did some farming. When cotton season ended the manager at The Spelce Company asked me to drive what was called in those days a "peddling truck" which was actually a rolling store. The truck route introduced me to

many different people and places, which I found exciting. One of those people I met was the lovely Miss Docia Lucille Campbell, who would later become my wife.

In the early days of my life people used to come through the community in wagons peddling groceries and other items. I seldom saw those. When I started peddling I had a truck, closed in like a school bus and with shelves in it for the groceries. I made a tank to go on the outside of the truck to carry coal oil. In those days people used coal oil for light, lanterns, heaters, etc. There was a big de-

mand for it.

Every day was different but I remember the day of September 13, 1921 as clear as if it was yesterday. I got in my peddling truck that morning and filled it up with gas - it held 13 gallons. I had always heard that the number thirteen was unlucky. However, I went on and drove my truck up to the porch of my boss's store and filled up the tank with coal oil. It held 13 gallons of coal oil that I was to sell to my customers.

I then filled the shelves with groceries and general merchandise such as men's overalls, cloth, over the counter type

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Now as to what happened that day, I will begin the story when I was about three miles from the boss's store. I heard a flapping noise and the peddling truck began to pull over the left side. I immediately stopped and found that one of the tires on the front of the truck was flat. I had stopped at about 15 houses that day. I had not sold anything to amount to very much. Well, I went into one of my customer's house and called my boss. He was out there in a few minutes with a new tire. As he was approaching, I saw two cows cross the road in front of him. He was going too fast to stop and hit one of them. The cow rolled across the hood of his car. This happened near where the peddling truck was sitting with the flat tire. We finally got the flat fixed on the truck and away I went toward New Market and Hurri-

cane Creek. And all was well for the rest of that 13th day of September. So, beware of the number 13!

Part of my route carried me by Mint Springs and Fair View. That was a community located just before the line between Alabama and Tennessee, where I knew there would be a large crowd waiting. One day I arrived at about 9:00 am and had about

40 people waiting on the side of the road with eggs, scrap cotton, chickens, shelled corn, and other things to trade.

Most people were poor and had no cash money so they would trade things to us which Mr. Spelce would then sell in town.

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cases and then I put eggs in the shelves as I sold groceries out of the shelves. All in all there were about 80 dozen eggs. I bought four sacks of scrap cotton and two sacks of shelled corn; of course all of that was in exchange for groceries, overalls, and dry goods. Oh yes, I had also bought 61 chickens and some scrap butter.

Farther down the road was another large group of people waiting to trade. The same thing went on at the next place. I kept buying the same things; although I had run out of space for the eggs. I was carrying a #2 tub that a customer had ordered and so I set it in the center of the truck and filled it full of eggs and then I took out some empty sacks I had and used them to cover my tub of eggs.

When I arrived at the store

that night my boss was waiting. He unloaded all the scrap cotton and the shell corn while I was putting the eggs from the shelves into cartons. I had almost forgotten about the tub full of eggs when lo and behold here came my boss and set down on top of the tub. He was a heavy man and didn't see the eggs in the tub because I had sacks and other things lying on top of it. He went straight to the bottom of the tub and carried with him all 50 dozen eggs.

He finally pulled himself out of the tub while saying a few ugly words. I had to step out of the truck to laugh.

So, that was another day of the peddling truck. It was funny but a serious loss of money.

Mr. Jacks died recently at the age of 99. This story provided by his daughter, Iva Jean Lawrence.

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by Stephen Stolz

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In 1948, my father moved my mother and older brother Jimmy to Canton, Ohio. Dad was a house painter and moved there with his brother Howard looking for work. I was born there in 1949. In 1951, we moved back to Huntsville.

Times were hard in the 1950's for us even though I am not sure we children knew it. In 1951 my sister Kathy was born. In elementary school, we attended West Huntsville Elementary on Ninth Avenue. We would walk home to our house on Eighth Avenue just west of Twelfth Street.

Walking home while in the first grade, I was struck by a 1950 bullet nose Studebaker. The car knocked me into my friend Luther Kirkland. I remember waking up in the hospital and I saw Luther's


father carrying him in. Luther had small pebbles stuck in his crew cut head.

At times, we would move in with my grandmother, Edith Nickelson. She had a coal-burning stove which she used for heat. She lived next to Kendricks Grocery at Ninth Avenue and Twelfth Street. The three of us children would pull our little red wagon to find coal when there wasn't money to buy it. One day I was told to take the wagon to Dorning's Grocery and purchase a 50 pound bag of coal. I really didn't want to go because I would have to pass "Booger Town".

There was a bully there that was looking for me. As I walked past "Booger Town", I hurried into the store thinking I had made it safely. I opened the door to the store and there he was. He said, "Come outside, we're going to fight." What could I do? I went outside. After the scuffle he didn't bother me anymore. It actually

ended with me chasing him to his house.


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come to our house. He would have a Double Cola and be eating a bag of potato chips everyday. We thought he was rich to be able to have this daily. His father drove a delivery truck for Sterchi's Furniture. Back in the 1950's Huntsville had public transportation buses which many people used to get around town. At the bus stop on Ninth Avenue in front of my grandmother's house, the bus ran over Travis's foot. He was okay, just a little sore.

We would go to the movies at the Center Theater. Movies were fifteen cents and popcorn was ten cents. We would pick up drink bottles and collect one cent per bottle. When bottles went up to two cents, it was like getting a big raise. The scary part about going to the movies was walking back at night. We would walk past the cotton warehouses and think of all the stories of "Headless Hazel"! If we survived the cotton warehouses, next up was "Booger Town".

When I was ten and my brother Jimmy was twelve years old, we talked our uncle Tim Nickelson into driving us to the pump house in Decatur. Our plan was to fish and camp out, and then the two of us would ride our single bicycle back to Huntsville the next morning. About eight o'clock in the evening, thun-

der and lightning rolled in. My brother said he wasn't going to get rained on all night and took off walking. I wasn't going to stay there by myself so off we went. The wind was blowing hard. It was blowing so hard we could not ride the bicycle at all during the whole trip.

After what seemed like hours later we stopped at the country store in Mooresville for hot chocolate. Thinking we were almost to Huntsville we asked how much farther did we have to go? The owner said, "A long way." Later down the road we saw a sign that said Huntsville was seventeen miles! The next morning we made it to our house at five o'clock. Not bad for pushing a bicycle and carrying fishing poles and a back pack into a 30 mile per hour wind!

Our lazy, hot summers

were filled with sandlot baseball. We played anywhere we could find an open field. We would cut the grass and find anything we could for the bases. If you hit a fly ball to the high grass it was a home run. Players that I remember were my brother, Jimmy Stolz, Travis Fields, David Weaver, Billy Mullins, Dale and Duane Cantrell, David and Dewayne Vest, Bubba Stoltz and anyone else we could round up. I played organized ball


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and the two coaches that were most influential were Melvin Brooks and Ray Walker. Both were tremendous role models for young boys needing direction.

When not playing baseball or football, we fished. We would walk to any local fishing holes we could find. Some of the places were Braham Springs (Merrimac), ponds that were behind the cotton warehouses and Bob Wallace and our favorite Cobb's Hill. Cobb's Hill was on Old Madison Pike near what is now Madison Pike Elementary School. We would fish the running water under the bridge.

I later attended Butler High School where Stone Middle School is now located. I remember cruising up and down the Parkway. We would circle Shoney's Drive-In, and then go south to Jerry's Drive-In. We would circle Jerry's and back to Shoney's looking for girls. I don't remember ever finding any.

My first car was a 1955 Ford. My brother had a 1956 Crown Victoria with overdrive. On a trip to my Uncle James Nickelson's house in Hazel Green, I remember going about 135 M.P.H. with my brother driving and his Crown Vic had tires that were completely worn out.

When I think about some of the dangerous things we did, it makes me realize why so many young people die young.

Growing up in West Huntsville in the 1950's to mid 1960's was tough by most anyone's standards. However, there were lessons learned that I will never forget. There are memories that will stay with me forever.



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The Lady Who Painted On Cobwebs

by Butch Crabtree

In 1900, Madison County Probate Judge Stewart lived on a farm southwest of Huntsville, south of where the Merrimack mill was being built. Since only a few farms occupied the area, there were no schools in the region. Farmers wishing to school their children had either to send them away to boarding schools, or hire a private teacher to instruct them at home. Judge Stewart hired a young teacher named Annie Bradshaw to come to his home each day and teach his children as well as children from surrounding farms.

The City of Huntsville, anticipating the building of the new mill, had extended the streetcar line to Spring Street, just north of the mill site. Miss Bradshaw rode the streetcar to Spring Street each morning and was picked up by one of the Stewart boys in a buggy to cover the additional distance to the farm. The school had fourteen pupils, and operated for about seven months.

When the Joseph J. Bradley school opened in 1919, Mrs. J. B. Clopton was among the early teachers. Mrs. Clopton was the former Miss Annie Bradshaw of Judge Stewart's home school.

Though a fine teacher, Mrs. Clopton became best known for a unique hobby she conceived as a child. Mrs. Clopton's hobby was painting. What made her hobby unique was the fact that she disdained canvas or wood or other conventional materials and painted instead on cobwebs.

The incredibly beautiful works brought Mrs. Clopton international fame.

The paintings varied widely in size as well as subject. There were portraits of family members, landscapes, and nature studies. Some of the paintings were small enough to be enclosed in a watch case.

The work of Mrs. J. B. Clopton was shown at the New York World's Fair and the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Two of her paintings are on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Examples of Mrs. Clopton's gossamer-thin creations can be seen locally at the Burritt Museum in Huntsville.



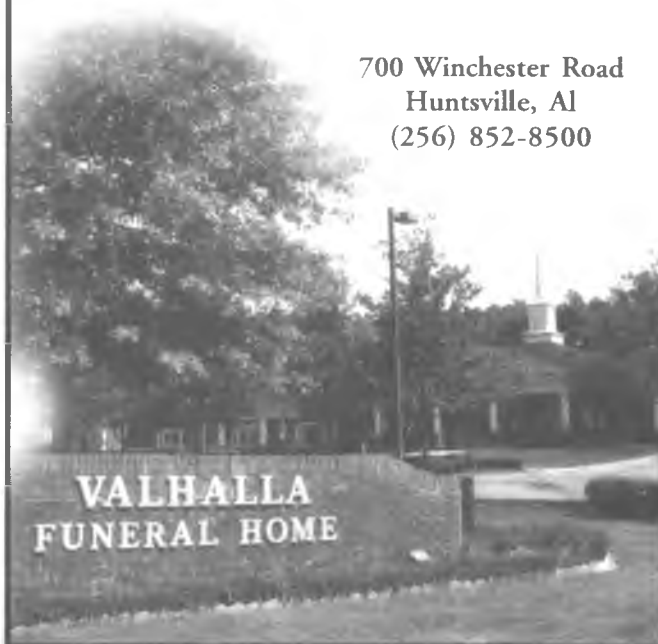
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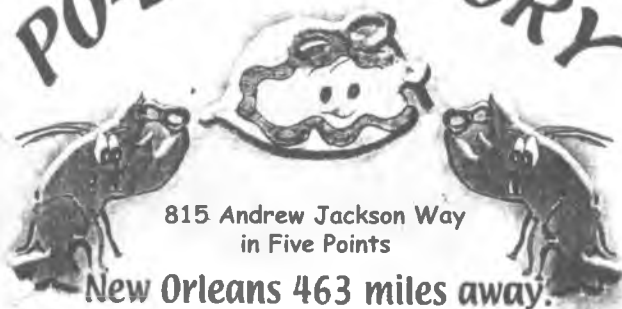
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in this liquid, and it will give it a fine color.

- Children should not be permitted to use spices with their food, to avoid acquiring a taste for them.

- Apples should remain out of doors in barrels till the weather becomes too cold. Pick them over occasionally, as one defective apple may injure the whole lot.

- When a cask of molasses is bought, draw off a few quarts, else the fermentation produced by moving it will burst the cask.

- Soup should never be permitted to remain in metal pots, as families have sometimes been severely poisoned in this way.

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Wife Turns In Murderer After Seventeen Years

from 1900 newspaper

Sheriff Oscar Fulgham has gone to Paris, Texas to bring Jas. H. O'Connor to Huntsville. O'Connor is the Negro man who killed policeman Bill Street during the fair here 17 years ago.

He went out to Texas after making his escape and married. Some years ago he confided everything he knew in her, and they lived together happily until recently, when they fell out and he beat her considerably. To get revenge she went and told the sheriff that her husband had killed a policeman in Huntsville about 17 years ago, by the name of Bill Street. The Sheriff at once telegraphed Sheriff Fulgham

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by Jon Jackson

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But when locals found out about the missionaries efforts they threatened to burn them out. So it was that the future professor was forced to flee to Huntsville.

Having seen that whites outnumbered them and had the full force of their government behind them, he understood that rebellion was not an option. So Council decided that education, in a way beneficial to whites, was better and founded the Huntsville State Normal School for Negroes. Yet even this was hard as the state gave only a meager allowance for Council's school and constantly threatened to cut even that. So besides learning skills to make them valuable to the community, the students needed to admire white culture as well. In their small enclave the professor insisted the band director teach only European music. Strains of "even the most inferior classics" came from the school's band. But as his people's music languished, the band direc-

tor became determined to show the whole world its beauty.

William Christopher Handy was born to a family that, while strapped for cash (as were most at the time) was one of the more prominent black families of North Alabama. At an early age he fell under the spell of his people's music but his father forbid him to play. Yet his love for music drove him to work hard and buy his first guitar at an early age, which his father promptly made him return. But then his father relented and paid to give his son organ lessons.

Handy's greatest musical influence was his teacher, Y. A.

Wallace, a graduate of Fisk University. While Wallace did not approve of Handy's ambition to become a musician, he did have a passion for vocal music. From the time Handy entered the Florence District School for Negroes, Wallace taught the students the rudiment of music to the point where Handy began to hear music in the sounds around him. It was Handy's favorite part of school.

Although slated to become a teacher, Handy felt the call of music and began playing with local bands. Soon he gravitated to Birmingham where he played in several bands. From there he



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and some fellow musicians went to Chicago to sing in the World's Fair, only to find that it had been delayed a year. After a stretch as an itinerate musician Handy found himself in a minstrel band called Mahara's Minstrels. Soon the band went on tour, eventually ending up in Huntsville. Tired of traveling and his new bride expecting their first child, Handy quit the band in about 1899 and returned to his hometown of Florence. There he was contacted by Councilll to come to what was now the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College and be their band director.

But from the beginning there was tension between the men. Councilll believed that blacks had to survive in an often hostile world and that jobs that promoted the perception of blacks as idle wastrels, such as music, should be avoided. Handy, though, saw nothing wrong with the life of a musician. For al-

most two years he went along with Councilll's demands, teaching the school band European classics. As Handy later recounted in *Father of the Blues*: "In this school, like many others, there seemed to be an unwritten law against American music and any inferior song of foreign origin was considered 'classical'".

A showdown was inevitable. While preparing for a concert Handy had had enough and was determined to show Councilll that the music written and played by blacks was every bit as good as, if not better than, the stuffy classical music played so faithfully by Handy and the school band. At the time Ragtime was in its heyday and Handy took *My Ragtime Baby*, a number written by a black composer from Detroit, Fred Stone, and inserted this "high stepper" into the program under the name of *Greeting to Toussaint L'Ouverture*.

The trick worked. "The student couldn't sit still nor could the teachers. The president himself patted his feet. At the conclusion he remarked, 'My, my, what a delightful program. Mr. Handy is the best band teacher we've had since the days of Mr.

Still. Let's have *Greetings to Toussaint L'Ouverture* once more.' I was only to happy to comply with this request, but explained how I had tricked them and made them appreciate the potentialities of ragtime by giv-

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Handy later recounted that it was easy to see in hindsight that from the time he began to seriously fight for African American music he was on his way out of Alabama A&M. After the concert Councilll assigned Handy to take inventory of the school, a job Handy felt beneath him, especially since he had made a financial sacrifice to stay at A&M on a teachers pay. Handy ran an ad in the *Indianapolis Freeman* looking for a job as a musician. Soon he was flooded with offers from around the nation, most for many times his salary at the school. Seeing the flood of mail Councilll delivered a chapel lecture on the evils of minstrel bands and invited the entire faculty to step up and condemn the music. All did so except Handy who defended the way of life he loved so well. In conclusion Handy asked, “If morning stars sing together who shall say that minstrel men may not lead parades through pearly gates and up streets of gold?” The entire chapel stood and applauded. Faculty and students congratulated him. All except Councilll, who stood apart.

“He looked disappointed and sad. Suddenly I lost my bitterness. I had no further wish to show up those who had derided the minstrels. I found no pleasure in adding to the burdens of a lonely man who was trying so hard to keep his school going.”

But keep it going he did. Today Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University is one of the largest and oldest traditionally black universities in the nation. William Hooper Councilll’s legacy lives on in the thousands of students who have gone on to successful careers in every walk of life.

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bama Cavalry, he kept in touch with the remaining men who had fought beside him against the northern aggressors. Gurley felt it his duty to represent these men and do for them all he could in matters pertinent to them.

In the fall of 1914 it was brought to his attention that one D.B.F. Whitaker was on the pension rolls of the State of Alabama Pension Bureau for the relief of Confederate soldiers and sailors. Whitaker was listed on the pension rolls as a private in Company D of the 49th Alabama Regiment.

Certainly a commonplace occurrence for a surviving veteran of the Confederacy.

The only problem with Whitaker's name on the pension rolls was the fact that he was also on the pension rolls of the United States of America as having served as a Yankee soldier!

In his application for pension relief from the State of Alabama, Whitaker stated that he was an enlisted private from March 10, 1864 until July 3, 1865. Capt. Gurley knew from his men that

Whitaker had only served in the Confederate Army a short time and then had deserted to join the Union Army, and now, nearly fifty years later, Whitaker was

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On October 31, 1914, Frank Gurley wrote to the Pension Bureau in Montgomery revealing all he knew about the Rebel traitor. Three days later Whitaker was sent notice that he had been charged as ineligible to a pension because he was a deserter from the Confederacy and was drawing a Union pension. Whitaker was given twenty days to respond and defend himself. If he failed to respond to the

charges, it would be taken as an admission of guilt and loss of pension.

D.B.F. Whitaker never responded to these charges, was dropped from the rolls and never heard from again.

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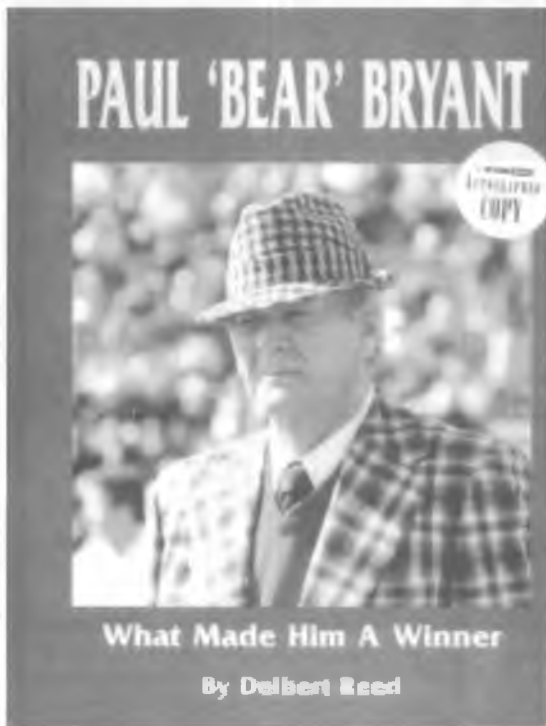
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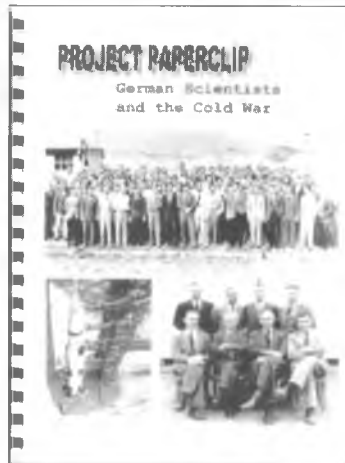
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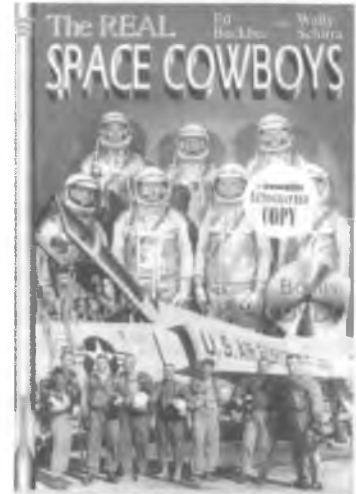
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Memories

by Johnny Johnston

Since my last story appeared we have lost some of the people who made Lincoln so unique and different. In one of my stories I mentioned Mr. Roy Jacks who ran a grocery store in Lincoln Village. Mr. Jacks passed away last week at the age of 99. Mr. Jacks was widely known in the village as a person you could turn to for help during the Depression of the 30's and the period of World War II. He was known to trust his customers for long periods of time to pay for the groceries he allowed them to take home on the credit. Any customer of Roy Jacks Grocery did not go hungry so long as there was a can of beans in his store. Alvin Sons, the Grider boys and others were called on to deliver groceries for him in exchange for badly needed pocket change.

Another dear friend was Peggy Towery, a classmate of the 1955 Butler graduating class. Peggy grew up in the Lincoln Village, "just behind the Lincoln Church as she put it," playing games on Rison Street" such as kick the can, tag and other outside games we all played. Peggy was proud of her music training from *The Legend* teacher Georgette Graham and the singing group including her, Betty Rankhorn Cunningham, Margie Cobb and Barbara Pollard. They called the group the Rebellettes and sang all over the city. Peggy came by Mullins on Monday morning June 13, just to say goodbye to the Butler people who always have breakfast there. This was the last time any of us ever saw her

I attended a Memorial Service for Curtis "Babo" Stephens. Curtis was born while the family



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lived on Green Mountain after the Lincoln Mill closed. His family moved back to Lincoln where he was raised. Curtis attended Lincoln School and was very much one of the people who had Lincoln Pride. He was a member of a very well known Lincoln Family. His Mother and Father both worked at the Lincoln Mills until it closed. His brothers Norman and Vernon were already members of the Huntsville Police Force when Curtis joined. Norman and Vernon began singing on live radio (WFUN) in the 1940's. Norman went on to sing professionally with a recording contract with Capital Records and was a very successful songwriter. Blayne Stephens, Norman's daughter, sang at the memorial service with a resounding, fantastic voice. I guess singing runs in the family. The memorial service was one to remember especially the police memorial service, attendance of so many law enforcement people, and the support for the family given by a completely full auditorium.

At the Lincoln reunion I found six people who lived within 3 houses of us either on Maple St. or Abingdon Ave. from 1942 until 1949. They reminded me of things we did in the neighborhood, which I had forgotten. The softball games in the middle of Maple Street were a big attraction at

the time. Occasionally the ball might roll into a yard causing concern. No one could afford to replace a glass window.

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



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its 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 what I wanted. The Wall was the place where you went in the afternoon to stand under those tall, cool trees to meet friends and talk about your favorite movie, favorite song or maybe the latest piece of chrome on that new DeSoto. I learned a lot about life, at this wall talking to older friends, sibling's friends or just listening, which is what I did best.

Just today I learned a little more about characters at Lincoln. One young guy had a thing for climbing. On a regular basis he would climb the water tower, just off the playground, and just sit on top of the tank for hours and hours. His nickname was Sheepie. Sheepie would also go to the gates of Lincoln School and just lay down. No one seemed to

bother him while he spent the morning or afternoon just lying there or hanging out at the top of the Water Tower.

Another memory is that of a young boy with no legs who traveled throughout the city in his little red wagon with the cushions. He had a very strong personality, was totally independent and earned his living by selling papers. He traveled in and out of the buildings downtown on his wagon, in and out of elevators, and sold enough papers to make his living.

There was also another man who we will call "Billy" that was somewhat slow. Billy wore a cowboy outfit most of the time complete with a pair of toy guns. He attended church regularly and had a lot of friends. The rooming house where he lived was left without a manager for a time and he was kicked out. He had enough friends including Betty and Tillman Hill to get him furniture and a place to live.

Things were different and much more difficult for underprivileged people back then. There was no presence of Government or other charitable help. Individuals chipped in or such people stayed on the street. For the most part they were on their own. They handled each situation the best they could. There was simply no big brother to run to. If you had special problems you handled

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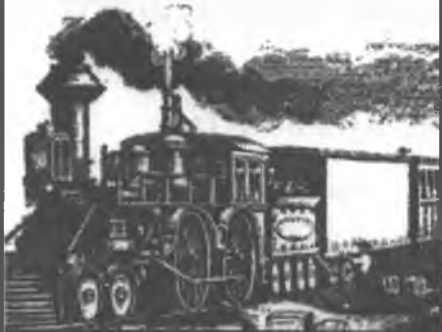
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Father Abraham

by David Chamberlain

The American Civil War literally pitted brother against brother, friend against friend—the entire nation was divided, not just along geographical lines. Even in this conflict's most famous First Family, this rift existed. Until not long ago, its connection to Huntsville remained officially unrecognized.

Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln, had a brother who was a resident of Huntsville. In addition, he was a soldier in the Confederate army. His name was David Todd. The inhabitants of the White House were truly a house

divided against itself.

A few years ago, it was discovered that he was buried in Maple Hill, with no marker to denote his grave. This was corrected in 2003 with the placement of a headstone there, during that year's Cemetery Stroll. This ceremony produced the following episode.

The dedication was the highlight of that year's event, taking place at the end of the day's festivities. His story was made public; a wreath was placed on the grave.

There was also music by a local reenactor group, *The Olde Towne Brass*. On this particular day, the band was dressed in outfits of homespun Confederate gray.

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in particular caught my attention that day, providing the musical centerpiece, and inspiration for this narrative.

As part of the ceremony, there was a gentleman portraying President Abraham Lincoln. He bore an uncanny resemblance, including the trademark stovepipe hat, beard, and other apparel.

During the musical portion of the observance, I found myself standing next to "Father Abraham", as the slaves he emancipated and others to whom he was beloved called him.

Suddenly, in tribute, *The Olde Towne Brass*, in their Rebel regalia, broke into the familiar strains of *Hail to the Chief*, performing the original vintage version. When the last notes faded away, I turned to "President Lincoln" and remarked: "I would bet anything this is the first time that has ever happened!"

Nonplused, assuming his full height and the well-known

eloquence of his role, he turned to me, replying: "Yes, sir, but the states are now united..."

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Mr. Riddick knew that Moore had a large family and would be in dire financial straits without the money from that whiskey, but he had no choice but to make the arrest.

Tyler appeared in court and was sentenced to six months. Sheriff Riddick, feeling sorry for Moore's children, began stopping by their home every week or so to carry them groceries and to loan them money.

Six months went by and Tyler was released. Unfortunately, he went back to his old livelihood and was promptly arrested and

sentenced again, this time for another six months.

Again, Sheriff Riddick provided food and clothing for the children while their father was in jail.

Another six months went by and Moore was released. Less than a month later, the sheriff received another tip and found Tyler back at his still working on an

other batch.

The following week, Moore appeared in court and was again found guilty. The judge was about to announce the sentence when Sheriff Riddick spoke up and said, "Your Honor, could you make it thirty days this time? I don't think I can afford all those kids for another six months."

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* A fine of from \$50 to \$10 was assessed upon any individual who carried an unguarded candle or lamp into a stable, or who kept ashes in barrels, boxes or wooden vessel of any kind. The punishment to a slave in case of such violation was "any number of stripes, not exceeding 39, at the discretion of the mayor."

* If an individual failed to obey an order of the mayor, as head of the fire department, the fine was \$20.

* All persons attending a fire, and not a member of any company, were required to assist the firemen, if called upon, or pay a fine of \$10.

* The community bell, a vital factor in the life of the community back in those days, was rung by the police every two hours. This was one of their standing duties, and could not be overlooked under penalty.

* Water rates were based on the assessed valuation of property. The owner of a dwelling house valued at \$1,500 or under, \$5 per year; \$4,000 and over, \$10; not more than \$8,000, \$12.50; more than \$8,000, \$15.

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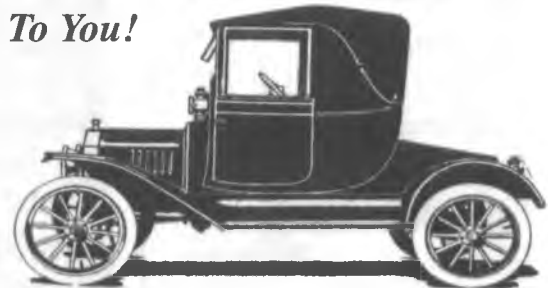
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