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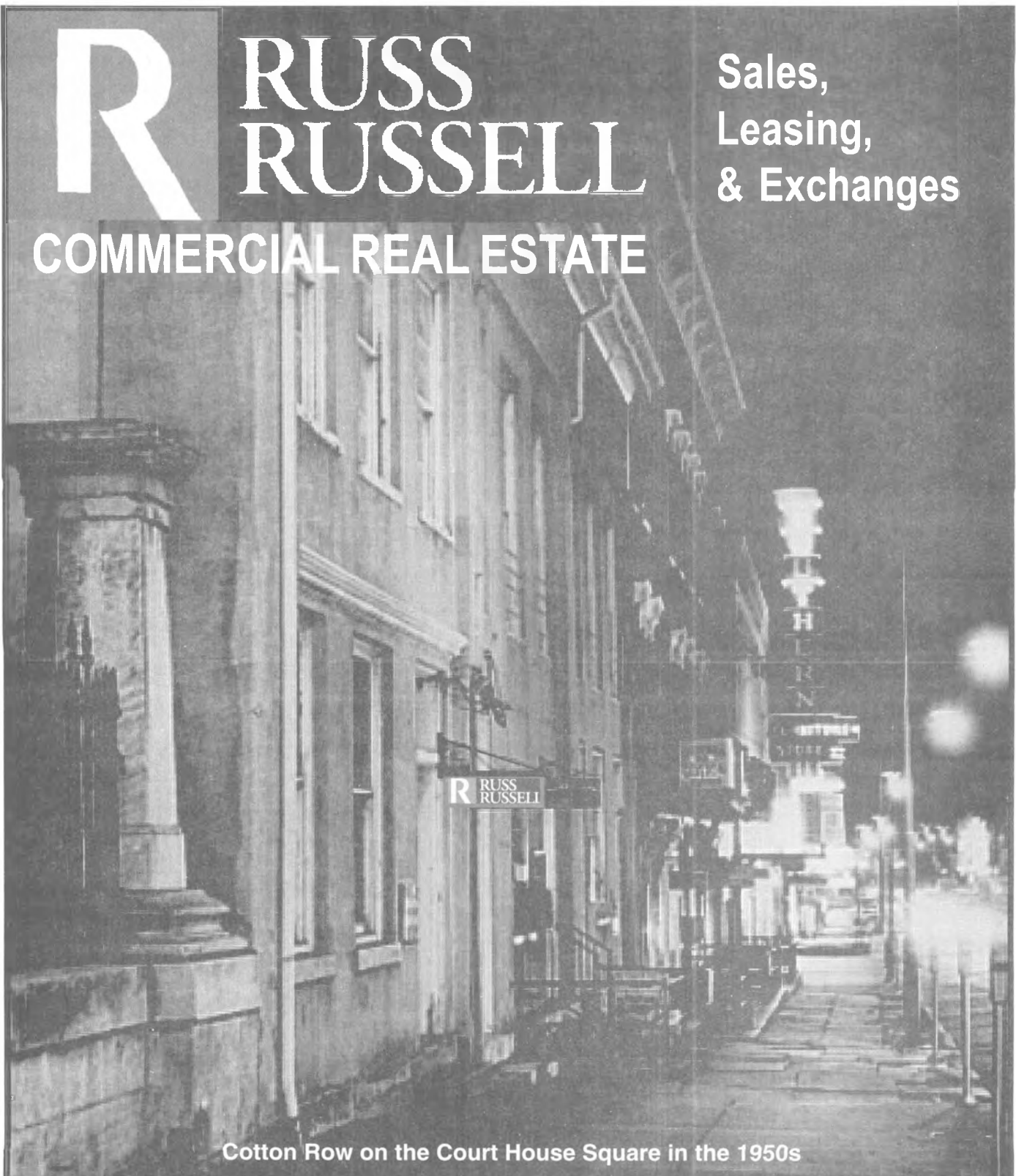
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The Mill Children

The news spread quickly throughout Dallas Village. Like a brushfire caught in cyclonic winds, the story passed from person to person, building on its own momentum and stirring emotions of anger and frustration that had been repressed for years.

Another young girl, Susie Priest, a ten year old mill worker, had been brutally raped. Crimes of this nature had become almost commonplace in the village but were usually ignored by most of Huntsville's citizens. Dallas Village was outside the Huntsville Police jurisdiction and the sheriff, who depended on the mill owners for political support, rarely ventured onto their turf.

The mill owners preferred it this way as it allowed for more control of the workers.

Anger among the mill workers had been building for months. Most of them were ex-sharecroppers who had fled the fields in search of a better life, lured by the promises of the mill owners in search of cheap labor.

The Utopian life that had been

guaranteed to the workers never materialized. Wages of 68 cents a day in 1892 for an able bodied male worker were reduced by 1900 to a mere 34 cents per day.

Even the homes that had been assured the workers seemed more like a fantasy than a reality. Dallas Mills had begun building a few "mill homes" in early 1900, but these were quickly claimed by the blue-coated foremen. The rest of the workers were forced to live in makeshift shanty towns, often with nothing but a piece of canvas to protect them from the weather.

The worst thing for the village residents, however, was the feeling of having become second class citizens. Families who for generations had been raised to be independent now found themselves reduced to being referred to as "lintheads."

From the groceries bought at the company store, to the firewood burned in the kitchen stove, to the mill whistle that sounded the wake up call at 4:00 in the morning, every aspect of life in the village was controlled by the mill owners.

But, however harsh the conditions, it was the children who suffered the most. There were no child labor laws and many families were forced to put their children to work in order to survive. Making an average of ten cents a



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day, children would report to Dallas Mills at 5:45 in the morning where they would labor until 6 that evening.

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A social activist of the time, Mrs. John Van Vorst, visited many of the mills and found conditions so appalling as to defy belief. One child, who was "going on twelve," had worked at a mill for almost four years. He had never attended school but worked a twelve-hour shift, six days a week.

Another child, working as a sweeper for ten cents a day, was only eight years old. He had been working at the mill for almost two years. Whatever maternal instincts the parents had were often suppressed by the overpowering need to simply survive.

On July 23, 1900, two sisters, Nellie and Susie Priest, 10 and 12 years old respectively, were on their way home for lunch break from Dallas Mills. As was their habit, they cut across the corner of a nearby field in order to save a few steps. Though they noticed a stranger loitering nearby, he was the last thing on

their minds. They had been working since 6:00 that morning and all they wanted to do was to eat lunch and rest for a few minutes before returning to the mill.

The man approached them, as if asking for directions, when suddenly he knocked Susie to the ground and grabbed Nellie by the throat. Screaming and fighting, Nellie managed to break loose, only to see the assailant turn his attention to Susie, who was lying helplessly on the ground.

Terrified, Nellie ran back to the mill for help.

Several men, enjoying a last smoke before returning to work, met her and after a brief questioning, gathered a group of other men to go with them in pursuit of the attacker.

The men found Susie Priest lying on the ground, curled in a fetal position, crying hysterically and with a trickle of blood running down her chin where she had been beaten. Her clothes had been brutally torn from her body and the ground bore evidence of the struggle that had taken place.

A brief round of questions established the assailant's name, Elijah Clark, a man twenty years old and employed part time as a teamster for a local freight company. Within minutes, more men had gathered at the scene. As they learned what had taken place, their frustrations began pouring

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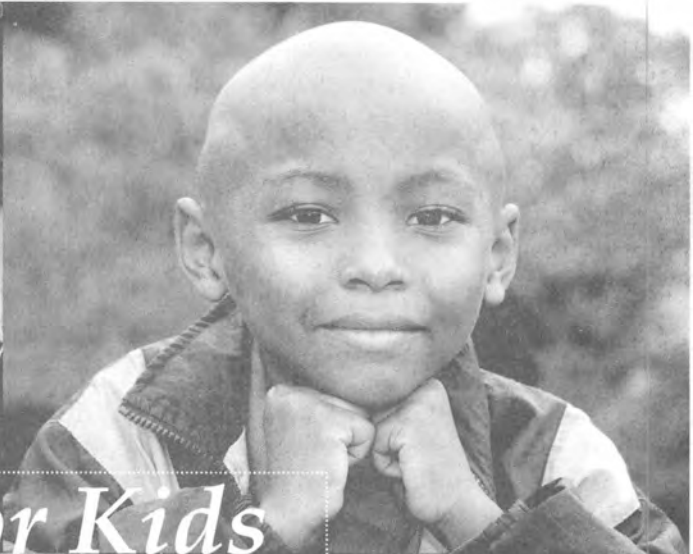
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"It ain't right," one man said. "They treat us like slaves, work us like dogs, and even our children ain't safe."

"If they would pay decent wages," another man cried, "our children wouldn't have to work and this would never have happened."

Suddenly the spell was broken by two mill foremen who pushed their way through the crowd. "Back to work," they ordered. "Anyone not going back to work will be docked for the whole day."

One of the men protested, saying that he was going to look for the assailant, "and the mill be damned." He was fired on the spot.

Silently, the other men reluctantly returned to the mill. Regardless of how badly they were treated, the men could ill afford to lose their jobs.

Though work resumed after lunch, there was a strong undercurrent of resentment growing among the workers. News of the rape was the topic of every conversation.

After digesting what was already known, people's anger invariably turned toward the mill owners for their callous policy of child labor.

Less than an hour later, with

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excitement already at a fever pitch, a ten year-old boy employed as a lamp filler was involved in an accident. A heavy piece of machinery had fallen and crushed one of his legs.

Again, the foremen were on the scene immediately, ordering people back to work.

As the workers watched the mangled boy being carried from the plant, the anger that had been building all day finally exploded. When one of the foremen grabbed a worker by the collar and ordered him back to work, the worker responded by knocking him to the floor.

Within minutes over 1,000 employees of Dallas Mills walked out, effectively shutting the mill down. News of the shut-down spread.

As the stockholders heard the news, they began calling the mill demanding that something be done. The mill manager in turn called the sheriff demanding the culprit who raped the young Priest girl be apprehended, "and fast."

Undoubtedly, the manager was hoping that with a quick arrest, things would return to normal.

Early the next morning, word spread around Huntsville that Elijah Clark had been arrested and was lodged in the jail. He had readily confessed to the rape of the young girl, though he was not sure what everyone was upset about. "After all," he said, "it was just a poor little mill girl."

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As was hoped by the mill owners, most of the employees returned to work. At first it seemed as if the affair was over. Though disgruntled, the employees went about their jobs. As the morning wore on however, people began remembering another case that had recently been tried in the courts.

Albert Thompson, a twenty-nine-year old cavalryman stationed in Huntsville, had raped a mill woman and was sentenced to only a few years in the penitentiary. That very day, the same judge had also sentenced a Negro to six years for "cursing" in the presence of women.

In their minds the mill workers probably saw Elijah Clark receiving the same sentence - a mere slap on the wrist, in their opinion.

Someone, no one is sure who, angrily declared that Clark should be lynched. With the unspoken words finally out in the open, it gave the workers a direction in which to vent their anger and frustrations. A mob began making its way toward the jail. Men, young boys, and in some cases even women, were

armed with shotguns, rifles and pistols. At every street corner the mob increased in size and anger as word spread.

Wives who had been preparing supper for their families, left the food sitting on the tables and joined the mob. Storekeepers, mechanics and lawyers all abandoned their businesses and joined the Dallas Mill workers.

Within the hour the jail was completely surrounded by a mob of almost two thousand people demanding that Elijah Clark be handed over to them.

Sheriff Fulgham had received word of the mob's intentions and had hastily deputized six men to help guard the jail. Though armed with repeating Winchester rifles, the deputies' bravado quickly disappeared when faced with the relentless and bloodthirsty mob.

Deciding to save their own skins, most of the deputies beat a hasty exit out the back door.

The sheriff, however, resolved to face the mob. Though inwardly sympathizing with them, he was nevertheless sworn to uphold the law.

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manded the keys, Fulgham declared they would "have to walk over my dead body first."

Angrily, the mob surged forward. Several of the men, armed with a large piece of timber from a nearby construction site, began battering the front door.

As the door gave way the mob was met by the sheriff and the few remaining deputies, who immediately opened fire. Will Vining, an electric light worker, fell to the ground, wounded by almost two hundred pellets of buck shot. The crowd hastily retreated, but only for a few moments.

Cheered on by thousands of Huntsville's citizens, the mob next procured several sticks of dynamite, which they placed by the jail. Again they asked for the sheriff to surrender and again he refused.

At this point Milton Humes and Daniel Coleman, two respected Huntsville businessmen, mounted a nearby buggy and began an impassioned speech, imploring the mob to return home.

Their efforts were met by loud jeers and a torrent of rocks.

The dynamite placed next to the jail had failed to explode, and one of the mob, after checking the fuse, relit it and threw it inside the jail. The explosive wrecked most of the downstairs, but fortunately the sheriff and his prisoner had retreated to the second floor.

Sheriff Fulgham, realizing the seriousness of the situation, told the few remaining deputies they

could leave if they wanted to. Both of the deputies left by jumping out a back window. They then joined the mob besieging the jail.

Next the mob decided to try to smoke the sheriff out. A barrel of oil, a large amount of sulphur and several bushels of chicken feathers were placed on the ground floor of the jail and lit. Moments later the jail was engulfed in a billowing cloud of nauseating smoke. The fumes were so bad that even the mob beat a hasty retreat.

Chief of Police D. D. Overton, who had been standing by and watching the crowd for some time, now asked to be allowed to enter the jail and try to talk the sheriff into surrendering.

After convincing Fulgham of



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the helplessness of his situation, Overton assisted the sheriff out of the jail where he was placed in the care of a doctor, who treated him for smoke inhalation.

With the sheriff out of the way, the mob surged to the second floor where Clark was lodged in a cell. Fulgham had wisely thrown away the keys and the mob was forced to use hammer and chisel to break into the cell.

The men went to work with a vengeance, interrupted only by a steady flow of sightseers filing through the jail. During this whole time, Clark sat in a corner of the jail softly moaning about the fate he was about to meet.

Finally the prisoner was taken into custody by the mob, and as they prepared to leave the jail one of its members mounted the jail steps and shouted:

"Now gentlemen, you must put up your guns. We are going to hang this man and if no one interferes, no one will be hurt."

Guarded by twenty armed men, Clark was escorted to the

home of Susie Priest, who readily identified him. By this time the crowd had grown to almost 2,000 people.

At this point Clark, frozen with terror, lost control of his legs and had to be carried. When he made an effort to escape, a rope was placed around his neck and he was half dragged the short distance to Moores Grove.

Waiting at the Grove was another crowd of approximately 4,000 people. This made a total of almost most 6,000 people taking part in the mob action.

The only pause in the affair came when they called for Will Priest, an elder brother of Susie, to throw the rope over a limb of the tree. After asking if Clark had any last words to say, Priest slapped the horse on its side, leaving the accused hanging by the neck.

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At first the crowd was silent, awed by the experience of watching a life being taken. For a full ten minutes, they simply stood and stared.

Suddenly, as if hanging itself was not enough, the young Priest grabbed a gun and began firing at the dead body swinging softly in the breeze. This served as a signal for others in the mob, who immediately began firing their guns also.

A witness later reported that over 150 shots were fired at Clark's body within a matter of minutes.

The mob slowly broke up and began returning to their homes. The only excitement left was when an occasional young boy, egged on by his companions, would dart up to the body to cut a piece of fabric from the dead man's clothing as a souvenir.

Dallas Mills opened the next morning, right on time. The workers, though still embittered, realized nothing else could be done, so the men, women and children

wearily returned to work.

The owners and manager of the mill quickly took steps to regain control over the workers. The ringleaders of the mob, as well as anyone else who had voiced a complaint, were fired.

Susie Priest, along with her sister, brother and parents, were also fired.

In an attempt to pacify city officials who blamed the mill for the destruction, the mill owners offered to pay for the rebuilding of the jail.

Needless to say, no one was ever tried for the lynching. Though there were over 6,000 people at the scene, the official explanation given was "no witnesses."



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In 1924 an exhibition of photographs taken by Lewis Hines was held in Huntsville. Hines had toured America taking photographs of children forced to work in subhuman and appalling conditions.

The photographs, in their stark black and white reality, portrayed the brutal and callous treatment of young children enslaved by the cultural revolution.

The event was well received by Huntsville's elite, with many people commenting on the cruelty of a system that would allow such a thing to happen.

The irony was that many of the captions had been removed from the bottom of the photographs to spare the feelings of the local business community.

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By Jerry Devers

Daddy was a cotton man. His daddy had been a cotton man before him, and his daddy before him. Cotton was all he knew. Mama said our family owned land once, back before the Civil War, but lost it to back taxes. If the story is true or not, I never knew.

I was four years old the first time I remember us moving in 1941. We were sharecroppers, working on quarters, on Mr. Higgins place, where the arsenal is now located. Working on quarters meant the land owner supplied everything, but for the labor and sweat, and we took a quarter of the profit. The government took the land we were farming to build a chemical plant. Daddy had twenty acres of cotton planted and the government paid Mr. Higgins for it as he was the land owner. Mr. Higgins gave us 30 days to move.

We moved to some bottom land down next to the river that was owned by Mr. Lenox. The house we moved into was a shotgun house; a house consisting of two rooms with a "dog-trot" (breezeway) separating the

rooms. We didn't have much furniture to move, just a table with a few chairs, a bed and a clock that had belonged to Mama's mother. What few clothes we had could fit into one box.

The land we moved onto had not been farmed for several years because most of the men were off at war and it was overgrown with brush. We spent the rest of that fall and winter clearing the land getting it ready for spring planting. Mr. Lenox gave Daddy a handwritten note to show to the owner of a store nearby so we could purchase food that winter. I think we were limited to ten dollars a month, and had to pay it back when the cotton came in. At about the same time Daddy purchased a pair of mules, on credit, so we could farm on halves. We were really moving up in the world,

we thought.

Daddy was in his element when the cotton was growing. For poor people, the only tangible results of a hard day's work were sore muscles, and Daddy was sore all the time. He seemed to carry his aches and pains as a badge of honor. During cotton season the house always smelled like liniment from Mama rubbing his sore back.

I've often wondered if Daddy and Mama really loved one another. If they did, they never showed it. Mama was only fifteen when she married and Daddy was twenty-nine. He had been married before but his wife died. Mama was her first cousin. Mama came from a family that was dirt poor and had nine children so I suspect her marriage was mostly just a way to get out of the house.



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We stayed on that land for about seven or eight years and although we never made any money, we always broke even. The land butted up next to the Arsenal and when they started testing rocket motors there in the early 1950s we could often hear them while working in the fields. Daddy used to call it "rocket thunder" and said it "wasn't natural to have all that thunder with no rain." He said it was going to "mess the weather up."

His words proved strangely prophetic when a drought destroyed the cotton crop the following year. Daddy had to sell his mules and we moved onto Mr. Jones place, working on quarters again. The house was in the middle of a cotton field, with no yard or garden. Mr. Jones would not allow any of his tenants to have a garden because it took up land where cot-

ton could be growing.

That was the first house we ever lived in that had electricity. It had a single bulb hanging from the ceiling of the kitchen.

The next few years were hard. Daddy went to town to try to get "government assistance" but was turned down because he was a sharecropper, and technically employed. Mamma used to make quilts from old rags and she had Daddy put her up a clothesline out next to the road. Almost every day, if we weren't in the fields, we used to sit out next to the road hoping to sell one to the Arsenal workers. Those quilts were our only source of income for a long time.

In 1954, Mamma developed cancer. The doctors said there was nothing to be done but she had Daddy borrow a truck to take her to Nashville where a preacher was having a healing revival. She died soon afterwards and then there was just Daddy and me.

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Daddy never talked. In all of my memories I can never remember a conversation we had. Mostly it was just "hand me that," "time to get up," or "go get some more firewood." After Mama died he grew even more silent.

That same year I got a part-time job at a grocery store but it didn't last long. When Mr. Jones learned I had a job he told Daddy that he had hired the whole family, and if we weren't going to live up to our bargain, then he wasn't either. I was back in the cotton field the same week.

Huntsville had three distinct classes of people at that time. There was "us," "them" and the Arsenal people. "Us" were the poor people and "them" were the people who owned the land and businesses. The Arsenal people were mostly outsiders who had little to do with any of us. Even when we went to school we never really mixed.

Schoolbooks had to be purchased back then and many families could not afford them. There used to be a business in town that seemed to have a monopoly on them; that was the only place you could buy them. People would trade their old books in and if they were in bad condition the store would throw them out. Many families, us included, would go to the store at night and rummage through the trash for text books. When the store realized what we were doing they started burning the books.

I dropped out of school when I was fourteen. We couldn't really afford me going to school and Daddy needed me to help in the fields. We moved several times in the next few years, with each place seeming to be worse than the last. Most cotton growers were using tractors and cotton-pickers by then and sharecroppers were left with the acreage that was barely profitable even in the best times.

I received my induction notice for the Army in 1955 and Daddy borrowed a car to drive me to the bus station. He didn't say much, he just gave me five dollars and when I looked out the bus window he was gone.

I was stationed in Italy when I received notice of my father's death. I learned later that they found him lying at the edge of a cotton field, with a hoe in his hand. There wasn't enough time for me to go home for the funeral, and afterwards there was no

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While in service I finished my education, got married and had three children. When I retired I went to work for an aerospace contractor in Denver, Colorado and in 1992 was transferred to Huntsville to work on a missile project.

We used to go on picnics on Monte Sano and sometimes, if the sky was clear, I could see where I used to pick cotton and where my mother used to sit by the road selling her homemade quilts.

But the fields have been replaced by subdivisions now and the road is now a modern four-lane highway.

My grand children sometimes ask me what it was like to grow up in Huntsville during the beginning of the space program.

I tell them it was different, a lot different, than what they read in history books.

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Sept 20, 1893

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The Hanging of Mills Jenkins

by Evelyn Hayden Hodge

Mills Jenkins was born 13 January, 1805 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He came with his parents, brothers, and sister to Madison County in the early 1800s and settled in what is now known as Big Cove. Mills Jenkins grew up to be a respected citizen and a prosperous farmer.

During the Civil War, cotton was such a necessary commodity that buyers paid for it in gold. Also during the war there was a group of men in Madison County known as scalawags, who had pledged allegiance to the Union only so they could prey on their neighbors. They would hang around the cotton market and make mental notes of who sold cotton that day. Then that night they would call on them and rob them of their money.

Mills Jenkins took a wagon load of cotton to Huntsville to sell, and he too was paid in gold. He had heard about the scalawags and how they took people's money, so he was determined that they would not get his.

After he arrived home that afternoon, he took his daughter with him out to the pasture gate. There he lifted a piece of timber, which he had buried between the gateposts. He put his gold coins in the trench and replaced the timber on top of them. He told his daughter that if

anything should happen to him she would know where the money was.

Just as he had suspected, along in the night, he heard "Hello, Hello." Mills pulled on his clothes and went outside. There they were - masked and on horseback. They told him they wanted his gold. He told them that he wasn't going to give it to them. They insisted, and he still refused. They threatened him, but he stood firm.

When the scalawags realized Jenkins was not going to talk they

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took him out to the pasture through the very gate where he had hidden his gold. There, after trying again to make him talk, they hanged him from a tree. When they thought he was dead, they cut him down and left him lying on the ground.

Sometime later, the dew and the cool night air helped to revive him. After he regained consciousness and made it back to the house he told his family what had happened. Though he assured them that he was all right, he decided to spend the rest of the night under the hay in the barn, just in case they came back looking for him. He later said that he recognized some of the men by their voices but he never sought revenge.

Mills Jenkins lived another twelve years until his death at age 70. His hanging was just another cruel incident in a war where neighbors fought neighbors.

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John Kendall of Madison County was arrested yesterday on the charges of selling his wife to Lem Nobles for the sum of 25 dollars.

Apparently all concerned parties were happy with the transaction until Nobles was informed that he was also the owner of six children, whereas he promptly complained of fraud to the Sheriff.

Both men are currently residents of the jail and are expected to stand trial soon. Mrs. Kendall, and her six children, are now residing at the home of Lem Nobles.

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Heard On The Street

by *Cathey Carney*



Congratulations to **Karey Cagle**, who was the first caller with a correct guess for last month's Photo of the Month. Her guess was that it was **Jackie Reed**, and she was correct! Karey is a crossing guard at the corner of Drake and Cerro Vista and says that she watches Jackie during the televised City council meetings.

Grandma **Lori Lougheed** is sure proud of her new grand daughter **Addaline McKenzie Staplers**. Happy mom and dad are **Emily Staplers** and **Jonathon Hollis**.

You won't want to miss **Floyd Hardin's** annual community picnic, starting at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7. It'll take place at the corner of Andrew Jackson Way and Stevens Avenue, near 5 Points and there'll be chicken, catfish, corn and lemonade, along with dessert. Best thing is - it's FREE!

We talked with **Danny Proctor** recently at Blackwater Hatties. He works as a carpenter and also a chef, and lives with his grandmother **Thelma Ballew**.

Happy Birthday to **Martin Burke** who recently celebrated his birthday with sweet wife **Address** at Redstone Village Retirement home, when they currently are residents. Their neighbors **Chuck & Annelie Owens** say they wish him at least another 10 more!

Ben Matthews, the owner of Madison Chapel Funeral Home in Madison, has sure led an exciting life so far, for such a young guy. He has volunteered to help in such places as Phuket, and worked side by side with people in NYC during 911. We're sure proud of him.

Mark C. Smith was a talented business man and philanthropist who did an amazing amount of good for Huntsville. It was with sorrow that we learned he had died recently, and we send our condolences to his wife **Linda**, daughter **Cynthia McKernan**, son **Clay Smith** and all their many friends and family.

It was great talking with **Connie Boyer** at Tropical Cafe Smoothie on 72, near UAH. I had to stop in to get my Ghirardelli Coffee fix! A special hello to her handsome dad, **Bob Boyer**, who lives in North Carolina.

Buddy Chapman is still looking good - we saw him out recently and caught up with him.

Robert Martin's mother, **Nell Campbell Martin**, knew **Ann Clopton** socially years ago. Ann was the lady who painted on cobwebs, and several of them are on display at Burritt Museum.

Someone else we saw recently was **J. L. Troupe** of Troupe Engineering. What an interesting guy!

A big Happy Birthday to our favorite cousin, **Ann Hill**. We still don't believe she is only 29 though.

The Huntsville Division Alumni Association made up of former **Thiokol employees** and their spouses, recently met at the Senior Center for their annual

Photo of The Month

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breakfast. Some folks we saw there were **Cecil Stokes, W.T. & Sue Powers, Ola Ann & Jim Lee, John L. Williams, John Brown,** and **Judy & Jack Godsey**. We also talked with **Carole & Tom Bryant, Don Royston, Jake Reep & Ernie LaRose. Charlie Jones** was looking really good, as were **Chuck & Annelie Owens**.

Glenn Watson is sure shaking a lot of hands lately. More and more folks are talking about his upcoming run for County Commissioner. That is sure going to be a race to watch.

Jeanne Herrin is SO proud of her son **Blake**, a sophomore at Huntsville High School, who recently was named All Metro for their Varsity football team.

We saw **Bill McClendon** at the Kaffeeklatsch downtown recently. He is a producer at WLRH and hosts a 7am morning show each Sunday that is very popular. He's also a really nice guy.

According to rumors out of Montgomery, it is looking more and more like **Jim Folsom** may be the next Governor. That is going to make a lot of people think twice about their future plans.

Howard and **Jan Camp** are the sweetest people. According to **Robert Martin**, their good friend, Howard is working on a new book and Jan is doing much better after breaking her arm. A special hello from Robert to his good friend & lawyer **Richard Tingle**, who has helped out many families of soldiers going to Iraq. Richard's the best.

Many may remember **Mary Shipp**, who worked at Mullins Restaurant for years, from 1985-1991. She is retired now and her daughter **Kathy** says that she just loves Huntsville and its great history.

We send our love to **Margaret** and **J.B. Tucker**, of New Market. They have recently gone through some medical problems and we wish them a speedy recovery & lots more fishing trips!

We loved talking with **David Wheeler**, manager of Green Hills Grille, recently. He was a great chef there for years and has moved into management recently

Georgi Hadewood recently had a great time celebrating her birthday with her good friends **Shirley Billingsley, Rusty Cook** and **Robert Sutton**.

We were so sorry to hear that **John Hicklin** of Scottsboro had died at home recently, after a fight with cancer. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife **Jane** and their family.

We send our love to the family of **Helen Greene**, a graceful, serene lady who had lived at Redstone Village nearly since it opened. Her dear friends were so sad to learn of her death.

Louie & Jane Tippett hosted friends recently at their Monte Sano home. There for a chili-cookoff were **Marie Hewitt, Cecil Ashburn, Bill Miller, Sr., Darryl & Linda Goldman, Johnny Johnston, Judy & M.D. Smith, Cathey & Tom Carney**, along with **Rene** and **Debra Fortner** & many more.

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- 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- 3 T. red wine vinegar
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. pecans

Break broccoli into small florets, peel stem and chop into small pieces. Place mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar into a large bowl and mix well. Add broccoli, onion, cheddar, bacon bits and toss well. Serve.

Submitted by Hannah Briggs

- 1/2 head red cabbage, chopped
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 c. slivered almonds (toasted)
- 1/2 c. sesame seeds (toasted)
- 2 pkgs. Ramen Noodles, uncooked and crumbled

Mix all together in large bowl, add almonds, sesame seeds and noodles just before serving.

Dressing:

- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 2 t. salt
- 1 t. black pepper
- 6 T. rice vinegar
- 2 t. Accent (optional)

Add dressing last, toss & serve.

Submitted by Jordan Sanders

- 3/4 stick butter
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- salt & pepper to taste
- garlic powder to taste
- slivered almonds

Cut bacon slices in half. Wrap each around a bundle of green beans about the size of a half dollar and secur with a toothpick. Place in a big casserole dish (9x13). Make a glaze with butter, brown sugar and seasoning. Pour over beans. Bake covered at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 10-15 minutes more. Sprinkle with almonds last 10 minutes.

Submitted by Kayla Sandt

Ramen Noodle Cole Slaw

Salad:

- 1 head cabbage, chopped

Green Bean Bundles

- 3 cans whole green beans
- bacon

Spaghetti Pizza

- 1 8-oz. pkg. spaghetti noodles
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Submitted by Katelyn Hurley

Rice Krispies Chicken

4 chicken breasts
2 c. Rice Krispies, crushed
1 stick margarine, melted

Dip chicken in margarine and then coat with Rice Krispies. Pour remaining Rice Krispies and margarine over the chicken. Place chicken in an 8 x 8" square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Enjoy!

Submitted by Zachary Prentice

Grandma's Lace Cookies

1 c. butter, softened
3 c. brown sugar, packed
1 egg
1/4 t. salt
1 t. vanilla or almond extract

4 c. quick rolled oats
1 c. pecans, ground fine

With your mixer, blend butter and sugar. Add egg, vanilla, salt and blend in the oats. Add pecans and mix well. Spray a light coating of oil on a cookie sheet. Drop small balls (use a melon baller) two inches apart and don't overcook. Bake at 325 degrees for 8 minutes.

The cookies will spread out & get thin, hence the name. Cool completely before removing them from the cookie sheet.

Submitted by Hannah Troup

Orange Balls

1 stick margarine, melted
1 12-oz. box vanilla wafers, crushed
1 6-oz. orange juice, frozen
1 lb. powdered sugar
1 1/2 c. walnuts, finely chopped

Mix all ingredients together except for the nuts and roll into small balls. Roll balls in the walnuts until coated evenly. Place in container between layers of wax paper. Refrigerate.

Submitted by Justin Prentice

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A Child Grows Up in Dixie

The author John M. Doyle was born July 22, 1847, the son of John William Doyle. The family lived on Madison Street and also owned a large plantation in the county. John Doyle was thirteen years old at the beginning of the conflict and his memoirs provide a rare glimpse into war time Huntsville as seen by a young boy. The following excerpts have been edited for space and clarity.

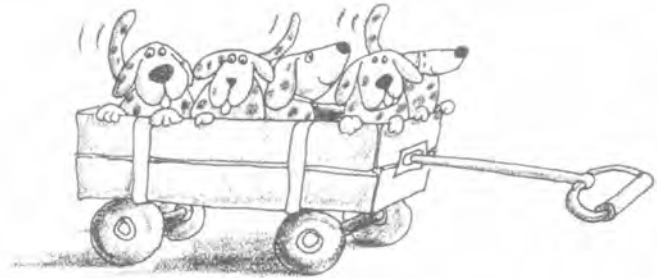
In 1860 war clouds were looming and men began gathering everywhere for the conflict. New companies were formed and being drilled on the muster grounds, and the boys were taking up military tactics and drilling with wooden guns and swords.

I was elected captain of one of the boy companies, and when the first company of soldiers was about to leave for the seat of war, I marched my little company about a mile from town to a deep cut in the railroad and hoisted my confederate flag to

cheer the soldiers as they passed in the cars. In half an hour the cars came thundering along. I formed my boys (with a flag) on each side of the cut and as the cars passed we waved our flags and raised deafening cheers. The soldiers joined in the chorus and

the band struck up the old tune "Home Sweet Home" and played on until the music died away in the distance.

In a few months more the country everywhere were filled with soldiers marching to and fro. A brigade of infantry, com-



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posed of men from Marshall, Blount, and Jefferson counties were encamped at Blue Spring four miles north of Huntsville, and it was called "Camp Jones" in honor of Col. Egbert Jones, the 4th Alabama Regiment of Infantry, his regiment having previously encamped and drilled on the same grounds, but had now been called into Virginia for active service.

I had several cousins in the camp at Blue Springs and would go out and spend several days at a time with them in camp. This gave me a desire to become a soldier, but I was too young (as they all said) yet my services may be needed before the close of the war.

My Father was running a daily hack line from town to camp for the accommodation of all who wished to pay one dollar for transportation to or from camp, and to keep me from running about, my father put me to driving the said hack. I did very well, until winter. I generally made four trips daily from town to camp and I well remember the last trip I made.

It was one night, and I had just returned from camp the fourth time that day and it had been raining very hard all day, the roads were awfully cut up but I had to go again that night. There were five officers who were obliged to go to camp that night, and there were five dollars to make and my Pa said I had to make it, so I drove to the Donegar Hotel where my passengers were awaiting me and after waiting out in the snow and sleet about a half hour, they came out, got

into the hack and commanded "Go ahead!"

I wished something would break or happen to prevent me landing those gentlemen safely to their quarters. I had their money and did not care. I had not gone more than half way, when going through a mud hole it was so dark I drove off the road against an old stump. I heard something crack. The horses stopped and everything was still for a moment only, when one of the commanding

officers again shouted out "Go ahead!"

I got out in the mud and water, which was over knee deep and examined as best I could in the dark, by feeling, for I could not see my hand before me, what the damages were. I found that both whippetree's were broken, and that it was useless to try to proceed any farther with the hack. Thus I reported to the "gentlemen" on the inside. They quarreled, they cursed and yelled and wanted to know how they were to get out of

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the mud hole.

In the meantime I was taking the horses loose from the hack. This done I mounted one and started out, leading the other, leaving the "gentlemen to get out the best they could."

October of the year 1861 came and we began gathering our crops and hauling it home. The glorious news of victory from the seat of war, now became the password with everyone, every news paper was sought with eager hands, to glance at the column headed with "war news".

In every column thus headed; gave victory and success to our confederate armies. The people were delighted and celebrating the laurels thus won everywhere. But alas the sad news came that Nashville had been captured and occupied by the Yankees.

On the morning of the eleventh day of April, 1862, about day break, the sleeping citizens of Huntsville were awakened by the pealing thunder of cannon.

The Yankees had come. They were everywhere in Huntsville, and were firing cannons at several car loads of sick and wounded confederate soldiers who were trying to escape. They captured all except 1 carload that was a little ahead of the others, which made good their escape through the gauntlet of shot and shell.

The yankees now occupied Huntsville and as soon as the place became a little more calm from the excitement I went out to examine the Yankees. I found that they did not have long tails or claws like a lion as was reported - especially to the juveniles and negroes - but found them to be real living creatures like myself or any one else.

The Yankees occupied Huntsville until the last of November 1864. During the latter part of 1863, I became acquainted with a young yankee soldier and soon found that he sympathized with the south and seemed to be anxious to desert his army and join the Rebs.

Frank C— (the union soldier) and I were nearly always together. He was two or three years my senior and we were good friends. One day I proposed slipping the pickets with him and going to Dixie to join the Rebel Army. He consented, and a

day was set for us to leave. A day or two after I met a friend and associate of mine. Hugh M— and informed him of our project. He was as willing to go as Frank and I were.

Our stable and lot had been taken by the Yankees and used for the forage wagon train. They were constantly foraging the country for grain under heavy guard. I soon made myself acquainted with one of the teamsters Billie W — and got his consent to let Frank, Hugh, and I go with him in his wagon on a forage trip. As luck would have it the wagon train was going down near the Tennessee River on the very day we had set for our departure, I soon informed Frank and Hugh of the fact and we made immedi-

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ate preparations for leaving.

When we arrived at the picket post the officer commanding demanded our pass. Billy told him he would be responsible for our safe return and that we were his friends and so we were allowed to pass. We were going through the woods at a very brisk gait, talking of our successful escape from the wagon train, and how we were to cross the river, and of what company we would join, when we were suddenly startled by a loud exclamation "Halt"

We had come upon an unexpected picket post which had been placed there to guard the approaches to the wagon train from molestation. We were so completely surprised that we did not have time to invent an excuse. I mustered courage enough to tell them that we came out with the forage train and was then looking for another plantation where we expected to find an abundance of corn and oats.

They did not believe me and said that "He were trying to go to the Rebs" across the river. We were put under guard and carried back to the wagons. The guard told the Captain that we were arrested by them at the picket post near the river and that he believed we were attempting to cross the river to join the Rebels.

We were then kept under guard until, we got back safe to Huntsville and Hugh and I were discharged, but Frank being a soldier was accused of an attempt to desert and confined in the guard house for several days.

We had two horses and a carriage left us and a lady was in town who lived in Guntersville and wanted to go home.

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We agreed to take her as far as Deposit on the Tennessee River in the carriage. We arrived at Deposit about sunset and stopped over for the night. Mr. Scott was the owner of the place. The house was located on a high bluff about fifty yards from the river. The yankees had never been there before.

Breakfast was announced by the ringing of a bell. We started to breakfast, and had just reached the yard gate when we saw the Yankees coming in a gallop toward the house.

I hollowed out "Yankees Coming!" Mr. Scott and old Mrs. Scott who was very large and fleshy came to the door. One glance convinced them of the fact. They told their sons to leave quickly and take every negro with them. They all ran up into the mountain, the old woman following, but she was too fleshy to run fast and the yankees overtook her and assured her they would not harm her and sent her back to the house. The others made their escape.

Breakfast was on the table smoking and hot and nobody to partake except myself and brother with the Yankees. After breakfast one of the Yankees pressed (took) one of my horses and had saddled him ready to leave and put his old horse in the stable for me. As soon as he saw that my horse was better than his he drew his sabre and struck his horse on the leg to have an excuse

to take mine. I went to the Captain and with tearful eyes I told him of my loss. He asked me several questions and then ordered the man to restore my horse to me. He was compelled to ride his own lame horse and he was afterwards punished for laming his horse with his sabre.

Brother Joe and I then hitched up and drove home. The yankees destroyed the ferry boat and carried off several horses from old Mr. Scott. Then and there they found out what yankees were!

A few months after this (1863) Huntsville was evacuated by the Yankees. The Rebels immediately took possession of the latter place and captured a locomotive and cars from about two hundred negro soldiers who had returned with the cars to carry off some contrabands that had been left behind.

Thomas Jordan took advantage of the evacuation and raised a company of volunteers in Huntsville. The long wished fortune had come and I had an opportunity to become a soldier and I did so. I went forthwith to Captain Jordon

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and registered my name on the roll and was sworn in as a soldier. The next day the company was called together to elect officers. We marched to the muster grounds and elected Thomas Jordan captain, William Rison 1st. Lieutenant, Alexander Bently 2nd lieutenant, Jas E. Scat, Sergeant.

We spent the balance of the evening in drilling. The next day at 12 o'clock was appointed for the company to meet and organize and go into regular camp. Accordingly the company met on the square and was formed in a line for inspection, which occupied about an hour. After the officer finished inspection our captain rode around in front and pronounced the Company ready for action, well armed, and equipped with good horses.

I was summoned by a patrol to appear at quarters and prepare for leaving as the yankees were coming.

Having been driven from our homes several times by false rumors I did not hurry but took my time when I bid my parents a long farewell. I proceeded half-way to quarters when I met a crowd of citizens fleeing on the street as if their lives were at stake. They told me the yankees were on the square and my company had left a few moments ago.

I returned home and told my parents the facts and told them

also that I intended to leave on foot as I could not get to my horse. They begged me to stay at home, as there was no hope for our independence. Our soldiers were deserting thousands at a time and besides small armies were surrendering every week.

I knew it and felt the truth of it but still I deemed it my duty to linger with our fast fading cause until the last spark of existence had disappeared.

I attempted once again to return to my unit which was bivouacked near the railroad station. A short distance from home I met another soldier of my company who was leading his horse. Before I could make his escape the Union soldiers had blocked all the streets leading out of Huntsville.

We were at our gate and the yankees were coming down the street. I put my horse in a stable belonging to a widow lady who lived next door to my father, requesting her to claim the horse. In the mean time the yankees were riding on every street and we were completely surrounded. There was no possible chance of escape. We returned home and donned our citizen's attire and awaited events. That night the citizens of Huntsville passed a sleepless night.

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to the northeast corner of the square where we were not so much annoyed by the Yankees.

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A day of mourning was set for every city, town, and village, to observe, "strictly, as the Yankees commanded."

On the day appointed Huntsville wore a sad appearance. All public buildings were trimmed in crepe. Every business house was closed by order of the military authorities. The citizens did not drape their houses, the yankees did it for them. The citizens seemed more cheerful as they thought there was yet a chance to save the Confederacy.

The next day brought sorrowful news to our downtrodden people, news that General Lee with all his army had surrendered.

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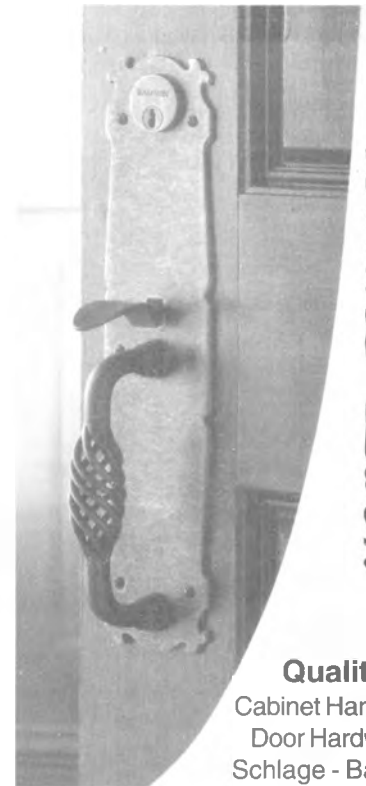
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To my wife, Mary, who has remained steadfast at my side for sixty-three years I leave a lifetime of memories and love along with my sorrow at the many times I have caused her anguish.

It is my hope that the good days will heavily outweigh the bad days.

In addition, I leave her our home and farm, with all its furnishings, implements and livestock that she might live her remaining days in a comfortable manner in which she deserves.

In addition, I leave her all my stocks and bonds currently on deposit with the Chattanooga Trust Bank, in addition to any other monies due my estate, that she may continue to derive income from such.

For my oldest son, John, I leave the amount of ten thousand dollars to be paid up on the tenth anniversary of my death, or on the occasion of his mother's death, on the condition he visits her every week and continues to maintain the relationship of a loving son.

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For my son, Perry, who has caused his mother and I so much grief for so many years, I leave the amount of three thousand dollars which is in a metal box, buried on the farm in a location known only to me.

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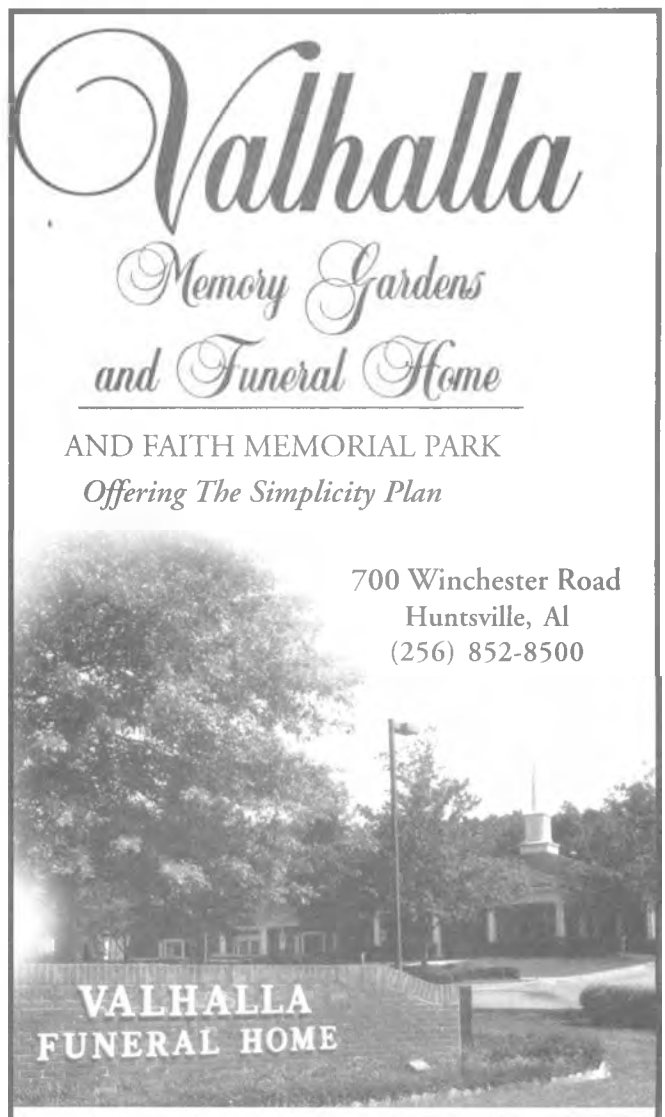
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Mr. Sims did not know the year in which he was born, and there is some disagreement among the people as to the exact year.

Mr. Sims was a bright-eyed boy when his father, William Sims, helped collect and carry

the Cherokee Indians west of the Mississippi River in 1836-38.

He was not a success in a financial way as most people count success; though his word was equal to his bond in any business transaction.

In regard to his religion, he believed he was prepared to meet Jesus in the great judgment, though he was not a church member.

He never had a lawsuit or used a pair of glasses to read. There never lived in this part of the state a greater hunter or a better marksman, he has killed

as many as three deer, or ten or eleven turkeys in one day. Of course game was plentiful then. Once he bought thirty cents worth of ammunition and with this shot 29 shots and killed 28 turkeys.

In those days when shooting matches were common, he was often ruled out. On one occasion, just south of Woodville, at one of these shooting matches in which such great marksmen as Bunt Peters and Frank Cotton engaged, Mr. Sims shot three times for James Whitaker and got the first three choices of the

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He was the champion walker of this section of the country, walking sixteen miles one day in January of this year. I have known him often to walk ten miles and not sit down to rest at the end of the journey.

He was an expert with the ax. When the old Memphis and Charleston railroad was built through Jackson County in 1853-54, he helped get the sills for the bridge across Paint Rock River. Irving Kerr and he sawed with a whipsaw thirty thousand feet of cedar lumber 7 feet long and 4 inches broad, to make the first tank-tubes used on this railroad.

In the Civil War he was drafted

in the Confederate Cavalry in 1862 and served under Capt. Henry Smith, and while in this service rode a horse across the Tennessee River five times; twice in West Tennessee and three times in Alabama.

In July, 1864, he joined Captain John B. Kennemer's Union Scouts and Guides and was for several years the sole surviving member of this company. His life was spent within the territory that was once Decatur County, except two years just after the Civil War spent in Indiana where his first wife Matilda Mays died and was buried. He then returned with his three children to Alabama, and married Sarah A. Davis, with whom he lived 57 years till her death.

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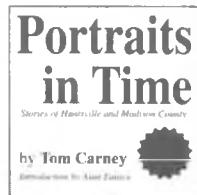
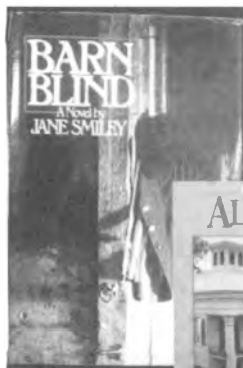
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Battle at the Baptist Church

by Charles Rice

Christian churches are supposed to be Houses of the Lord, places of sanctuary where one can go to escape the worries and woes of the everyday world. However, a Baptist Church in Huntsville's Lincoln Mill village became anything but that one strange September night some half a century ago. In fact, the sleepy little church suddenly exploded into a raucous free-for-all in which the women matched the men in ferocity.

The bizarre incident apparently came about at least in part over the efforts of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) to unionize the mill workers during those bleak depression years of the 1930s. Union backers felt the CIO would stand up for their rights and improve their standard of living. Union foes feared the Northern owners would retaliate by closing the mills and moving elsewhere, something the Yankee capitalists had already done several times in the South.

The labor dispute seems to have spilled over into the church, where Rev. C. V. Headrick enjoyed the backing of the union. The CIO's opponents had become dissatisfied with their minister, apparently feeling he was meddling in matters that didn't concern him. There were other complaints against the preacher as well, but the union dispute obviously was the major grievance. Headrick's adversaries already had tried several times to have him replaced. On the night of September 3, 1939, their impatience finally got the bet-

ter of them.

Rev. Headrick was presiding at a conference in the divided mill village church. William Adcock, the local CIO leader, was on hand to give his support to the clergyman, which can only have angered the union opponents. Near the end of the meeting, a woman member of the congregation at last rose from her seat and forcefully shoved the preacher out of the pulpit. Other women quickly intervened, and the Lincoln ladies went at it hammer and tongs—kicking, punching, kneeling, slapping and pulling hair.

Not to be outdone by their spouses, the male members of the congregation promptly chose up sides and joined in the brawl. World War II was just breaking out in Europe, but a visitor at the Huntsville church might

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Tensions obviously remained high and Christian behavior was clearly the loser that day in Lincoln Village.

In fact, it was later learned that another fight had taken place nearby several hours earlier on Meridian Street. A union organizer named Pearson had called a nonunion worker named Sharpe a "scab" and several other uncomplimentary names. Sharpe took offense and attacked Pearson.

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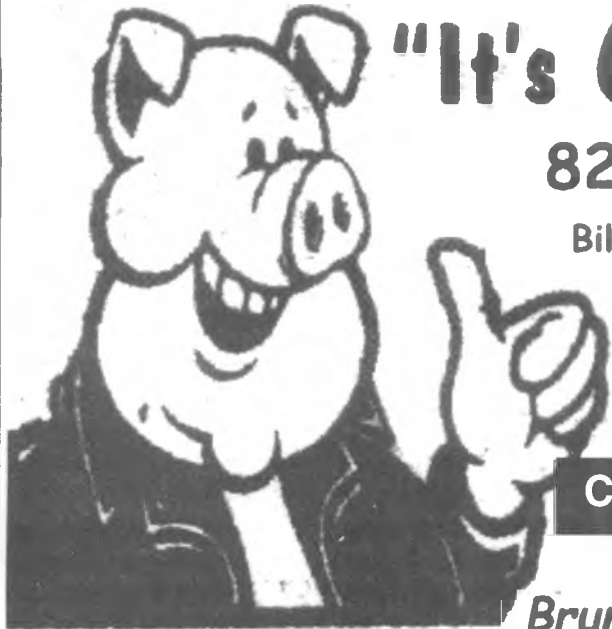
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So far there ain't much to do in camp cause we don't have no guns yet. Jim H. is here with me and he got in a spite of trouble for fighting with some Indiana boys.

One of the saloons tried not to sell the men drink so the boys tore the place up good. John G. got cut up bad but nothing too bad.

There is a good many negro soldiers here but they are camped some place else. They are a sight to see when they go strutting around town but the people here can't say nothing. No one wants to fight with them for they all carry knives.

The men say we are not going to be here long and then we will go to Cuba. They can have it as far as I know. If I had known what this army life was I would have stayed home.

The men here are not bad but they charge two times for everything and won't give you time of day unless you pay for it.

There is ahouse here but they charge to much so a common soldier can't afford them. About the only people who go there are officers and they have plenty of money. There is nothing else going on in Alabama to write about so brother I will close for now.

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The News from 1907

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- On Saturday last, at New Market in this county, a young man, George Norris, raised a difficulty with another young man, Bud Powers, and the town mar-

shal, William Mullins tried to arrest him. Norris drew his knife and resisted arrest. Mullins struck Norris with his stick; and a young man, William Fuqua, threw a stone at Mullins, striking him on the head and knocking him senseless.

Attempts were made by other citizens to arrest Norris and Fuqua, but they drew their guns and the citizens being unarmed, they made their escape. Parties have been out hunting them, but to no avail, and it is supposed they have left the country.

- Near Huntsville on Sunday last, a boy killed his father. The facts, as told to us, are that the boy left the house of his father, Hawk Houston, and went to the farm of Mr. Wm. R. Day, and Hawk went after him, and told him he intended to whip him, when he got him home.

The boy got home first, and seizing a shotgun, fired the load into his father's heart. It is stated, almost incredibly, that the father, although shot and badly bleeding, drew a revolver and fired twice at his son as he ran off.

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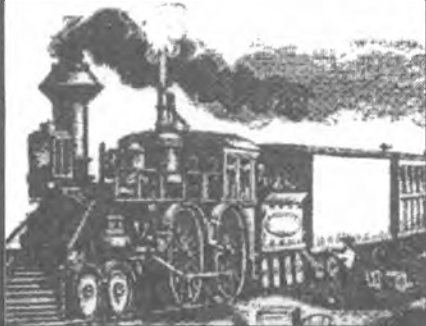
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- No master, overseer, or head of a family must permit any slave to be or remain at his house, outhouse, or kitchen, without leave of the owner or overseer, above four hours at any one time; and for every such offence he forfeits ten dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, by any person who may sue for the same.

- Any owner or overseer of a plantation, or householder, who knowingly permits more than five Negroes, other than his own, to be and remain at his house, plantation, or quarter, at any one time, forfeits ten dollars for each and every one over that number unless such assemblage is for the worship or for burial service, and with the consent of the owner or overseer of such slaves.

- No slave must go beyond the limits of the plantation on which he resides, without a pass, or some letter or token from his master or overseer, giving him authority to go and return from a certain place;

and if found violating this law, may be apprehended and punished, not exceeding twenty stripes.

- If any slave go upon the plantation, or enter the house or outhouse of any person, without permission in writing from his master or overseer, or in the prosecution of his lawful business, the owner or overseer of such plantation or householder may give, or order such slave to

be given, ten lashes on his bare back.

- Any railroad company in whose car or vehicle, and the master or owner of any steamboat, or vessel, in which a slave is transported or carried, without the written authority of the owner or person in charge of such slave, forfeits to the owner the sum of fifty dollars; and if such slave is lost, is liable for his value, and all reasonable ex-



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- No slave can, under any pretense, keep a dog; and for every such offence must be punished by any justice of the peace with twenty stripes on his bare back.

- Riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, trespasses, and seditious speeches by a slave, are punished, by the direction of any justice before whom he may be carried, with stripes not exceeding one hundred.

- Any slave fire hunting in the night time, must be punished with thirty-nine lashes, by order of any justice before whom he may be carried.

- No slave can own property, and any property purchased or held by a slave, not claimed by the master or owner, must be sold by order of any justice of the peace.

- Any slave who writes for, or furnishes any other slave with any pass or free paper, on conviction before any justice of the peace, must receive one hundred lashes on his bare back.

- Any slave who preaches, exhorts, or harangues any assembly of slaves, or of slaves and free persons of color, without a license to preach or exhort from some religious society of the neighborhood, and in the presence of five slave holders, must, for the first offence, be punished with thirty-nine lashes, and for the second, with fifty lashes; which punishment may be inflicted by any officer

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- Runaway slaves may be apprehended by any person, and carried before any justice of the peace, who must either commit them to the county jail, or send them to the owner, if known; who must, for every slave so apprehended, pay the person apprehending him six dollars, and

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Hitler is feared by some of his opponents, but some hope he will be less dangerous in office than in the street commanding his storm troopers. Others believe Hitler's thirst for power will be checked by the coalition Cabinet that was largely assembled by the deft political skills of former Chancellor Franz von Papen. But Hitler

showed little restraint in his first proclamation.

"The National Socialist Party knows that the new government is no National Socialist Government," the chancellor declared in the proclamation, "but it is conscious that it bears the name of its leader, Adolf Hitler. He has advanced with his shock troops and has placed himself at the head of the government to lead the German people to liberty."

Many Communist agitators started milling in the streets of Berlin as soon as news of Hitler's title was no longer a secret. They plastered walls with handbills calling for a nationwide general strike.

Violence erupted when 100 Nazis were walking home after a pro-Hitler demonstration. A police officer accompanying them was shot to death.

Gandhi Out of Jail

Mahatma Gandhi has been released from government detention in the Poona Civil Hospital after doctors warned that his fast was endangering his life. Gandhi, who undertook the fast eight days ago in protest over being arrested again by British authorities, weighed 90 pounds at the time of his release.

Two doctors who examined Gandhi on his release from the hospital said there was no cause for alarm over his condition. There was considerable speculation over what the nationalist leader would do upon regaining his strength. The authorities have already said he will be arrested if he continues his protest.

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Bank robber John Dillinger and six accomplices are being held in a Tucson, Arizona jail, awaiting extradition to Indiana. Dillinger is wanted for the murder of a policeman two weeks ago during a bank holdup in East Chicago, Indiana.

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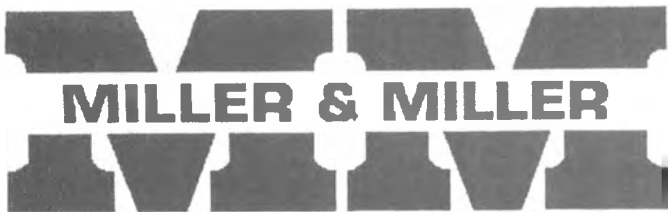
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by Larry Weiss

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Many years later Miller told his son Buddy, how he felt after he read the notice: "I was mad as hell. I had traveled half way around the world to find a place where I could live in freedom, and I'll be damned if I was going to let those sons of b.....s run me out of Huntsville!"

Miller had immigrated to the United States in 1913. "Ever since I could remember, I wanted to leave Russia and come to America," he would tell his children in later years. In the

Czar's Russia, Jews were periodically attacked by anti-Semitic thugs who stole property, burned homes and businesses, and vented their hate by murdering Jews. Louis only had a seventh grade education by the time he arrived in New York because anti-Jewish quotas in Minsk schools prevented him during some years from attending class.

Miller later said that the most beautiful sight he had ever seen was the Statue of Liberty as the ship which brought him to the United States pulled into the harbor of New York. The statue represented a dream that he had ever since he was "old enough to think." He wanted to

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Hebrew. It was an honorable profession, but paid very poorly. Just before Louis left Minsk to come to America, his father said to him: 'We have a lot of famous Rabbis and people well known in our family. If you change your name as most people do when they go to America, nobody will know who you are.'

Label Mishkind - Louis Miller's name at birth - promised his dad that he wouldn't change his name in America. It turned out, though, that Label couldn't keep his promise. He stayed with his older brother in Brooklyn who had already Americanized his own name to "Miller" when he first came to this country. Before Label could speak English people had already started calling him "Louis Miller" because of his brother. After some time, Label Mishkind legally changed his name to Louis Miller because everybody called him that anyway.

Miller thrived in the freedom of the new land. By day he worked for his brother who owned a small candy store, and by night he went to school to learn English and take citizenship classes. Patiently, he studied, worked and saved his money, determined to become an American citizen. He had already fulfilled the dream for which generations of his family had prayed - he was in a country where a person was judged by his own merit and free to practice his own religious beliefs.

After a few years in New York,

Louis ventured out to Paris, Tennessee, to visit a sister who lived there. His first exposure to Southern culture came as somewhat of a shock. He later laughed as he told the story of how people he passed in the railroad station would smile and say, "Good morning, how are you." As he walked down the street complete strangers greeted him in a friendly manner. This was quite unusual, but certainly pleasant for the young immigrant.

Miller chuckled in later years as he remembered his feelings, "I thought I must have looked like somebody they knew,

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otherwise they wouldn't be speaking to me. In New York people who lived next door to each another rarely spoke to one another, much less complete strangers."

After Miller realized it had not been a case of mistaken identity, but rather that the South was simply a friendlier place than New York, he decided to settle here. Traveling down to Decatur, Alabama, he quickly found a job, and sent his brother a telegram asking him to pack up his stuff and send it south.

Hard work and attention to details soon made Miller a prized employee, and when his boss purchased another company in Huntsville in 1918, he asked Miller to manage it for him. The company, named the Tennessee Poultry and Hide Company, dealt in items such as poultry, hides, eggs, furs, wild roots, scrap iron, and wiping rags. The store quickly became a boon to the community and began to prosper. For many of the rural farmers it proved to be a blessing in the off season when they were unable to farm. Whole families would gather ginseng and run trap lines for furs which Miller bought, often providing the only income they had during the winter months.

The community soon learned that Miller was a fair man, paying fair prices and keeping his word. In time, his reputation literally became the business, a fact that his employer probably realized when he agreed to sell the company to Miller.

Louis Miller was an asset to his adopted hometown. He joined the local Temple, became active in community affairs and was an outspoken advocate of the individual right to freedom.

Unfortunately he was so outspoken he soon came to the attention of the local Ku Klux Klan.

Huntsville's original Klan had been founded

in 1867 as a means to combat the consequences of Reconstruction. In 1872, after a Congressional hearing held in Huntsville exposed many of its brutalities, the Klan disbanded only to rear its ugly head again in the early 1900s in response to the release of the film, "Birth of a Nation."

By 1920 the Klan had become a powerful organization in Huntsville. They had their own laws and government and even conducted their own trials. They had become, as one historian put it so aptly, "the invisible government."

Businessmen felt they had to belong in order to do business, and politicians felt they had to belong in order to do politics. Even if you did not agree with them, the local wisdom was that it was better to keep your mouth shut. In a perverse fairness it must be stated that the local Klan did not discriminate - they hated everyone equally - Blacks, Jews, foreigners, and Northerners.

Miller fitted most of the above criteria, a fact that the Klan quickly realized.

Louis Miller hated the Klan, and he publicly took issue with them. He simply could not understand how, in a land of the free, a group of bigoted night-riders could

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intimidate a whole community. In his anger at the Klan he said in public more than a few times that, one day, he was going to buy those Klan robes and tear them up into wiping rags.

He had no idea at the time of how prophetic his words would prove. Miller's threats infuriated the Klan who soon put out word that he was a marked man.

After finding the Klan eviction notice on his door, Miller sent word to the Klan leaders that if they came after him, he would be ready for them. At five-foot-four he was not physically a very imposing man, and he wasn't really a very good shot, either. However, at that time there was a shooting gallery next door to the Tennessee Poultry and Hide Company. Every day Louis visited the gallery, plunked down his money, and practiced shooting with rifles and pistols. After a while he became a superb marksman, a fact he made sure that everyone knew. He also made sure that the Klan realized that if they came after him, they might get him, but they were likely to lose some of their own in the process.

Still, despite his bravado, he realized the danger. He constantly kept a gun close by, at work and at home. His orders to his wife were: "If anybody knocks at night when I am not at home, don't open the door." Not knowing when the Klan might come after him, Miller would answer the door with a rifle or pistol in hand.

The citizens of Huntsville probably expected a bloody confrontation, most likely ending with someone lying dead in the streets, but suddenly, for no apparent reason, the Klan stopped its harassment of Miller. It would be years before he ever knew the reason why.

Miller had a few friends and business acquaintances who were also members of the Klan, and it was one of them who eventually told him the whole story.

The Huntsville Klan had put Louis Miller on trial in absen-

tia at a special Klan meeting called for that purpose. Louis was charged with speaking in public against the Klan. Among other specific examples, he was charged with insulting the Klan by threatening repeatedly in pub-

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lic to tear their robes into wiping rags.

The trial was a major event in the local Klan community. Both a prosecuting attorney and a defense attorney were designated. The man who eventually told Louis the story offered to serve as defense attorney. Klan members in the hall were the jury.

When it came time during the trial for the defense attorney to say his piece, he argued, "I've known Louis Miller for a number of years. In fact I've known him ever since he came to Huntsville. He left Russia to find a place of freedom - I know that because he told me. Yes, he is in disagreement with the Klan. Louis Miller has a right to speak against us just as any other American does. He even has the right to speak against his government, but he is speaking against the Klan. I don't find that to be anything he should be put on trial for. I don't think it is wrong."

During his summation the defense attorney made his point as strongly as he could: "I joined the Klan because I thought it was a worthwhile organization but, I'm submitting my resignation from the Klan tonight, because I don't feel like it is the kind of organization I need to belong to."

He did resign, and eventually he told Louis about the trial. In part because one solitary person had dared to oppose the Klan, it quickly began losing public support. Members drifted away and in a few years the Huntsville Klan had almost disappeared.

The story might have ended there if it had not been for a phone call Miller received in the early 1930s.

"Louie, are you still dealing in wiping rags?"

Miller, thinking it was just another business call in an already hectic day replied, "Yes, if the price is right."

The caller went on to explain the purpose of his call. "I've been renting a meeting hall to the Ku Klux Klan, but they haven't been active for a couple of years and they haven't been paying any rent. I'm going to have to rent it to somebody else, but I got a bunch of their old robes on the floor in a pile in the meeting hall, and I was just wondering if you would be interested in buying them."

Remembering his threats years earlier to sell the Klan's robes as wiping rags, he tried to control his excitement. "Where are you now?" asked Miller.

The caller replied, "I'm at the meeting hall," and gave Louis the address. The rag buyer was already grabbing for his hat and coat as he yelled into the phone, "Don't you leave! I'll be there in ten minutes. I'll buy them from you. I'll buy them all from

you!"

On the short trip to the now defunct meeting hall he began having second thoughts about the price, "I want to buy them, but there's only so much I can pay for

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them to make them into wiping rags." But then he thought about what was really important to him. "It doesn't make any difference," he thought to himself, "no matter what he wants for them, I'm going to pay that. I'm going to get them. I'm going to do what I said I was going to do."

So Louis Miller, Jewish dealer in wiping rags, soon showed up at the former Klan meeting hall to buy a pile of Klan robes. With little dickering, the deal was struck. They shook hands with Louis telling the seller, "I'll send two or three men to the hall in about an hour to pick up the robes and I'll send you a check today."

Actually, if it had not been for the hate the robes repre-

sented they would have been quite attractive. Made out of white linen, the robes were decorated with large colorful embroidered dragons and Celtic crosses.

If people were wondering what a Jewish dealer wanted with Klan robes they soon found the answer. Every morning Miller would have an employee push a pallet loaded with Klan robes out to the space

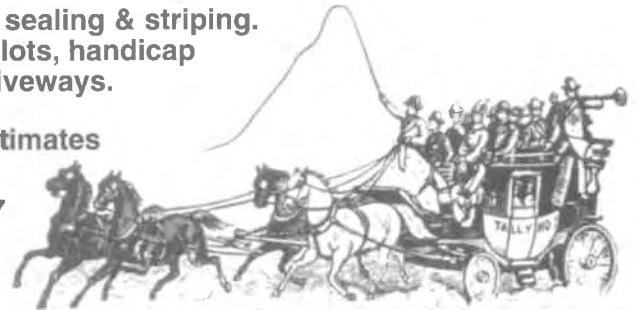
between the sidewalk and the street. They would remain there all day, every day as a reminder to people of what the robes really were - simply a pile of discarded rags.

Miller often sat in his office watching the reactions of people as they walked by. The robes were in a pile, but you could tell what they were because all of the

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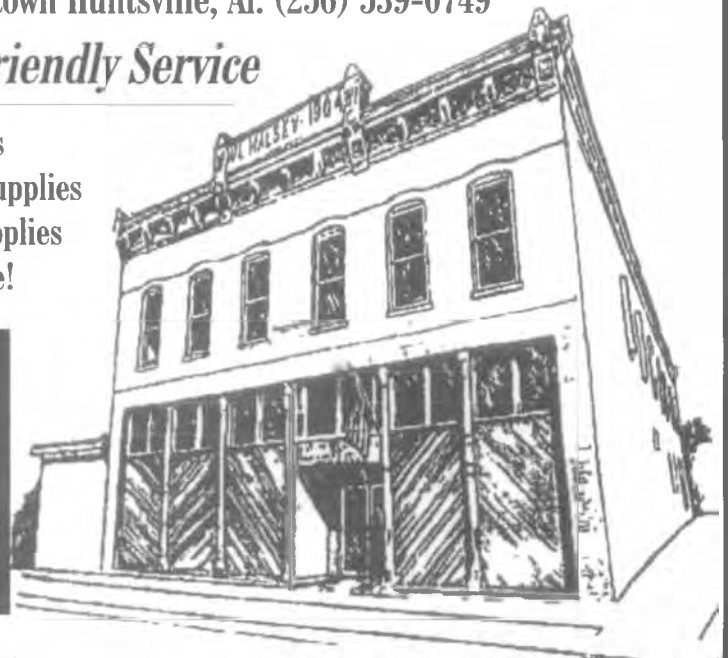
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embroidered Klan emblems. Some people would stare. Some would do a double-take. Some people simply hung their heads and pretended not to see the pile.

After a couple of months of displaying the robes, a friend of Miller's called. "Louie," the friend said, "I know that you said you were going to buy these robes and make them into wiping rags, and I know you've had a lot of fun displaying them. But, you know, I was a member of the Klan. Don't you think you've had enough fun with those robes now?"

Miller responded to his friend's question with a question of his own:

"Let me ask you this; are you asking me, or are you telling me?" His friend gently, and probably sheepishly, replied, "I'm asking you."

Louis said, "Well, OK, but if you were "telling" me, those damn things would stay on display for years! But we'll take them in and I'll do what I said I'd do with them."

One day, shortly after he agreed to stop displaying the robes, Louis received a call from a widow woman who was a friend of his and who had

heard about the robes.

"Louie," she asked, "what are you going to do with the embroidered emblems?"

"Well, I guess I'll have to take those off before we make them into wiping rags." The robes were made out of first class white cotton, and they would make a premium grade of wiping rag.

The widow woman then explained her proposition. "If you send those uniforms out to my house, I'll take the emblems off them, and all you'll have to do is wash them and tear them up into wiping rags. I won't charge you anything, but I want the emblems."

Miller quickly agreed to the deal and had an employee take the robes out to her house.

One day, long after Louis got the robes back without the emblems, and long after all the Klan robes had been torn into wiping rags, Louis got a call from his friend, the widow woman. "Come by the house sometime and I'll show you what I did with the emblems."

A few hours later Miller was standing in the lady's house, in awe of her creation. Transforming the symbols of hate into a thing of beauty, she had sewn a gorgeous patchwork quilt out of the emblems. The biggest emblem was in the middle, surrounded by the next biggest emblems, and

those surrounded by the next biggest in swirling, colorful profusion to the very edges of the quilt. As he stared at the women's extraordinary creation he said, half to himself, "you know, I would haver never thought that something so bad could be turned into something so beautiful."

The daughter of the woman who made the quilt now has it, and she still lives in Huntsville, Al. Louis Miller, the young man who emigrated from Russia in search of freedom, died in 1966.

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by Berns Miller

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Edmund and Samuel Townsend never married but both fathered children by their slaves. Both brothers willed significant amounts of their estates to their mulatto children and slaves. Edmund Townsend died in 1853 but his will was taken to court and broken by other Townsend heirs. Wills that treated their slaves other than private property were contrary to Alabama Law. Samuel

Townsend who died in 1856 had learned from his brother's experience and arranged to have his estate probated in Lincoln County. Tennessee slave laws were less stringent and Samuel had found a way to circumvent Alabama. Samuel's last will and testament established a trust for his slave heirs to be sent north for emancipation and care.

The legal battles for the Townsend wealth were numerous and expensive. The wealth that survived litigation was soon to be consumed by the Civil War. For those who would like to research the Townsend story, there are stacks of court documents at the Probate Record Room in

Huntsville Library. The Lincoln County Courthouse has an abundance of Townsend information. Dr. Francis Roberts' thesis on the emancipation of the Townsend slaves is available at the Huntsville Library. From all accounts, the University of Alabama Library has the most documentation on the emancipation.

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gitimate heirs. Parkes married Mary Sims and they had four sons, John E., Parkes S., Munford R., and Samuel C. Of the three original Townsend brothers, Samuel, Parkes and Edmund, it was Parkes who died first in 1849. Parkes' son named Parkes Samuel Townsend lived on the home place until his death in 1910. Today, the locals at Hazel Green refer to the home place as the "Townsend Quarters". Also located on the property is the Townsend-Coover Cemetery. Parkes Samuel Townsend married Sara Coover. The brothers Munford R. and Samuel C. lived and died in Alabama. John Edmund Townsend is a mystery and lost to history after 1860.

John E. Townsend married Sara Freeman. They had three children, Sara, Martha and Parkes. John E. was heavily involved in the Townsend estate and was subject to many lawsuits. Records indicate that he was at odds with his brothers.

The Townsend wealth was tied up in litigation and John was strapped for cash. He turned to creditors for relief and owed large sums of money. In December of 1854 tragedy struck the John Townsend household. Martha, Sara, and Parkes died in an epidemic. John E. and Sara buried their children on their Hazel Green property and appropriate for Townsend prominence placed magnificent upright tombstones on the graves. The tombstones are still visible if one looks right on to the Walker place while going north on 231 highway. Fore-

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closure for John and Sara came sometime after the tragic death of their children. Time had expired on their debts and John E. Townsend who came from wealth was soon without property.

What happened after the foreclosure is a mystery. In 1860 John and Sara disappear from all records. Some family members think that John and Sara packed up and went to Texas. Others think they are buried next to the children on the Walker place in unmarked graves.

The Walker place will soon be a subdivision and according to the Alabama Historical Commission there are plans to move the Townsend children and their tombstones. If the archeologist finds five graves instead of three, the mystery of John E. and Sara Townsend may be solved. However, I believe John E. and Sara Townsend left Madison County in grief and disgust. They never looked back.



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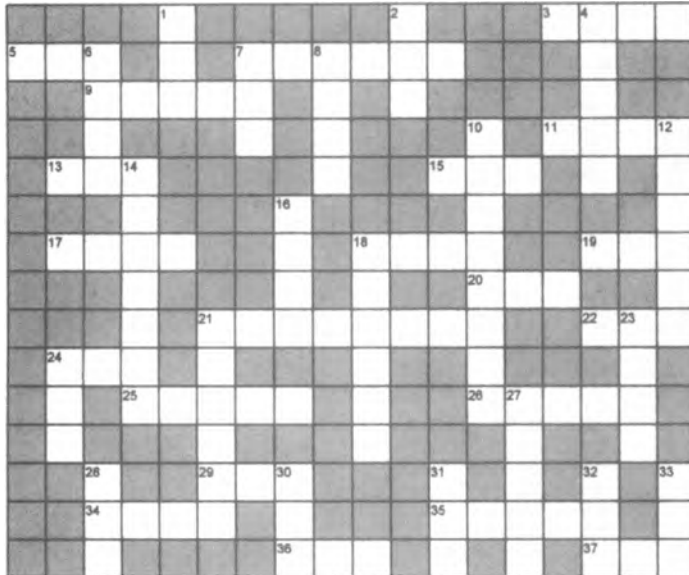
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9. The new ____ Hotel featured pre-paid electric fans, 1914
11. The Becky Pierce Municipal ____ Course is in south Huntsville
13. Big Spring Music Celebration
15. ____, Initials of local university
17. "The ____", Then the largest enclosed shopping center in Alabama opened, 1966
18. ____ Russell, City Council member, district 2, 2006
19. ____ Brothers Supermarket opened, 1952
20. The "TOP ____ LOUNGE", favorite gathering place for rocket scientists and engineers closed, 1989
21. Huntsville added ____ to the public water supply, 1914
22. Construction on the Huntsville/Madison County ____ Port began, 1964
24. ____ Mincher, local ball player, started with Washington Senators, 1960
25. ____ Side Square, Eustis Ave. extended
26. CSA President Jefferson ____ Addressed a group in Huntsville, 1861
29. ____-Quest, an interactive museum in Huntsville
34. ____ Points Historic District was created in 1999
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14. First curb service restaurant in Huntsville
16. Huntsville's Jim Smith gets patent for new synthetic ____, 1987
18. ____ "MO" Brooks elected Madison County D.A., 1991
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27. Fraser ____, Huntsville Mayor 1922-1926
28. ____ sightings were reported all across Huntsville, 1973
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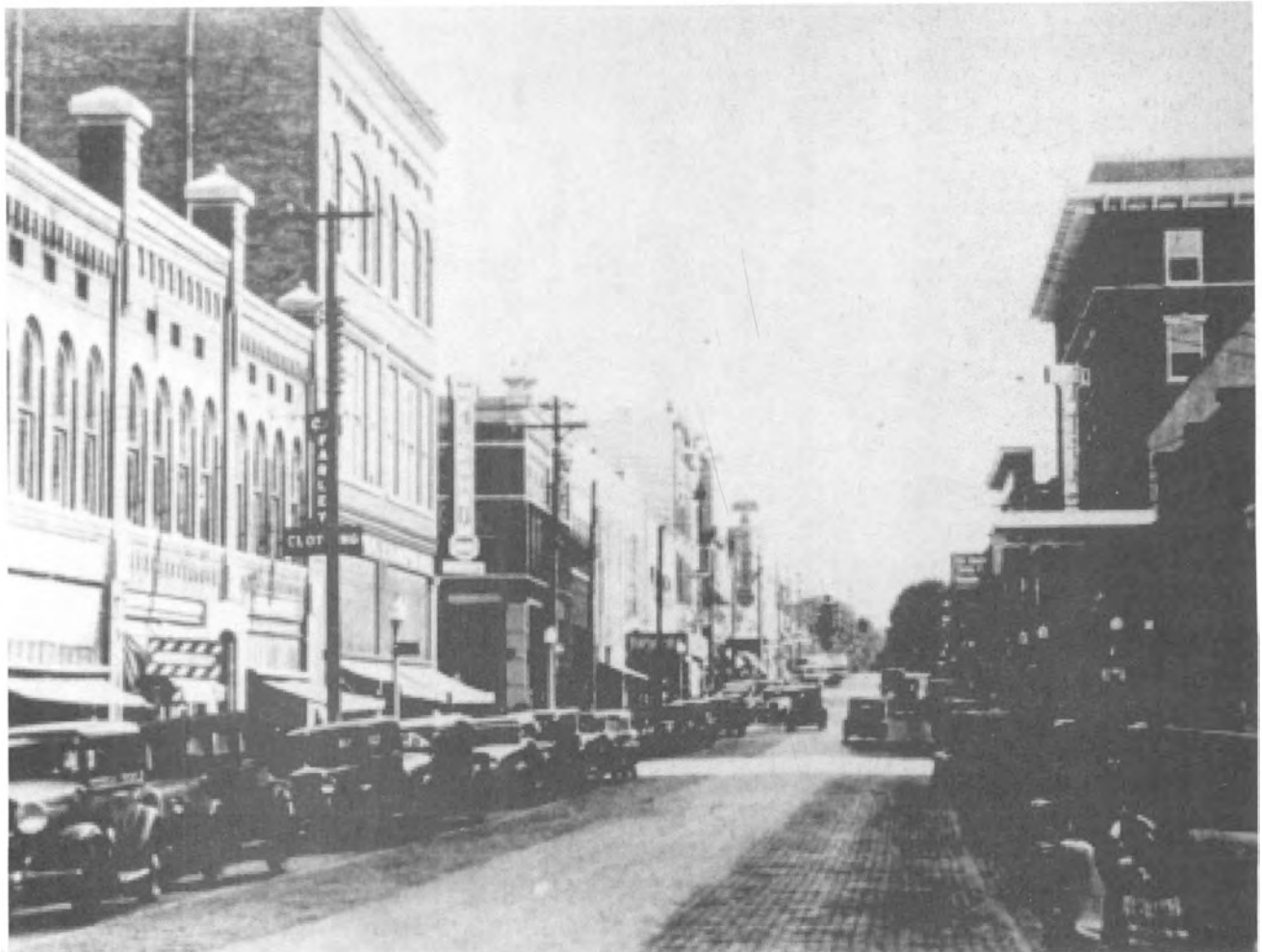
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