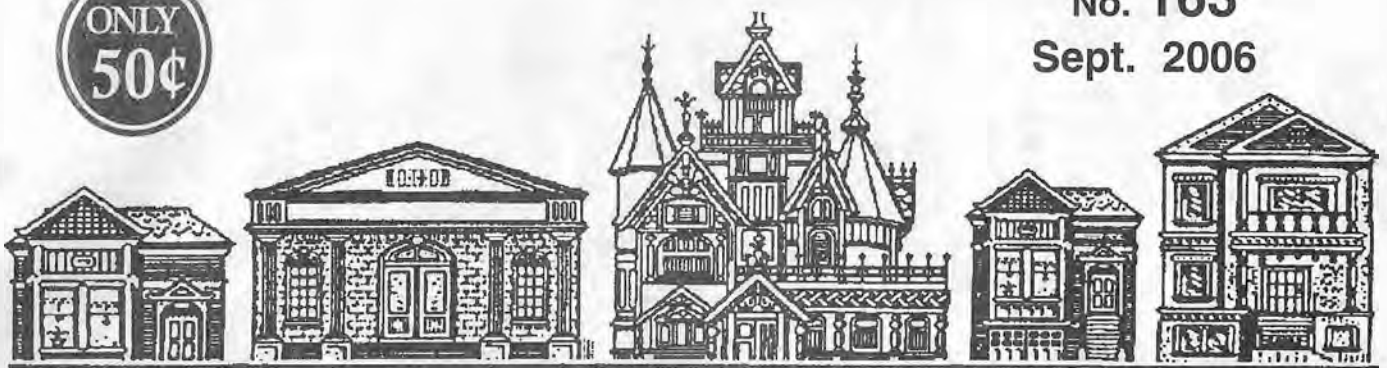


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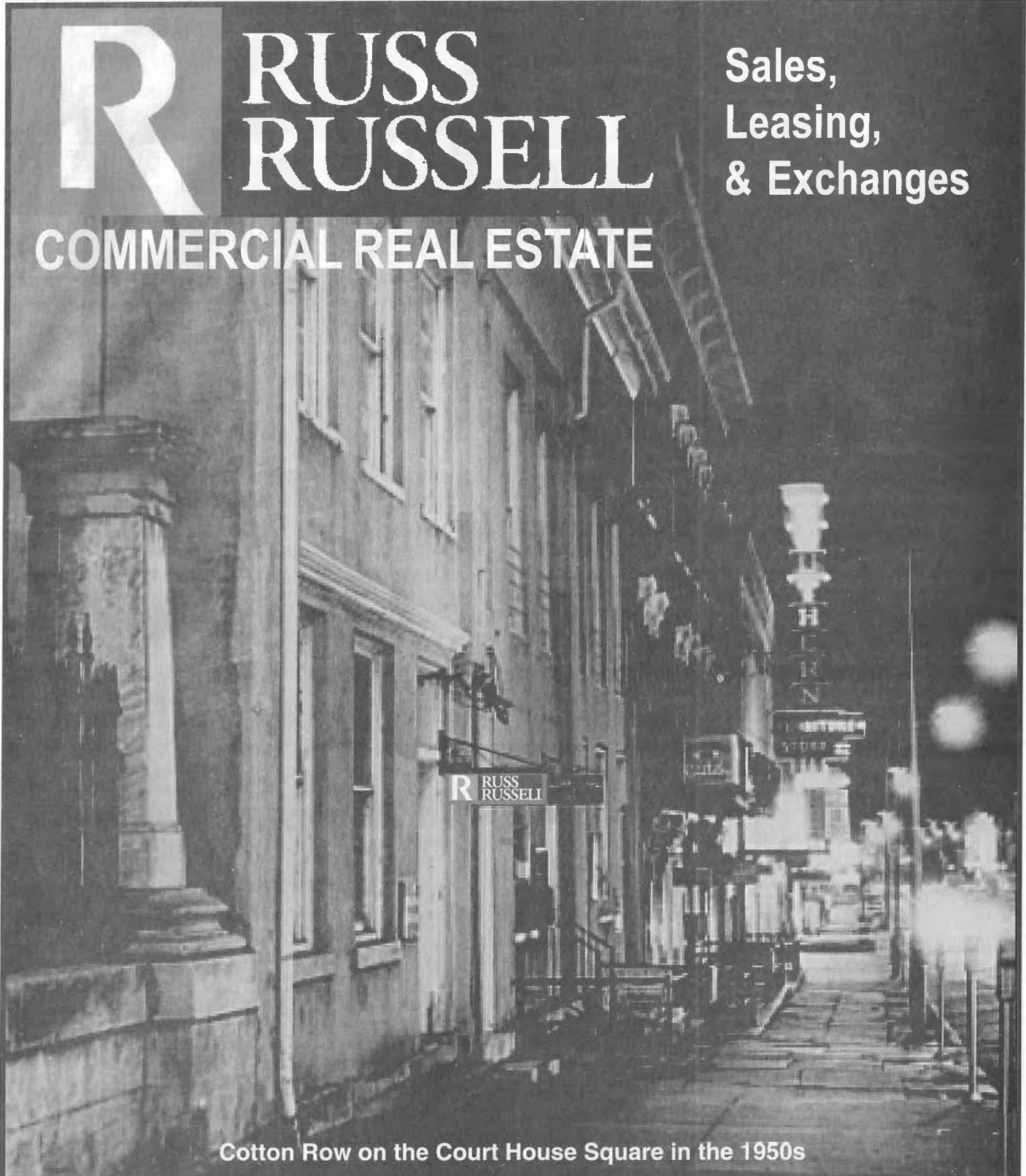
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by Leon Hawkins

It was late summer of 1934 and I was twelve years old. My family farmed a piece of land down near the Tennessee River on what is now Redstone Arsenal. Although I didn't know it at the time, that summer would spell the end of my childhood innocence

For as long as anyone could remember, after the crops were laid by and before cotton picking started, my family had always camped out on the banks of the Tennessee River for three or four days. Family, in-laws, and sometimes even a few ex-in-laws would come from miles away to spend a few days fishing and catching up on the gossip. It was supposed to be a fishing trip but in reality it was more of a family reunion; sort of a poor man's vacation.

That summer was a sad one for the family. Mama had been sick for a long time and we all knew it might be the last time she saw many of her relatives. Despite this, Dad was determined to make the camping trip special for her. He made arrangements with Mr. Peters, who lived down

the road, to take care of the animals and sent word to everyone about when they were to meet.

The morning we were to leave we got up early to load the truck. Mattresses went on first, followed by chairs, pots and pans, five gallon buckets of lard, barrels of water and a hundred other items Dad thought we might need. Last to go on was a huge black kettle. Mama's mother had given it to her and although it was exactly the same kind she used to wash clothes in, she thought this one was better, as it had been seasoned by years of frying fish.

Just as we started to leave we saw a car racing toward the house, raising large billowing clouds of red dust behind it. Almost before the car slid to a stop, the driver jumped out and grabbed Mama with a huge hug.

It was Mama's brother; my Uncle Bill. The last anyone had heard of him, he was somewhere in Florida, working in a night club. I only saw him every few years but he had always been my favorite uncle. Whenever he visited he would always bring me a present and spend hours telling me about his travels and adventures.

One of my prized possessions was a ragged old Brazilian flag he said he had captured while serving as a mercenary in South America. Although his



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story varied depending on the circumstances, and the number of drinks he had, he was still my childhood hero.

At a lull in the conversation Dad asked Bill, "You're not thinking about going camping are you?"

As young as I was, I knew what Dad was talking about. Years earlier Bill had stolen a truck from his brother, Nash, and sold it. Nash pressed charges and Bill spent several years in prison. Over the years, whenever the two brothers met up, there had always been trouble.

Bill laughed. "Don't worry, that's been a long time ago. I'm a different man now."

Dad paused as if trying to decide what to do. He liked both his brother in-laws but didn't want any trouble.

Mama solved the problem by ordering Bill to climb on the back of the truck.

It was only five or six miles to the river but in my youthful enthusiasm, it seemed to take forever. Once we reached the end

of the road we followed a small trail until it too ran out. Then Dad had to drive across fields and along the edge of the swamp while watching out for big rocks and ditches. Several times Dad had to back up and find another way to go.

As we bumped across the fields, Bill brought me up to date on his adventures. He had been in Cuba for a while but had to leave when his girlfriend turned out to be the wife of a Cuban General. He then went to Miami where he met a French lady who backed him in a nightclub. After a couple years he became bored so he sold the club for a big profit. "Yep, I'm sitting on easy street now," he said while patting his pocket. Almost as an afterthought, he reached in his pocket and pulled out a pocket knife.

"Here you go, Sport. A real Cuban pocket knife."

I spent the last couple of miles staring at the pocket knife with awe and trying to decide how rich my uncle was. Although I had no idea what a night club sold for I knew it had to be a fortune.

By the time we reached the camp site there were already twenty-five or thirty people there. Uncle Nash walked over to greet us but stopped suddenly when he saw Bill. "What's that thief doing here?"

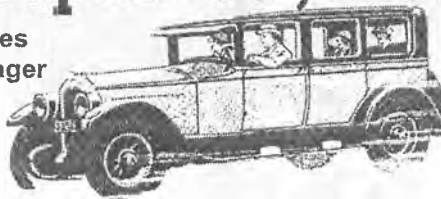
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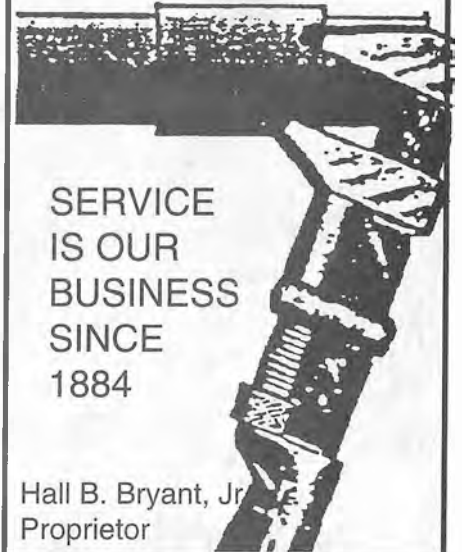
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Other men joined Nash, voicing their displeasure. Apparently, from the tone of their comments, most of the men knew Uncle Bill and were not happy to see him. Mama stepped between them, begging the men not to start any trouble. "Give him a chance," she pleaded. "I think he's really changed this time."

One of the men spoke up. "Leave him be," he said. "As long as he's here we know he's not breaking into our homes." That brought sarcastic laughs from many of the men as they walked away.

All the men seemed to have chores. Some of them went to cut firewood while others began putting out fishing lines. Dad and Uncle Bill stretched a large piece of oilcloth between some trees to make a tent-like shelter. Under it, they placed mattresses and the food supplies. This was where the women slept and spent their time talking. The men and boys slept where ever they got tired.

Within a couple of hours the chores were done and camp had settled into a lazy routine befitting the hot dog-days of summer. Most of the men were fishing while some sat under the trees playing checkers. A few others sat on the tailgates of the trucks telling stories and passing a jug of white whiskey back and forth. The women were gathered under the tent catching up on the gossip and playing with the babies.

My cousin, Jimmy, was the

only other boy there close to my age so we normally hung out together. After we got our fishing poles set up, Jimmy pulled his pocket knife out and began whittling on a piece of wood. I quickly pulled out the knife Uncle Bill had given me and told Jimmy about it being from Cuba.

Jimmy took one look at the knife and laughed. "Bill has never been in Cuba. My Daddy told me he just got out of prison in Indiana for robbing an old woman." Looking at the knife again, he said, "He probably stole that too."

I started to reply but thought better of it. Jimmy was almost two years older than me and much more experienced in matters like this.

Seeing that he had my attention, Jimmy began telling me all the things he had heard about my Uncle Bill. According to him, Uncle Bill had spent half his life in prison for stealing. Every time family and friends had tried to help him out, Bill had repaid the favor by stealing from them too. The only person who would have anything to do with him was Mama, and he had even stolen a sewing machine from her.

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I walked off not saying anything. I was confused. Bill had always been my favorite uncle and it was hard for me to believe that he was a bad person. My mother loved him too and she was a good person.

Suddenly my attention was interrupted by the loud clanging of an old cow bell that Mama used to call everyone to eat.

Dad and Uncle Nash had set up a wooden plank between two trees where they were cleaning the fish. A few feet away Mama had a fire going under the big black kettle that was filled with hot simmering grease. Mama was particular about how fish was deep fried. She would drop the first batch in and let them fry to a hard crust before taking them out and throwing them away. This seasoned the grease,

she said.

While Mama was in charge of frying the fish, Aunt Susan cooked the hush-puppies. She had her own recipe for them - corn meal, onions, buttermilk and lots of spices. She would drop them into the same kettle with the fish and minutes later they would come floating to the top, fried to a golden crisp.

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By the time everyone had finished eating, the sun was sinking low behind the trees and it was time for serious fishing. Everyone had their own theories about the best catfish bait. Dad's favorite was night crawlers raised in a box with a mixture of dirt, rotten cheese and dried chicken blood. It smelled awful but Dad said that was what made it work.

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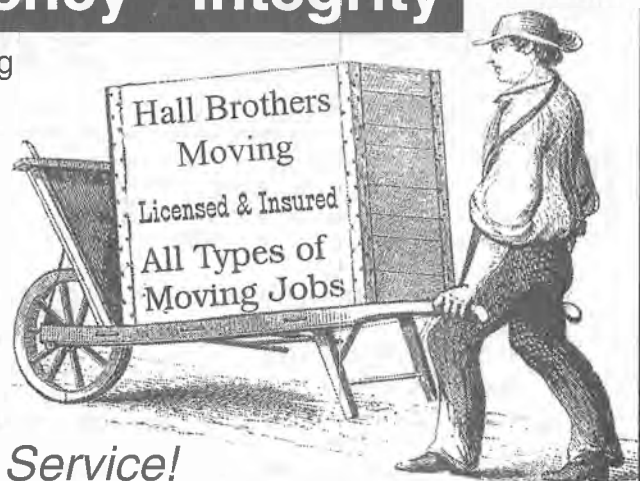
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the pole and hold the line in their hands. A few of the braver would stretch out on the bank and tie the line to one of their toes before going to sleep. We called this toe-fishing. I had heard all the stories about monstrous catfish weighing a hundred pounds or more, and although I didn't really believe them, I always made sure to sleep next to a small tree so I could grab it if needed.

I had laid there for several hours, imagining a huge fish about to grab the line any second, when Uncle Bill came and stretched out next to me. He was in a cheerful mood and started telling me more stories about his adventures. I could smell the whiskey on him. After a few minutes he sensed there was something bothering me.

"What's wrong, Sport?"

Suddenly, before I could stop myself, I blurted out, "Jimmy said you were in prison and have never been to Cuba."

Uncle Bill was quiet for a long time before replying. "Sport, how would Jimmy know where I have been? He's never been out of Madison County. Lot's of time people just get jealous because they can't do the same things as you."

The answer was exactly what my twelve year old mind wanted

to hear. He was my hero and I wanted desperately to believe him.

We had laid there for maybe fifteen minutes when there was a loud commotion coming from where the trucks were parked. Seconds later a group of men, with Uncle Nash in the lead, surrounded us and roughly pulled Uncle Bill to his feet. They had all been drinking heavily.

Uncle Nash was a man of few words and it didn't take long to explain why he was angry. Several hours earlier he had hidden his billfold under the truck seat. Just now he had gone back to the truck to get some more fishing line and discovered his billfold lying on the ground. Forty dollars, two twenty dollar bills,



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Uncle Bill listened patiently as his brother accused him of being the thief. Most of the men probably thought he would run, or fight, but instead he started laughing.

"That's impossible," he said with a smirk on his face. "I've been laying here with Sport for the last two hours!" In the darkness I thought I saw the hint of a wink as he glanced at me.

The men looked at me curiously. I knew Uncle Bill had only been there ten or fifteen minutes but I didn't want him to get in trouble. Finally, grateful for the darkness to hide my trembling, I lied and said that Uncle Bill had been there with me for at least a couple of hours.

Uncle Nash stared at me intently for a few moments, watch-

ing every muscle in my face. Suddenly he grabbed me by the shoulder and said, "Boy, you're a damn liar!"

Almost instantly a fight broke out as the men started choosing sides. Within seconds the once peaceful river bank took on the character of a bar room brawl. Uncle Bill quickly retreated to the safety of the shadows. When he saw me standing there he said, "Don't worry about it, Sport. You win some - you lose some."

The fight only lasted a few minutes before calmer heads, and wives, prevailed and broke it up. Sheepishly, everyone shook hands and the trouble seemed to be over.

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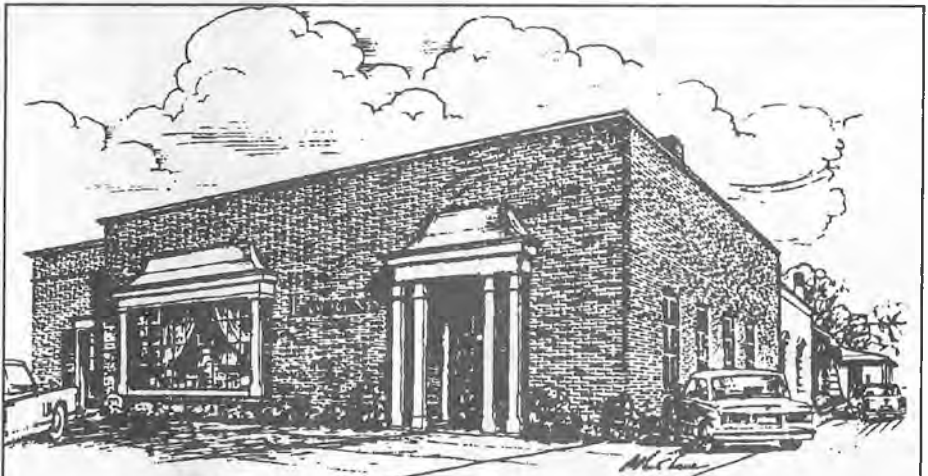
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The men seized Uncle Bill and tied him to a tree. One of them searched his pockets for weapons. There were none - just two crumpled up twenty dollar bills.

The men gathered around the fire to decide what to do next. Without much discussion it was decided to take Bill to Huntsville and turn him over to the sheriff.

Suddenly there was a sound like an animal running through thick brush. The men turned to where Bill was tied to the tree but he was gone. Standing a few feet was Mama. She had a butcher knife in one hand and a piece of rope in the other.

I had never seen Mama with a look on her face like she had that night.

"I've lost one brother tonight," she said in a low trem-

bling voice, "and I'm not going to lose another."

Several of the men started to protest but looks from their wives caused them to shut up.

The women helped Mama wrap Uncle Nash's body in a blanket and place him in the back of our truck. It was almost daylight when we got to town. Dad called

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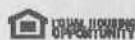


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I never knew what was said but apparently the sheriff was satisfied. Mama died that winter and afterwards Dad was never the same. He passed away a year later and I went to live with my grandparents in West Huntsville. Neither of them ever mentioned Uncle Bill.

Sixteen years later I was working in Gary, Indiana when I went into a bar one night. I didn't have to see him to recognize him. He was standing at the bar with his back to me. His hair had turned white, his clothes were a bit on the shabby side and he was telling the same tales about Cuba, rich women and all the money he had made.


I sat there for almost an hour, hidden by the shadows. I felt a sadness as I listened to him. It was embarrassing for me to realize that he had once been my hero. Deep in my heart I wondered why he had killed his brother.

He finished his drink and turned to leave when he spotted me. Coming over to where I was sitting he asked how I was doing. I didn't want to talk to him so I mumbled something about being late for an appointment.

I never was very good at lying and Uncle Bill knew it. He turned to leave before stopping for a second to look at me. "Sport, would you have twenty bucks I could borrow?"

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two days and died. The whole community was devastated. The cause of death was most likely pneumonia. Ironically enough, it was snowing on the day she died. Those in the community who remembered talked about her as long as they lived. Some say Finis never really got over her. Life goes on and in time he married Myrtle Miller, another neighbor girl on the Creek. They had been together more than 65 years when Myrtle died in 1999. Finis died in 2004 at the age of 94.

The subject of Snow Markham came up the other day when Berns and I saw her marker in the Ryland Cemetery. I said to Berns, "I have heard of her all my life." He said, "Me too, and you know Daddy always talked about a Snow Markham Rose." When Snow died, Mr. Markham gave Daddy a rose in remembrance.

Daddy named it the Snow Markham Rose and in the coming years transplanted it through several moves around Ryland and one to Jeff. In 1944, he planted it the last time. The final location was at the end of our porch at the old house in Ryland. It bloomed there for 30 years. The color of the bloom, about the size of a quarter, was a mixture of faded red and white. It bloomed for several weeks, required no care and seemed to be resistant to all insects, rust and wilt. It was hardy and tough like the families who lived on the Creek. The delicate pretty blooms seemed to perfectly reflect the memory of a beautiful young girl taken away too soon. In all, the rose endured for 45 years after Snow's death. No doubt the rose would be still alive at Ryland but the tornado of 1974 destroyed our old home place. After the storm, we never saw the rose again.

It is hard to read her name on her small stone; it has dark-

ened in almost eighty years. The marker is not broken but it has come loose from the stand and is propped half upright against the base. A few years ago the stone would not have gone unrepaired but now most who remember her are gone. I suspect it was hit by a lawn mower and knocked loose. It occurred to me that it might be best to let the tombstone lay as it is.

Somehow it seems to appropriately symbolize all the broken hearts over her passing so long ago.



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Tiffany's

by Cecil Ashburn

Maxey Jarmen, of Nashville, Tennessee, owned controlling interest in General Shoe Corporation. In the early 50s they were going strong in Huntsville, making shoes for the army. They had the old Lowe Mill for production and the Old Dallas Mill for a warehouse.

The old elevators in the Dallas mill building were inadequate, so they hired Ashburn and Gray, my old company, to install conveyors outside the building to bring cartons of shoes in and out the windows. I found out right away that you didn't need a written contract with Mr. Jarman: his word was his bond.

Things must have been going well for General Shoe for I learned that he had bought some big stores in New York, including Tiffany's.

L.D. Wall, long time sheriff of Madison County, was married to my mother's sister. The old Capital airlines had started flights out of Huntsville to New York using their old viscount prop jet airplanes. So L.D. and I

decided we would try them out and go see the Yankees baseball team play the Brooklyn Dodgers. Babe Ruth was there and Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Joe DiMaggio, and that famous philosopher Yogi Berra. We were true fans as long as the Yankees were winning

L.D. had an old army buddy in New York that he wanted to visit one night, so he left me alone and I decided to see the town.

Chinese New Year happened to coincide with the World Series so I hopped a cab for Chinatown. When I stepped out I was immediately surrounded by a sea of smiling Chinese faces. I felt out of place because I am six foot two inches and was looking over their heads. They were having a good time and insisted I join in the festivities. So a good time was had by all.

Then not knowing what to do next I started looking around for a cab. I was delighted to see that

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the cab I had taken earlier was waiting. He laughed and said, "I don't have the meter running, where do you want to go next?"

So I said how about Harlem. By this time the cabbie and I were good buddies so he said "I will let you out and I follow along behind you but this time I will keep the meter running."

As it turned out I did not need any protection. The first guy I met asked me where I was from. When I told him Alabama he said he had always wanted to meet someone from Alabama, that's where his grandmother was from. And so I told him all the good things about Alabama I could think of. Somehow I don't think he was too impressed, but I was welcomed to

Harlem and they tried to show me a good time.

Next, my good buddy the cabbie asked if I wanted to visit the Bowery. So we did. When he let me out he warned me to watch my step. There were so many winos sleeping on the sidewalk that you actually had to step over them

Then my cabbie insisted that I needed to visit the Village. By this time I had decided New York was one of the friendliest towns I had ever been in but Greenwich Village turned out to be a little too friendly. I felt somehow that an Alabama Redneck just didn't fit in there, so I went back to the hotel.

When L.D. came in he uncorked his bottle of Old Forester and said, "Cecil, I need this for a little shut eye." Next morning he uncorked the bottle again and said "Cecil, I need this for a little eye opener." I didn't know he had eye trouble.

We went to a club in what I believe was the Latin Quarter. The

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man at the door said, "You can't bring your own bottle in here."

L.D. pulled his coat aside showing his bright shiny sheriff's star. The guy quickly changed his mind saying, "Yes sir, I think that will be all right."

The next day we were walking down Fifth Avenue and we came to Tiffany's.

I told L.D. that when I got married the little ring I got Margaret was so tiny it took a high powered flashlight and a magnifying glass to see it. I decided it was time to get her another one.

The clerk acted insulted when I picked out one for about one thousand dollars. I asked him if he would take a check. He said I would have to have a reference. So I filled out the card and inserted the name of Maxey Jarman.

Then he disappeared somewhere in the back of the store, to get it ok'd, I guess.

When he came back, after being gone for what seemed like an hour, he had a funny look on his face. I asked what was wrong.

"Mr. Ashburn," he replied,

"the boss told me that if you are a friend of Mr. Jarman I should sell you the whole darn store if you want it!"

Baseball is sure fun.



"It's so hot nowadays that hot water is coming out of both taps in my kitchen sink!"

Loretta Roberson

Fig Treats

- 1 c. dried figs
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 /2 c. walnuts
- 1/2 c. sunflower seeds
- Unsweetened coconut flakes

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- Joe Esslinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Esslinger near Gurley, sustained perhaps a fatal accident this morning when a falling tree struck him, crushing his skull. He is about 21 years of age. This accident is deeply deplored. His recovery is very doubtful.

- Lost - small black Jersey milk cow with left horn broken off, finder please call at Fannings Livery Stable near Big Spring and receive reward.

- Mrs. M. A. Radford is the guest of Mrs. T. O'Reilly, whose little daughter Elizabeth is very ill at her home on Triana Road.

- Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Richardson and little son, Schuyler, Jr., have returned from a visit to relatives in Texas.

- Lost - Black velvet pocketbook containing Eastern Star Pin, Bank book and other papers and some money. Finder return to Mrs. H. Walker at I. Wind and receive reward.

- For Sale - one Ford Roadster - Good tires - good condition. Will sell cheap. Contact the news office

- For Sale - at 2 o'clock Saturday Jan. 6 my

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Heard On The Street

by *Cathey Carney*



Congratulations to **Irene Smith**, who was the first caller with the correct guess for the Photo of the Month! This sweet little baby has lots of friends, it was **Ray Swaim**, who ran for City Council place 2. Irene is retired from Madison County Dept. of Human Resources. Congratulations Irene!

We were so sorry to hear that **Larry Anderson** had died. He was living at Redstone Village. We send our sympathy to his many friends and wife, **Mary**.

There are some good birthdays this month! **Billy Joe Cooley** turns 75 and is still lookin' good! My sweet mom **Dr. Annelie Owens** has a birthday on 9/11. **Barb Eyestone** turns another year older but looks younger than ever! Happy birthday to you all!

Pretty **Jennifer Sloan**, of Colonial Bank on Church St., sends best wishes to her good friends who work on the teller line, and says she appreciates them so much! We see **Chinoo Dutta** there too and customers love her!

Thousands of us were saddened when we heard that **Terry's Pizza** had closed all locations. You

can't get a better Chicago-style pizza than Terry's, and maybe someone will step up and buy the company to keep that good recipe going! You'll have a built-in customer base!

A special hello to **Gerri** and **Carmine De Sanctis**. We're thinking about you!

We were so sorry to hear of the death of **Gen. Edwin Donley**. He will be missed by many, especially his dear friends and family.

The legendary **Monte Sano Crowder** turns 92 in September. He still plays fiddle & guitar and has more friends than you can count! Happy Birthday to you!

Jason Gibson is that handsome bartender who worked at Carrabba's before he took a job at House of Brews. He's a sweetie!

Speaking of Carrabba's, we ate dinner there recently and the lady who took care of us, **Catherine Colvin**, did a great job! **Stacey Holt**, who also works

there, has the biggest smile!

Gale Nichols takes good care of her sweet aunt, **Mary Weaver**. Mary was recently honored at a birthday bash at Top O' the River in Guntersville, along with Gale and Gale's brother **Tommy Dunn** and his wife **Crystal**.

Donnie Neese loves Huntsville but lives in Tennessee, and just loves the history here! It was good to see him recently when he stopped by.

Eric Jackson, of Genworth, is quite talented! You can hear him play music at House of Brews. Happy Birthday to you Eric!

You can't find a sweeter man than **Harold Jackson**, who does so much for the Lion's Club. He is a really hard worker too!

While at the So. Parkway Redstone Federal Credit union recently, the lady who helped me with my transactions was **Jenny Self**. She was new there but made it a great experience! Her sweet husband **Clay Self** works for Abode Inspections.

Photo of The Month

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Helping Jenny that day was **Melissa Fields** - they are both Financial Service representatives. Melissa is especially proud of her niece **Sophie Crisler**, age 8 months, and nephew **Reid Crisler**, who is 2 years old.

Recently while lunching at Chef's Table, **Joyce Russell** of New York Life was spotted there enjoying the great Ahi Tuna and superb desserts.

The **Rison-Dallas Association** recently got together at the Jackson Way Baptist church for their reunion of Rison School students and Dallas Mill workers/relatives. Hundreds of people were there, including **Jane & Louie Tippett, Mayor Loretta Spencer, John Walker, Robert Madison, and Ann Schrimsher**. Ann just published a great cookbook chock full of memories of the old mill days, that you can sample on our recipe page this month.

A big hello to our good friends **Dub and Edna Pierce**, who lived in Guntersville before moving to Florida. We miss you!

Sherri Williams, owner of Pleasures, celebrated a fun birthday during the month with many friends including **Angie & Craig Story**, and her Dad **Randy Villines** who was visiting here from Kentucky.

Martin Burke recently had an accident at home and we want to send our love and best wishes to him and his wife **Edress**, who reside at Redstone Village.

Dr. Charles Smith took care of Huntsville pets for years on Holmes Ave., side by side with his sweet wife **Ann Riley Smith**. So we were saddened to hear that Ann had passed away recently after a brave battle against cancer. Our condolences to their many friends and family.

Congratulations to a great lady - **Laura Cheatwood** - who has lived in Huntsville all her life and turns 90 in September!

Darryl Goldman and his

sweet wife **Linda** recently hosted friends at their beautiful home over the mountain. A good time was had by all!

It sure will be interesting to see what develops with the illegal alien issue recently brought up by **Glenn Watson** at a City Council meeting. Fireworks, at a minimum.

Happy Belated birthday to **Joe Conti**. Poor guy had to work on his big day but his wife **Peggy** and kids **Joey, David Adam, Alicia, and Amanda** all had a great time celebrating! **Peggy** and **Joey** also celebrated birthdays during September.

We hear that lots of people are planning on attending the old-fashioned **Trade Day on the Square**, organized by Harrison Brothers and the **Lions Club**. It starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday Sep. 9 so get there early and have a great time! There'll be lots of food, drinks, crafts, antiques, etc. and be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

Well, that's about all for this

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Coconut Cake

1 pkg. Duncan Hines French vanilla cake mix
1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 lrg. Cool Whip
1 6-oz. pkg. frozen coconut
Mix cake mix as directed and pour into a sprayed 9x12" Pyrex dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.
Remove from oven and punch holes in cake, pour Eagle Brand milk over all. Cool completely - IMPORTANT to cool! Mix the coconut with cool whip, spread on cake and sprinkle rest of coconut on top. Store in refrigerator.

Loretta Chisholm Patterson

Shoe Peg Corn Salad

1 can shoe peg corn
1/2 red onion - chopped
1 tomato - diced
1/2 c. mayonnaise
Combine all & mix well.

Good warm or cold!

Dona Adcock Henderson

Great Pinto Beans

1 4-lb. pkg. dried pintos
1/2 c. sugar
4 hot peppers or to taste
1 T. dried minced onion or 1 small onion, minced
1 Knorr ham bouillon cube
1 ham hock
Rinse and soak pintos overnight in 3 parts water to 1 part beans. Drain and place in large pot. Add water to cover. Cook for an hour. Add remaining ingredients and cook 45 minutes.

Note: a slice of country ham can be substituted for the ham bouillon and ham hock. My own recipe!

Jo Anna G. Burkett

Grape Salad

4 c. seedless grapes
1 c. crushed pecans
1 c. sour cream
8oz. cream cheese
1/4 c. mayonnaise
5 T. sugar
Green apple, chopped
Soften cream cheese, add remaining ingredients & mix well.

Annie Finley Crowl

Easy Peach Cobbler

1 39-oz. can sliced peaches, drained
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Elizabeth Eaton Lee

Vegetable Casserole

2 cans Veg-All, drained
 1 c. chopped onion
 1 c. chopped water chestnuts
 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
 3/4 c. mayonnaise
 1 roll Ritz crackers, crushed
 1 stick butter, melted
 Mix first 5 ingredients and pour into casserole. Top with crackers, mixed with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Lillian Cates Keith

Broccoli Casserole

1 c. brown rice
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 pkg. chopped broccoli
 1 large onion
 3 c. shredded cheese
 1 stick margarine

Cook rice according to directions on package. Cook broccoli. Drain well. Saute onion in margarine. Mix all ingredients in buttered casserole dish. Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

Geraldine McGinnis Walker

Orange Rolls

1/2 c. sugar
 1 stick butter, softened
 1 1/2 T. grated orange rind
 2 cans crescent rolls
 Cream first 3 ingredients. Unroll rolls into 8 rectangles. Spread creamed mixture on rolls; roll from short end; cut each roll into 5 pieces.

Place each piece in a muffin liner, then in muffin tins. Bake as directed on can for 10-13 minutes and lightly browned. Remove and glaze with mixture of 1 cup powdered sugar mixed with 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice.

Ann Schrimsher Franklin

Doesn't Last Dessert

12 ice cream sandwiches
 1 8 oz. tub Cool Whip, thawed
 4 large Butterfinger bars, crushed
 Line the bottom of a 9x13" baking dish with the ice cream

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- 4,448,750 lbs. ginned cotton for exportation.

- 980 persons who raised cotton for exportation.

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- 312 spindles.

- 7 horse mills.

- 4 sawmills.

- 1 brewery.

- 38 retail stores

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The Census:

3,144 white males over 21 years of age.

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Guntersville had been. With the exception of half a dozen dwellings, which were spared because they sheltered the sick or wounded too feeble to be removed, the village had disappeared. Nothing but tumble-down walls and a mass of brick debris was left of our home. The nearest shelter which could be obtained was in a log house on Sand Mountain, five miles from town, and in this my parents found a temporary abode. We were not wholly unprepared for the scene of desolation about us. As we came west on the train nothing but lonesome-looking chimneys remained of the villages and farmhouses. They were suggestive of tombstones in a graveyard. Bridgeport, Stevenson, Bellefonte, Scottsboro, Larkinsville, Woodville, Paint Rock - in fact, every town in northern Alabama to and including Decatur (except Huntsville, which, being used as headquarters, had been spared) - had been wiped out by the war policy of starvation by fire. Farmhouses, gins, fences, and cattle were gone. From a hill-top in the farming district a few miles from New Market I counted the chimneys of the houses of six different plantations which had been destroyed. About the fireplaces of some of these, small huts of poles had been erected for temporary shelter.

Northern Alabama had paid dearly for the devotion of her people to the cause of the South.

Nowhere in the Confederacy had such ruin been wrought, save in the path of desolation along which the march to the sea was made, or perhaps in the valley of Virginia, in obedience to the order to leave it so desolate that "a crow flying over here would have to carry his rations." Our county of Marshall had suffered in a double sense, being overrun for the last year and a half by bands of marauders who robbed the defenseless people of the little the two armies had left.

The story of one tragedy which was enacted on a small island in the Tennessee River may give an idea of the awful conditions which prevailed. Buck Island was then almost wholly covered with dense cane. Hither five men, noncombatants, had fled for a hiding-place, and had taken with them the few cattle which had escaped impressment. In the depths of the canebrake they had constructed a pole cabin for shelter.

A Confeder-

ate soldier named C. L. Hardcastle, wounded while on furlough, a relation or friend and neighbor, slipping in to visit his family, came to stay all night with the refugees. Toward morning they were aroused from sleep to find their cabin surrounded and

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themselves in the hands of the notorious Ben Harris and his band who had learned of their retreat and had come for their cattle.

Being a farsighted man and well known to the Rodens and their guest, Harris gave them five minutes for prayer, after which he made them stand in a row along the river bank, and, to make sure of a clean job, with his six-shooter he put a bullet through the hearts of five of the six and thought he had done the same with the sixth man. This man was Hardcastle, who told me that as Harris came down the line, placing the muzzle close to the left side of the chest of each victim as he fired, he made up his mind to drop quickly a little before he was shot, which he did, and the ball missed a vital spot. Feigning death, he was dragged with the other five bodies and thrown into the river, the current of which washed them downstream as they were sinking. Holding his breath, he floated under some driftwood lodged against a fallen tree and con-

cealed himself behind a log.

The bullet had struck a rib and taken a superficial course. When the murderers walked off to round up the cattle he crawled out and into the cane, and in this way made this marvelous escape from death.

I knew the men who were killed.

The war experiences of the home people were, however, not wholly tragic. There were occasional glimpses of the serio-comic in which the comical features predominated. Our natures are such that we love to turn away from sad things and forget them by laughing when we may. One of these experiences was Uncle Dan's retreat from Guntersville when the Union batteries first shelled this unfortunate village.

Another, as the sheriff related it, was his narrow escape from the Fourth Ohio Cavalry when in 1862 it dashed into the town early one morning, to the surprise of everybody but I have yet to tell how two young lads belonging to the same company surprised and captured themselves in the streets of their native village in 1864.

The two actors were playmates of mine who were old enough to see service as "Home Guards" the last year or two of the war. They told it on themselves to

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me, and it was witnessed by several residents.

During all of 1864 and the spring of 1865 Marshall County was the scene of active hostilities, not only between scouting parties of regulars soldiers of the Union and Confederate armies, but between bands of Tory marauders, who paraded in Federal uniforms, and small squads of Confederate home guards under partisan leaders. Some few of the Tories had been Union men all along, but were wise enough to keep discreetly quiet until the Federals occupied the country.

Most of them were poor whites who had dodged conscription by hiding out in the mountains near their cabins when the Confederates were in control, and came into view as soon as the Federals appeared.

Some few were deserters from our army, but all were united now in their love of country by the cohesive strength of a desire to plunder the helpless.

As these men of the two sides had known one another before the war, it may be imagined that what is described as "feeling" ran about as "high" between them as it could run. Toward the last it was considered a

waste of time to surrender, even if cornered without hope of escape. The recognized practice was to sell out as dearly as possible and keep shooting as long as a trigger could be pulled.

Ben Hams had led off in a practice of extermination (which put Cromwell to the blush). The conqueror of Ireland knocked only every tenth prisoner on the head, but Captain Ben overlooked none, and just to be sure that no detail was omitted he was his own executioner.

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tion Bent Adams, from a commanding eminence, scanned the valley and saw hanging on the clothesline in his mother's yard something white, which signal meant "the town is clear."

Had it been red or blue Bent would have rested content upon the distant height. As it was, he rode into the village, and, sitting on his horse (for in those perilous days nobody dismounted in town) was conversing with his mother at the gate. Tom Anderson, a member of Bent's squad, had from another hill also read the signals, and he cautiously rode into the suburb. Having been successful as scouts, these two enterprising youths had acquired and, as it was a frosty morning, were wearing each a warm, very blue Yankee overcoat.

As Tom's horse turned the corner of Main Street, some three hundred yards off, and he saw a lone Yankee or Tory - I wasn't sure which - in the road ahead of him. His first impulse was to turn and run; but Bent was too quick for him and ran first. Neither of these two men was a coward, but the circumstances fully justified what Sheriff James Swiver called "quick action" and the practice of that discretion which ancient Falstaff declared to be "the better part of valor."

Bent didn't know how many more Yankees were coming round the corner following their leader, and felt sure it was better to gain the other side of the Long Bridge, a mile away, and find out who was there than to take the foolish risk, allowing a whole squad to get right on him at full speed before he started. Therefore he wheeled and ran as fast as his steed could go.

Seeing only one Yankee or Tory, and that one running away, Tom changed his mind and tactics simultaneously and, whipping out his six-shooter, he stuck the spurs to his charger and began pursuit. For half a mile down Main Street the two horsemen sped, the women and children leaning out of the windows, not certain whether it was a fight or a horse-race.

Tom's mount was so much superior to Bent's that by the time the latter was checking up to make a safe turn around the corner at Cornwell's store to get into the straight reach of roadway leading to the bridge

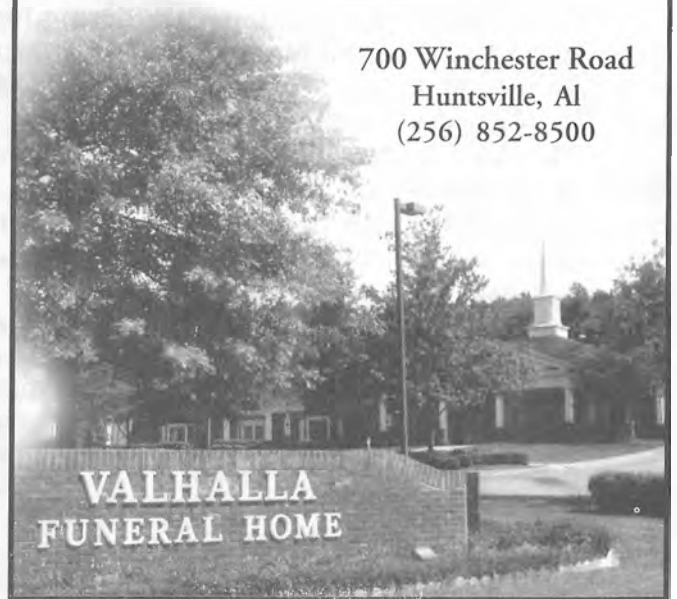
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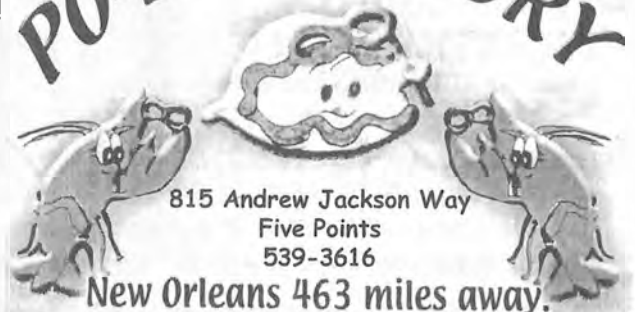
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the pursuer was near enough to begin to empty his army pistol at the fugitive, who, to avoid being hit, was now lying as flat on his horse's neck as his anatomy could be applied.

Having made the turn with safety, Bent ventured to glance back, and, seeing only a single pursuer who had already expended four of his six shots without effect while his own battery was as yet intact, took his pistol out of the holster and eased up on his speed, determined to settle accounts at close quarters.

A few moments later, pulling the reins and wheeling suddenly about, he was in the act of firing into Tom's chest at close range when Thomas, recognizing his chum, yelled out as loud and distinctly as he could shape the sentence, "Don't shoot, Bent; it's me!" And Bent, not yet lowering his weapon, replied: "Tom, you d-fool! I've a great notion to blow your brains out, anyhow."



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Couple overheard during a fight at a restaurant

Dallas Mill Man Arrested for Trying to Murder Wife

from 1909 newspaper

Jim Burks, a citizen of Dallas Mills, was arrested and lodged in jail today on a charge of attempting to murder his wife. The assault on the woman was committed yesterday and complaint was made by neighbors this morning. They had a hard time keeping him from murdering her. The arrest was made by Deputy Ernie Miller, who had a difficult time getting the prisoner to jail. Burks resisted fiercely and had to be carried bodily.

The prisoner is supposed to be demented. His friends, and his unnatural actions, appear to bear out the claim. He was injured in a saw mill accident some time ago and his relatives say he has never been right since then. The people of the community in which he lives consider him as dangerous, but they have been unwilling to place him in an asylum.

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The Tree of Gathering

by Johnny Johnston

A few weeks ago I passed a house on Highway 72, just this side of Florence, AL where many chairs were gathered around in a circle under the thickest tree shade I have seen in a while. There were a couple of picnic tables, a grill or two and you could just feel the anticipation gathering.

On the way back the people had started gathering. A family who lived next door was walking over. Children were already playing games with so much excitement you could just feel how it was when you were a child playing with friends. Arms were extended from the adults already sifting under the tree. "How Yawl, come on round I got stories to tell" was the conversation going on just off the busy highway.

We have been spoiled; we couldn't possibly live now without air conditioning. Someone asked me just the other day if I could remember a hotter more miserable summertime than this. I said "yes, I remember they were all worse than this before we got air conditioning in 1962". Another thing air-conditioning changed was our social habits and method of communication with others.

I remember that gigantic Silver Maple tree which sat behind my parents home in West Huntsville. I remember when the days work was done and it was just a thing to do, sit outside under that tree. It was the coolest place around since no one in the 50's had air conditioning. It was not required that anyone place a phone call to advise the neighbors it was time to visit. Dad

would just go out and sit down in one of the many chairs placed in a circle under the tree. The Bigerstaffs would walk over from a block away. Whoever lived in Dad's two rental homes on the property would simply leave their hot houses and come over. Ethel and Fred from down the road, maybe the McFarland's or McNally families would drop in. And while Mom was keeping Boarders, they also would join in.

We felt so informal, so comfortable and had so much fun. Dad would usually start with one of his stories about backwoods life in the Sawmill days or perhaps a story about an old car. He had hundreds and told them often but if you heard it a hundred times, you still sat and listened. It was comfortable, it was the thing to do and certainly the coolest place on the hill.

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Oh well, if that happens we'll cross that road when we come to it. Think I'll turn the temp down a notch and see what's on Television!

"It will be years - not in my time - before a woman will become Prime Minister."

Margaret Thatcher, 1974

Thievery In New Hope

from 1909 newspaper

John W. Buford, a planter from the New Hope neighborhood, reported to the police late yesterday afternoon that two of his tenants, Jackson Jones and Henry Brooks, stole from his place two fine mules and when last heard of were coming in the direction of the city.

According to the description furnished by Buford the thieves are notoriously shifty and not known for their mental prowess. When last seen they were both under the influence of whiskey.

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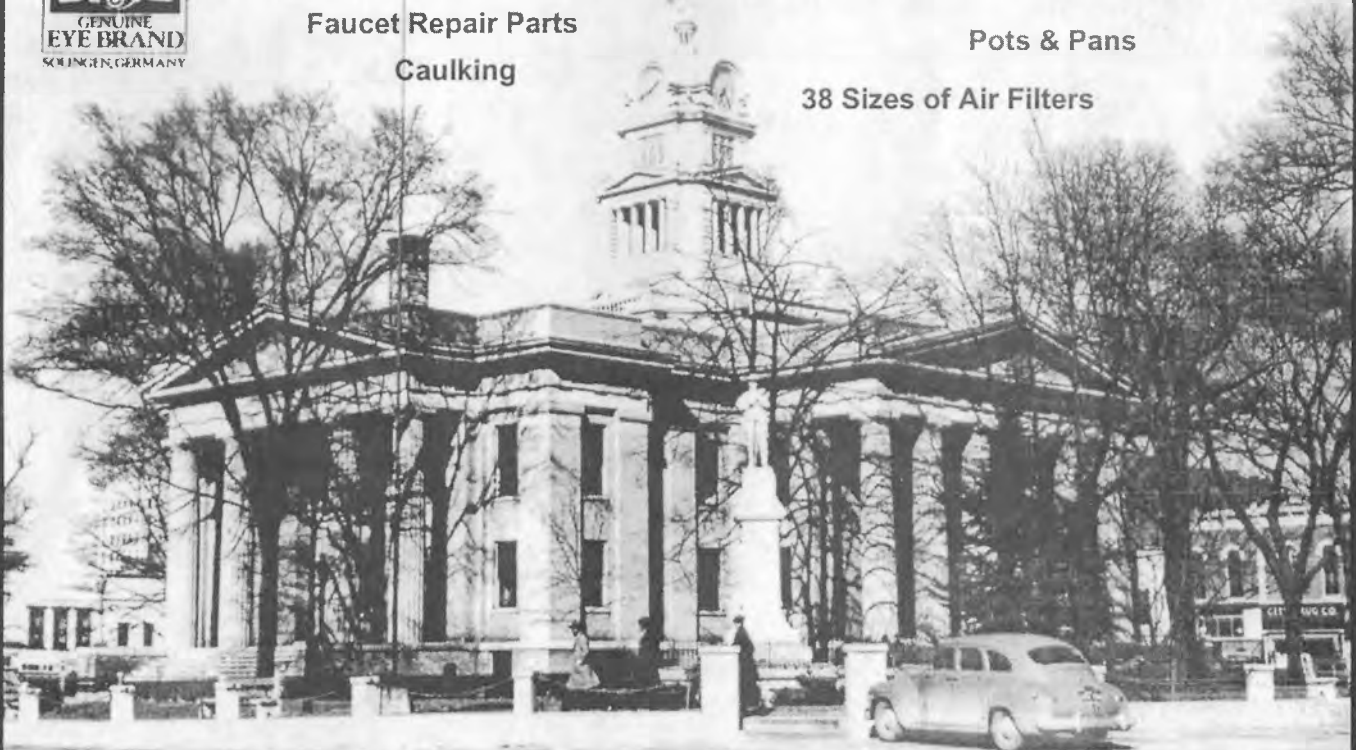


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Turchin was later court martialed here in Huntsville. Sitting in judgement was Brig. Gen. James Garfield who would later become President of the United States.

In Camp, Huntsville, Ala., August 6, 1862

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Specification. In this, that the said Col. J.B. Turchin, of the Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, being in command of the Eighth Brigade, Army of the Ohio, did, on or about the 2d day of May, 1862, march the said brigade into the town of Athens, State of Alabama, and having had the arms of the regiment stacked in the streets did allow his command to disperse, and in his presence or with his knowledge and that of his officers to plunder and pillage the inhabitants of said town and of the country adjacent thereto, without taking adequate steps to restrain them.

Among the incidents of said plundering and pillaging are the following:

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carried away the same. They also insulted the said Milly Ann Clayton and threatened to shoot her, and then proceeding to the kitchen they there attempted an indecent outrage on the person of her servant girl.

A party of this command entered a house occupied by two females, M.E. Malone and S.B. Malone, and ransacked it throughout, carrying off the money which they found, and also the jewelry, plate, and female ornaments of value and interest to the owners, and destroying and spoiling the furniture of said house without cause.

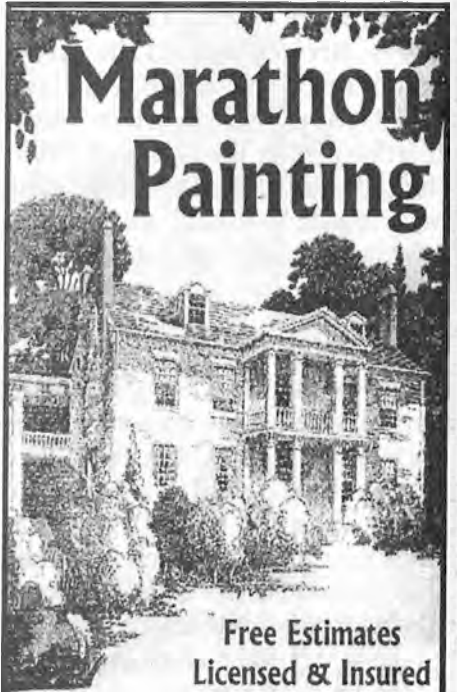
For six or eight hours that day squads of soldiers visited the dwelling house of Thomas S. Malone, and ransacked it throughout, carrying off or destroying valuable papers, notes of hand, and other property, to the value of about \$4,500, more or less, acting rudely and violently toward the females of the family. This last was done chiefly by the men of Edgarton's battery. The plundering of saddles, bridles, blankets, &c., was by the Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteers.

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the drug store of William D. Allen, destroying completely a set of surgical, obstetrical, and dental instruments, or carrying them away. The store of Madison Thompson was broken open and plundered of a stock of goods worth about \$3,000, and his stable was entered, and corn, oats, and fodder taken by different parties, who on his application for receipts replied "that they gave receipts at other places, but intended that this place should support them," or words to that effect.

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forced open all the locks of the doors, broke open all the drawers to the bureaus, the secretary, sideboard, wardrobes, and trunks in the house, and rifled them of their contents, consisting of valuable clothing, silverware, silver-plate jewelry, a gold watch and chain, &c., and in the performing these outrages they used coarse, vulgar, and profane language to the females of the family. These squads came in large numbers and plundered the house thoroughly. They also broke open the law office of said Malone and destroyed his safe and damaged his books. A part of this brigade went to the plantation of the above-named Malone and quartered in the negro huts for weeks, debauching the females and roaming with the males over the surrounding country to plunder and pillage.

A mob of soldiers burst open the doors and windows of the business houses of Samuel Tanner, Jr., and plundered them of their contents, consisting of sugar, coffee, boots and shoes, leather, and other merchandise.

Very soon after the command

entered the town a party of soldiers broke into the silversmith shop and jewelry store owned by D.H. Friend, and plundered it of its contents and valuables to the amount of about \$3,000.

A party of this command entered the house of R. S. Irwin and ordered his wife to cook dinner for them, and while she and her servant were so engaged they made the most indecent and beastly propositions to the latter in the presence of the whole family, and when the girl went away they followed her in the same manner, notwithstanding her efforts to avoid them.

Mrs. Hollinsworth's house was entered and plundered of clothing and other property by several parties, and some of the men fired into the house and threatened to burn it, and used violent and insulting language toward the said Mrs. Hollinsworth. The alarm and excitement occasioned miscarriage and subsequently her death.

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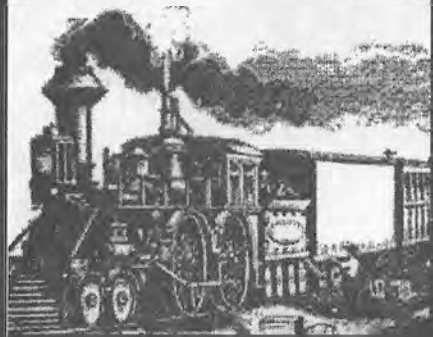
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tered the house and plundered it of all the sugar, coffee, preserves, and the like which they could find. Before leaving they destroyed or carried off all the pictures and ornaments they could lay their hands on.

A mob of soldiers filled the house of J. A. Cox, broke open his iron safe, destroyed and carried off papers of value, plundering the house thoroughly, carrying off the clothes of his wife and children.

Some soldiers broke into the brick store of P. Tanner & Sons, and destroyed or carried off nearly the entire stock of goods contained there, and broke open the safe and took about \$2,000 in money.

A party of soldiers, at the order of Captain Edgerton, broke into an office through the windows and doors and plundered it of its contents, consisting of bedding, furniture, and wearing apparel. Lieutenant Berwick was also with the party. This officer was on the ground.

The law office of William Richardson, which was in another part of the town, was rifled completely and many valuable papers, consisting of bonds, bills, and notes of hand, lost or destroyed.

The house of J.H. Jones was entered by Colonel Mihalotzy, of the Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, who behaved rudely and coarsely to the ladies of the family. He then quartered two companies of infantry in the house. About one hour after Captain Edgerton quartered his artillery company in the parlors, and these companies plundered the house of all provisions and

clothing they could lay their hands on, and spoiled the furniture and carpets maliciously and without a shadow of reason, spoiling the parlor carpets by cutting bacon on them, and the piano by chopping joints on it with an axe, the beds by sleeping in them with their muddy boots on. The library of the house was destroyed, and the locks of the bureaus, secretaries, wardrobes, and trunks were all forced and their contents pillaged. The family plate was carried off.

The store of George R. Peck was entered by a large crowd of soldiers and stripped of its contents, and the iron safe broken open and its contents plundered, consisting of \$940.90 and \$4,000 worth of notes. John Turentine's store was broken into by a party of soldiers on that day, and an iron safe cut



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open belonging to the same and about \$5,000 worth of notes of hand taken or destroyed. These men destroyed about \$200 worth of books found in said store, consisting of law books, religious books, and reading books generally.

CHARGE 2. Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Specification 1. In this, that he, the said Col. J.B. Turchin, Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, did remain one week, more or less, as a guest in a public house in the town of Athens, Ala., and did fail to pay his bill for board, and did fail to compensate in any way the landlord of said hotel, J.B. Davison.

CHARGE 3. Disobedience or orders.

Specification 1. In this, that he, the said Col. J.B. Turchin, Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, in contravention of Orders, No. 13a, from the Headquarters of the Department of the Ohio, in the following terms to wit, "Peaceful citizens are not to be molested in their persons or property any wrongs to either are to be promptly corrected, and the offenders brought to punishment," did, on or about the 2d of May, 1862, march his brigade into the town of Athens, in the State of Alabama, and having had the arms of the regiments stacked in the streets, did permit his men to disperse and leave the ranks and colors and molest peaceable citizens in their persons and property, as shown in the specification to: charge 1, above, and did fail to correct these wrongs or bring the offenders to punishment.

Specification 2. In this, that he, the said Col. J.B. Turchin, Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, commanding Eighth Brigade, Army of the Ohio, while occupying with said bri-

gaded the town of Athens, State of Alabama, in contravention of General Orders, No. 13a, from the Headquarters of the Department of the Ohio, in the following terms, to wit, "If the necessities of the public service should require the use of private property for public services fair compensation is to be allowed," did, on or about the 2d of May, 1862, permit the officers and soldiers of his command to take provisions, forage, and other private property from the citizens of said town and country around the same for public services, and did fail to have fair compensation allowed to the owners of said property, either by money or by official vouchers in due form.

Specification 3. In this, that he, the said Col. J.B. Turchin, Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, commanding Eighth Brigade, Army of the Ohio, while occupying the town of Athens, Ala., with said brigade, in contravention of the spirit of General Orders, No. 13a, from the Headquarters Department of the Ohio, did, on or about the 2d day of May 1862, permit his own wife to be with him in the same town of Athens, Ala., and to accompany him to and from the same, while serving with the troops of said brigade in the field.

There were over two hundred complaints filed against Turchin by the citizens of North

Alabama. The ones listed above are the only ones he was charged with.

The verdict was later overturned and he was given a promotion.

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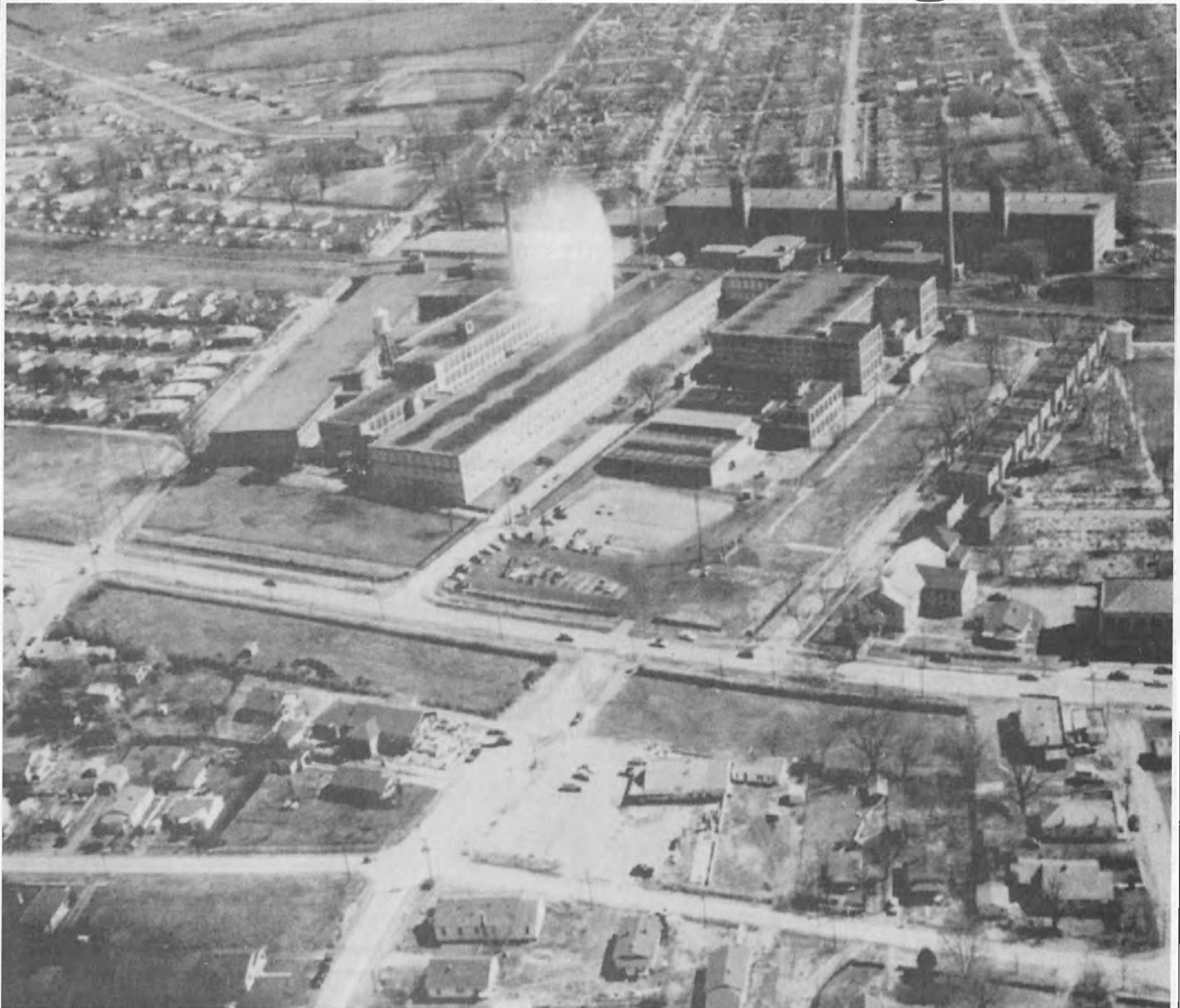
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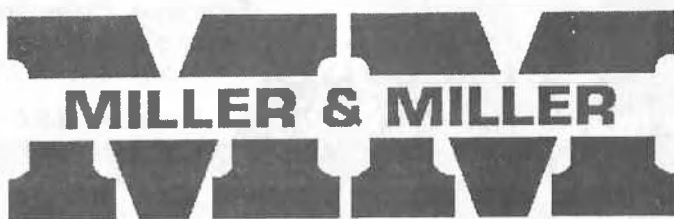
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- Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rice have taken an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rice on White Street.

- The girl scouts and boy scouts of Merrimack greatly enjoyed the hike to Monte Sano Sunday afternoon. Forty-three girls and boys met at the school building at noon and were carried to the foot of the mountain in the large truck of the Merrimack Company. The hike to the top of the mountain and back was full of interest, due in part to the spotting of one of the coal mines.

- Lost - one man's kid glove. Finder please return to News office and receive two bits reward.

- Mrs. Shelby White will be hostess to the Thursday afternoon Bridge Club at her home on McClung street at 2:30 p.m.

- Wanted - position as salesman with some dry good firm. Experienced, with good reference. Age 26, married with family.

- Lost - Between Mims apartment and Clinton, book with initials W.L.K. on cover, containing minutes of First Methodist

Missionary society. Return to News office.

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News From The Year 1880

News From Huntsville and Around The World

Immigrants Push Population to Fifty Million

Stimulated by a flood of immigrants, America's population grew by more than 11.5 million in the past decade to a total of 50 million, the 1880 census shows. And the nation, which up until now has been predominantly rural and populated with Northern and Western Europeans, is becoming increasingly heterogeneous and urban.

New York, landing place for most European immigrants, is the first state to top five million, with Pennsylvania close behind with 4.2 million residents.

Experts have detected a change in the pattern of immigration. Most of the new arrivals still come from the traditional sources, Scandinavia, Britain and Germany. But a growing percentage comes from Southern and Eastern Eu-

rope. Many Croats live in the Western states, as do the Volga Germans, Russians of German descent. Most of the latter have settled near Denver.

The nature of Jewish immigration also is changing. Most of America's 250,000 Jews are from Germany and have assimilated easily, dominating some trades. The newer Jewish immigrants tend to be from Russia and Poland. They are poorer, have fewer urban skills and their Western European brethren look askance at them.

Americans are still moving west, the census shows. California's population rose nearly 50 percent in the decade, to 864,000. Oregon's nearly doubled, to 175,000, and the population of the state of Washington more than tripled, to 75,000.

Martha Carey Becomes First American Woman to Receive a Ph.D.

Zurich, Switzerland

Miss Martha Carey has become the first American woman to receive a Ph.D. Because no American schools offer the degree to women students, Miss Carey studied overseas. Majoring in literature, she wrote her dissertation on Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and graduated summa cum laude.

Miss Carey, 23 years old, was an undergraduate at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She says she would like to become a teacher at an American women's college.



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Free Public Education a Success

The illiteracy rate in the United States has dropped to 17 percent, the 1880 census shows, and this despite a Negro literacy rate of only 30 percent. Even that is an improvement from 1870, when only 18.6 percent of Negroes were able to read. Credit is given to the system of free public schools and compulsory attendance established by such pioneers as Horace Mann in Massachusetts. Free public education has been opposed by the wealthy and by ethnic groups such as German immigrants, who fear its effect on their culture. But it now has the support of most of the public.

Wabash Is First City with Electric Street Lighting

Wabash, Indiana

The world's first municipal electric street lighting system was inaugurated with great celebration in this city tonight. Thus far, it consists of a single light on the dome of the city courthouse, but there are plans to add four more lights, each

of 4,000 candlepower, on a staff above the courthouse. The system is being built by the Brush Electric Light Company of Cleveland, which has received a payment of \$100 and will get \$1,800 more when the job is completed

Product is 300 Times Sweeter than Sugar

Ira Remsen has published an article describing his accidental discovery of saccharin, a substance that the scientist reports is 300 times sweeter than an equal amount of sugar.

Saccharin is a white, crystalline, aromatic compound that apparently has no nutritive value as it passes through the body unchanged.

But its developers say it may have great commercial value because it could prove quite useful for diabetics, for fat people and for others who are not allowed to use sugar.

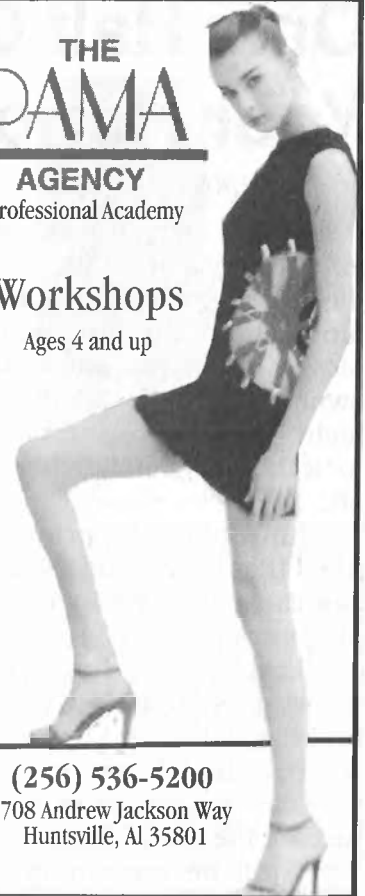
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Only Half Guilty, Your Honor

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Jim Buller, the principal witness, testified that he saw the window being raised, saw the man reach in, and heard him running away.

"I rushed after him at once," continued the witness, "but when I caught him I didn't find the wallet. But it was found afterward where he had thrown it."

"How far did he enter the house when he took the wallet?" Asked the counsel.

"Well, he was stoopin' over, halfway in, I should say," said the witness.

"May it please your Honor," interposed the counsel. "The indictment isn't sustained, and I shall demand an acquittal of the court. The prisoner is on trial for entering a dwelling in the night time, with intent to steal. The testimony is clear that he, made an opening, through which he protruded himself about halfway, and stretching, committed the theft. But the indictment charges that he actually entered the dwelling. How, your Honor, can a man enter a dwelling when one half of his body is in and the other half out?"

The jury brought in a verdict of "guilty as to half of the body and not guilty as to the other half."

The judge sentenced the guilty part to two years imprisonment, leaving it to the prisoner's option to have the innocent part cut off or take it along with him.

Move to Pardon Mrs. Strong

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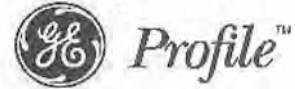
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My Hero

by Steve Stolz

We should consider ourselves fortunate if sometimes during our lifetime, we have someone that we can look up to. Someone you can respect and admire because you have seen him live his life as such. To me, that man was my grandfather.

Henry Claude Nickelson was born in Huntsville in 1904. He spent his entire life in Huntsville and Owens Cross Roads. He married young and started raising a family in West Huntsville. He and my grandmother had six children. As you can imagine they went through some difficult times raising their family through the Great Depression. To support his family he ran a sawmill in the area of 10th Avenue. Primarily he would cut and sell firewood but would also cut some lumber. Eventually he was employed at Redstone Arsenal. Times were better until he was laid off.

After leaving Redstone Arsenal, he did masonry work. He would put stone on the exterior of homes. Some of his work still stands today in West Huntsville. He also worked as a carpenter for S.O. McDonald.

About this time, WWII had begun and Redstone was booming. Bombs were being built and the arsenal was hiring many women. One

of his daughters worked on the assembly line. My aunt, Clara Wilson, helped her dad get back on at Redstone where he was employed as a millwright installing machines. The bombs that were being built were delivered in what was known as "bomb

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boxes". After emptied, these boxes could be purchased for five cents each. Many homes were built from the lumber from these bomb boxes including the house he lived in. It was said you could build a home for \$300. My grandfather eventually retired from RSA.

As the Redstone Arsenal continued to grow, many businesses started as a result of its needs. One need was for someone to relocate military families, specifically packing up their belongings and moving them to their new location. The requirement, according to the newspaper advertisement, was that the business that got the job was to have a flatbed truck to haul the belongings. Boxes would be needed to put the family's belongings in to be carried on the flat bed truck. My grandfather had a new flatbed truck. which Frank Hughes traded him for. Their agreement was for my grandfather to build the boxes for Frank Hughes and be paid \$250.00 for each box. This was a lucrative business for him at the time. He did this for many years. That business became Frank Hughes Moving and Storage.


Like all grandfathers, he had stories he liked to tell. Children were born by midwives in those days. The charge by the midwives was \$2.00. After one of his children was born, he was slow in paying the \$2.00. The midwife came to him and said "don't make me repossess that baby."

He also likes to tell the story of running a trot line in the Tennessee River. A trot line would be a single line anchored on each end with many fishing hooks

dangling with bait. This method was used to feed your family during the depression years especially. He caught a catfish that weighed 102 pounds. The fish was weighed on a cotton scale. He sold the fish for \$20.00. Imagine how far \$20.00 would go in those days!

My grandfather remarried in the 1950's and started raising a second family. After their 3rd child, he bought some land on Dudley Lane in Owens Cross Roads where he and my step-mother literally built a home for their family. She worked right beside him while raising their children. They eventually had ten children. The also had two children which were stillborn. While raising his second family, he continued to build the storage boxes. As each of the children got old enough, he would put them to work building boxes.


I guess seeing him raise his second family is where I learned to respect and admire my grandfather. These children loved their "paw" and "maw". They were respectful and performed their responsibilities. They were taught to attend school. I remember as each child would graduate, they would receive an award for never having missed a day. A man who fathered 18 children and worked hard to raise each of them you have to



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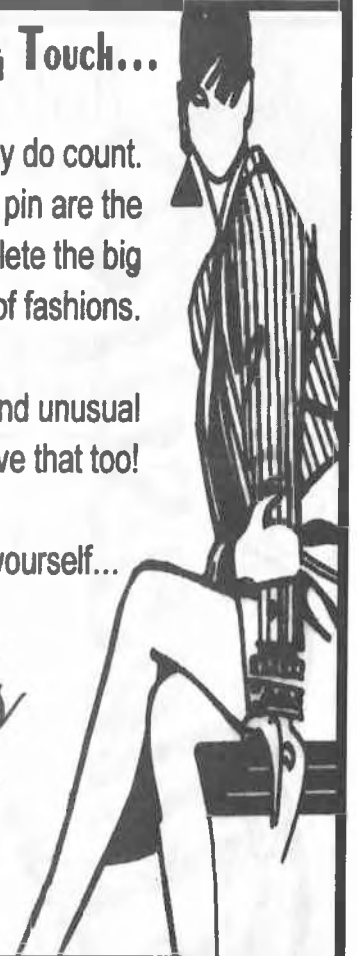
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The Gross Scruggs Cemetery

by Berns Miller

Gross Scruggs was born January 5, 1772 in Bedford County, Virginia. On October 17, 1805, Gross seeking his fortune and a new life, moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee. Tennessee was only a brief stop on the way to the rich soil of Madison County, Alabama. In 1812, Gross Scruggs bought 320 acres of Madison County land in the east half of section 15, township 3 south, range I east from Nashville land speculator, James Vaulx. The Scruggs Plantation which included 955 acres in sections 15, 16 and 11 prospered in the coming years. Scruggs was a community leader and served on the Madison County Court of Roads and Revenue from 1821 to 1835. County Court of Roads must be the equivalent of our Madison County Commission. Gross was also a stockholder in the Memphis & Charleston Railroad whose rails ran across his property. The Flint River Navigation Company was established in 1820 and Scruggs was appointed a Commissioner along with John Hewlet, William Veitch, John Scott, William Moore, John Griffin, John Hamner, and John McCartney. The Flint River Navigation Company established for the cotton trade had the responsibility to keep the Flint River navigable below Brownsboro.

Gross Scruggs had a wealth of money, property, slaves and a large family. Few

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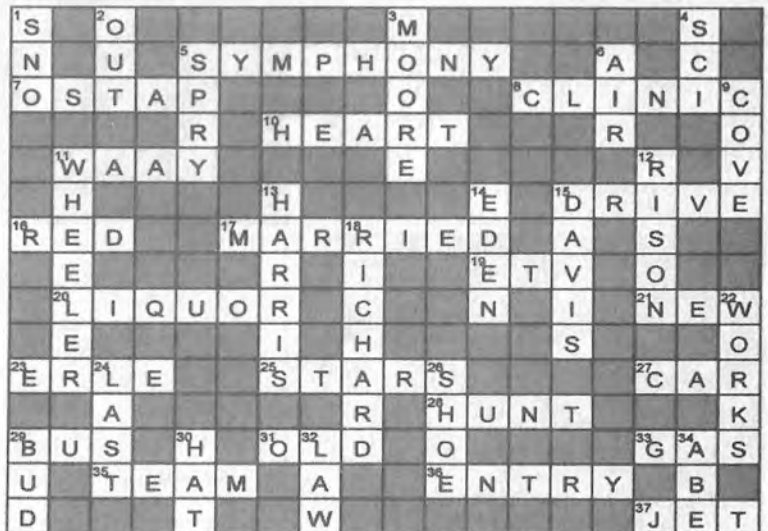
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parts of Alabama had the wealth and refinements of Madison County. The plantation landscape supported beautiful antebellum homes. Gross Scruggs had 19 children and 4 wives. One historical source said 26 children. His wives were Nancy Longwood, Mary Tate, Mary Saunders Jones, and Edith Shotwell. Mary Saunders Jones was the widow of William Jones.

The Jones and Scruggs families had connections back in Bedford County, Virginia. The Jones family lived in the Riverton area a few miles north of the Ryland area Scruggs. The old plantations west of Flint River from Brownsboro to the Three Forks of Flint have common Virginia roots and the families are intertwined through kinship or inlaws. The plantations of which I am familiar include the David Moore plantation, the Moore/Jordan plantation, the Moore/Kelly plantation, the Gross Scruggs plantation and the Humphrey/Darwin plantation. The Bone Plantation east of Maysville was from the maternal side of the Jordan family (pronounced Jerden). Down in the Big Cove area, my GG grandpa Moses Miller was a planter born in Virginia. His wife, Rebecca McGaha, was born in Tennessee.

Brownsboro and Maysville are the older pioneer communities but the Ryland community best describes the specific location of the old Scruggs place. What was it like to live along Flint River before 1850?

The best description was an article in Old Huntsville written in 1880 by Mai Taylor. He said, "Men now living in this country, in 1880, can have but little conception of the richness and beauty of the region between Brownsboro and Huntsville. With the exception of the mountain spur known as Cedar Ridge (Cedar Gap) and then covered with thick growth of stately cedars, it was one continued grove of magnificent populate

interspersed in the lowlands with oak, walnut, and hickory". "Every one lived in log houses of various grades from the humble cabin daubed with clay to the hewed log house with plank floors, shingle roof, and the cracks chinked and finished with lime. Lumber was all sawn at saw pits by hand and it was a serious task to saw out the planks for a first class dwelling". Note: many of the old plantation houses were made with

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Gross Scruggs died July 20, 1856. His property was sold to James and Gustavius Mastin for \$30 an acre. Scruggs was buried in the family cemetery at Ryland. Dying before 1861, he failed to witness the destruction wrought by the Civil War and the punishment of Radical Reconstruction. The war ended the old plantation system and the wealth was gone. The Ryland area census of 1870 and 1860 in com-

parison is an example of how things were, and how much times changed. Madison County had gone from wealth to poverty in a short period of time and that poverty lasted beyond the Great De-

pression until the 1960's influx of Federal money. The South had changed forever and the Gross Scruggs Cemetery was lost in time.

Patrick Jones wrote an article

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in Huntsville Times in the 1930's about the Scruggs Cemetery. Some say he never saw the cemetery but only used the words of those who could remember the location. "Upon parting the growth at the edge one looks in over a decayed brick wall upon the final resting place of many of the Scruggses. Thick undergrowth has marred all traces of graves. Stone slabs, devoid of inscription, lie piled together and alone among the leaves. Rabbits and other small animals seek the copse as a spot unfrequented by humanity".

A few years ago while researching the Tally Cemetery, a friend who is a history buff found a map that indicated an old cemetery in PLSS section 15. He emailed the map with the question, "Is this your Tally Cemetery"? No, you have discovered something new. My investigation revealed grave sinks but no stones or inscribed markers. Interviews with the local residents revealed a cemetery and many remembered stone markers in years past. The land was scheduled to be stripped for a subdivision and the loggers and their skidders were already on the move. The cemetery was being destroyed. A call to the City of Huntsville stopped the skidders and heavy equipment for about a day. Things were beginning to heat up. Knocking at my door on a following Saturday was the mail carrier with a certified letter from the developer's lawyer. The certified letter informed me to cease and desist from any action that might delay the subdivision, if not; I would face a lawsuit and trespassing charges. Lucky for me, Lee Anne Wofford of the Alabama Historical Commission picked up the issue and skillfully negotiated an agreement with the developer to hire an archeologist. Lawrence Alexander, the archeologist, settled the dis-

pute when he found at least 150 graves.

Has the Gross Scruggs Cemetery been found? No one can say for sure but I think so. The mystery cemetery is in the northeast quarter of section 15 and all the records indicate the Scruggs Cemetery was in the east half of the same section. The exact location of the Gross Scruggs family plot may never be found but they are either within the 150 grave locations or in a smaller nearby

plot. Slaves were buried near the master and subsequent free blacks continued use of the cemetery would be an explanation for the large number of graves. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have."

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Remembering Grady Reeves

by Billy Joe Cooley

The rain poured down as the young Rev. Grady Reeves made his way across the Ohio River and into the mountains of eastern Kentucky in search of a small community in which he had been engaged to hold an old-fashioned church revival.

At his side was another young preacher from the Cincinnati Bible Seminary named Harold. The two of them would constitute an evangelistic team from their seminary and earn extra credits toward graduation.

Grady, who would later in life make his mark in radio and television work in Huntsville, had been born in Carrolton, Georgia, but his dad had moved the family to Cincinnati when Grady was a child.

It was as a small boy that Grady met another young man in the Queen City who would also make his mark as a personality of a different sort. It was Leonard Franklin Slye, who went to California, helped form a musical aggregation called The Sons of the Pioneers, and became a cowboy star named Roy Rogers.

Grady realized that he himself had a flamboyant gift of gab, but as he grew into his teen-aged years he also became aware of

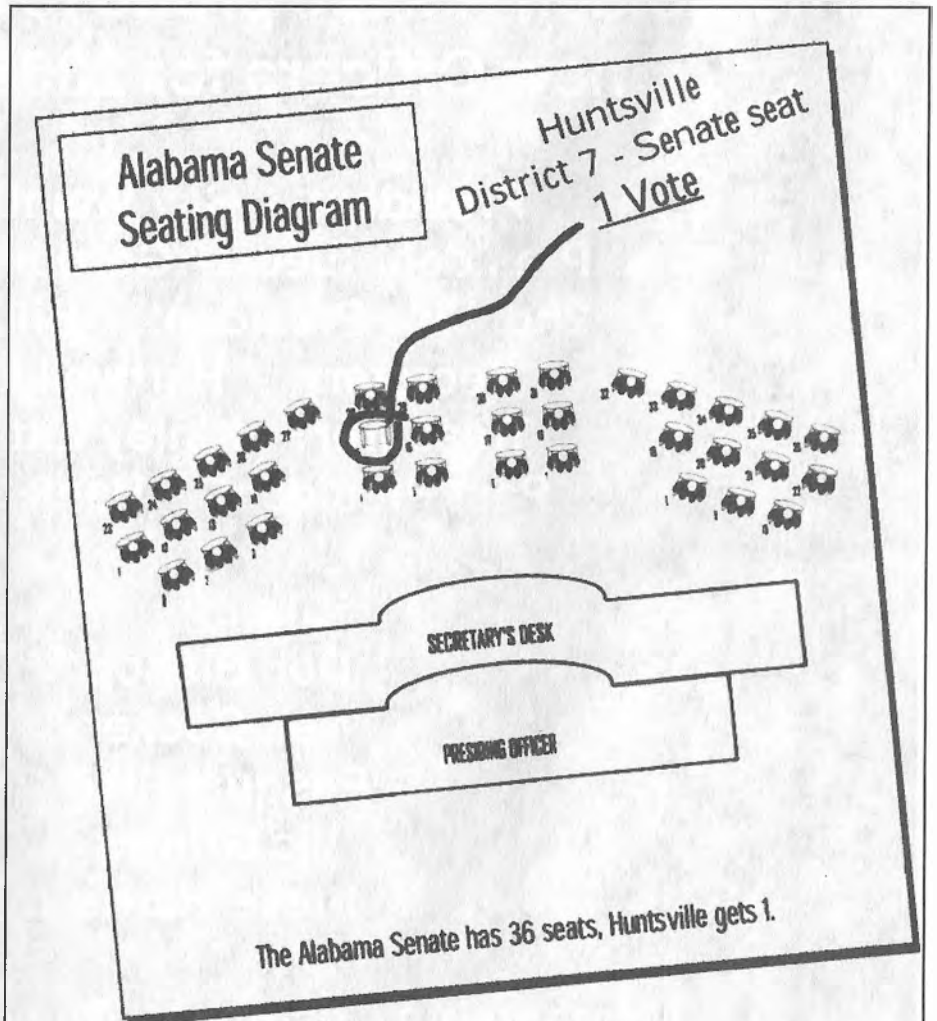
the all-mighty dollar. His family, while not exactly destitute, had also found itself in the throes of an on-coming depression.

His dream had been to enroll in the great Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and get some experience as an on-stage personality. Realizing that this dream was financially unattainable for him, he gave consideration to a

radio announcers' school. It, too, was quite expensive.

Then someone jokingly suggested to Grady that he become a preacher and get some real first-class, crowd-handling experience.

But Grady was a serious minded young man and took the suggestion at face value. He checked around and learned that the local Bible Seminary's tu-



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ition was far less than the other schools, so he enrolled there.

"I can always make a dollar or two performing weddings," he confided good-naturedly to his friends.

Soon his studies were considered excellent and he was placed among the group worthy of ordination as a minister in the First Christian Church. This brings us to the rainy night in the first paragraph.

Grady and Harold drove their old Ford down Highway 25 for several miles before seeing the sign welcoming them to Dry Creek, Kentucky. Population 800.

They sought and found the local First Christian minister, who had received a letter informing him that the two young evangelists would be arriving to conduct a brush-arbor meeting, which was a type of under-the-

trees gathering which was popular in those days.

The next night would be Friday and the two young men would begin their weekend revival meetings.

Harold would conduct the

first night's meeting. Meanwhile, Grady would spend the afternoon visiting townsfolk and inviting them to the services.

When Harold asked his congregation for input, there were several testimonies as to what

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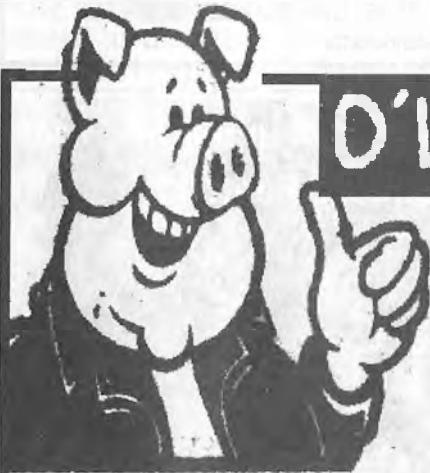
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With that the girls, not versed in the ways of churchdom, broke into a loud, stirring rendition of "The Wabash Cannon Ball." Young Harold was mortified but, not wishing to appear harsh, waited until the song ended, then proceeded calmly into his sermon.

Meanwhile, Grady was late in arriving at the meeting and totally missed the girls' discomfiting song. Harold didn't mention it to Grady, fearing it would bring further humiliation if the incident were told back at the school.

The next night, a Saturday, brought out the largest crowd of the weekend and it was Grady's night to preside. Meanwhile, Harold had stayed away, nursing a slight cold. Grady, unaware of the events of Friday night, called for congregational input. After the usual testimonies, the same two little girls stood up and said they had a song on their heart that they would like to share.

Grady wasn't quick enough to read "danger" in the whispered groans from the audience. The girls launched in to a popular song of the day: "Drinking RC

Colas, Eatin' Moon Pies and Singing Maple on the Hill."

Many years later Grady would laugh and tell that experience around the breakfast table at Aunt Eunice's Restaurant.

After coming to Huntsville as a radio sportscaster, he never again took up the ecclesiastical endeavor.

Instead, he fell into the full spirit of radio.

One day he was doing a 72

hour stay-awake radiothon from the window of Southern Furniture in downtown Huntsville when in came pretty Jean Parks, who had left her job at Willa's Dress Shop to grab a bite of lunch and to buy a sewing machine. As she entered, Grady was doing one of the corny characters for which he was noted. This one was Pappy Kadiddlehopper.

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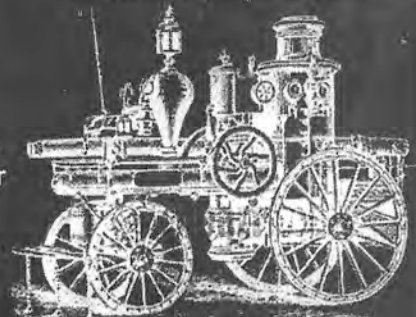
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thing I had ever heard." remembers Jean, who later became Grady's wife.

Sitting in broadcast-booth windows was a way of life with Grady. My own remembrances of Grady following my return from the Korean War was of him sitting in his Sky Castle, a record request booth perched atop Boot's Restaurant on The Parkway which was still under construction for the most part. Boot's was a drive-in burger place in those days.

But none of us had the pleasure to have been in the press box with sportscaster Grady at a football game in New Orleans the night he leaned out the window with his microphone and screamed so excitedly that his upper teeth, which were on a dental partial, went flying into the stands and into the lap of a hefty cajun woman who almost fainted at the sight. Often, during the throes of high excitement, Grady would let his mind drift too deeply into his work.

It was always a thrill being in the company of Grady. Sometimes it would be in Floyd's Barbershop or at the harness races at the Lincoln County Fair. You just never knew when unexpected excitement would break out.

So now, as we look back at all the times we've seen Grady waving from parades - he made 'em all - we have a much deeper insight as to where he was coming from.

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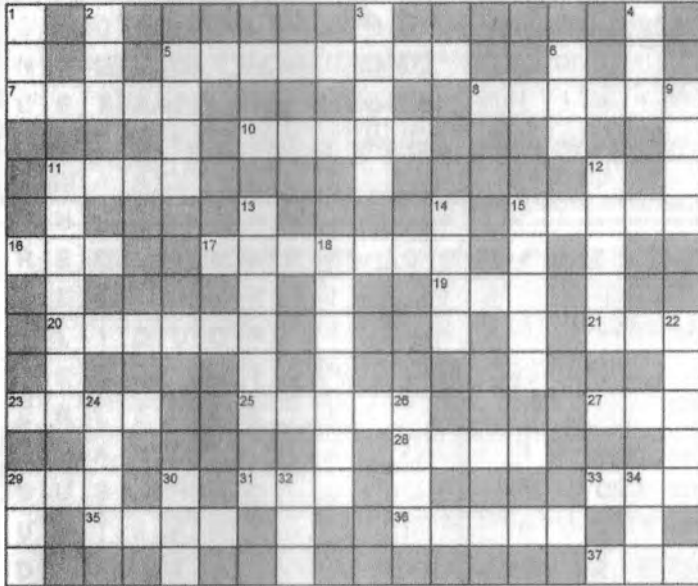
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17. Mark Lee & Jan Davis, First _____ couple to fly in space
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21. 109 German Scientists and their families became U. S. Citizens on "____ Citizens Day" in Huntsville, 1955
23. _____ Smith, Huntsville Mayor, 1907-1908
25. Huntsville _____, Huntsville's baseball team
27. First Street _____ in service, 1901
28. First white man to settle at the Big Spring
29. The Huntsville Shuttle _____ runs 11 different routes, 2006
31. _____ Town, One of Huntsville's Historic Districts
33. Several wells drilled in west Huntsville for Natural _____
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37. Construction on the Huntsville/Madison County _____ Port began, 1964

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13. Huntsville Slave who organized the first African Baptist Church in Alabama
14. "_____ OF THE SOUTH" a chronology of Huntsville, 1805-2005
15. CSA President Jefferson _____ Addressed a group in Huntsville, 1861
18. Little _____ enrolled in Oakwood College, 1958
22. The Early _____ Museum opened 1998
24. Huntsville's _____ Bordello closed in 1949
26. The General _____ Co. First shipment, 1946
29. _____ Cramer, Madison County District Attorney, 1990
30. The "TOP _____ LOUNGE", favorite gathering place for rocket scientists and engineers closed, 1989
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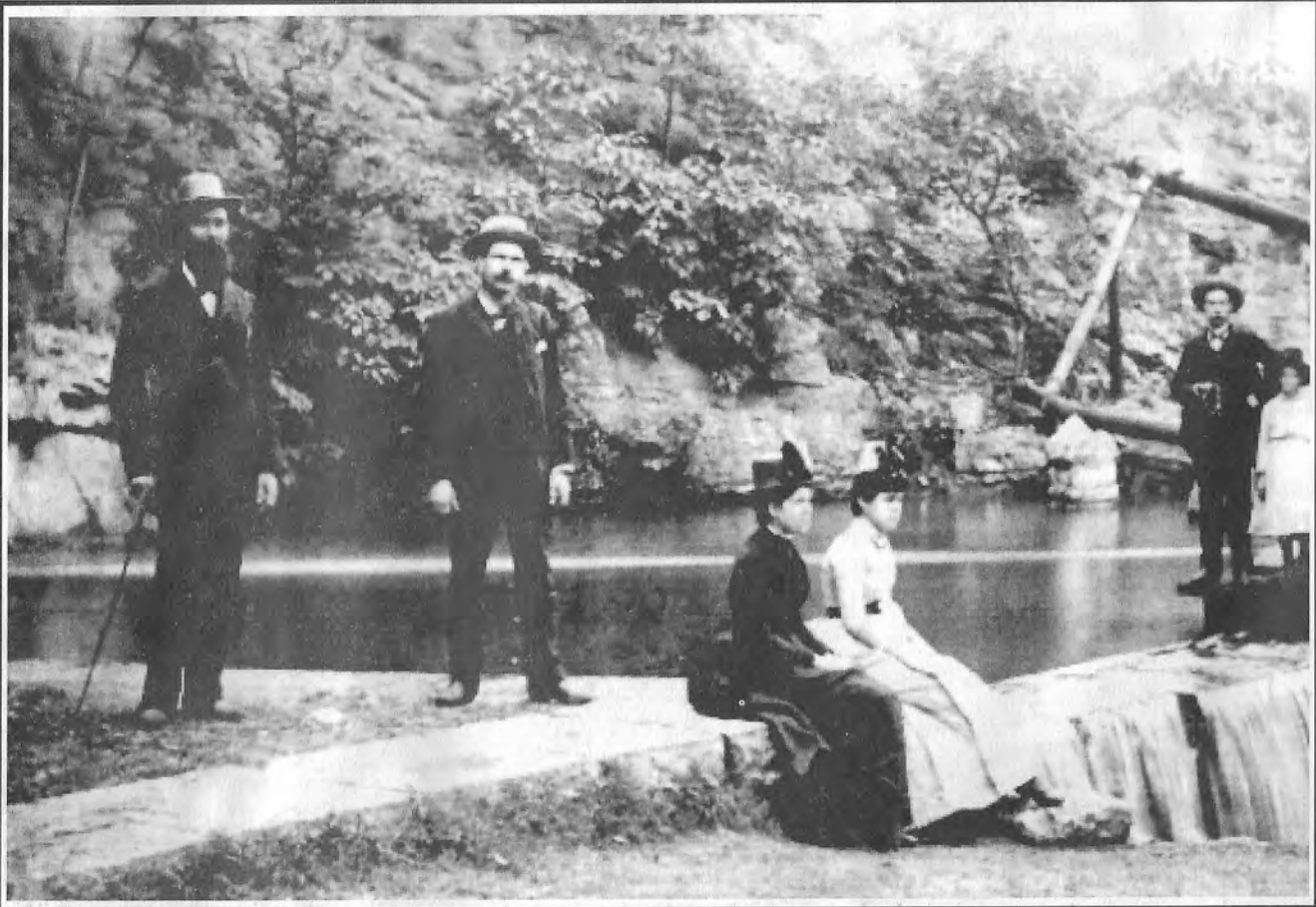
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