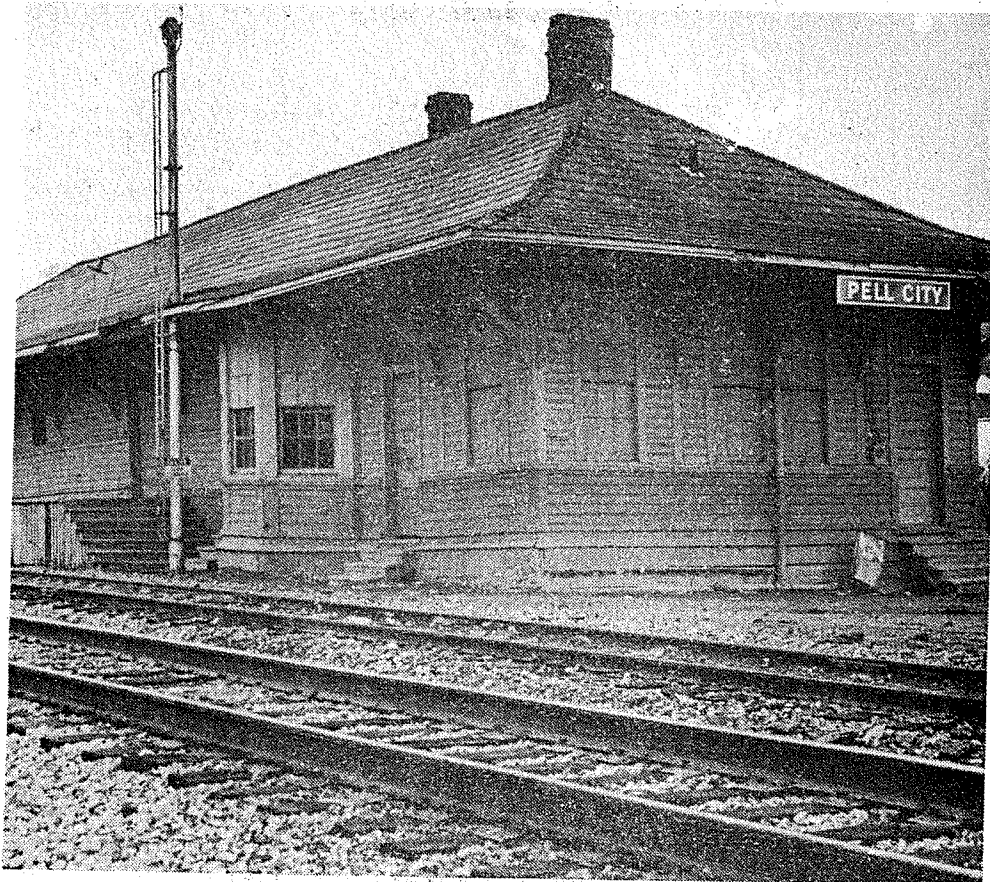


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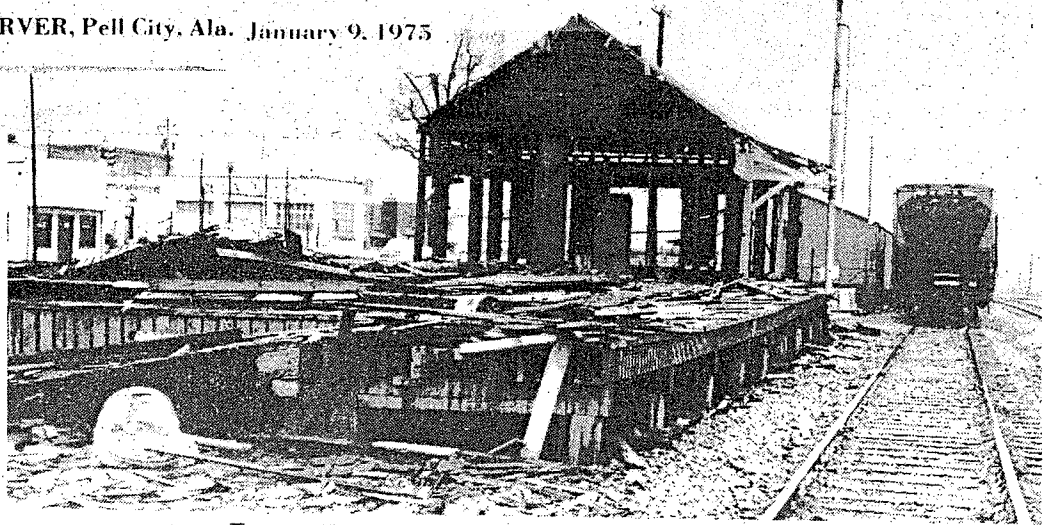
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A Landmark Was Torn Down

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Landmark Takes Final Bow

The Pell City Railroad Depot, which had survived from the turn of the century, fell to the wheels of progress last week as crews began the razing of the structure. Workmen said the landmark would probably be reduced to rubble by the middle of the week. The depot had been listed

among the historical sites and structures the St Clair County Historical Society had attempted to save, a spokesman said. The wreckers' blow ended more than a year of unsuccessful negotiations between Pell City and Southern Railway officials.

City To Make Proposal On

The Executive Board of the St. Clair Historical Society, along with Southern Railway officials, met with the Pell City Council at its regular meeting Monday night in an effort to find a way to keep the old depot from being torn down on First Avenue, South.

Railway officials, T. E. Gurley and John Williams told the group and the Council that the building was too close to the railroad tracks to be safely used as a museum, one of the

proposed uses.

While the Railway did not completely rule out allowing the City to lease the building for some use, the officials did urge that the building be moved to some other location for safety reasons.

After discussion, the officials suggested that the Council study the building and proposed uses and make a proposal to the Railroad within 30 days. They assured the group that no disposition would be made of

the building before the City could make a proposal.

In other business, the Council approved a contract for paving of several streets and alleys which included several blocks in Glenn City, most of the Housing Project, three blocks behind Bud Martin's Store, three blocks close to the Eden School and three blocks in Dr. Culver Lee's Subdivision.

Ross Black and Ben Windsor were approved for employment in the Fire Department,

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bringing the number of employees back to a full force, and bonuses and Christmas and New Year's holidays were approved for city employees.

The Council also approved a \$200.00 donation to the Pell City Jaycee's for their Christmas Gifts for Needy Children project.

After consultation with City Attorney Billy Church, the Council authorized Mayor Dill Nixon to proceed with legal action to secure an injunction

against Urban Sanitation of Pell City for removal of garbage trucks from 19th Street near the firm's offices.

The action, which will allege that the trucks are a public nuisance, before the Circuit Court, In Equity, was decided on after repeated efforts by the Council to have the trucks moved after residents of the area complained to both the City and the County.

Pell City's new business license schedule to be effective

January 1, 1974, was released at Monday night's meeting (advertised in full on page 5A in this issue of the Observer).

In releasing the new schedule, a spokesman for the Council told the Observer Monday that a careful study had been made of the City's present licenses and that of surrounding cities of comparable size and retail operations.

Councilman Paul Turner, chairman of the finance com-

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mittee for the city, said that while some licenses would increase under the new schedule, it was not the intention of the Council to burden the business community.

He said that operating expenses have more than doubled due to larger police force, fire department force and normal items of expense necessary for the kind of city the citizens deserve and want.

He also mentioned that plans for a new recreation center, for which land has already been secured, hinge largely on the availability of revenue necessary to finance such a project.