

Eden, Bearing Biblical Name, Is Veritable Paradise In North Alabama

**TOWN IN ST. CLAIR
HOME OF INDIANS**

**POINTS OF INTEREST AND ACTIVITY FOUND
IN ST. CLAIR VILLAGE BY WRITER FOR NEWS**

**Patriarchal Residents Find
Pleasure And Ease in
Life Of Village**

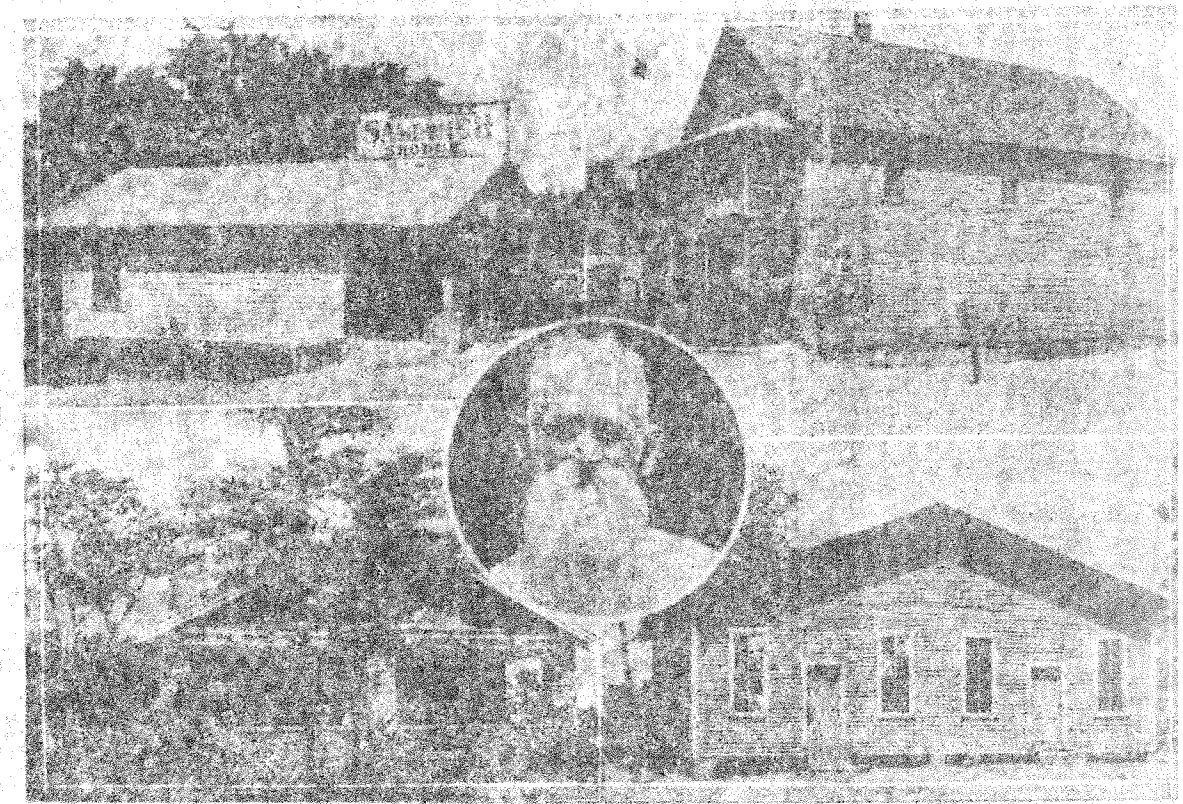
Dr. Frank Willis Barnett, lawyer, preacher, teacher, traveler and writer, is visiting Alabama towns and is bringing their story, their personalities and their beauties to The News, each Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. This is another of that line.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT
Eden, meaning "pleasure," the best residence of man, was called in the Septuagint, "Paradise," the latter being a word of Persian origin, describing an extensive tract of pleasurable land, somewhat like an English park; and the use of it, according to some Bible commentators suggests a wider view of man's first abode than a garden. This, however, is not to be a dissertation on the Eden of the scriptures, and if interested, you will refer to the Bible.



Eden is in St. Clair County, Ala., was created by an act Nov. 19, 1818, the territory being taken from Shelby County. The first voting places were at Jock Chandler's place, and the first appointed on the commission to erect a courthouse and jail in 1821, at Peter Ragsdale's, and William Guthrie's in 1818.

The larger part of the county was granted within the domain of the Creek Indians; the Indian population of the county was largely Creek, with some Mingo and Cherokee. It is a very thick timbered area, and is very fertile. The population is about 10,000.



The above pictures were snapped by The News photographer as he visited Eden, Ala., with Dr. Frank Willis Barnett, who is writing a series of stories about Alabama towns for exclusive use in The Birmingham News. At the upper left is one of the town filling stations and eating places, while the upper right is a store that H. M. Laney, shown in the inset in the center, has operated at Eden for 54 years. The lower left is the home of H. L. Berkstresser, one of the many beautiful ones in Eden, and on the right is the Eden school house.

It is certain that by the close of 1815 settlements had been made in the country, while the influx of settlers greatly increased in 1816 and many settlements were made in what later became Shelby County.

Early Settlers
There may have been earlier settlements in and around Eden than Henry White and Phoebe Hardan (Reid) Inner, who were married in August, 1817, near Lawrenceville, Ga., and in 1818 moved to Alabama, settling at Eden. Now they were the parents of John Washington Inner, who was raised on a farm in Gwinnett County. It was such stock that made up the citizenry of St. Clair County.

We do not know who named the town "Eden," but whoever did, we credit with having not only imagination and a historic perspective, but an ear for pretty names and a person's a little sense of humor as it is hard for us to realize that at its christening it was truly a Garden of Eden, and that in the face of its acknowledged possibilities as a place for homes and businesses.

It is not that it was a busy mart like the Eden which supplied the trade of Eden, the archaic, unadorned, and the Eden of the Eden.

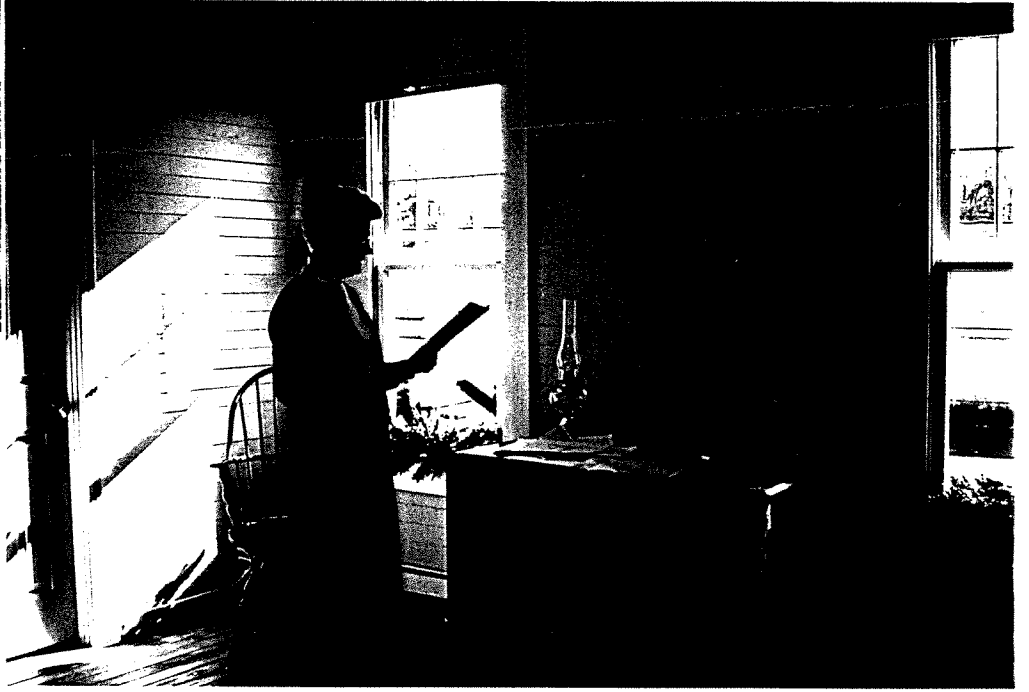
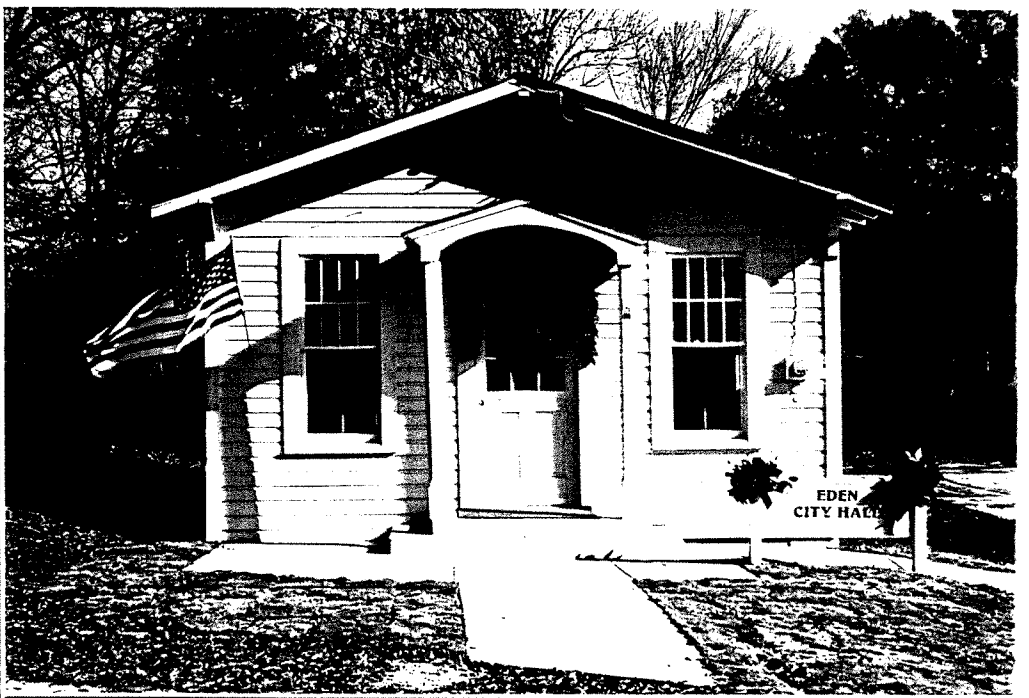
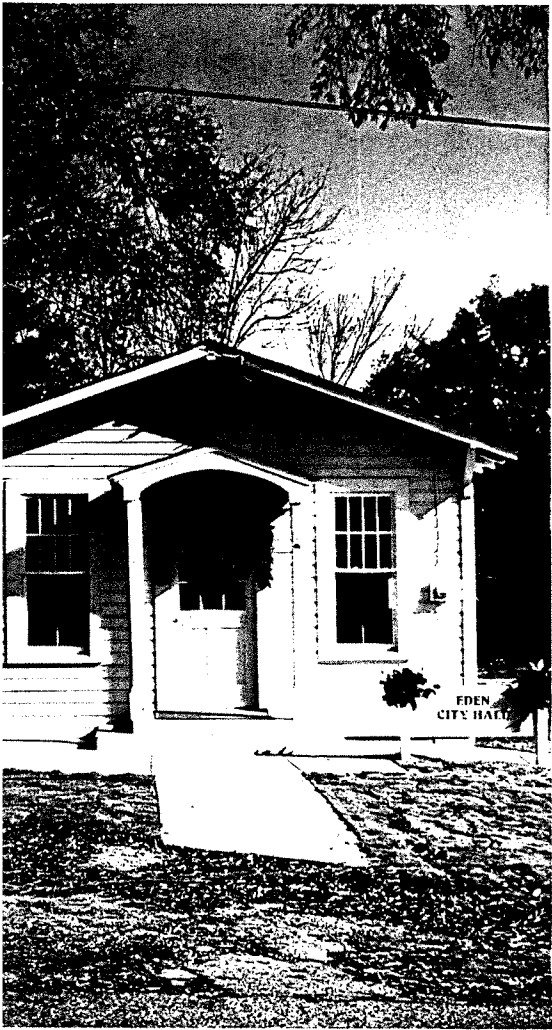
are mentioned with Gozan, Uzun white beard and hair given the and Joseph as victims of Assyrian benightedness as a matter of fact, as it is hard to think of a place being "Edenic" with strict cars, shrill factory whistles, crowded streets, jazz music, radios, and the many other noises which make life a hell on the surface. It, however, is a safe and quiet which one is looking for in a town and the little village of Eden, Ala., U. S. A., is that.

On coming in Eden from Birmingham one comes to the lovely home of H. L. Berkstresser, and just beyond it is a shady Dale Farm. This is a lovely place with a large porch, a well-kept lawn, and a soft drink place. These are on the right of the road and just opposite the school house and the Henry's Chapel. The former was entirely wrecked by a volcano some 20 years back and has been rebuilt, while the latter was blown up and the porch straightened up. In its rear are old cemeteries, and two windows among the graves, some of which were marked by large stones with out any marks or dates of burial.

There are three stores in Eden, in M. J. Jones, George Barber's and the Eden Store. It was built in 1818 and is a fine example of the early architecture of the town.

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NOTES

Eden City Hall
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Emma Jo Harris

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Burns, first
mayor -

Names And Faces, From 'Long Ago' —

Writer Remember

BY ELSIE WILLIAMSON
WADSWORTH

In 1920, at the age of seven, I started to school at the two story square frame building at Eden. This building, like the L shaped building that followed it, was on the grounds where New Hope Baptist pastorium is now.

I well remember my first day. My older sister, Olivia, had gone the year before. My younger sister, Bobbie, had not started yet. One other little girl, Ruth Hamilton, and I and the Mowery children all walked the long mile from our country homes which is now known as Wolf Creek Road South. We came via the Old Road under the trestle, through rain and cold, and often there was ice in the ruts, where wagons and buggies had traveled. We paid no attention to the weather, and had a good time walking to and from school.

This building had three rooms and a stage. In the winter months we warmed by a big pot bellied heater, one for each room. My class was on the stage the first year. There was an old fashioned pump organ upstairs, and we pupils would slip up there and play the organ. My!!! how we did have to pedal and, what fun we had!

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fowler and Miss Rozell Cowan were my first teachers for two years. Miss Dadie Griffith, Miss Sally Baley, Miss Annie Scott, Mr. Parks came the next year.

It was there at the Old Eden School that we repeated the Lord's Prayer each morning, and we sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee", "My Bonnie lies over the ocean," "Old Black Joe" and "My Old Kentucky Home;" "Polly Wally Doodle All Day," "The Old Oaken Bucket," "Little Mary Fagan."

At the Christmas season we sang "Jingle Bells," and "Merry, Merry Christmas Bells" and learned that Scrooge was grouchy. On Valentine's Day we made home made Valentines out of wallpaper samples with verses like, "Roses are Red, Violets are blue, Sugar is sweet and so are you," "I love you like a little pig."

We played baseball with a wide board and a sponge ball, and made lots of home runs. It was there in the first grade that we learned "Mary had a little lamb," and "Twinkle, Twinkle, little star."

We read in our reader about "Rumplestiltskin," "Jack and the Bean Stalk." "MY! That Old Giant was Big and Ugly to us children. Others were "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," "Big Billy Goat Gruff," "Little One Eye, Little two Eye and Little Three Eye," "Chicken Little," "Titty Mouse and Toddy Mouse," "The Three Bears" and "Cinderella," and we learned that Rip Van Winkle slept twenty years.

My sisters and I brought our lunch, sausage or ham and biscuit, chocolate cake wrapped in butterpaper and wrapped again in newspaper tied with string. Sometimes we had an apple for recess, but most of the time we would run over across the cemetery and road to the big locust tree. The locust were delicious. They grew on a thorn tree I believe.

We drank water from a spring located not far from the school in an open field. Some of the water was brought from a well across the road from Mr. Laney's Store. Two of our boys would take a two gallon zinc bucket, put a large stick under the bail to carry the water, and it was poured in a small cooler which had a faucet. We pupils would made our drinking cups out of a single sheet of tablet paper folded here and there.

All this happened my first three years. We moved away for a year, while Mr. John R. Dyke moved his family from Dykes' Mill to Eden. Margaret, Helen and Frank came to school at Eden. Agnes and John R. went to Pell City High. It was at this time that Mr. Renfro Pace of Clay County was the principal, with Miss Dixie Mongold and Miss Ola Bert Ginn. Miss Iva Prickett also taught. Miss Bearden, a sister-in-law of Mr. Pace, taught the 2nd term. While I was away the top story was torn away by a storm and some remodeling was done. We were proud of our building.

In 1926-27 Rev. C. J. Dennahoo was principal with Miss Mae Bearden and Miss Willene Masters as teachers. The following year

Some of the things I remember at school was the "Tops" that Dalton Vaughan and Vernon Burns would make out of solid wood with a grove in the top for a cord. They would throw the top, and we marveled at how fast it would spin. The big boys would play "peg." My! how Vernon Burns could step 'em off! My last year at Eden School we would play horse shoes with the teacher, Rev. C. J. Donahoo.

Some pupils I'd like to mention who were not in the picture were Willard and Emma Dell Patterson, Emmett Smith, Nettie Lou and Virginia Reeves, Cal Otto, Bill Womack, Louie Balan, Ruth Bice, Virginia and John Will Leachman, Lucille and Lillian Stewart, Walter and Theodore Winslett, Sarah Kendrick, Christine Willingham, Sol Mongold; Gladys and Geneva Ginn, Maybelle and Eunice Ball, Bill Inzer, Dan Lovell; Kathleen, Pauline, James and Clarence Bynum; Dudley Reeves, Frank Williamson, W. T. and Mildred Hazelwood, Goldie Robertson, Carl and Mildred Hoyt Smith; Fred, Perry and Curtis Evans; Bobbie and Ted Robertson, Ruthie Belle Aders, Ruby and Rufus Bowman, Lanola Stewart and many, many others.

In the school year 1926-27, a school bus, a black Ford with "St. Clair County" painted on its side in gold letters, was driven by Huey Robertson. It brought pupils from the Bowman Settlement to our school. Lonnie, Nellie and Pauline Holtbrooks, Ruby, Gaynell and Charlotte Stewart; Earl, Virgil and Pearl Bowman; Otto, Louise, Margaret, Aldon and Eugene Brown; Dalton Vaughan.

One of our pupils remembers he and Dewin Truitt "playing hooky" over in the Truitt pasture. He remembers carrying water from the spring and the well up near Mr. Laney's store. He remembers Grace Bain could whistle many pretty tunes. He also said Eden had a good ball team, which played Cook Springs and Eden had to loan them a player (of course, Eden won).

Willard Patterson remembers Miss Dadie Griffith and Miss Rozell Cowan as his favorite teachers. He remembers Jack Cate having the only watch in the school. If you wanted to know the time, you had to ask "Jack." Willard said Lawrence Burns was one of his favorite schoolmates. They would go out in the cemetery and chew tobacco at recess. He said when he and some other boys disobeyed, the teacher would send them for a "switch," they would take their knife and cut the switch so that when the first "flck" was hit it would break to pieces.

He remembers playing Jacknife, shooting marbles, and playing "fox and dog." Willard says he enjoyed his school days at Eden. One of his favorite school mates was Godfrey Lovell, who liked to curl up in an automobile tire and ride down hills.

Mrs. Naomi (Butterworth) Brown remembers walking from where Mr. Virgil Bowman lives now to Eden School "around the mountain" by herself. She remembers Vivian Ginn Edwards as her desk mate.

Mrs. Bobbie (Williamson) Stevens remembers playing "church" on the steps of New Hope Baptist. She remembers playing horse shoes with Rev. C. J. Donahoo, her partner.

Dorothy (Smith) Meehan remembers they lived in the Ginn Settlement near the J. W. Jones residence. She remembers playmates Evelyn Robertson, Ruth Hamilton and Nettie Robertson, and carrying baked potatoes and white meat in her lunch.

Frank Dykes remembers Mrs. Ola Bert Ginn, Mrs. Mae Bearden and Miss Willene Masters as teachers. He remembers Carl Smith, Charles Ginn, Homer Smith as schoolmates.

Mrs. Vivian Ginn Edwards remembers when Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Fowler were teachers they planned a country fair with exhibits, games and races, prizes, food. Winston Lovell had an owl in a cage.

Mrs. Lillie (Davidson) Smith remembers sitting on the steps of New Hope Baptist. Their teacher would bring an apple a day for a group of girls. She remembers Ross Reeves, Leonard Vaughan, Johnny Hamilton, Lucille Burns and Ruby Evans as favorite classmates. She remembers playing tennis.

Evelyn (Robertson) Ingram, one of our little girls in the picture,

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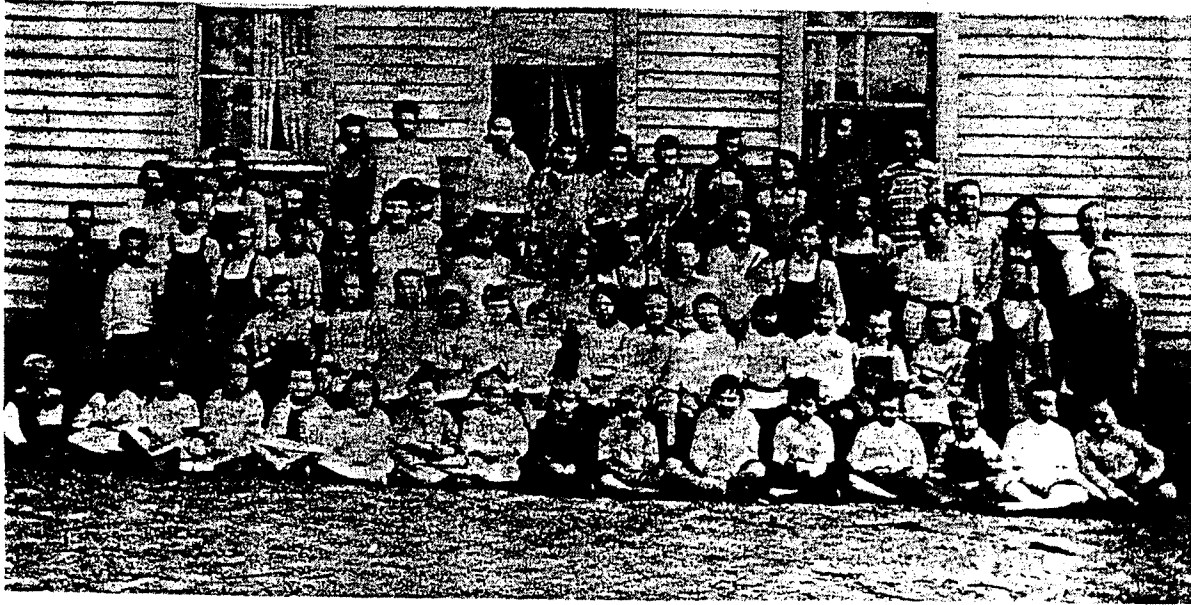
Received from J. G. Hazelwood
Eighty + 25/100 DOLLARS
on A. H. Steward's acct
H. W. Lacey

No.

Eden Ala Nov 1st 1893
I, after date, do promise to
pay to the order of J. G. Hazelwood or bearer
Seventy Dollars
Value received at Eden Ala
The right of exemption is hereby waived, as provided,
and it is further agreed that the undersigned shall pay
the costs of collection, including a reasonable attorney's fee if not paid at maturity.
WITNESS:
H. W. Lacey
Oct 15 1893

Eden Ala Jan 8th
Received from A. H. Stewart
Fifty five Dollars
Cent no full of all demands to date
\$55.00
P. G. Dunlap M.D.

s Old Eden School



Eden School Students 1921-22

Pictured is the 1921-1922 Class at Eden School. First row, from left: Dan Barber, Gladys Stewart, Ruby Hamilton, Juanita Barber, Evelyn Robertson, Virginia Bain, Ruth Vaughan, Myra Smith, Polly Evans, Emma Frances Inzer, John Henry Mowery, Nat Lambert, Byron Cowan, Doyle Burns, Jack Cate and Derrell Bain. Second row, from left: Haskell Patterson, Mozelle Evans, Vera Lovell, Elsie Williamson, Lovis Lovell, Emma Sue Lovell, Nettie Robertson, G. W. Kendrick, Lawrence Burns, Ruth Hamilton, Drey Lovell, Reece Vaughan, Dorothy Smith, Lillie Davidson, Naomi Butterworth. Third row, from left, Horace Evans, Donald

Cowan, Charlie Evans, Vernon Burns, Mable Evans, Gordon Barber, Adelle Mowery, Mary Cowan, Verna Mowery, Molly Lambert, Mildred Evans, J. W. Hill, Warren Bain, Grace Bain, Taft Patterson, Bill Evans, Ruby Evans, Naomi Butterworth, Jewell Webb and Lucille Burns. Fourth row: Lillie Davidson, Leonard Vaughan, Ross Reeves, Teacher, Miss Rozell Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. (Kenneth) Fowler. Last row: Johnny Familton, James Willingham, Vivian Ginn, Hazel Cowan, Elmus Lambert, Dalton Vaughan, Harry Frazer, Dewin Truitt, Rosa Vaughan and Sally Stewart. The photo was made on the north side of the school.

acted as one of her teachers. Evelyn remembers playing paper dolls on the landing going upstairs with several of the little girls. Juanita Barber and Polly Evans were her favorite schoolmates. She remembers making a playhouse under the cedars across the cemetery and road with some other pupils. She also remembers preparing lunches.

After 1927: In 1927 I started to High School at Pell City but here were some teachers who taught at Eden. Mrs. Virginia Lonergan (nee, Mrs. Sara Fowler Stokes, Rev. Whitt Inzer, Mrs. Iva (Prickett) Robertson, Mrs. Alma Clinkscales, Mrs. Dana Morris, Mrs. Vivian Ginn Edwards, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Helen Eden, Mrs. Boles, Mrs. Maurine Sims.

Some pupils after 1927: Milton and Hilda Robertson, Graves Williamson, Kathleen Kilgroe, Nina Burns, Johnny Wayne and Clara Stevens, Garland and Harland Davis, Norma Jean Vick, Margaret Ingram, Mary Jim Ingram, Earnestine Ball, Betty and Barbara Frazer, Jane Robertson, Sarah Lou Hill, Charles Robertson.

Later years: Garland Davis remembers he and his twin brother,

Harland, and their classmate, George Love, having good times at school. Teachers, Mrs. Dana Morris, Mrs. Iva "Prickett" Robertson, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Viola Davis, Mrs. Vivian Ginn Edwards. Some school mates were Johnny Wayne Stevens, Charles Robertson, Raymond Bowman.

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Alice (Robertson) Bowman remembers the girls playing "Rolley Holey", a marbles game.

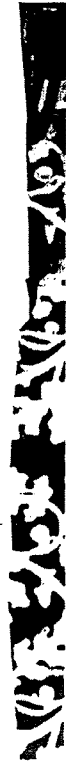
Mrs. Maurine Sims tells me she taught at Eden in 1937-38 with Miss Dadie Griffith, just the two. She remembers as pupils, Leon Sweatt, Marvin Wyatt, Bob Cornett. Mrs. Sims was principal.

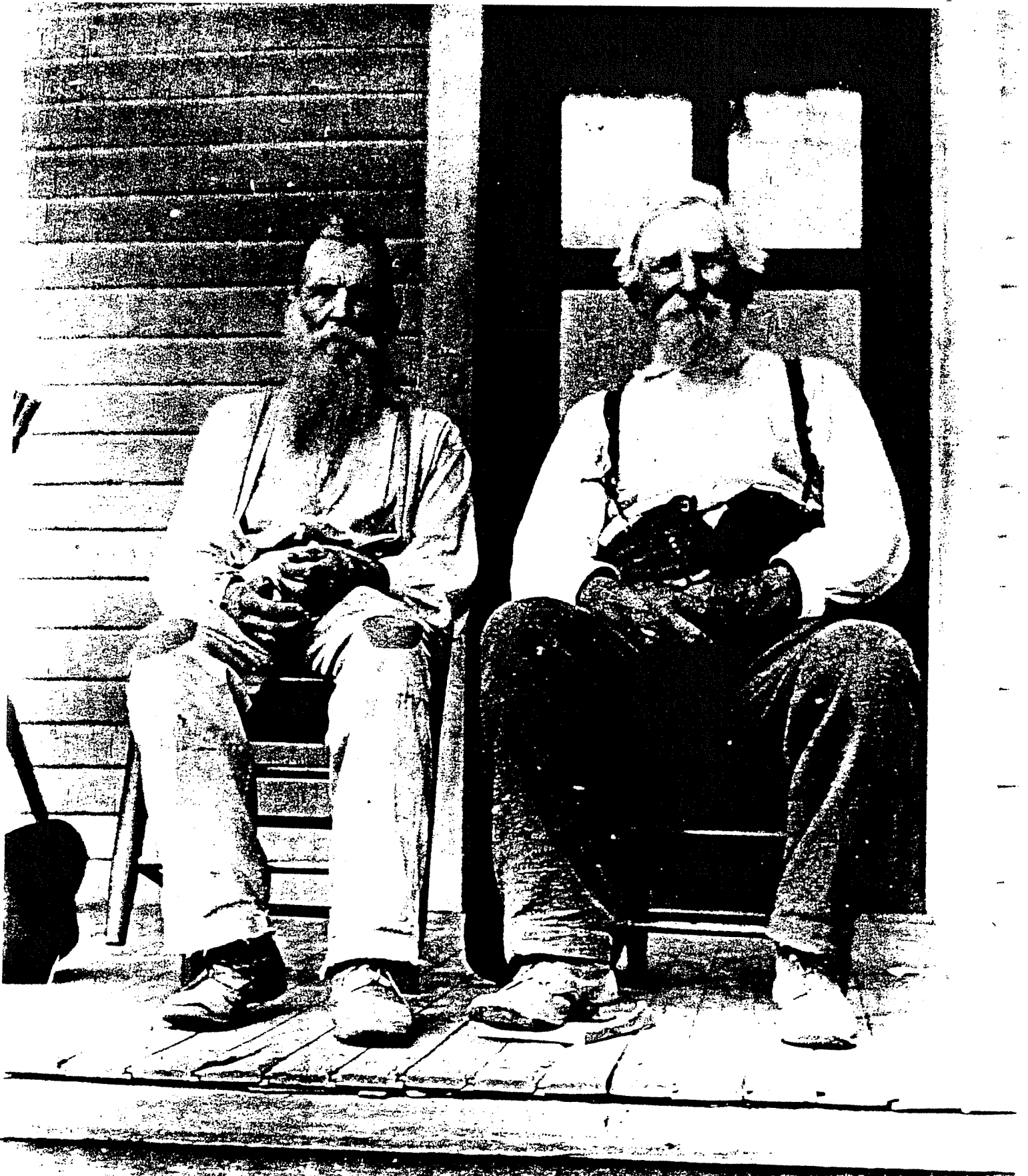
Two of our county superintendents of education were Mr. Roy Gibson, Mr. Carl Q. Baxter. County Supervisors were Miss Martha Ware, now Mrs. Steele and Miss Kitty Clyde Austin. In 1948 a new brick school house was built on the home site of the Tom Inzer family. The building which housed the old Eden School of long ago was given to New Hope Baptist Church.

remembers a lot about Eden School. She remembers Miss Annie

Mrs. Barney Ingram was principal.

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Benjamin Hudson & Griffen Golden
Taking a census or survey of Eden. Note the pad and pencil under his feet

January 30, 1968

PELL CITY, ALABAMA HEARTLAND OF



A Landmark Passes From The Scene

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9-25-1875

Southern Aegis

Eden, N. Car.

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I write to report our school

with its success and prospects. The school is taught at New Hope Church & numbered about 30 pupils.

On the above date, the teacher had an examination - Conducted as follows:

1st Sang a Sabbath School Song 2nd Spelling Book 3rd Math 4th Spelling 5th Math.

They dismissed for dinner, the good things & hospitality of Wolf Creekers were exhibited in beautiful supplies.

When 2:30 or 3:00 people partook and after 1 1/2 hour rest the examination continued.

1st Sabbath Song 2nd Dictionary 3rd Reading 4th Paragraph and they 26 speeches were delivered.

Rev. H. W. Fryer, also delivered an address. School taught by Sheriff Lucy a son of H. W. Lucy, Esq.

Signed Jonathan Purcell

Probate Minutes 1880-1884

257 Incorporation of town of Eden

Population of not less than 100 nor more than 1,000

Eden - name to be incorporated as

limits: Beginning at a stake in L R W Lewis' field near his house. Running SW to the George Stevens Spring thence to Pine tree at the Baseball Ground. Thence to SE corner of original survey of said town, thence East to stake SE of Howell & Ezell saw Mill. N to corner of William Glenn's Garden and then to corner of L R W Lewis' field.

[1884]

1-1-1885 Southern Aegis

Manufacturers Record — About 6 miles west of Seddon is Eden, situated right on the edge of the coal fields. It already contains a half dozen stores, good hotel & church houses, saw mills have recently been added to its industries. It is a pretty place well located for growth & the outlook now is flattering for becoming a place of considerable importance.

Cross Valley 4 19 1904

Justice of Peace Election

Beal 15	J T Buckner 75
	W W Zeller 92

Southern Alliance

4-7-1893 Miss Ada Rouse is visiting her sister at Eden

5-12-1893 Mr. Charles Rouse of Aniston was visiting his sister Mrs. Rouse, Saturday at Eden

6-2-1893 Eden Notes Dr. Dunlap has moved his Drug Store from Pell City to Eden. Dr. Turner is having a nice two story building erected here.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness" therefore give the Little Cash Store a call and get a bar of Best Family Soap - Situated in the Griffith Building just across from the depot, recently occupied by the post office.

Southern Aegis 1895
Epworth League organized at Eden
President G E Bynum 1st VP Willie Singleton
2nd VP Mrs. W P Cowan 3rd VP Lou Griffith
Secretary W G Roberson

Southern Aegis 9-10-1884
Eden, now incorporated
HM Lacey, R L Whitehead, Mayor C A Kloerson, Councilmen:
W G Patterson, B P Bowman,
J C Arnold
Treasurer W P Cowan Clerk J M Kearey Marshall - D T Battle

Southern Aegis 6-18-1880
Eden on the 8th inst. near
Mrs. John Stuart died
12-10-1879 on the 4th inst. of typhoid fever Jennie
Zeller aged 16 daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Zeller died

St Clair ^{Southern} ~~Regis~~

Eden News 6-30-1886

Mr J N Morrison superintendent of Eden Brick
Kiln recently discovered near Eden a vein of metal, supposed
to be silver

10-20-1886. Since the discovery of silver at Eden and gold
at Cooke's Springs the young people of both places can
join in singing "Silver Threads Among The Gold"

4-1-1885 We are informed that Marion Hazelwood residing
near Dum Springs has a medstone. We would like to
see it.

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School District Record 1

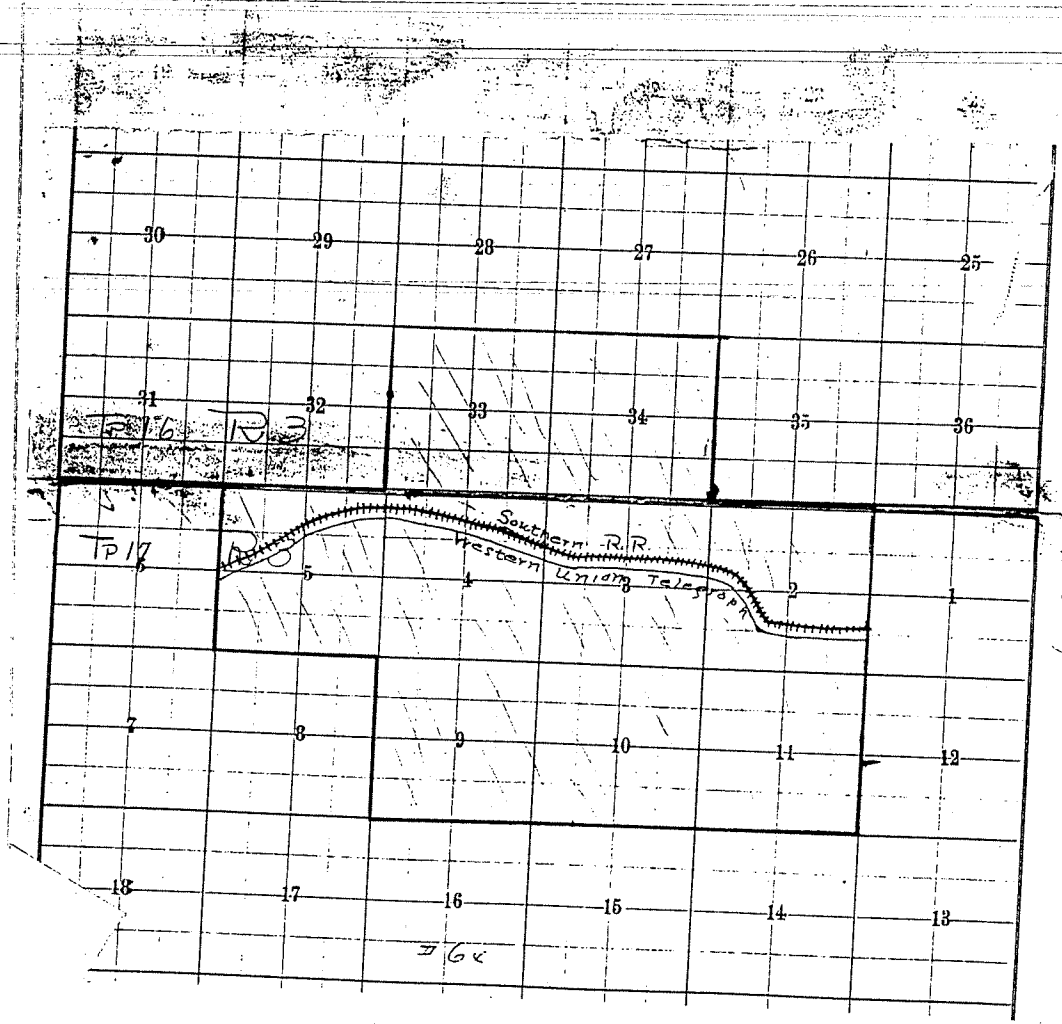
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The boundary line of Eden School District No. 64 St. Clair County, Alabama, as approved by the County Board of Education on August 7, 1919.

Beginning at the SE corner of Section 11, Township 17, Range 3 East, thence running North to the NE corner of Section 2, thence West 1 mile, thence North 1 mile to the NE corner of Section 34, Township 16, Range 3 East, thence West 2 miles, thence South 1 mile, thence West 1 mile, thence South 1 mile to the SW corner of Section 5, Township 17, Range 3 East, thence East 1 mile, thence South 1 mile, thence East 3 miles to the beginning point.

Public Utilities

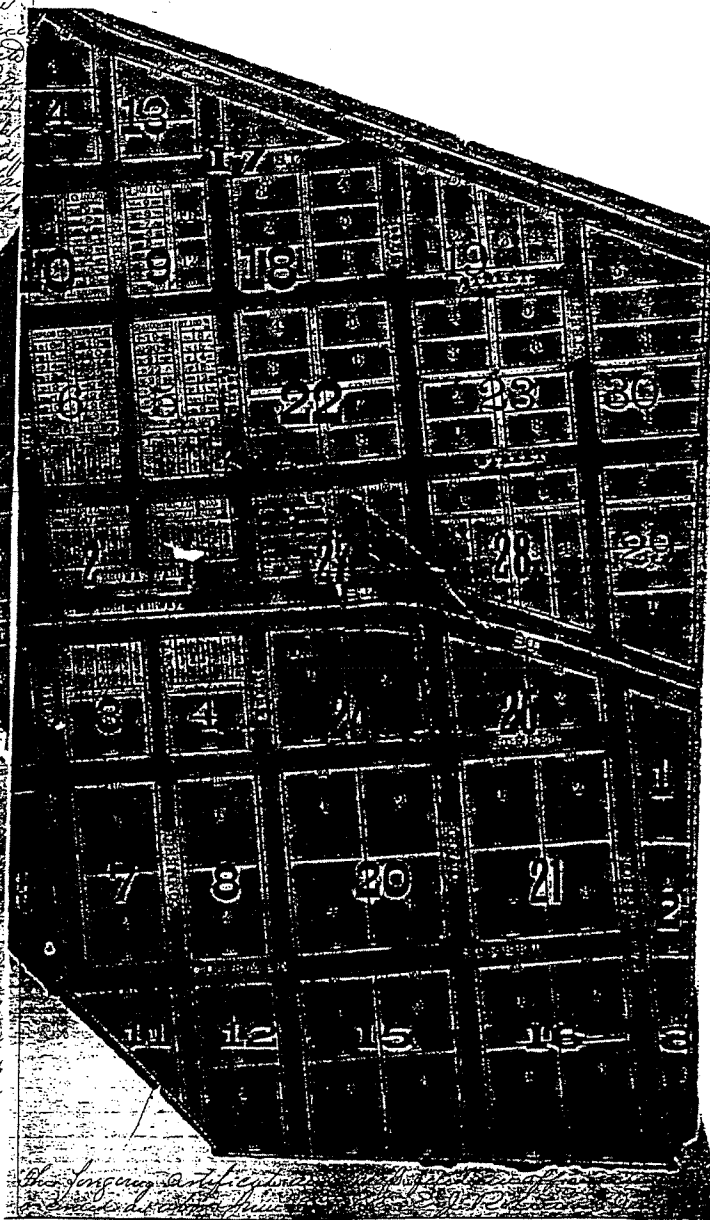
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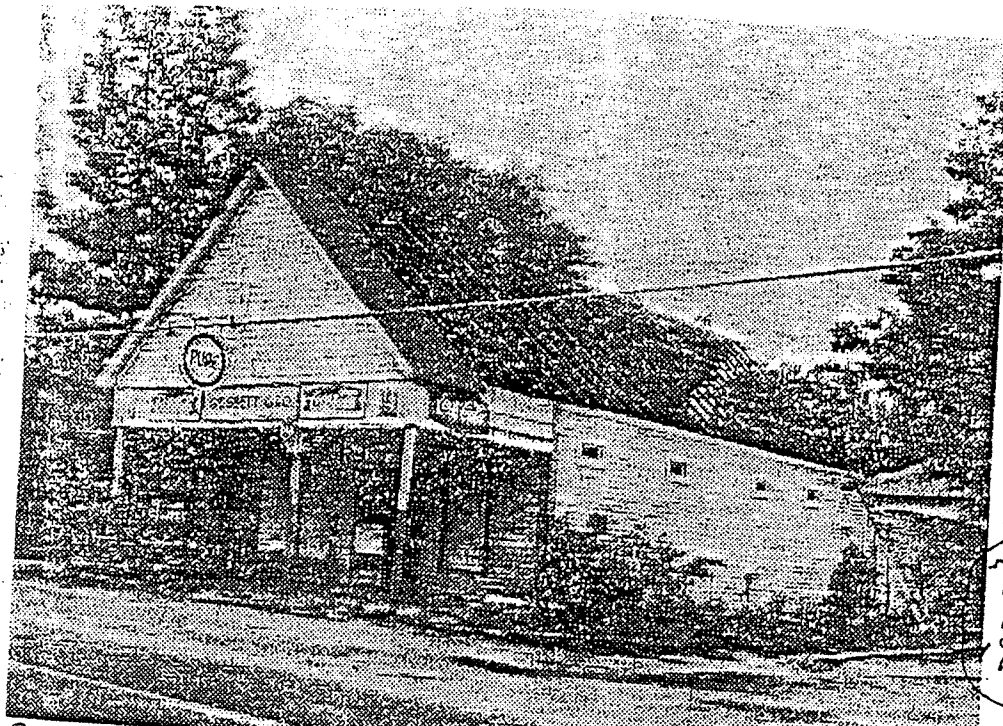
The State of Alabama Personally Came
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 being by me personally known and on oath
 in like form of Oath that the foregoing map
 plat and plan is the true map, plat and
 of the Town of Edisto St. Clair County Alabama
 the one by which the lots were and are bought
 by said Town.
 Sworn to & Subscribed before me H. N. Dyer
 me May 20th 1856. } C. D. Almond
 A. W. Pacy J.P.

Edisto

(See page 193 for full text of deed.)
 D. S. Sullivan Justice of the Peace and for the
 County of Baldwin certifies that on the 13th day of May 1856
 one the within named Elizabeth Coleman being
 in the wife of the within named R. Coleman
 came to separate and apart from the husband
 in signature to the within conveyance and that she
 signs the same of her own free will and accord
 and from conviction or constraint in the face of
 husband. In witness whereof she has hereunto set
 her hand this 12 day of May 1856. D. S. Sullivan
 Justice of the Peace and for the County of Baldwin
 E. J. [Signature]



Plat of the town of Edisto
 Alabama



Nov
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*Gay's Grocery Store where I bought my first
Landmark Passes From The Scene
where I began housekeeping*

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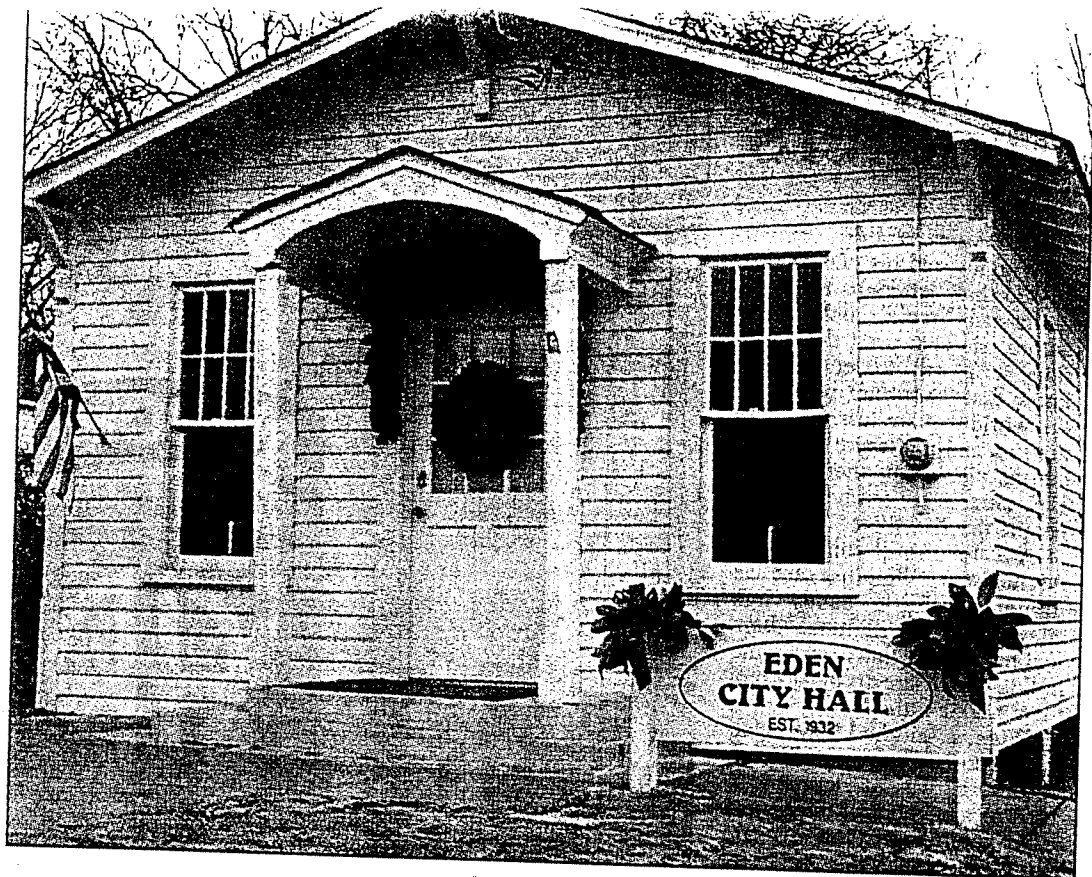
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Laura Nation/The Daily Home

The old Eden City Hall sits just off U.S. 78 West in Pell City. The building still serves as a voting place and was a featured stop on the Cropwell Historical Society's Christmas Tour Dec. 15. City officials hope to have it added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Eden City Hall still has its place Building may be added to Historic Register

By Laura Nation
Home features editor

The tiny building sits empty most of the time, all alone in its advancing years.

But from 1932 when it was built, until 1956 when the city of Eden merged with the city of Pell City, Eden City Hall was a busy place, a place where things happened that mattered to the small community just down U.S. 78 west from the heart of Pell City.

The little building housed City Council meetings and other gatherings, and meetings for scout troops and just about anything else that took place.

The building measures just 22 feet wide, and 28 feet long, and has pine plank floors and walls. It's been all dressed up for the holidays, complete with its very own Christmas tree and a wreath hanging on the front door, and single white candles lighted in the windows.

The former City Hall was a highlight of the Cropwell Historical Society's Christmas Tour Dec. 14 and 15, held to raise money to restore the historic Mays House in Pell City. Those taking the tour Dec. 15 were invited to stop in for hot cider and cookies, and learn a little they may not have known about the community and its past.

If you don't know it's there, you can pass it by altogether. The building faces Second Street

Precinct's voting place, said Pell City Mayor Guin Robinson, who also said he hopes to start the process of having the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places after the first of the year.

Former Pell City City Clerk Brownie Drummonds grew up in Eden, and remembers playing around the building when she was a child.

"It's such a pretty little building," she said.

Drummonds, along with Pell City Library Director Danny Stewart and city employee Nancy Crow worked to gather information about the building's history for the recent tour event.

Crow visited the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City to find records of the merger between Eden and Pell City, along with other pieces of information about the community.

"It was fun," she said.

Old newspapers added to the information, and recorded the election held to determine if the two cities would become one. The event took place while Joe Kilgroe was mayor of Pell City, and Henry Burns presided over the city of Eden.

Newspaper articles at the time made note of city officials' hopes for improvements in city services as a result of the merger.

Robinson said it's possible the building can be used for community events in the future, and it will continue to be used as a voting place for

St. Clair News *Legis*



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Sheriff Evans Will Not Resign His Office

"I have no intention of resigning as sheriff of St. Clair county. I did not run and get elected to resign. My plans are to stay in office for the full term and to serve the people of St. Clair county to the very best of my ability."

Above was Sheriff Dave Evans' answer to county-wide rumors that he planned to resign less than two months after taking office.

Word has been making the rounds over the county also that Sheriff Evans had been shot and that he had also been cut. Neither of the rumors are true. The sheriff has been and is suffering from a huge carbuncle on his head, but word that he was shot or cut are strictly rumors.

Sheriff Evans said he was happy in his work. "I like my new job," he said. "I am mighty well pleased with my staff and the work they have been doing in behalf of good law enforcement in this county."

New deputies are Hoyt Coupland, chief deputy and "Gab-

by" Hays, at Ashville and Bill Newton, Pell City. The three men are experienced law enforcement officers. Coupland and Newton came to St. Clair from the police department at Leeds and Hays from police work at Irondale.

Sheriff Evans was deeply appreciative of the many calls he has had from men and women in every section of the county urging him not to resign after they had heard the rumors.

"That kind of thing sure makes me feel good," he said. "Although there are very likely more than one group in the county who would be glad for me to quit, calls from people of the county who want me to stay on the job make me more than ever determined to give people of St. Clair four years of good law enforcement."



MRS. SARA FRANCES INZER

Begins 2nd 100 Years.

son of the Industrial Development Department, Alabama Power Co., Hoyt Hamilton, probate judge, Harold Williams of the legal staff of Alabama Power, and Edwin Holaday, city attorney.

AT PELL CITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Junior High Tourney Starts Monday Night

The annual St. Clair County Junior High School Basketball Tournament gets underway here Monday night, March 2, at Pell City Junior High, with Coal City meeting Springville at 6:30, followed by Steele vs. Ashville.

Pell City is entering two teams in the 12-team meet, an "A" team, coached by Hugh Williamson, and a "B" squad, coached by O. D. Duran. Other schools participating are Ragland, Coal City, Springville, Steele, Ashville, Moody, Cropwell, Odenville, Chandler Mountain and Easonville.

Four teams were seeded, in the following order: Ragland, Easonville, Pell City "A", and Moody.

The tourney will last all week, through Saturday night, with two games played each night. Trophies will be awarded the first, second and third place teams, with the Most Valuable Player receiving a plaque. Also, a ten-player All Tournament team will be chosen, with each player selected receiving a small trophy or medal.

After Monday night's action, the remainder of the schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY - Cropwell vs. Odenville at 6:30, followed by Chandler Mt. vs. Pell City "B".

WEDNESDAY - Ragland vs. winner of Coal City "A" vs. winner of Steele-Ashville.

THURSDAY - Moody vs. winner of Cropwell - Odenville, and Easonville vs. winner of Chandler Mt. - Pell City "B".

FRIDAY - Semi-finals.

SATURDAY - Consolation match at 7:00; Championship game at 8:00.

Eden West Side Baptist Revival

The Eden West Side Baptist Church will hold its simultaneous revival services March 2nd through the 8th, with Rev. O. H. Forehand, evangelist.

Rev. Forehand is the former pastor of the Eden West Side Baptist Church and is now pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Gadsden, Alabama.

Music will be directed by Ned Gunter, who will also present "chalk talks" during the invited to attend the services each evening at 7 p. m.

The W. M. S. will observe the week of prayer for home missions at the church each morning at 9:30 a. m. The evangelist, Rev. Forehand, will conduct the devotional at each

St. Clair Plans Easter Seal Campaign

D. O. Langston, Chairman of St. Clair Chapter of the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, has announced that Friday February 27 will open the 1959 Easter Seal campaign.

Mr. Langston has appointed Mrs. Ralph Windham as county Drive Chairman. Opening officially February 27, the drive will continue through Easter Sunday, March 20.

Professional authorities estimate that 90 per cent of the crippled and handicapped can be rehabilitated to the point

Former Eden Woman Reaches Century Mark In Lifetime

One hundred years is a long, long time even measured by the swiftness of time's passage in this atomic age, but the lady above, Mrs. Sara Frances Inzer, formerly of Eden, will reach the century mark, tomorrow, February 27.

Born Sara Frances Lewis, near Eufaula in Barbour county, Ala., Feb. 27, 1859, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Lewis, she is last survivor of 12 children of that family.

Her parents moved the family home to St. Clair county near Vincent when Mrs. Inzer was about two years old, moved to Eden a short time later. She is making her home with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Floyd in Birmingham.

There will be an Open House and Reception for relatives and close friends of the family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 p. m.

Mrs. Inzer was married to John Thomas Inzer, member of a prominent Alabama family when she was 24 years old. She has survived her husband who died in 1912, by nearly 47 years.

The Inzer family home was located in Eden on the site of the present Eden school. A large many-gabled house with a settling in a broad lawn under a number of ancient trees, the home was the show place of the community and the gathering place for the young folks of that day. Unfortunately the old home burned in 1918.

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Mrs. Inzer joined the church when she was 16 years old, for many years was an active member and worker in the New Hope Baptist church at Eden. She has been for a number of years the oldest member of the Dawson Memorial Baptist in Birmingham. She attributed her long life to her faith in Christ and "work in the service of the Lord". During her later years she has spent many happy hours writing poetry and letters of condolence and sympathy to relatives and friends.

Her faculties are keen, her hearing and sight good, "but right here lately," she said, "I have been having a little trouble. Must be that I am just getting old".

Seven of Mrs. Inzer's nine children survive. They are Mrs. Gladys Floyd, Mrs. Mary Sorrels and Mrs. Lene Farabee, Birmingham, Mrs. Flora Griffin, Sylacauga, J. A. Inzer, Eden, B. W. Inzer, Atlanta, and Roy Inzer, Pascagoula, Miss. She has 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She expects to see all of her children, many of her other relatives and close friends at the reception Sunday.

Hiway Patrolmen Transferred

The two Highway Patrolmen stationed in Pell City, B. W. Tucker and Len Fields, received word this week, they are to be transferred effective March 1st.

Tucker, who has been stationed here for almost eight years, signed to Tusculum. They will report to their new stations Sunday, March 1st. Fields has been in Pell City 30 months. Word of the transfers came in a letter from Public Safety Director Floyd Mann. Names of the patrolmen who will be

S. W. Dill To Be New Pony League Prexy

S. W. Dill was elected president of the Pell City Pony League for the coming year at a meeting held last week and Mrs. Louise Hullett was re-elected to the office of secretary.

Other officers named were: Alpha Walker, vice-president; Mrs. Ernestine Barber, treasurer, and Jim Mullins, player agent.

Named to the board of directors, were B. W. Tucker, Sheriff Dave Evans, Fletcher Blackwood, Jim Davis, Alvin "Shorty" Hurst, Jr., and Ed Spruiell.

Committees were appointed as follows: Finance Committee - Dave Evans, chairman, Ossie Lawley, and Jim Davis;

Field Committee - Robert Foster, chairman, E. L. Love, Jr., Alpha Walker, and Bob Adams.

Consession committee - Mrs. Steve Lee, chairman, Mesdames Kenneth Barber, I. A. Fambrough, Jim Davis, Alvin Hurst, Jr., S. W. Dill, Robert Foster, Jim Mullins, and B. W. Tucker.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, March 3, at the Hillcrest.

Joint Meeting Of Methodist Men's Classes

The men's classes of the First Methodist church will meet together Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour to hear Judge Frank Embry teach the combined classes. Everyone is invited to the



LALOCK Assistant

John Patterson is the appointee of the post of assistant Defense Director. Blalock owned a restaurant. He is an Air Force sergeant. He served 13 years in the Air Force. He is an Air Force sergeant. He served 13 years in the Air Force.

Sponsors Circus

High School is sponsoring an indoor circus. The circus will be held in the school gymnasium. The circus will be held in the school gymnasium.

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10. Frances Holbrook
11. Mrs. Cliff Byrnes
12. Mrs. J. W. Heldon
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The name of Manchester, one of
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N. B. Spears, Esq., has moved to Eden, St Clair county, for the purpose of engaging in the practice of law. Mr. Spears has been a resident of this city for about eighteen months, and during his stay has made many friends here who regret to loose him and his family from among us. We cordially commend them to the people of St Clair.

Reminiscences of a Memorable Event.

The pleasure seekers who are flocking to New Orleans to the great Ex-

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IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Mary E. Acker.

Death is terrible and heart-rending in any form and at any time; but especially does it grieve and bow loving hearts with sorrow when it cuts off in the morning of life. Such was the case with this pious and lovely lady, the wife of W. D. Acker. While in the very dawn of a useful and meritorious life, she fell a victim to a combination of measles and pneumonia, at Birmingham, Ala., on the 22nd ult., at 4 p. m.

Her father, Mr. Alberson, is one of the true, tried and trusted planters of Woolf Creek valley.

Being the sister-in-law of one on our editorial staff, our pen is naturally moved by a feeling of impressive sadness and sorrow, and we can truly say, "we mourn with those that mourn." She was a firm believer in the Christian religion and a devoted follower of the Lamb. Whenever she met with those in want or trouble, she manifested all the kindness and sympathy that belongs to the gentle sex. Being accomplished and amiable, she was a jewel in society; her daily pious walk had a glorious effect upon those around her. Being devoted to husband and child, she was a model of loving kindness at home. After appropriate ceremonies, she was interred at Eden, Ala., on the 24th ult. Thus, the grave has concealed from mortal vision the pride and love of husband and child. Many are the friends and relatives that grieve over her untimely death. As the grief of the bereaved husband is greater than any other mortal, we extend him our deepest and most earnest sympathy.

Three years of a happy wedded life only make the bereavement more burdensome upon the soul of the sorrowing husband.

That the beautiful little daughter left behind may follow the example set by her departed mother; that God may comfort and console the sorrowing husband; and that the angel of peace and love may ever be present with the grief-stricken relatives and friends, is our sincere prayer.

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An Escaped Penitentiary Prisoner Leads a Strange Career.

Arrested Hot Blast. Yesterday a reporter was introduced to a gentleman who lives at Eden, in St. Clair county, and from whom was obtained the story of the life of one of Alabama's present members of the lower house of the Legislature, which reads like a chapter from the career of William Kinsman, whose strange life has recently been brought to public gaze in all its hideous deformities.

The gentleman who told it to the reporter did so only with the understanding that his name was not to appear in print, but that he would not detract one whit from the credibility of the story. Said the gentleman,

THE STORY.

"When I moved to Eden, St. Clair county some three years ago, I found, as marshal of the town, one Josephus Compton. He was a man of family, some 45 years of age, and stood well in the community. He had come to the place a year or so previous to my advent, and began work as a carpenter. I do not know from where he moved to Eden, but think he said he came from Kentucky. At any rate, as he proved a good citizen, there were no curious inquiries into his past life. In common with everybody else in the quiet little town, Marshall Compton pursued the even tenor of his way, taking an active and somewhat prominent part in public matters and on all public occasions. Compton could talk pretty well, and when any speech making was to be done, he was generally on hand to do it. He

was a most zealous member. His voice was more and more heard in the prayer meetings and at love feasts, and he soon became a powerful exhorter. He grew rapidly in favor with the Presiding Elders of that district, and seemed to be getting on well all the time. His secret was, rapid, and from being a lay member exhorter, he became a licensed minister of the gospel in the Methodist church. In his new field, and with his enlarged functions and opportunities just spread himself and gave promise of being a successful worker in that part of the Lord's vineyard.

URNS POLITICIAN.

Last year Compton, believing that his obligations and duties as a minister had progressed, and serving the people in a secular capacity, concluded to enter the political arena, and did so by joining the independent party, which sprang up in this county. He was one of the leading spirits of that party, and they selected him as their candidate for the Legislature. The clerical politician threw his whole soul into the canvass and made an aggressive "fight" from the jump. Some of the best stump speakers in this section and the State were pitted against him, but he was elected by a majority, although there is a moderate majority in the county. That shows the popularity of Compton at that time. He isn't near so popular now, and his party friends are mourning his sudden departure from the county.

"Has the honorable gentleman fled the country?" "He certainly has, and on account of the most startling disclosures of his past life. I'll tell the story to you if I have been able to gather up his warty threads." Compton, whose right name is

JOSEPHUS CASTON, is a native of North Carolina, in

which State he is badly wanted for a heinous crime, committed several years ago. This man Caston was a distiller of moonshine whiskey in one of the mountain counties of that State. One day he and his gang were run on to by a party of revenue officers. A fight ensued and one of the officers was shot dead. It is said that Caston did the killing. At any rate he was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to a term of twenty-four years in the penitentiary. Four of those years of penal service he put in, but tiring of that kind of life, he made a break for liberty and succeeded in getting away. That was thirteen years ago, and not until about a month ago was his whereabouts discovered, so successfully did he cover up his tracks.

Caston wandered through several States, and finally settled in Eden, in St. Clair county, as I have before stated. The discovery of the escaped convict was by the merest chance. It happened in this way: One day a bridge gang foreman on the Talladega and Coosa Valley road, now building, happened to pass by a gang of laborers at work on a grade near Eden. This gang was bossed by Compton, or Caston, rather, who had taken a grading contract on that line. The foreman had once been a guard at the North Carolina Penitentiary, and was there in that capacity when Caston was brought to it. He immediately recognized the escaped convict, and at once communicated his discovery to the North Carolina authorities. Caston did not recognize his old guard, and the latter gave no hint of what he had done. A requisition was sent on from the Governor of North Carolina to the sheriff of Jefferson county, at Birmingham for Caston's return to his old quarters, but before the sheriff could arrest the fellow he had skipped out.

"How did Caston, or Compton, learn of the intended arrest?"

"Well, I guess I unintentionally gave him the information. I got a letter last Wednesday a week ago from a friend in Birmingham which told me about the requisition having been received by the sheriff. The afternoon of the same day that I received the letter Caston came up into Eden, as is his wont, and I took him to one side and told him of the contents of the letter. He didn't deny having been in the penitentiary, or having escaped from it, but said that he did not kill the officer; that it was another man who did it. Caston was

at the time and started off in the direction of his home. He lived in the town, having a wife and four children. He had left his coat on the grade, but did not go after it, nor did he go to his house. He just walked out of the town and is walking yet I reckon. That is the last he has been seen or heard of in that section. I forgot to mention the fact that a photograph of Caston had been sent on from North Carolina, with the requisition papers, and that it is a true likeness of the representative from St. Clair county.

HIS LEGISLATIVE CAREER.

As a legislator Compton cut a poor figure. He was clearly beyond his depth, and was easily influenced to vote to suit the wishes of more astute members. His stay in Montgomery was one continued drunken debauch, and he was kicked out of one boarding house on account of his filthy habits and unbearable conduct.

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The two blast furnaces of the Eureka Co., at Oxmoor, shut down on the 23rd inst., for want of coke.

An open switch caused a collision on the G. P. Railroad, near Eden, on the 25th, inst. Cars were badly demolished but no lives lost.

The Republican delegates from this State to the Republican National Convention stands eight for Blaine and twelve for Sherman.

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The Posse Pursuing the Negro Murderer.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 14.—[Special.] A special from Eden, Ala., to-night says: After a continuous hunt with bloodhounds since Sunday afternoon a party of six men succeeded in cornering in an old outhouse in the mountain fastnesses Ben Smocker, the negro desperado who murdered old man William Merrill Sunday afternoon.

It was nearly 4 o'clock when the posse reached the house, piloted by an old negro who lived in the neighborhood. It was discovered that Smocker had gathered around him ten or fifteen other negroes heavily armed, who declared that he should not be taken alive.

The whites, seeing they could not capture the murderer without a desperate battle and loss of life, returned to Eden and secured several officers and a large posse of men and returned to the scene, determined to take him dead or alive.

When they arrived again on the spot Smocker had made good his escape, but the posse continued on his pursuit, having been informed that the negro had only a few miles the start of them.

The entire country is terribly aroused over the deed and numerous posses are being organized to hunt the villain.

A gentleman in to-night says he saw a posse of twenty heavily armed men, accompanied by a pack of bloodhounds, board a train on the Talledega and Coosa Valley Road, about dark this evening, en route to St. Clair and Calhoun counties, to hunt the black murderer, having got word that he was heading in that direction when last seen.

Mrs. Merrill, wife of the murdered man, is desperately ill, and almost in destitute circumstances, her husband's labor having been her only support.

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William Merrell, a highly res-
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<p>nms', 7ly-</p>	<p>Miss Ione Watson, well known in this city, and a sister to Mrs. H. W. Stamps, of this city, was married at Rock Run, Ala., Feb. 27th, to Harry Foster Batchelor.</p>	<p>Th in sp sessio</p>
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NEW ORLEANS, MOND.

a copy of the general notice to all the ginners in Coosa valley, from head to foot.

The Kendrick notice is copied from the original notice found on the ginhouse.

WHITE CAPS OF ALABAMA.

Notice—I now forbid you of ginning any more cotton at this place until cotton is worth 10 cents per pound. If you do you will find your gin in ashes; you will get no further notice.

General Notice to Ginners of Coosa Valley, from Head to Foot—As we have not the time to give you all an individual notice, you are forbidden to gin any more cotton until cotton is worth 10 cents per pound.

To Merchants—You are notified not to buy cotton for less than 10 cents per pound. If you do, you will find your stores in ashes.

To Farmers—You are notified not to sell or have cotton ginned until it is worth 10 cents; if you do, your corn cribs will be burned.

To Officers—You are notified not to make any levies or force collections; if you do, you will be killed on sight.

WHITE CAPS OF ALABAMA.

The notices have been posted on a number of ginhouses in Coosa valley, and many farmers have shut down work, and alarm prevails. In Etowah, Marshall and Cherokee counties similar notices have been posted, and gins are being guarded.

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<p>9th isi- ila- 00,- ris- as., 000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fired by a Negro Tramp.</p> <p>A negro tramp, who camped in C. D. Alverson's gin and sawmill at Eden, Ala., set fire to the place and fled. The entire gin and mill, consisting of sawmill, planingmill, gin and gristmill were destroyed, besides thirteen bales of cotton, 1,000 barrels of cotton seed and all the machinery. The loss is estimated at \$5,000; no insurance.</p>	<p>CUMBERL o'clock thi no new de Suspect Se lent and with anyb Detective ger Crutel national l taken fro</p>
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H. 1170. Mr. Spears—To establish a
separate school district in St. Clair
County to be called Eden School Dis-
trict. Education.

H. 1171. Mr. Reynolds—To prohibit
bar keepers from keeping blinds or cur-
tains to hide customers from public
view. Temperance.

H. 1172. Mr. Andress—To change
the name of John Jackson Munn to
Major Munn. Revision of Laws.

H. 1173. Mr. Moody (by request)—
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A Young Man Dead.

Prof. J. Archie Bowman died at his father's home near Eden Monday, August 31st, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The deceased was 26 years of age, a member of the church of Christ and a bright specimen of young manhood.

Archie was a Christian gentleman and was loved by all who knew him. He was educated at Jacksonville, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn., and had a bright future before him.

He leaves a large host of friends and relatives who mourn his death.

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at S. H. HENDERSON & CO'S. DRUG STORE.

Officers Chosen in St. Clair Co.

Eden, Ala., Nov. 17.—The following county officers were elected November 8th:

For judge of probate, W. S. Forman, Ashville.

Clerk of circuit court, Jas. M. Garrett, Eden.

Tax collector, W. E. Henry, Springville.

Tax assessor, Frank Morris, Ragland.

Superintendent of education, B. S. Hodges, Ashville.

Treasurer, C. D. Alverson, Eden.

Commissioners, S. J. Hare, Ashville; Jas. Calwell, Calwell; F. H. Lathrop, Riverside; J. K. Jones, Easonville.

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A FEARFUL CRIME.

Last Tuesday night about 8 o'clock south of Eden, Ala., in St. Clair county, a shocking crime was committed by a negro known around Heflin as Amos Ross.

Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, an aged white lady about 70 years old, was assaulted while her people were only a short distance away at church. When the alarm was given the crowd went to the scene of the crime.

The negro bursted open the back door of the store of J. B. Spradley, entered and took from the cash drawer \$157.46 and immediately went to the barn of Jep Spruills, saddled a horse and rode away.

This negro had been worked on the farm of W. R. Clines, about three years as a trusty convict and had never shown any disposition before to be unruly or mean.

He was chased to Eden, and there all trace of him was lost, but it is thought he either turned towards Heflin or went into the mountains north of Pell City.

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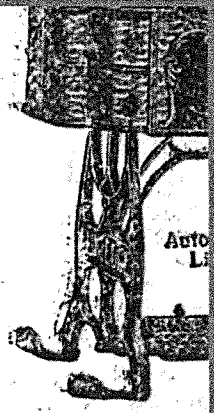
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Greatest Interest Ever Shown In Any Convention Ever Held In State


To say the St. Clair County Musical Convention was a suc-
cess, only repeats the many ex-
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just recently held at Moody, Ala.
A more interesting song service
was never held in the state. Ma-
ny expressions of the power of
the Gospel in song were seen at
intervals during the session. The
writer remembers seeing a good
sainted mother standing in one of
the doors of the church and as
Prof and Mrs Vaughn sang the
beautiful duet, Shall you shall I.
That dear good womans face was
bathed in tears, as was many oth-
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were Prof Vaughn, of Athens, Ga
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Williams, Argo, W F Dorough,
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tion was presided over by its
President Jas M Garrett,



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<p>It seems a pity that the two court house towns and the high school town were not connected by a cherted road. By common consent and by all the laws of convenience Odenville has become the meeting place of the county. Both parties generally hold conventions there. Mr. Burnett held his big educational meeting there because more people can get to Odenville and will go there than any other town in the county. As matters now stand Odenville is cut off to southern division farmers except by rail. A road from Pell City to Eden, Eden to Stewart's School House, then direct to Odenville then up the valley to the fine road leading from Ashville to the poor farm would have been cheaper and served more people, shorter and easier to keep in repair, than the route decided upon. It would also have given Eden and Odenville a look in on the bond money, and in part made up for the scanty portion meted out to beat 15. The other route via Fairview requires two parallel roads for a considerable distance; is uneconomical for other reasons.—Pell City Progress.</p>	<p>Th dian Phill Phill catio pray tain longi purpo tion not incom mino ucati stativ It i Sept for whic appet think No Depa La Not G. Be on A 04529 Nw Rang has f Final lish c ed, b the C on th Cla Lu Willi Ala., ville, N</p>

tion of a permanent headquarters.

The St Clair County Baptist Association held a large meeting at Eden last Saturday for the purpose of making a final decision in the matter of a division of the Association. It will be recalled that at a meeting held last month at Mt Pisgah an attempt was made by some of the delegates representing congregations in the northern division to divide the association and it was reported that some of these churches had actually withdrawn for intention of forming a separate association. It is reported that at the Eden meeting it was unanimously voted to allow matters to stand as heretofore.—Pell City Progress.

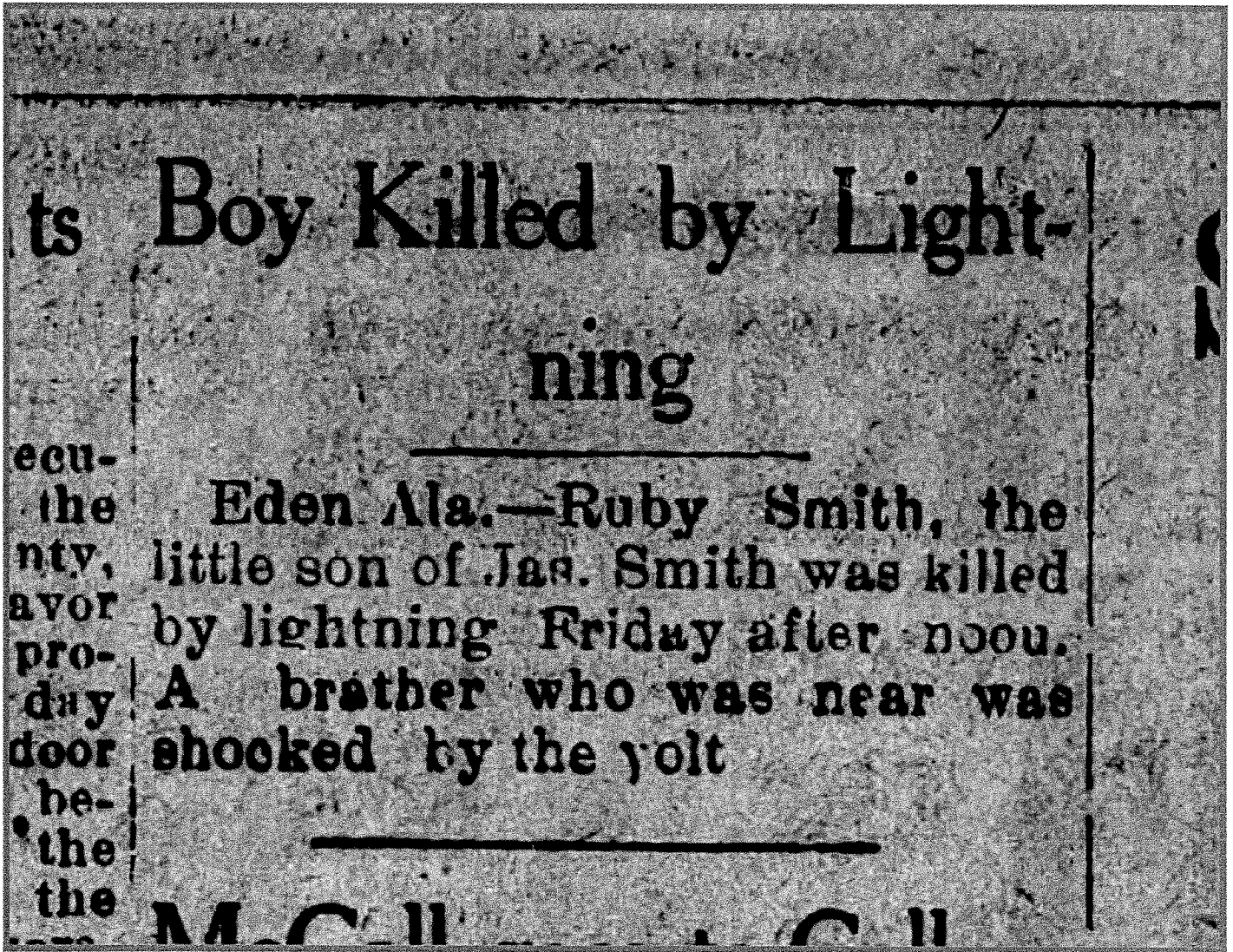
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<p>low Oct. . 20. Ac- tion, 27:h 7th. ckets 13th, of ing. 11th, nt of racy. count ound 14h</p>	<p>pints of whiskey in his possession when arrested. It is said that he was bootlegging among the employ- ees of the Alabama Power Co. He is now in jail.</p> <p>Dr J. O. Gray, of Eden, Ala., was in Talladega Monday returning from Delta, Clay county, where he attend- ed the funeral of his father R. S. Gray, who died at the age of eighty- five years and nine months and twenty-one days. He had been a Mason for fifty-one years and was buried with Masonic honors.</p> <p>In a Talladega store has been dis- covered two of the fanciest names ever heard for negro delivery boys.</p>	<p>On pub 3 miles and sch \$30 per balance</p> <hr/> <p>TO V</p> <p>I ha account past du take th who ov and se ing a g</p>
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 Mrs. Z. A. Laney. They have a full
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 the time delightful in showing me
 over the city. He took me to the
 court house, which is a real nice one
 and then to the pretty bank building
 of which I think all the people of
 Pell City are proud.
 I had the pleasure of shaking
 hands with Mr. Lane, the sheriff of
 St. Clair county. Only a day or two
 later I had the pleasure of meeting
 Sheriff Mayo, of Clay county.
 We spent a night in Mr. Geo.
 Smith's home and went to hear Bro-
 ther Griffin, pastor of Eden church,
 preach at Stewarts school house. I
 met several old friends there. I was
 reminded again that time was flying.
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The Pasteur Institute has received the head of a cow from Fred Kaufman, at Eden, Alabama. Four cows have died within a week at that place and the head of this one was sent in for analysis. Mr. Kaufman and his son had been doctoring the animal and they are afraid that some of the saliva of the animal might have penetrated breaks in the skin of their hands. The animal was mad, and they will be here for treatment.

Dr. E. D. King, of Mobile, sent in the head of a dog, an analysis showing that it was affected with rabies.

W. F. Whiddon, of Greenville, brought in the head of a dog, the animal having bitten him. He remained over to see the result of the analysis of the brain. As it was affected with rabies he did not return home, but remained over for treatment.

NOTICE

There will be an All-Day Singing at Alverson the 2nd Sunday in July. Everybody invited to come.

St. Clair County Musical Convention Met at Eden, Ala.

About 500 people attended the meeting of the St. Clair county Musical Convention at Eden, Ala., Sunday. Members of the Organization were present from all parts of the County. The program was well carried out, which included a variety of songs also duets, quartets and special songs. Revs. D F Funderburg, John Harrie, W P Lovell were present and many short talks which added much to the occasion. A committee of three was appointed by the President to locate time and place of holding the next session which will be duly announced later.

Suitable resolutions in memory of our deceased friend and co-worker Henry W White, of Odenville, Ala., was adopted by the convention.

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Deny Petitions.

Montgomery.—Alabama's Eden will not be closed. The state public service commission having denied the petition of the Southern Railroad Company to discontinue maintenance of an agency station at that place, the station at Eden, Ala., will remain open. The petition of the Southern Railroad Company asking authority to discontinue its agency station at Mulga, Ala., was also denied. Permission was granted, however, for the railroad to abandon its agency at Seddon, Ala.



OBITUARY

J. B. WORTHINGTON.

The funeral of J. B. Worthington, whose death occurred Monday in Eden, Alabama, was held from the Leak McCarty chapel Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Worthington formerly made his home in Montgomery, where he was engaged in the contracting business, it was under his supervision that the city hall, the Dexter avenue Methodist church, and many other buildings in the city were erected.

He was a faithful and consistent member of the above Methodist church during his residence here.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. N. Todd, Montgomery, Mrs. E. L. Graydon, Atlanta, Miss Emma Mae Worthington, Birmingham, two sons, J. B. Worthington, Birmingham and J. C. Worthington, of Littleton.

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PROGRAM

Of The St Clair County Sunday School Convention Which meets at Eden, Ala., on the 4th Sunday, July 24.

Morning Session

- 10-00 Song services.
- 10-20 Devotional services, conducted by Rev. W. B. Lawley.
- 10-40 Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher, by Prof. J. H. Walton.
- 11-10 Going forward, by Rev. T. D. Riddle.
- 11-30 Being a Superintendant, by D. R. Allison.
- 12-00 Adjourn for dinner.

Afternoon Session

- 1-00 Song service.
- 1-15 Devotional service, by Rev. L. A. Thornberg.
- 1-30 Report of County Officers.
- 1-50 Taking Sunday School pledges.
- 2-20 Election of new officers.
- 2-40 Speech, by County President, G. W. Floyd.
- 3-00 Working together, Rev. W. B. Lawley.
- 3-30 Selecting the next place of meeting.
- 3-40 Open discussion for all.
- 4-00 Adjourn.

Prof. G. W. Floyd, President.
J. T. Newton Jr., Vice President.
R. J. Hawkins, Secy. and Treas.

<p>3.— ban- dry W. s of then to g to his the or- hur- an.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EDEN MAYOR DIES</p> <p>PELL CITY, December 8.—George W. Barber, 63, was found dead about 10 o'clock Tuesday night in the woods a few miles from his home at Eden, Ala., where he had gone for a load of wood. The body was found lying in front of his mules and heart failure is believed cause of death. Mr. Barber was mayor of Eden. He leaves his wife and eight children.</p>	<p>Decla quate dren, School decide Board ten re from a lligious It w of eve school this cl</p>
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**MR. AND MRS. BOMAN
 OBSERVE BIRTHDAY
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Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Boman, who
 live near Eden, Ala., celebrated
 their birthday on March 27, when
 159 relatives, including children,
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 ebrated his eightieth birthday and
 Mrs. Boman her seventy-second
 birthday.

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Basketball Player Dies In Gymnasium

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UP)—Max Hawkins, 23-year-old basketball player from Eden, Ala., dropped dead on the gymnasium floor of the Five Points YMCA while competing here Tuesday night.

Claude Whitehead, secretary of the YMCA, said Hawkins walked out of a huddle of the Motorola team on which he was playing, suddenly stiffened and collapsed.

Assistant Coroner J.O. Buller said there was no evidence of any bruises on the body. Indications were that Hawkins died from a cerebral hemorrhage.

The recently-discharged Army veteran was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

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Eden Man Charged In Child's Death

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — An Eden, Ala., man has been bound over to a grand jury on a charge of manslaughter in the death of a 6-year-old child.

Harcy Milton Carreker, 33, is accused in the death of Nancy Tillery. The child was killed instantly in an automobile accident that took the lives of two other persons and injured six.

Carreker was arrested May 19 and identified as the driver of a car that plunged across a parkway on a four-lane highway in Birmingham and colliding with a car driven by Mrs. Tillery.

Carreker's bond was fixed at \$500.

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Pell City PTA To Hear Stewart

PELL CITY — Dr. Frank R. Stewart, state superintendent of education, will speak on "Unity" at a 7 p.m. Thursday meeting of the Eden School PTA.

Preceding his speech, Dr. Stewart will be honored with a special dinner at 6 p.m. at the Pell City Steak House.

Invited to the affair are city and county officials, principals and teachers, members of the board of education, St. Clair County PTA Council, and PTA members.

The event will find the ladies and men dressed in antebellum styles since the Civil War Centennial commemoration is in progress in the St. Clair county seat.

D. O. Langston, superintendent of St. Clair County schools, will introduce the speaker at the PTA meeting. The public has been invited to attend.

hibits have been set cooperation with the Chemical Corps School for a guided tour of school building for all school students who the fair.

The students, according to their high school schedules, will spend Friday studying exhibits and demonstrations in the chemical and radiological laboratories at the chemical school.

The AFCA chapter will give a wide award certificate to the best student science project in each of the five areas.

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TOWN IN ST. CLAIR HOME OF INDIANS

Patriarchal Residents Find Pleasure And Ease In Life Of Village

Dr. Frank Willis Barnett, lawyer, preacher, teacher, traveler and writer, is visiting Alabama towns and is bringing their story, their personalities and their statistics to The News each Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. This is another of that fine series.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT

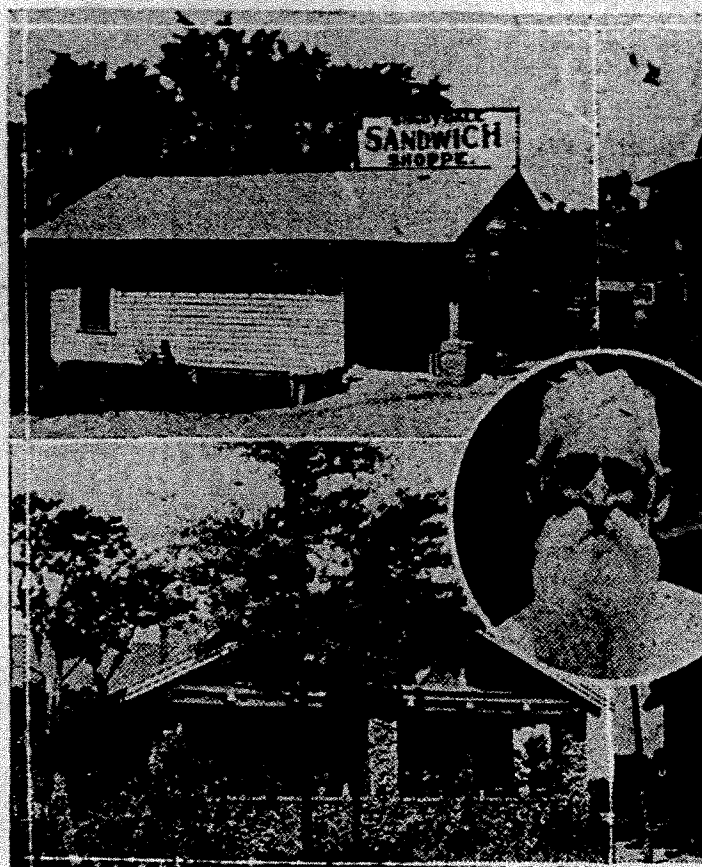
Eden, meaning "pleasure," the first residence of man, was called in the Septuagint, "Paradise," the latter being a word of Persian origin, describing an extensive tract of pleasure land, somewhat like an English park; and the use of it, according to some Bible commentators suggests a wider view of man's first abode than a garden. This, however, is not to be a dissertation on the Eden of the scriptures, and if interested, we simply cite you to Gen. 2: 8-14.



DR. F. W. BARNETT

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POINTS OF INTEREST AND A IN ST. CLAIR VILLAGE



The above pictures were snapped by The News photographer Willis Barnett, who is writing a series of stories about Alabama towns. At the upper left is one of the town filling stations a store that H. M. Laney, shown in the inset in the center lower left is the home of H. L. Berkstresser, one of the many Eden school house.

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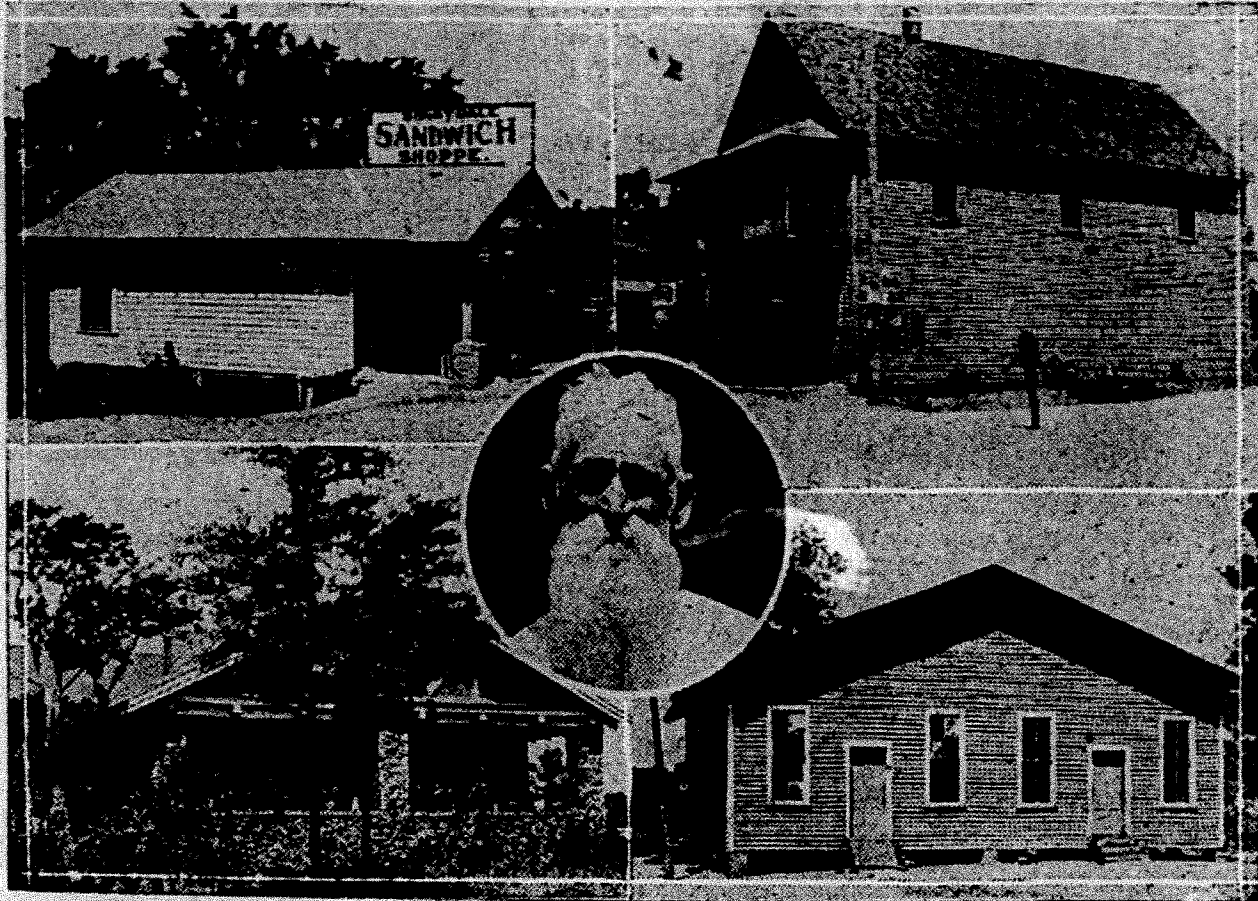
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The above pictures were snapped by The News photographer as he visited Eden, Ala., with Dr. Frank Willis Barnett, who is writing a series of stories about Alabama towns for exclusive use in The Birmingham News. At the upper left is one of the town filling stations and eating places, while the upper right is the store that H. M. Laney, shown in the inset in the center, has operated at Eden for 54 years. In the lower left is the home of H. L. Berkstresser, one of the many beautiful ones in Eden, and on the right is the Eden school house.



Little did we ever think we would be called upon to write about Eden, many know of the Garden, but we fear not as many Alabamians as should know that there is a town in the state bearing the name. But why not, isn't this state with its climate, its lakes crystal streams, rivers, valleys, hills, and mountains, and rich lands and richer ore deposits a veritable Eden for those who will take the trouble to tend it?

We first heard of Eden, Ala., a little more than a quarter of a century ago, when editor of The Alabama Baptist, we were invited to attend the St. Clair Baptist Association to be held in Eden. We went and as far as the entertainment went it was Edenic.

Eden is in St. Clair County, which was created by an act Nov. 20, 1818, its territory being taken from Shelby County. The first voting places were at Joel Chandler's (one of the men appointed on the commission to erect a courthouse and jail in 1821), at Peter Ragsdale's, and William Guthey's in 1819.

The larger part of the county was situated within the domains of the Creek Indians; the Indian population of the county was largely Creek, with some intermingled Cherokees, but it is very likely that after the treaty of Ft. Jackson the upper parts of the Creek cession were visited by many prospectors. It is certain that by the close of 1815, settlements had been made in the cession, while the influx of settlers greatly increased in 1816, and many settlements were made in what later became Shelby County.

Early Settlers

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IL DUCE HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mussolini At Forty - Eighth Milestone Has Quiet Day At Villa

ROME—(P)—It was the privilege Wednesday of Anna Maria Mussolini, 2, and her brother Romano, going on 4, to tweak the ears of the premier of Italy 48 times.

For Wednesday was the forty-eighth birthday anniversary of their father, and such ear-tweaking by the younger members of the house is an old Italian custom.

The birthday celebration plans were simple, including no provision for the receipt of gifts, for Mussolini does not like personal presents.

Home For Anniversary

Signora Mussolini and four of their children were at home at the Villa Torlonia for the birthday. Edda Mussolini, who married Count Galeazzo Ciano last year, is in Shanghai, where her husband is Italian consul general.

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We do not know who named the town "Eden" but whoever did, we credit with having not only imagination and a historic perspective, but an ear for pretty names, and perhaps a little sense of humor as it is hard for us to realize that at its christening it was truly a Garden of Eden, and that in the face of acknowledging its possibilities as a place for homes and businesses.

And yet if it was a busy mart like the Eden which supplied the luxury of Tyre with richly embroidered suits, in which the "sons of Eden" are mentioned with Gozan, Haran and Rezepeh as victims of Assyrian greed, it would hardly be an Eden, as it is hard to think of a place being "Edenic" with street cars, shrill factory whistles, crowded streets, jazz music, radios, and the many other noises which make city life a trial on the nerves. If, however, it is ease and quiet which one is looking for we commend the little village of Eden, Ala., U. S. A., to them.

On arriving in Eden from Birmingham one comes to the lovely bungalow of H. L. Berkstresser, and just beyond it is Shady Dale Sandwich Shop, a modern and picturesque roadside eating stand and soft drink place. These are on the right of the road while just opposite stand the schoolhouse and the Baptist Church. The former was entirely wrecked by a cyclone somewhat back and has been rebuilt; while the latter was blown lopsided and had to be straightened up. In its rear is an old cemetery, and we wandered among the graves, some of which were marked by large stones without any names or dates on them.

There are three stores in Eden: H. M. Laney's, George Barber's and the Eden Cash Store. It was worth a trip to Eden to renew our acquaintance with H. L. Laney, whose flowing white beard and hair gives him the benign appearance of a patriarch, and he is truly one. He has done busi-

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Mussolini Arises Early

The typical Mussolini day starts at 7 a.m., when the premier rises and rides in the Villa Torlonia gardens. At 9 he is at his office, and at 1:30 he is home again for luncheon. Once again at his desk at 3:30 or 4, he remains until around 9 p.m., when he has dinner.

The house in which he was born—a modest, two-story dwelling at Do-via Di Predappio—has become a sort of shrine. In the room where he first saw light there are two black beds, a black iron washstand, a black iron clothes stand, a heavy wooden wardrobe and a chest of drawers, all of them testifying to his humble origin.

WIDOW SLAYS SELF

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—(AP)—Mrs. Yvonne Sinnott, 31, widow of J. Fred Sinnott, who shot himself a few weeks ago, was found dead in her home Tuesday night with a bullet wound, officers said, was self-inflicted in her head. The body was discovered by Charles Grimm, one of the attorneys handling Sinnott's estate. Mrs. Sinnott had sent her son, 8, to a movie. Sinnott was the grandson of the late Joseph F. Sinnott, millionaire Philadelphia distiller. No motive for the suicides was discovered.

ness in his store for 48 years, having been in the mercantile business altogether four years more than a half century. He quaintly says, "I have lived in the Garden of Eden 48 years," and from his saintly looks he has all the signs of being a man who has never eaten any forbidden fruit. We met another satisfied looking person, a man who gladly admitted that he was doing the thing he liked best. We found him in his woodworking shop by the side of the road. He makes desks, tables, swings, porch furniture, etc. He features a table made out of white and red gum and cedar, taking the three woods and fashioning a checker table which is most attractive. He, too, has the air of one who has lived in the "garden" but who was never cast out for disobedience. Happy is the man who finds his work and gets joy out of it.

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Postoffice Moved

Eden is an old town. The postoffice named Eden used to be located about a mile and a half away, but when the railroad came it moved into town. We were unable to get the name of the first postmaster, but for years G. W. Kendrick was postmaster. He was followed by Billy Robertson who kept the office for a dozen years to be displaced by Mrs. Rozelle Cowan, who held it four years, and during the past five years it has been held down by D. R. Wyatt. There is an R. F. D. route from the office, and James W. Lovell rides it.

Mr. Laney, mentioned among the old settlers who were in business after the War Between the States, Cowan and Hazlett, I. R. W. Lewis, H. B. Guy, and C. J. Allison. Allison ran a saw mill as did W. T. Crotwell, and L. A. Millican. S. W. Spruill had a blacksmith shop, J. C. Cornett kept a hotel.

The old families were the Laney's, Cowans, Hazletts, Allisons, Guys, Lewis, Spruills, Crotwells, Millicans, Cornetts and others.

Eden has two service stations, the Friendly, and the Eden Service Stations. The depot agent is R. J. Williams, E. B. Womsley operates a grist mill.

I. W. Inzer is principal of the Eden school and is assisted by Miss Martha Watson. The Rev. Chesley Donahoo, is pastor of the Baptist Church, and the Rev. W. D. Dowdell, of the Methodist Church.

The next time you take a trip on the Bankhead Highway, just before you come to Pell City if going east from Birmingham, stop off in Eden for a bit and have a chat with Mr. Laney and some of the other Edenites.

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Earlier, Judge Satterfield had said in a story carried in a Birmingham newspaper, that he was not satisfied with the county's plans for improving the jail.
Questioned about this statement by the Observer, he said that he meant by that that no provisions had been made for juveniles.
"We definitely need a proper place to care for young children where they can be separated from the adults," he said.

city garbage.
Under state law, it is unlawful to dump any garbage or trash except in an approved sanitary landfill and fines of \$100.00 will be assessed anyone convicted of illegal dumping, a city spokesman said.

Stacy Luker

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Kaylor officiating, Kilgroe directing.

Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Sybil Y. Luker; one step-daughter, Mrs. Curtis L. Perry and one step-son, James T. Ponder, both of Birmingham; one sister, Mrs. Leilas Blankenship of Pell City, and one brother, Radford Luker of Clute, Texas.



REMEMBER WHEN?



The old and the new. . Pictured is the Eden United Methodist Church, shortly after it was completed some years ago; and if you will focus your attention to the top left of the picture, you will see the old church which it replaced - which is now the Church Parsonage. Pell City Rexall has become streamlined and updated over the years, too. But...

Eden And Oak Ridge To Vote On Merger With Pell City March 20

City governing bodies of the three municipalities in this area passed resolutions and set-in motion machinery that may result in a historic milestone for the people of this entire community at separate Council meetings Monday night.

City Councils of Eden and Oak Ridge passed resolutions expressing a desire and willingness for the consolidation and merger of Eden and Oak Ridge with Pell City.

Pell City's Town Council passed the same resolution.

The residents of Eden and Oak Ridge will vote on the merger March 20. Both councils appointed election officials Monday night and

both city governing bodies set March 20, as election day. Thus the wheels began to turn for what may be the most momentous event in the history of all three municipalities.

Legal difficulties which have confronted town councils of Oak Ridge and Pell City and have delayed action on this merger for more than a year have been completely ironed out by a ruling from the Attorney General of Alabama.

The Attorney has ruled that the governing body of the consolidated towns will be under no obligation whatever to pay the debts of the Oak Ridge Gas and Water Board,

that the operation of two distinct and separate water and gas distribution systems within the confines of the same municipality are entirely legal, and that the only duty of the city governing body of the Oak Ridge Gas and Water Board will be to elect members of the Gas and Water Board when and if vacancies occur.

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Local officials says this is not necessary, that the people of Eden can keep their own postoffice. The same is true at Oak Ridge.

Merger of the three municipalities will positively not mean that tax rates will be raised. Municipal tax rates can not be raised above the present level without the consent. The people of the consolidated towns would have to approve any additional taxes in a special election.

Consolidation of the towns will mean eventual levelling of all gas and water rates. Pell City's sanitary sewerage disposal system will be extended as soon as economically possible.

Merger will mean a substantial reduction in insurance rates in Eden and Oak Ridge because of more adequate and modern fire protection. Pell City's governing body has been delaying the purchase of a new and modern fire truck and fire fighting equipment until the question of consolidation has been settled.

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Benefit Variety Show Will Honor Ross Lankford

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Mr. Lankford was seriously injured in Springville several weeks ago, when he was run over by a car. His leg was broken in two places and he received many other serious injuries from the accident. He will be confined to a hospital and his home for many months. Being a loyal member of the Springville Lions Club and an outstanding citizen, business man of Springville, and great christian gentleman, his friends in the Lions Club are sponsoring this show.



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BURIED MONDAY Funeral services were held in Birmingham Sunday for William O. Dycus Jr., 54, formerly of Pell City. He died in a Birmingham hospital Friday. A native of St. Clair County, he graduated from Pell City High School with the class of 1924. He was married to the former Miss Elizabeth Cather, also formerly of Pell City. Funeral services were held in Brown-Norwood Chapel. Interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, three sons, W. O. Dycus III, Neil Dycus and James C. Dycus, and one daughter, Mrs. J. P. Littleton.

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James Ingram and James Sargent will oppose W. D. "Boss" Wilkins, the incumbent, for County Commissioner from the Fourth district. E. N. Peace will have Tommy Washington for an opponent for commissioner from the 1st district. Judge John Walker Sr., did not offer for re-election as Superior Court Judge for the northern division. O. M. Forman, Fred Bell,

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On the Republican side of the ledger, the St. Clair GOP will hold a primary, but will offer candidates in the November general election. Milford Buttrick a candidate for commissioner of the Fourth district and Sam E. Shaw will be gunning for the commissioner job from the Fourth district.

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AT JOINT MEETING

Officials Of Eden And Pell City Plan Merger

A merger of Pell City and Eden seemed in a fair way to become a reality this week.

Mayor Henry Burns, Eden, and Mayor Joe Kilgroe, Pell City, with members of the city council of both towns held a joint meeting Saturday night.

As a result a resolution will be offered at the next meeting of the Eden City Council asking for a merger of the two towns. Every member of the Pell City Town council was present at the meeting and all said they would favor the merger.

All members of the Eden council were present with the exception of Dr. Culver Lee. Eden councilmen also voted unanimously in favor of the merger. Dr. Lee was unable to attend because of illness but was reported as favoring merger of the two towns.

J. T. Bowman, Eden councilman, lead off the meeting, said he believed a merger of the two cities, so close together in every way for many years, would be the best thing for the people of both municipalities.

Mayor Henry Burns discussed the merger and its effects in various ways. He discussed the possibility of sewerage for Eden, and the possibility of Eden losing their postoffice.

It was explained at a meeting that postoffice officials had been consulted in regard to the postoffice.

and that the postoffice could be retained as a branch postoffice even if the towns were merged. It was also pointed out that the people of Eden would have free mail delivery if they wanted it.

Possibility of eventual lowering of both gas and water rates in Eden in the event of a merger was also discussed.

The proposed Oak Ridge-Pell City merger was brought into focus again at a meeting at the Pell City Council Monday night. Legal technicalities involving the gas and water bonds in Oak Ridge have held up actual voting on this project for some months. However, City Attorney Ed Holladay who has been at work on the problem for some time reported to the council Monday night that he was confident a favorable report regarding the merger would be made at the next meeting of the Pell City Council.

Those attending Saturday night's joint meeting in addition to Mayors Burns and Kilgroe were from Eden; J. T. Bowman, Milton Robertson, Earl Bowman and Albert Harvey. From Pell City, J. L. Garrett, J. B. Embry, E. R. Blair, Ed Love Jr. and J. H. Stokes.

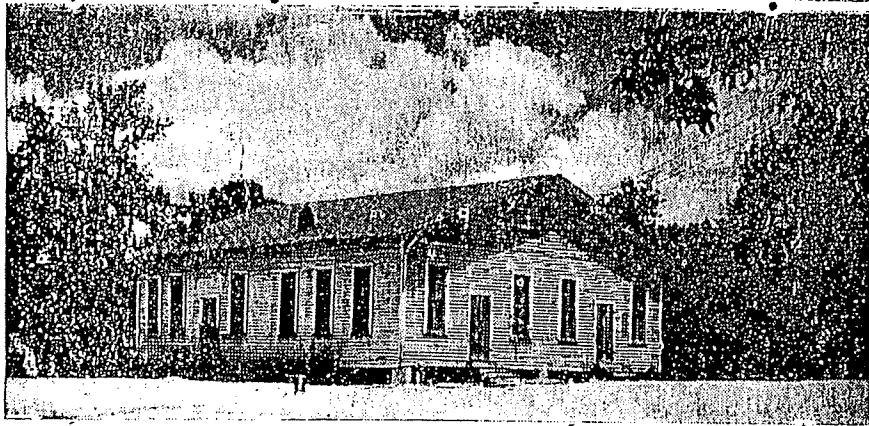
School students are invited to attend the next meeting.

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Civic Clubs Start Fund Drive For Rev. Heflin Home

Pell City's Civic clubs have started an active drive to raise funds to buy or build a permanent home in Pell City for Rev. Marvin Heflin, pastor of Pell City's First Methodist Church.

The Lions have appointed their committee and Civitans and Shrine Club will select committees in a short time.

Members of the Lions' committee are Paul Turner, Foster Oliver and J. R. Lowery.

The drive will be set off with a dinner at Black and White Gardens. Jack Cline, owner, said the Black and White would serve the meal for \$1.00. Minimum price of tickets to the meal will be \$10.00, but there is no limit to the price that can be paid for the ticket.

All above the actual cost of the meal, \$1.00 per person, will be turned over to the funds committee. An outstanding speaker will be on the program for the "Brother Heflin Dinner". Sponsors of the dinner hope to have a minimum of 150 people attend the dinner with the maximum set at 200.

Date of the dinner and names of other committee members will be announced in a short time.

While nothing permanent has been done, it is believed those sponsoring the movement will try to buy a home rather than to build one.

Rev. Heflin will retire after this year. He has served for many years in the Methodist ministry, and since he expressed a desire to make his permanent home in Pell City, citizens of every denomination as well as members of Rev. Heflin's church have expressed a desire to have Rev. Heflin's home.



Pell City.

Farm Boys To Celebrate National FFA

Future Farmers of America and all over the state will celebrate next week the 26th anniversary of National FFA, announced by Nick Orr, FFA president. Orr said that boys have been members of Future Farmers of America for conducting elaborate celebrations of FFA, the farm boys organization, the national organization of boys studying vocations.

"I BELIEVE IN FARMING" was the slogan of FFA boys next week. This started as the theme week because it is the words in their own Individual FFA.

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FROM The old to the new . . . views show the new and the old Eden school building. Last week

The Car

(Second in a series of articles)
New, high powered cars on the concrete laboriously, four



change, the first change that has been made in, some say 69 years, some say about 50 years.

In any event it has been a long time since children who attended school at Eden had a chance to walk into a brand new building.

But that's what happened last week when Professor E. C. Bole, his five school faculty and just over 200 pupils left the old school on Highway 78 and marched nearly a mile to the recently completed school building on the site of the old Inzer home.

The new six classroom building cost about \$80,000. In addition to six classrooms, the building has an office for the principal, a cafeteria (what would old-timers think about the young'uns eatin' right in the building?) an auditorium, a storage room for books. In addition, each room has a drinking fountain. There is a furnace no more totin' coal or pine knots to stoke the heater) and indoor toilets.

Top view shows the old school building. Some say this building was first constructed in 1880, some say about the turn of the century—around 1900. In any event the building is an ancient one, was worn out and outmoded at least



cheap 1932 coupe on the highway. Gaining momentum they break into a pit and the gears jump under the clutch . . . the aged driver hesitates to life . . . before dark catches the lights . . . and all the gears crowd again fency—with no brakes ever stop in time.

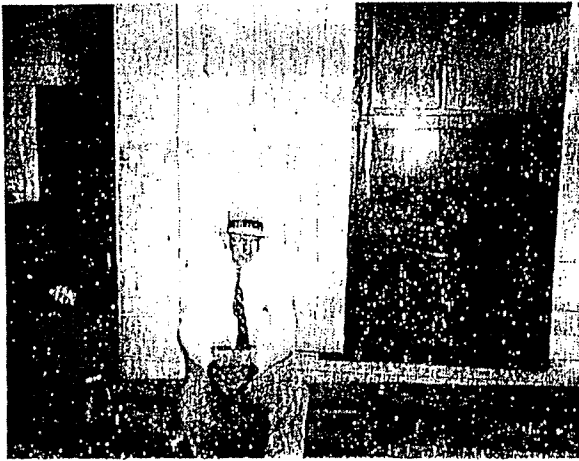
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The highway engineer put a grade separation intersection—highway

THE ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER



LONZO BOWMAN
Recalls Early Days

"I was here when Mr. Jim Hollis brought his mule team and scraped off the ground here for this building."

Mr. Lonzo Bowman, a pioneer of the Eden and Fell City community, was calling back a lot of years as he sat reminiscing on the old, much-whittled bench in front of the store now run by Fate Gusselt in Eden.

He was thinking back to around 1894 when the late H. N. Laney first opened the store, which was Eden's first and for a long time the county's largest mercantile store. And he chuckled a bit ruefully as did your Roving Photo-

grapher as he recalled that in those days eggs had sold for 5¢ a dozen "and you couldn't hardly get rid of 'em". That a dollar would buy about 20 pounds of sugar, meal sold for three cents a pound, and lard, about two dollars for a 50 pound can.

And he told of his wife's recollection of how proud she was the day she was able to go to the Laney store and purchase her very first "store bought" dress.

Mr. Bowman, who is 72 years young, and has lived here all his life, also has a lot of other pleasant memories about early days in Eden. He remembers when a

Mr. Rolf operated a shoe shop and made his tacks out of maple wood, used a hog gristle needle and wax thread for sewing shoes "and when he sewed 'em they stayed sewed." A fellow who had made about a half bushel of the maple tacks was trying to sell them to the old shoemaker one day, Mr. Bowman recalls, and not having too much luck. The cobbler, trying to get the man to cut his price, told him, "you might as well let me have them for my price, because you can't sell them to anyone else." The man replied that he'd take them home and sow them for oats first, "and he did," laughed Mr. Bowman, "but not a one came up."

The McCormicks and the Whites have been busy making life a little easier and more productive for the farmer since the days when Mr. Bowman chopped cotton for 30 cents a day in the Eden fields ("and, you know, young fellas these days don't believe that"), but he sure had a dream of a huge machine that plowed noisily through the woods tearing down trees as it went. "That was long before there were ever any machines here, but the dream seemed so real I wanted to get up and look out to see if it wasn't really happening."

He's seen a lot of progress in our community, this man who just last year gathered most of his 13 children, 45 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren about him to join him and his wife in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, but he expects to see a lot more.

He described the recent Fell City-Eden-Oak Ridge merger as "the finest thing that ever happened" and expects that his children will live to see the day when Fell City will be "the very pick of the earth."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, and relatives



Mrs. Odell Barber



Jess Vernon

TO HEAD OES The installation of officers for Chapter 437 Order of the I Star, will be held next Wednesday evening July 13. The program begins at 8 p.m. at the I Jacobus Deane Hall and open to the public.

Mr. Odell Barber, charter member of the chapter will be in Mr. and Mrs. Harold I



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ST. CLAIR NEWS

ALABAMA'S BIG WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

PELL CITY, ALA.

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State GOP Chairman
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A large gathering is expect-
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PCHS Graduation To Be Held At Stadium Friday Night

Graduation exercises for Pell City High School sen-
iors will be held Friday night, May 24, at Alumni Stad-
ium, beginning at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Alto L.
Garner, Professor of Education at Howard College.

The outgoing principal, O.
D. Duran, will hand out the
diplomas to graduating sen-
iors. Members of the faculty
and the board of education
also will be represented.

Parents and friends of the
graduates are cordially invited
to attend. Ronald Hurst, pres-
ident of the senior class, will
have the introduction, and
Marsha Ann Cook, salutator-
ian, will give a welcome ad-
dress. Lynda Jean Walls, valed-
ictorian, will present a speech
on a phase of citizenship.

Members of the graduating
class are as follows:

Linda Abercrombie
Jean Abercrombie
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Judy Alexander
Linda G. Alldredge
Ramona Alldredge
Trude Bailey
Elaine Barber
Lawana Barber
Dean Barber
Roddy Barber

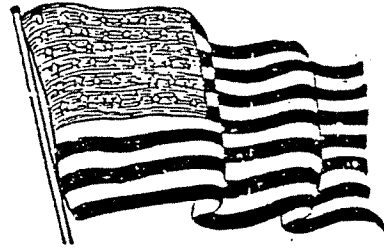
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Ginny Black Higginbotham
Martha Rae Hill
Ronald Holliman
Eobby Hollis
Larry Hollis
Gerald Hoyle
Buster Hullett
Barbara Hunter
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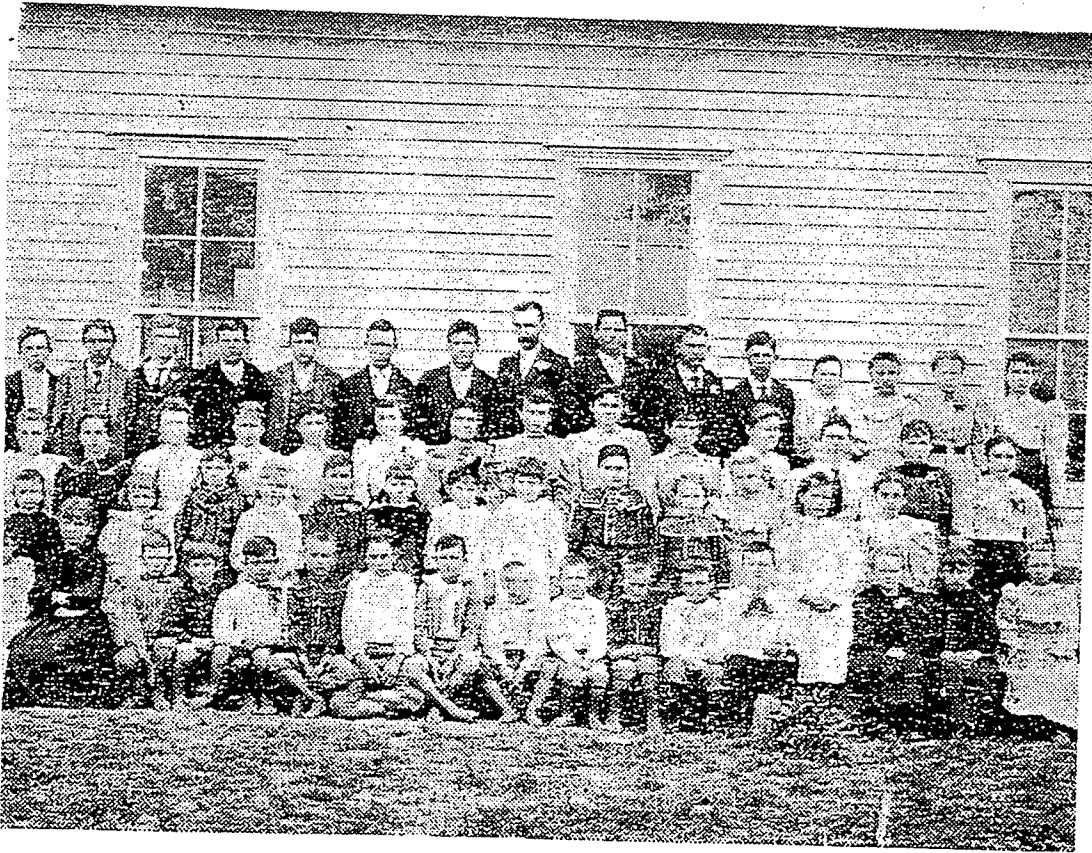
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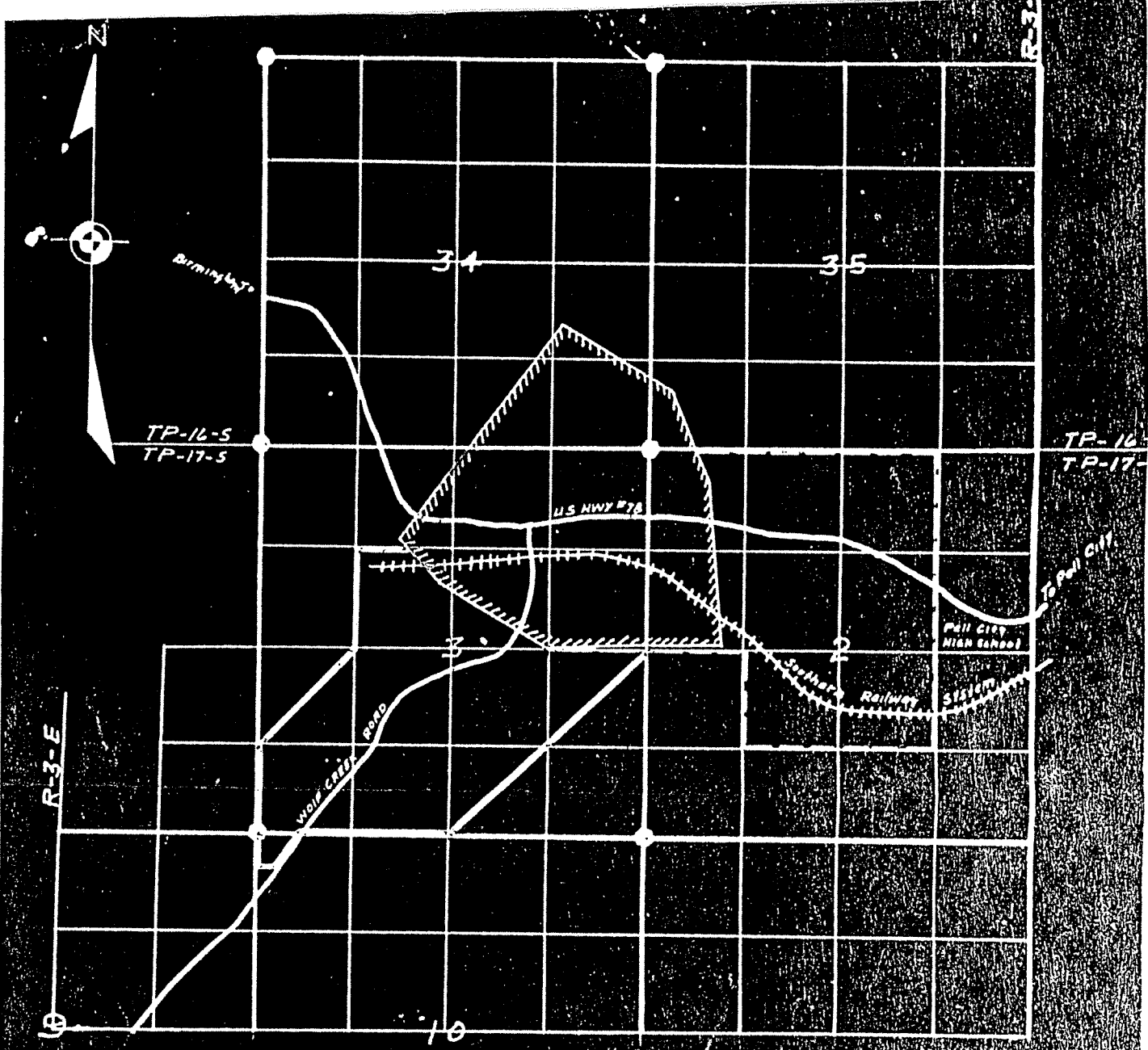
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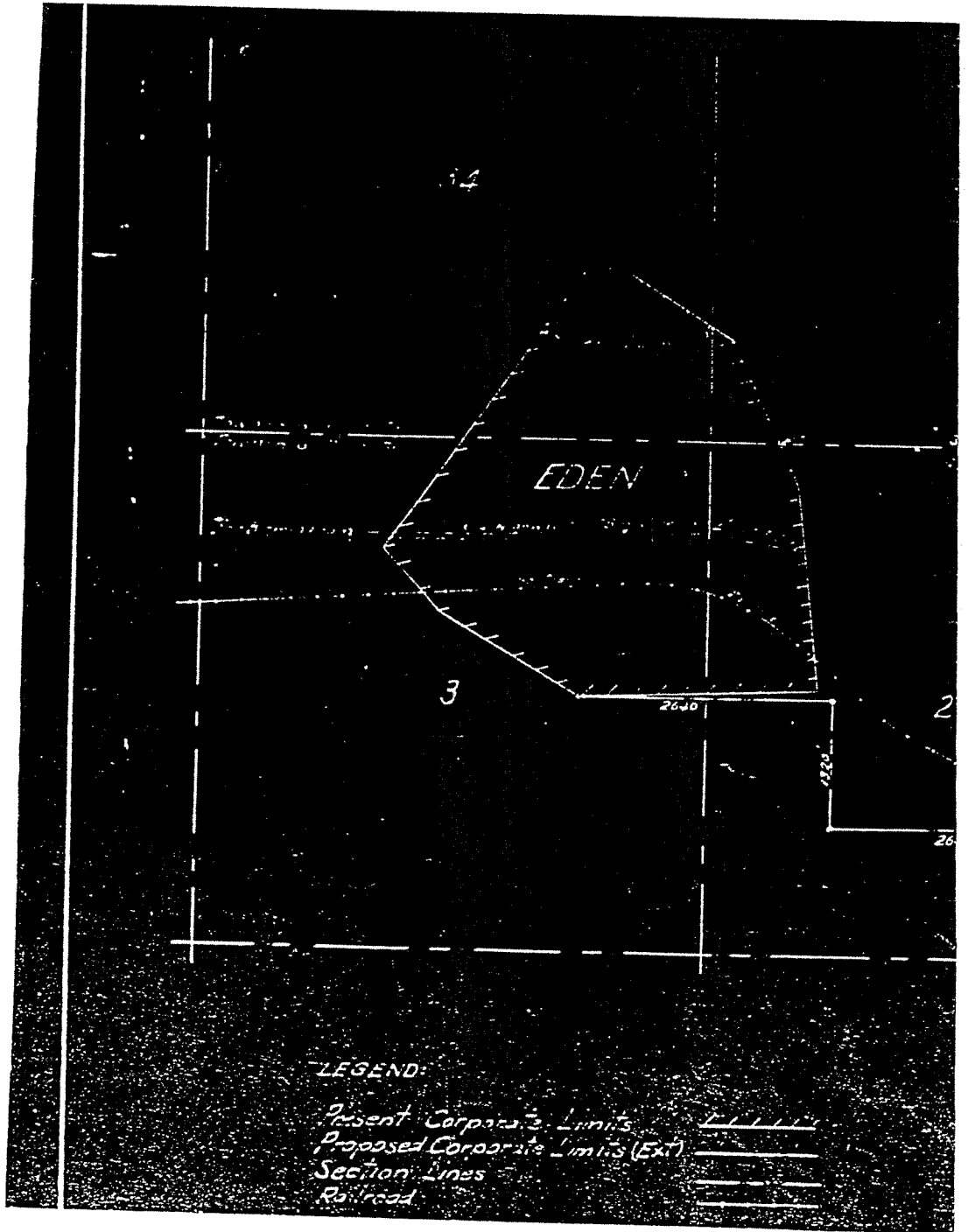
When it is, no one knows the identity of anyone on the picture, except principal of the school was said to be B. M. Matthews. Our information is that Mr. Matthews is from the Caldwell section of St. Clair. If the picture is 70 years old or more it must have been made some time between 1890 and 1900. Is there anyone who can identify anyone on the picture? If so the News-Aegis would be glad to have the information.

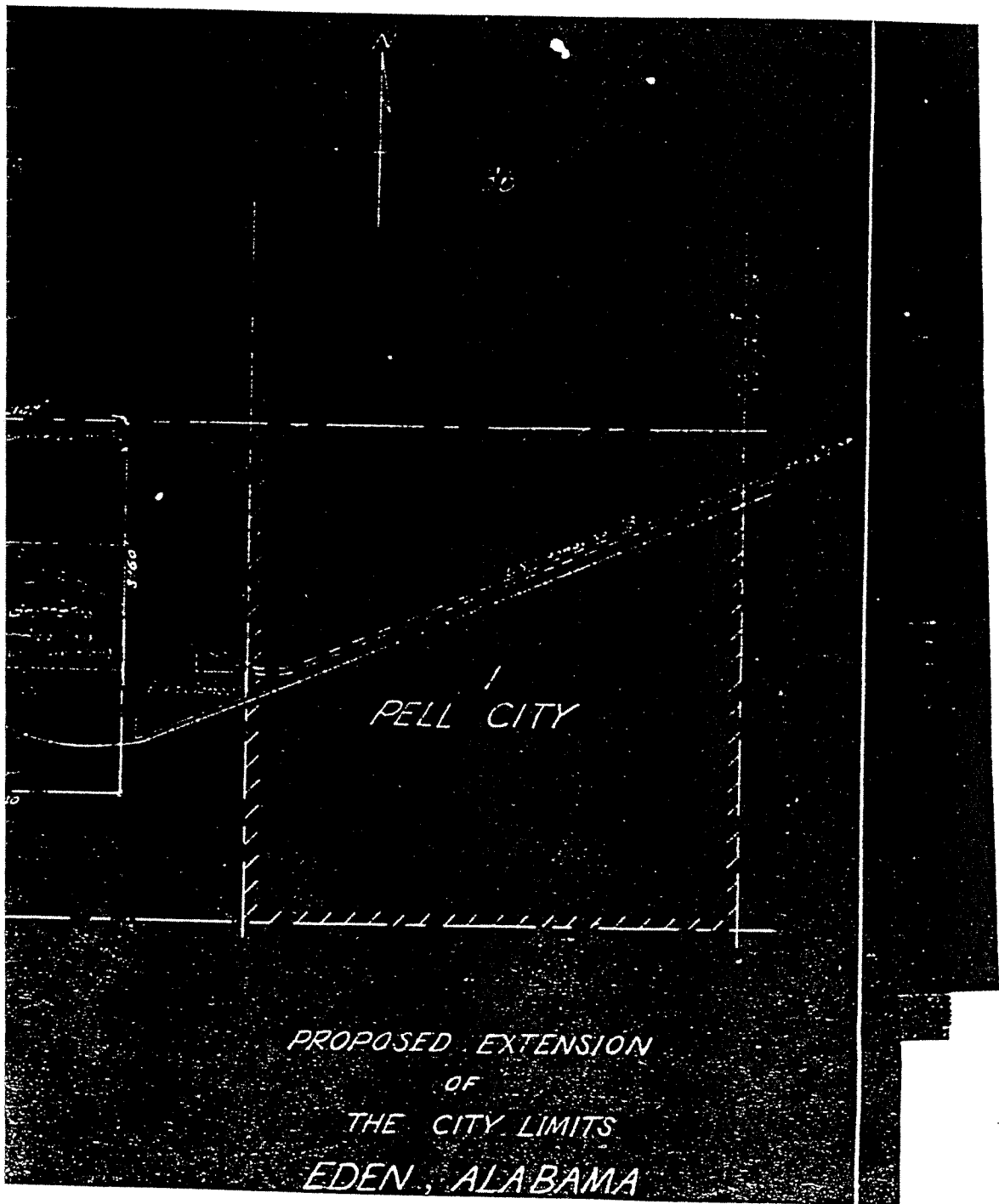
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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on March 20, 1956, a special municipal election will be held in the Town of Eden, Alabama for the purpose of voting on the proposed annexation of the Town of Eden, Alabama with the Town of Pell City, Alabama and that all registered and qualified voters who reside within the corporate limits of Eden, Alabama will be authorized to participate in said election.

H. L. BURNS
Mayor of Town of Eden,
Alabama

ATTEST:

L. T. Henninger
Town Clerk

An Ordinance Approving The Merger and Consolidation of Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama

Whereas, the Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama are contiguous municipalities; and,

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Pell City, Alabama has heretofore been advised by the Town Council of the Town of Eden, Alabama that they are desirous of merging and consolidating the two municipalities; and,

Whereas it is the opinion of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pell City, Alabama that the said municipalities should be consolidated and operated as one municipality;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pell City, Alabama:

1. That the Town of Pell City, Alabama does hereby express a willingness for the merger and consolidation of the Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama by the annexation of the

**LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
IN CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY
AT PELL CITY, ALABAMA**

Helen Danella August, Complainant
Vs.

Theodore August, Respondent

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register by John Huddleston that the Defendant is a non-resident of Alabama, and that his postoffice address is unknown, and further that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is of the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the St. Clair News-Aegis a newspaper published in Pell City, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Theodore August to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 8th day of April 1956, or in thirty days thereafter a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office in Pell City, Alabama, this the 5th day of March, 1956.

J. W. Truitt, Register
NA 3|8-15-22-29

Mao Tse-tung, Red China's leader, told the Soviet Communist party that Communism was certain of world victory under the Soviet Union's leadership.

**An Ordinance
Merger and Consolidation of
Town of Pell City, Alabama,
and the Town of Eden, Alabama,
and election.**

Whereas, the Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama are contiguous municipalities; and,

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pell City, Alabama that the said municipalities should be consolidated and operated as one municipality;

Now, therefore, Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pell City, Alabama:

1. That the Town of Pell City, Alabama does hereby express a willingness for the merger and consolidation of the Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama by the annexation of the Town of Eden, Alabama to the Town of Pell City, Alabama;

2. That an election be held on the 20th day of March, 1956, at the legal hours for elections, by the Town of Pell City, Alabama, residing within the corporate limits of the Town of Pell City, Alabama for the purpose of determining whether the electors are in favor of the consolidation of the Town of Pell City, Alabama and the Town of Eden, Alabama by the annexation of the

Take It From An Eskimo Who's in The Know . . .

Town of Edon,
Town of Pell City, Alabama;

2. That the Mayor of the Town of Pell City, Alabama is hereby directed to certify a copy of this ordinance to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Edon, Ala.;

3. That the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Edon, Alabama, is hereby respectfully requested to enact all ordinances or resolutions as provided by Article 3, Sub-division 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 37 of the 1940 Code of Alabama to the end that the above said municipalities shall be merged and consolidated into one municipality.

Duly enacted this 5th day of March, 1956

Joe W. Kilgroe
Mayor of Town of Pell City
Alabama

ATTEST:
Betty Scott
Town Clerk
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Next Tuesday Day Of Decision For

Residents of Eden and Oak Ridge will go to the polls next Tuesday and in the American way, by way of the ballot, decide if the two towns are to be merged into Pell City.

This is an issue that has been discussed and debated pro and con for many years. Next Tuesday will be the 'Day of Decision.' There is naturally opposition to the plan of consolidation. This also is the American way. There was no opposition there. There is no need of elections, but by free citizens — and we lose our need for elections if we do not all — our Democratic

way of life.

WATER SUPPLY

Many people, in fact by far the greatest majority of us, take our water supply for granted. It is something that is just there, just turn a valve and there it is.

But perhaps most important of all in this question of consolidation is the water supply. For the past several years Oak Ridge, Eden and Pell City have been dependent on Avondale Mills and their lake for much of their water.

It is no secret that this supply will be completely eliminated when the Alabama Power Company dam near Easonville is completed, a

matter of four to seven years from now.

These three communities cannot afford to wait until the water at Avondale Lake has been shut off before looking for the source of another supply. To this end the mayor and council of Pell City are in the tentative stages of plans to go to the Coosa River for water.

This means laying a water line and building a filtering plant. This is expected to cost \$300,000 to \$750,000.

This poses a question: "Can either of these three communities alone afford such an expensive outlay for water, or must each

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PELL CITY

This Is Your Story

MRS. LELA THOMASSON BRADFORD

This is the sixteenth in a News-Aegis monthly series telling the life story of some St. Clair Countian. Identity of the featured subject is kept secret until publication.

By LOUISE G. HULLETT

"Beautiful faces are those that wear—

If matters little if dark or fair—
 Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show

Like crystal panes where hearth fires glow,

Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words

Leap from the heart like songs of birds,
 Yet whose



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things I have heard people say about the consolidation of Oak Ridge and Pell City has been, "How do you like Eden?", or "How do you like Oak Ridge?"

Good question, but very easily answered. These questions remind me that there are municipalities after that Pell City will be and Oak Ridge one of those communities treated as step-children. It is nothing could be the truth. If and consolidation of the communities effective, ONE town, or will be called a

Eden, Oak Ridge And Pell City

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 many industries looking for
 new sites would pass up either
 community after looking at the
 population figures. "No available
 labor in such a small town" would
 be their reaction.
 Consolidation will mean that the
 city can afford radio controlled
 police cars for better protection of
 lives and property. It will mean
 at least one fireman on duty at all
 times so that far better fire pro-
 tection, resulting in decreased in-
 surance rates, can be had. It will
 mean modern and adequate fire
 fighting equipment that can be at

a fire in any part of the commu-
 nity in a short time.
 It will be the means of affording
 the extension of garbage collect-
 ion with modern garbage collect-
 ion equipment, and the building
 of a garbage disposal plant, a health
 must for any growing community.
 Merger of the three towns will
 mean that state shared tax, will
 be more than triple the amount
 now being received by the three
 communities. This is money all
 towns are losing because of the low
 population figures.
 Rumors have been circulated
 that Eden would lose their post-
 office in case of a merger. We

pointed out last week that postal
 officials say Eden will not lose
 their postoffice because of the mer-
 ger. This is also true at Oak Ridge.
 We also pointed out that consoli-
 dation would mean no raise in tax.
 Municipal taxes cannot be raised
 without the consent of the people.
 Reasons against the consolidation
 of the three towns ??? We just
 don't know any and must leave
 this to some one else.
 Search your souls. See if these
 truths are not self-evident.
 The Day of Decision — ? Next
 Tuesday — and it could be the
 Day that makes Our Valley Green.

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More than 16,000 people will read
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PELL CITY Citizens Council Rally At Armory Monday Night

Pell City's recently organized
 Citizens Council will hold their first
 rally next Monday night, March 19,
 at the Pell City Armory.

The meeting is to start at 7:30
 Ace Carter, executive secretary of
 the North Alabama Citizens Coun-
 cil, will be the main speaker.

J. T. Rich, chairman of the Pell
 City Council, said a crowd of se-
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C. M. GILLHAM
MENTION

Mrs. Ben Hestley, Jr.
Field, Montgomery
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relatives here.
Mrs. Thomas Holtbrooks
funeral of Mrs. John
Vista at Vandiver

Neighbors returned
the Veteran's Hospital
Saturday, having
two weeks.

Reeves of Birmingham
A. Inzer visited rela-
did some fishing near
Mississippi Thursday
Friday.

ever had his tonsils re-
the Children's Hospital in
Saturday. He is reco-
at his home.

Gillhams made a trip
Saturday.

Mr. Roy Evans and Wil-
ited Mr. and Mrs. Her-
East Lake Sunday.

King made a trip to
Sunday.

Spradlin and children
visited Mrs. Junior
Saturday.

Reeves and children of
spent the weekend
A. Inzer.

C. Armstrong of One-
ing this week with Mr.
Brannon.

Erance Davis underwent
at Highland Baptist
Birmingham Thursday.
operating at home now.

Brannon and Mrs. John
ed in Anniston Wednes-

are on the loose
few children are out

Phil Campbell, former residents,
announce the birth of a son, Gre-
gory Fields Crowe, March 17th.
This young fella weighed in at 7
lbs. 3 ozs.

Mrs. Adrian Howard Hostess
At Phillipine Luncheon

Mrs. Adrian Howard, a native of
the Phillipine Islands was hostess
at a luncheon April 11th at her
home.

The guests really enjoyed the
native food that was so deliciously
prepared. They were also amazed
at the difference a Phillipine touch
can make to basic foods used in
our country.

The menu included: mustard
green salad, chicken chow mein,
Phillippine fried rice, fritada (stew)
green beans, a la Filippine, cherry
pie, sweet potato and coconut and
iced tea.

The guests were Mesdames Fred
Lewis, Rufus Rooker, T. R. Ak-
ridge, Melvin Truitt, J. A. Hunt, J.
A. Inzer, Lucia Cate, Wash Howard
and the hostesses daughters, Nina
and Adrene.

Civic Club Supper
Held At Armory

The Eden Civic Club members
and their wives enjoyed a most
delicious fish supper at the ar-
mory last Monday night.

Mr. Joe Kilgroe, mayor, spoke to
the group about some of the plans
underway for the development of
the newly acquired area within the
city limits of Pell City.

Mr. Earl Bowman entertained
with some of his wonderful imi-
tations and his version of the re-
cently popular song "Davy Cro-
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After the meal the club members
held a business session. About fifty
persons were present for this de-
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward
dinner guests of Mr.
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Mr. W. B. Crowe Jr. of

Officers Installed At Eden PTA

The Eden Elementary PTA met
at the school April 6th. The in-
spirational was given by Rev. L. L.
Bowlin.

Officers for the ensuing year
were installed by Mrs. Carl Schog-
gins, St. Clair County PTA Coun-
cil president.

Mr. D. O. Langston, St. Clair
county School superintendent, spoke
to the group on "Schools Your
Responsibility."

Mr. Hoyt Sims, Eden school prin-
cipal, presented his sixth grade
students in a playlet "Much Too
Much."

Mrs. Morris and her first grade
mothers were the hostesses. The
room also won the attendance
prize.

**Cub Scout Family Night To
Be Held Saturday Night**

The April cub scout family night
will be held at the Eden school
Saturday night at 7:30. The cubs
will be awarded their bob cat pins.

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Eden News

By MRS. C. M. GILLHAM
PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Gossett and family, Miss Lois Gossett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gossett and Miss Ella Ruth Gossett were birthday dinner guests of Little Miss Linda Kay Shirley at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shirley Sunday. Linda Kay observed her fifth birthday. Doyle Taylor of Avondale, weekend guest of Billy Gossett, also attended the dinner.

Mrs. Barnett Alverson is a patient at the Martin Memorial Hospital. We certainly hope that she will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Daniel of Riverview spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Milner.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Blalock and sons, Benny and Jerome of Bynum Sunday were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Seales.

Saturday Mrs. Charles Robertson was admitted to Martin Memorial Hospital. Hope that she will soon be able to be out and resume her studies at Pell Hi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hesterly and daughters, Sondra, Sara Lynn, Patricia, and Miss Diane Meeks were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schoggins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morrow recently spent a weekend in Red Bay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peden.

Mrs. William Seales, Mrs. Herbert Grantland and Mrs. Mable Kennedy Saturday attended the funeral of Mrs. Carrie Aldridge of Anniston there.

The C. A. Hesterlys, W. E. Hesterlys of Birmingham and the Carl Schoggins enjoyed this weekend at the Vaughan Farm.

Little Cynthia Sweatt, daughter

**Get-Together
Supper To Be At
Harkey's Chapel**

Members of the Harkey's Chapel Church will have a 'Get Together' supper at the church basement in Coal City Saturday night April 28 at 7:30 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. M. R. Hefflin and members invite all the candidates or their representative to attend the supper and tell the people what they would like for them to know before they go to the polls on May 1.

friends and relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Castleberry, Gene and Billy Castleberry, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beavers, Mrs. Louise Bell and sons, Mr. L. C. Beavers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beavers and boys of Cook Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, Maxwell Gallups, Betty Galups, Mr. Winston Swiney, Mr. and Mrs. Hansel Ramsey and baby, Mrs. J. T. Stevens, Betty, Hubert and Bertie, Mrs. Edna Hazelwood and son, Miss Gloria Ann Beavers, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Masters, Joel and Earline, Billy Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Stevens, Mrs. Betty Williams, Miss Janice Williams, Miss Doris Castleberry, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Steven, Mr. J. T. Masters, Mr. Jim Reeves and Miss Evelyn Stevens of Pell City; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Castleberry of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Porter Castleberry of Metairie, Louisiana; Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Thornburg of Wilmer; Mr. John M. Thornburg and Mrs. Nora Gallups of Ragland; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Castleberry and baby, Mrs. Roy Castleberry and

**SUPPLEMENTAL
QUALIFIED VOTER**

STATE OF ALABAMA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

I, M. W. Forman, Judge of the County, do hereby certify the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the following are true and correct supplemental list of qualified voters of St. Clair County, Alabama, as they appear from the records in my office, and such information as is available to obtain.

This supplemental list of qualified voters published April 12, 1956, substitute the list of qualified voters who will be entitled to vote in the election held in St. Clair County from time of publication of this list until another list is published.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April, 1956.

M. W. Forman
Judge

Beat 1 Males

Jackson, A. R.
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Mize, C. C.
Murray, Elmer
Murray, Geo. E.
Palmer, Tillman

Beat 2 - Females

Goodman, Elsa

Beat 3 - Males

Banks, Joe S.
Forman, George L.
Martin, Ruel Benne

Beat 4 - Females

of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sweatt, had an accident with her bicycle Thursday. Besides being skinned up she had four of her baby teeth knocked out. Cynthia we hope you will soon be okay again and if you will just be patient long enough you will have some more front teeth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner and family are spending this week in Panama City, Fla.

Mrs. John A. Watkins and John A. Jr. of Birmingham spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson.

Monday Bob Seales discovered he had the mumps and Little Miss Darlene Spruiell has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Adams and Terry of Montgomery spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Robertson.

It is good to know that Mrs. S. W. Edwards is back at her teaching spot in our school after being out ill for over a week.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. A. B. Dorrrough in his passing Tuesday.

MRS. ELIZA CASTLEBERRY HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Sunday Mrs. Eliza Castleberry was honored at the home of her son, Mr. Earl Castleberry in Cook Springs in celebration of her eighty-fourth birthday.

A bounteous dinner was spread outdoors, centered by a beautiful birthday cake. During the evening pictures were made. Among the close

Walter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carreker and family, Mrs. C. A. Windkane, Mrs. Audrey Carreker, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carreker, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Carreker and baby, Mrs. H. H. Marcus of Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Furman, Mrs. W. H. Stephens and daughters, Woodrow Stephens and family, Elizabeth Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, Rebecca and Mary Julia Stephens of Gadsden; Mrs. Orene Black, Jolla, Ginny and Clifton Black and Mr. Wallace Scott of Coal City; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Braden, Mrs. Cloe King, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Murphree of Parrish; Mrs. J. T. Blankenship of Cropwell; Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Smith, Mrs. Sue Callaway, Mr. Joseph Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Foster and sons of Leeds; Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Perin and Linda Jones of Irondale; and Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Stevens and family of Cook Springs.

The honoree received many nice gifts and was wished a Happy Birthday and many more to come.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sweatt have added a son, William Keith to their family. This event took place April 18th at Martin Memorial Hospital. The young fella weighed in at nine pounds. His mother is the former Mary Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson.

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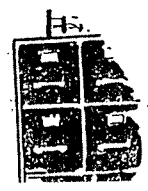
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Eden Civic Club Will Sponsor Candidate Supper

A candidae fish supper will be held at the Armory Friday night, April 27 at 7 p. m., sponsored by the Eden Civic Club. The proceeds will be used to secure more playground equipment for the Eden Elementary School.

Each candidate running for office in the May 1 Democratic Primary will have the privilage of making closing campaign speeches to those attending.

The supper is given for a two fold purpose, to help the school children in Eden and to give the public a final chance to hear the platform of all the candidates.

Music will be furnished by the "Hungry Five", five members of the Pell City High School Band. Claud Gillham will be the master of ceremonies.

Everyone is invited. Adult plates, all you can eat, \$1.00. Children plates, more than they can eat, 75c.

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The guests were Mesdames Fred Lewis, Rufus Rooker, T. R. Akridge, Melvin Truitt, J. A. Hunt, J. A. Inzer, Lucia Cate, Wash Howard and the hostesses daughters, Nina and Adrene.

Civic Club Supper Held At Armory

The Eden Civic Club members and their wives enjoyed a most delicious fish supper at the armory last Monday night.

Mr. Joe Kilgroe, mayor, spoke to the group about some of the plans underway for the development of the newly acquired area within the city limits of Pell City.

Mr. Earl Bowman entertained with some of his wonderful imitations and his version of the recently popular song "Davy Crockett".

After the meal the club members held a business session. About fifty persons were present for this delightful feat.

Officers Installed At Eden PTA

The Eden Elementary PTA met at the school April 6th. The inspirational was given by Rev. L. L. Bowlin.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed by Mrs. Carl Schog-gins, St. Clair County PTA Council president.

Mr. D. O. Langston, St. Clair county School superintendent, spoke to the group on "Schools Your Responsibility."

Mr. Hoyt Sims, Eden school principal, presented his sixth grade students in a playlet "Much Too Much."

Mrs. Morris and her first grade mothers were the hostesses. The room also won the attendance prize.

Cub Scout Family Night To Be Held Saturday Night

The April cub scout family night will be held at the Eden school Saturday night at 7:30. The cubs will be awarded their bob cat pins.

6:15 p.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship. Mr. Troy Knight, counse-
lor.

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship service. Sermon by the pastor
Wednesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Bible study conducted by Rev. S. W. Edwards.
Fellowship Supper Held

A fellowship supper was held at the church Friday night. Each family brought a covered dish and everyone had a wonderful time. This is a monthly affair.

After the supper the men's club held their business meeting.
Steward's Meeting Held

The Stewards held their monthly meeting at the church Sunday night, April 15th Dr. Culver Lee, Chairman of the board of stewards, presided over the meeting.

WCS Meets With Mrs. Culver Lee

The WCS met Monday night, April 16th, at the home of Mrs. Culver Lee.

Mrs. Adrian Howard reviewed the second chapter of the study course book "The Five Classics". She also sang a solo.

Mrs. Culver Lee, in the absence of Mrs. Mattie Lovell, president, presided over the business session.

Refreshments were served to fifteen member by the hostess.

New Hope Baptist Church

Rev. E. A. Moore, pastor
Sunday April 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Mr. James Stevens, superintendent

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. Ser-
mon by the pastor.

6:30 p.m. Baptist Training Union
Mrs. Claud Gillham, director

7:30 p.m. Evening worship, Ser-
mon by the pastor.
Tuesday, April 24

8:30 Vacation Bible Study con-
ducted by Rev. Moore.
Wednesday, April 25

7:30 p.m. Hour of Power
**Sunday School Social For
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R E S O L U T I O N

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Eden, Alabama, on the 4th day of October, 1954, the following resolution was offered by Councilman Earl Bowman, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Eden, Alabama, that the public good requires that certain territory mentioned and described hereafter shall be brought within the limits of the Said Town of Eden, Alabama, and more than 80% of the citizens residing within said territory, have petitioned the Council to that effect, to-wit:

Commencing at the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, Township 17-South Range 3 East; thence S 43° 30' West a distance of 1866.75 ft to the SW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence continuing S 43° 30' West a distance of 1866.75 ft. to the SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence S 87° 30' West a distance of 1950 ft. to the West Right of Way Line of the Wolf Creek Road, said right of way being 100 ft. in width, thence S 32° 59' West a distance of 710 ft., said distance being along west Right of Way Line; thence S 87° 30' West a distance of 330 ft. to the West Line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 3 East; thence N 2° 30' West along said forty line a distance of 504 ft. to the NW corner of Section 10; thence continue N 2° 30' West a distance of 1320 ft. to the NW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3; thence N 47° 30' East a distance of 1866.75 ft. to the NE corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence N 2° 30' West a distance of 1320 ft. to the NW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence N 87° 30' East a distance of 760 ft. to the West Boundary Line of the original Town Limits of the Town of Eden; thence S 46° 30' East a distance of 690 ft.; thence S 61° 30' East a distance of 1610 ft. to the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence N 87° 30' East a distance of 1320 ft. to the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, the point of beginning. All the above described land being in Section 3, Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 3 East, St. Clair County, Alabama.

As provided and authorized under Chapter 5 of Title 37, Code of Alabama of 1940.

Upon the reading of this resolution by the Mayor, Councilman Albert Harvy moved the adoption of the same, seconded by Councilman Milton Robertson, and upon roll call, Milton Robertson, Albert Harvy, Earl Bowman, Dr. Culver Lee, and J. T. Bowman, being all the members of the Town Council of Eden, Alabama, voted "AYE" and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

A RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Eden, St. Clair County, Alabama, that,

Whereas, Mary Willie Hixon, the owner of lots 2 and 3 in Block 30 in the Town of Eden, Alabama and has consented for the location, establishment and maintenance of a street, highway or passageway over or across said lots for the use of the general public; said street being described as

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 25 in Block 8 of the Eden Highland Addition and running thence in a Southwesterly direction to Patterson Street; thence in a Southerly direction 25 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction to a point on the alley, said point being 15 feet West of the Northwest corner of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Eden Highland Addition to Eden, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction 40 feet to a beginning point.

And, Whereas, the Town of Eden as a municipal corporation is willing to accept said right of way and for the purposes hereinabove set out.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Town Council of Eden, Alabama, that said right of way be and the same is hereby accepted as such upon condition that should said property at any time be used as a public throughfare or right of way, no further interest of the public shall vest in said property or any part thereof.

Duly adopted this the 6 day of April, 1953.

I, L. T. Henninger, Clerk of the Town of Eden, Alabama, do

location, establishment and maintenance of a street, highway or passageway over or across said lots for the use of the general public; said strip being described as

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 25 in Block 7 of the Eden Highland Addition and running thence in a Southwesterly direction to Patterson Street; thence in a Southerly direction 25 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction to a point on the alley, said point being 15 feet West of the Northwest corner of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Eden Highland Addition to Eden, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction 40 feet to a beginning point.

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Duly adopted this the 6 day of April, 1953.

I, L. T. Henninger, Clerk of the Town of Eden, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and the Council of Eden, St. Clair County, Alabama, at a regular session of said Council on the 6 day of April, 1953.

Witness my hand and seal this 2 day of Oct, 1953.

L. T. Henninger
City Clerk

Eden City No. 1

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WARRANTY DEED—Short Form

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
ST. CLAIR COUNTY }

Know all Men by these Presents:

THAT for and in consideration of

Fifty DOLLARS
to the undersigned Grantor H. H. Gandy, Esq. widower

in hand paid by John J. Eden Ala
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do grant, bargain, sell, and
convey unto the said John J. Eden Ala

the following-described real estate—to wit:

Lot no 26 (Twenty six) in Block
no 5 (Five) in the town of Eden
St Clair County—Alabama, Building
thereon pursuant

, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said John J. Eden Ala
its heirs and assigns, forever. And I do, for my heirs,
executors, and administrators, covenant with the said

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convey unto the said John J. Lane

the following-described real estate—to wit:

Lot no 26 (Twenty six) in Block
no 5 (Five) in the town of Edin
St Clair County Alabama, Building
thereon residence

situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said John J. Lane
John J. Lane heirs and assigns, forever. And John J. Lane do, for my heirs,
executors, and administrators, covenant with the said

John J. Lane heirs and assigns, that John J. Lane I am lawfully seized in fee simple of said pre-
mises; that they are free from all incumbrances, and that John J. Lane I have a good
right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid; that John J. Lane I will, and my
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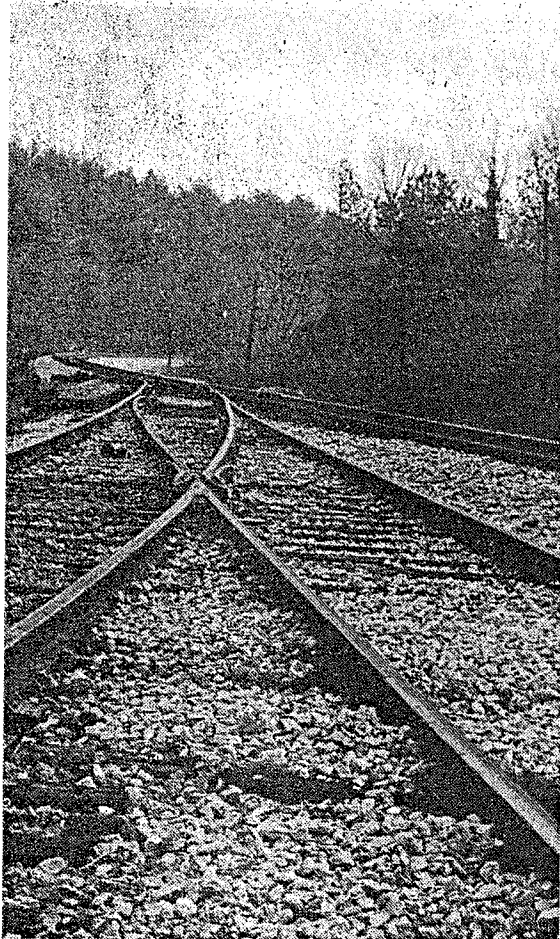
Given under my hand and seal, this the 12 day of
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St. Clair County has its o



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BY WAYNE RUPLE
News-Aegis Staffwriter

The ABC television special "East of Eden" may go down as one of the top shows of the year. But television Steinbeck, who wrote the popular novel, have great claim to Eden as St. Clair County has its own - just west of Pell City.

Whatever may lie east of Eden may not be as exciting as the tv show but never the less there is a community called Eden and there is definitely something east of there.

Eden is an old community

dating back to the 1880's at which time it flourished as a railhead for Southern Railway workers.

Later on April 23, 1956 the community merged with Pell City.

Prior to the late 1800's the community of Eden was called Manchester. The name was changed to Eden in the early 1870's after a post office was established.

One of the earliest residents was a Revolutionary War veteran named Jesse Ginn who in the mid 1830's came to St. Clair County with his family and located off Wolf Creek a few miles below Eden.

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families followed. The community is composed of homes and a few businesses located along U.S. 78. This was once the only route between Birmingham and Edens before I-20 was constructed.

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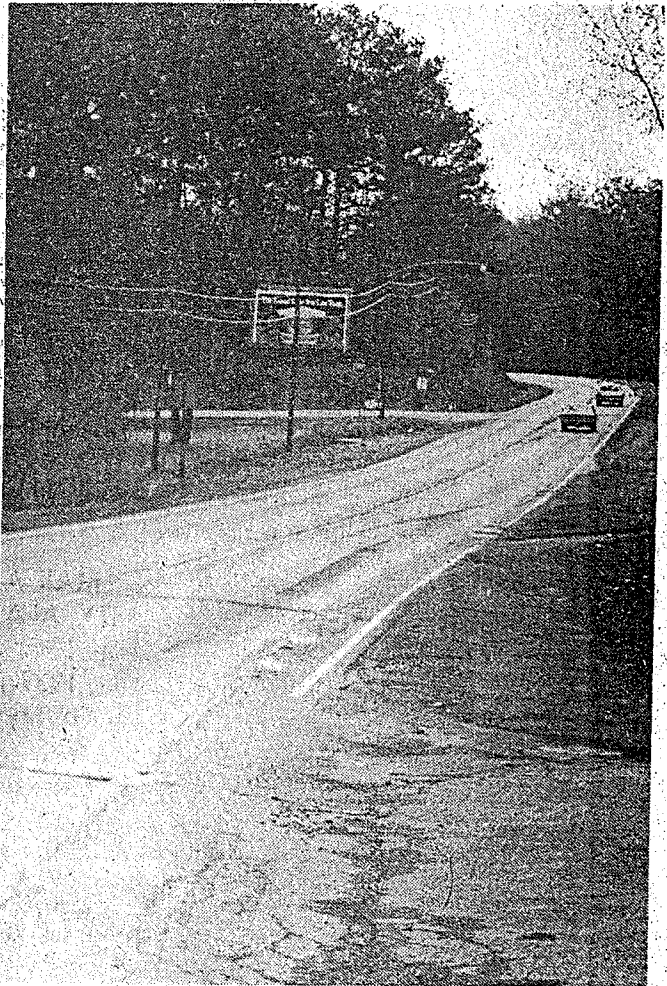
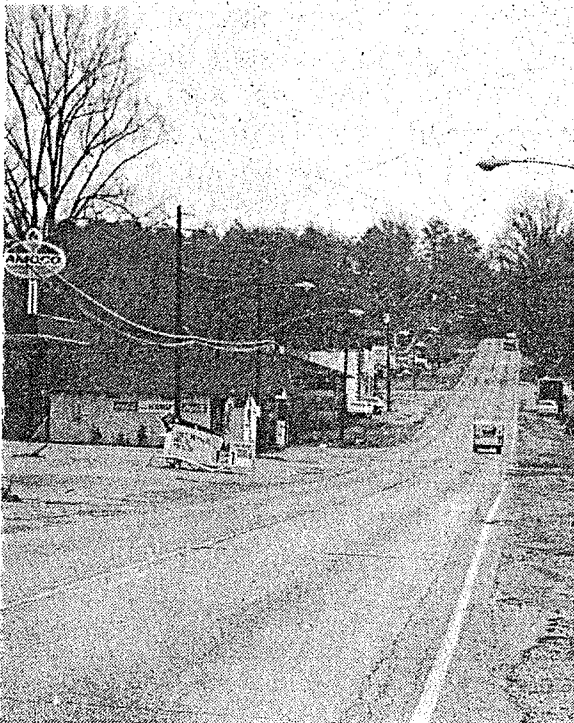
The Southern Railway line is forced to wind its way through the areas. Heading east of Edens one finds the town of Pell City as U.S. 78 runs past the Pell City School and connects with Pell Avenue - main

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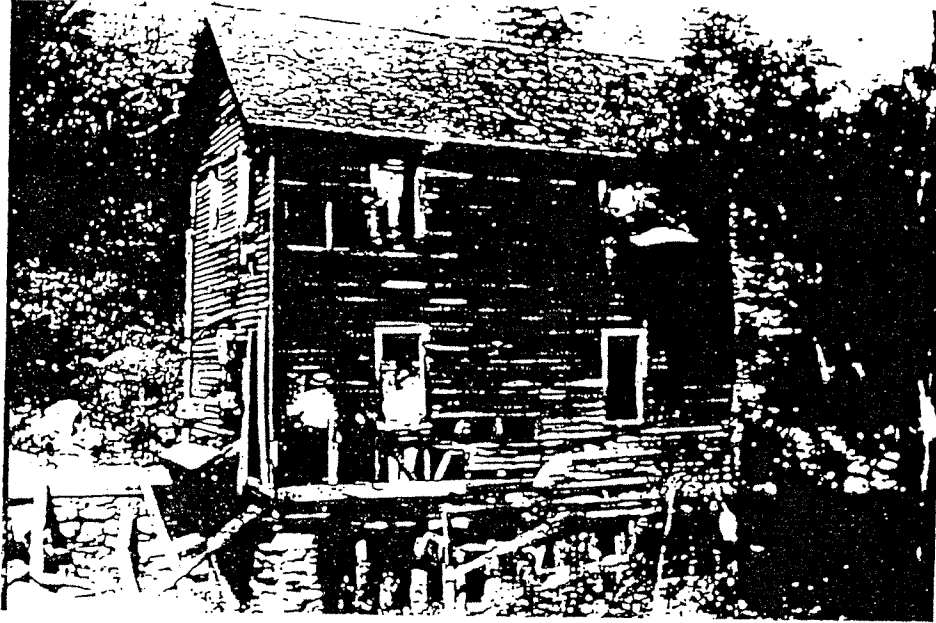
Eastward the Coosa River flows between the St. Clair-Talladega County line and is crossed at Riverside by Southern's tracks.

Over the years the town of Pell City has grown and has taken under its wing several communities in addition to Edens helping bring its present population over 5,000.

And somewhere among those 5,000 may be those whose lives are indeed just as roisterous, exciting, beautiful and perhaps regrettably as wicked as those portrayed in "East of Eden."

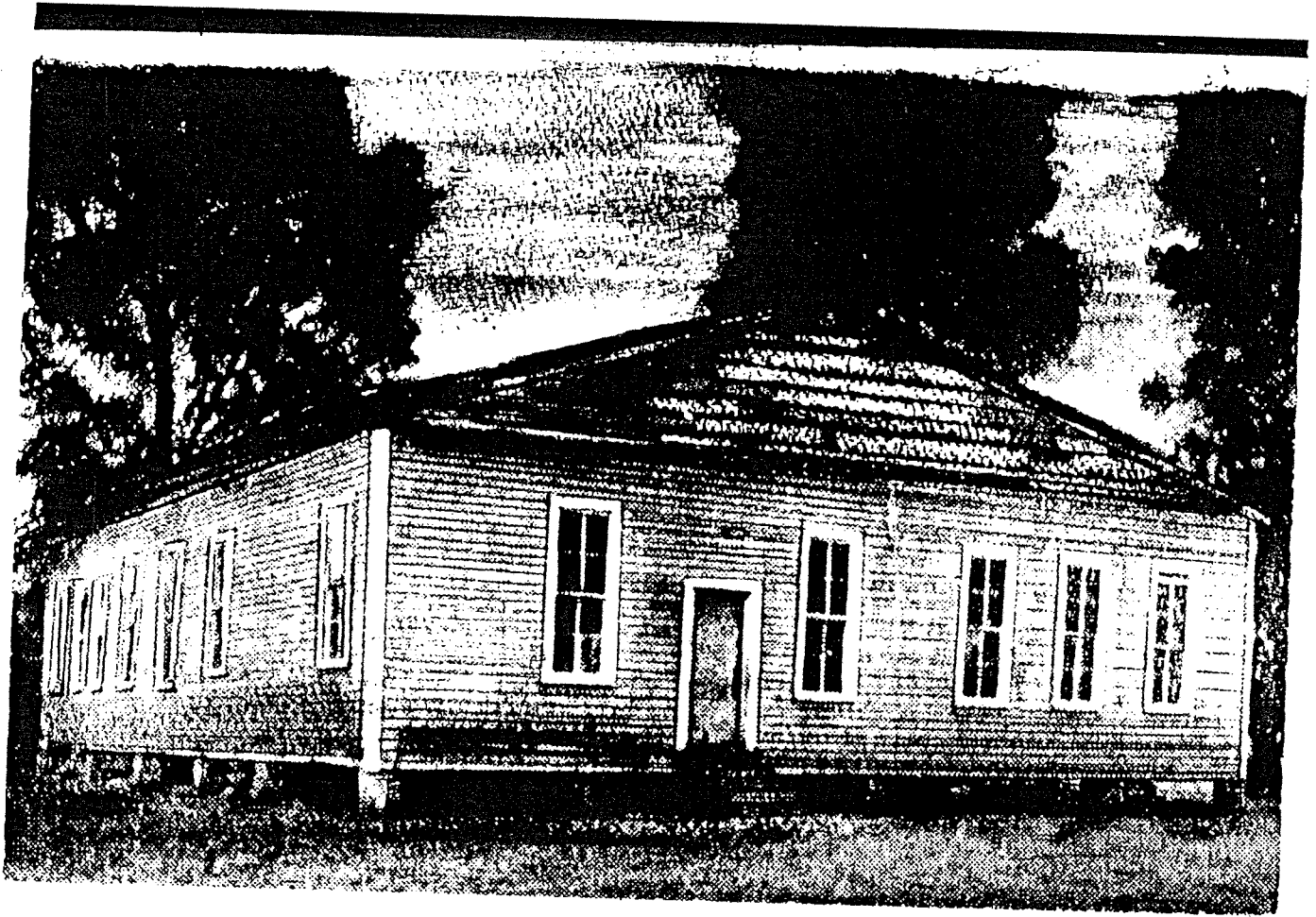


U.S. 78 East



E. Jones

This is the Old Mill House on Roberts Creek which belonged to my great grandfather, Elijah Jones Roberts. He was a miller, mechanic and farmer. My mother, Annie Hays Williams, told me about playing in the Mill House when she was a little girl. She and her sisters would swim in Roberts Creek. When I was about 10 years old and we lived on the farm during the Depression of the 1930's my brother, DeVane Williams and I learned to swim in this same creek. During the summer of 1996 I took two of my great grandchildren to see the creek. There are still signs of the old dam and the creek is still beautiful to me.



Edwin School Built 1890's

Services were conducted from the Buelah Baptist Church with interment adjoining cemetery, Kilgroe directing. Survivors are 1 son, G. G. Clifton and 1 daughter Mrs. Mildred Greene.

Services were held at 3 p.m. from Gray's Chapel Baptist Church with burial in Macedonia Cemetery. Rev. Alton Kirk officiated with Kilgroe directing.

She is survived by 1 son, Clifford Griffith; 3 daughters, Mrs. V. L. Alexander, Mrs. Jary Joe Douglas and Mrs. Billy McMahan; 2 brothers, Pink and J. D. Norris.

ing application for social security benefits because you are still working, it might pay you to visit your nearest social security office. The Anniston office is located at 700 Quintard Avenue.


Carl B; Sylene, and J. A. C. ton; 4 daughters, Mrs. M. Stokes, Mrs. Leola Weld, Mrs. Mildred Partridge, Mrs. Emma Jean Ball; 1 brother, Curtis Whitfield.

A page digested is better than a volume hurriedly read. —Macaulay. Conversation enriches the

Short absence quickens love, long absence kills it. —Mirabeau.

In vain sedate reflections would make When half our knowledge must snatch, not take.



 Ye Olde Eden Schoolhouse

Know anyone on this picture? Look good. It's very possible you do. According to the owner this is a picture of the Eden schoolhouse, made in

1808 or 1899. We feel sure lots of folks will remember the building. This could be the building that was jerked off its pillars by a mild earth-

quake in 1917. Engineers and geologists tell us the 1917 earthquake originated at what is now Avondale Lake. The 'quake' they tell us, was felt

over an area of more than 200,000 square miles. The picture is the property of Charles L. Terry. Have fun identifying as many as you can. J. B. Madaris was school principal.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



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Washington, D.C. 20408

August 13, 1965

Mrs. Laura K. Gray
St. Clair County Library
1905 1st Avenue North
Pell City, Alabama

Inquiry: Post office at Eden, Alabama, and rural mail service at Cropwell
and Eden

A reply to your inquiry will be found in the paragraphs checked below:

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Sincerely yours

Jane F. Smith

Chief, Social and Economic Branch
Office of Civil Archives

Eden, Saint Clair County, Alabama

Established on December 17, 1872

Postmasters

Richard G. Strickland
Isaac W. Lewis
Miss Dadie C. Griffith
Amos S. Griffith
William P. Cowan
George W. Kendrick
William B. Robertson
Rozelle Cowan
(name changed by marriage
to Mrs. Rozelle Hardy on
January 26, 1924)
Mrs. Florence L. Butterworth
(acting)
David R. Wyatt

Dates of Appointment

December 17, 1872
November 15, 1880
May 18, 1889
January 10, 1893
May 5, 1893
September 21, 1897
June 17, 1907
July 8, 1919

October 26, 1925

April 7, 1926
(successor appointed after
1929)

City (Eden) is a strong, handsome, modern structure but "oldtimers" hereabouts can remember an early Spring night in 1929 when a tornado made a shambles of its predecessor.

The old, wooden frame building which then housed Eden Baptists on Sunday and on "prayer meeting" nights and other worshipful occasions, was not alone as a victim of those angry winds of 43 years ago, however.

A hundred yards or two away sat another wooden frame building with — if an old alumnus' memory serves — three rooms and as many pot-bellied stoves, which served the "Grammar School" students of Eden for many years.

That house of learning where the late Miss Dadie Griffith and others through the years taught no-nonsense spelling from a Blue Back speller and readin' and 'rithmetic and all the other essentials, lost some of its dignity to one of Mother nature's rages on that night, also.

As a matter of fact, the Eden school lost its entire top and the debris spilled over into the church yard, where the "church house" teetered and sagged on its foundations, its windows and doors blown out and many of its planks missing (see pictures).

Elsie Wadsworth, who authors the West Pell City News for this paper, recalls that a bouquet of flowers placed on the Church altar by her mother, Mrs. Block Williamson, remained in place, every blossom intact, despite all the damage to the church.

Worship services went on, undaunted, however, although Homecoming Day observance, the second Sunday in June, had to be shifted to the Eden Methodist Church.

In August, work was begun to repair the church, and men, women and children all pitched in to help. Mr. Jim Harless, a deacon of the church, brought in his team of mules and, using chains and ropes, pulled and straightened the damaged building, braced it inside, and the volunteer workers then

second Sunday in August, the late Rev. C. J. Donahoo, then pastor of the church, began revival services.

New Hope Baptist was founded in 1824. Its present pastor, who resides in a pastorium where the old Eden School sat on the night of that tornado, and for many years thereafter, is the Rev. Curtis Rush.

The entire roof of the Eden School became airborne when the big blow hit, sailed across the church and into a then-vacant lot (where Dana Ballard's home is now).

Only about five years prior to the tornado, the school had been rebuilt, the top story removed and a nice stage built where the students performed in plays, programs, and the like. The community was proud of its "new" school.

Mrs. Virginia Lonergan was the principal then and taught the 5th and 6th grades. Mrs. Sara Fowler Stokes taught 3rd and 4th grades and Mrs. Iva Robertson taught 1st and 2nd.

School was out for the summer when the tornado hit because the school term back then was only seven months. And by the time September rolled around again the damage had been repaired and the school — if not the students — was ready for another term to begin.

Some other victims of that tornado that Mrs. Wadsworth recalls were the H. B. Guys whose house suffered roof damage and the Newt Butterworths, who lost a back porch.

The tornado struck Mr. Sam Smith's barn, too, and some of the local men had to help Mr. Smith rescue his cows and horses, which wound up in the hayloft.

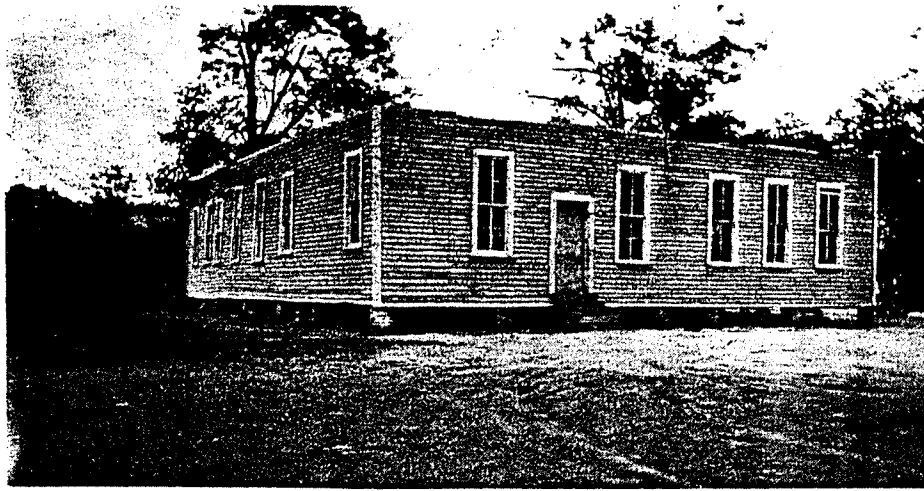
Doubtless there were others affected by the tornado, whose names probably would not register on many of West Pell City's current residents.

But for some of the "oldsters" of the community, that April night of 43 years ago will be a vivid memory for some time to come.



WINDS TOOK TOLE ON OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Only Available Picture

This picture of the Eden School was taken after the storm in April of 1929. The entire roof was blown over the New Hope Baptist Church into a

vacant lot. It had been remodeled in 1924 and the storm carried away the second story.



Oldest Former Student

Mr. Spurge Alverson is the oldest pupil known from the old school. He began his education there in 1886 at the age of seven and remembers his teacher was B. M. Mathis. Mr. Alverson celebrated his 95th birthday on March 3 at Ingram Manor Nursing Home. He had a son, John Barnett, of Pell City and a daughter, Mrs. Floyce Cunningham of Birmingham. Mr. Alverson had an Eden school mate, Mr. George Rich of Cropwell, who is 93 years old.



... And The Youngest

Dana Ballard, daughter of James and Ruth (Hamilton) Stevens is the youngest pupil known who went to school in the old building. She is a registered nurse at St. Clair County Hospital here in Pell City and has two children, Susie and Pam.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
EDEN, ALABAMA
ORGANIZED 1824

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PREFACE

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we undertake the compiling and writing of an historical sketch of the New Hope Baptist Church.

The idea came to me several years ago when a young lad who lived in Eden at the time, Dennis Robertson, was staying home from school one day and had checked out a book from the library, Historical Tales of Talladega, by Grace Jemison. As he read the section on religion he came to the name of New Hope Baptist Church as a member of the Coosa River Association which met in 1834. He called me to ask if this was New Hope of Eden. This news that the Church existed that far back whetted my own appetite to investigate further. Before having the opportunity to do much in that direction we were called to the pastorate of Springville Baptist Church and did not get the project off the ground. Returning now to the New Hope Church in 1971 we again renewed interest and began this undertaking.

Since the records of New Hope Church were burned, we only have them back to 1925. Up until this extensive search, the organizational date was given as "in the 1840's" which was the oldest date which could be established and this was more or less a guess.

Now that more information has been found we feel the membership and future generations will cherish the information we do have. As you read you will discover however, that there is much information still missing which may yet turn up at some future date which will give light to the already interesting and inspiring past of this great Church.

It is with humble gratitude that we recognize that many who have helped us in the gathering of information without which this work would have been an impossible task. To all who have contributed in any way we say "THANKS". We also recognize and acknowledge the following sources from which much of this information was gleamed.

Minutes of Coosa Valley Association
Minutes of the Coosa River Association - Coosa River Baptist
Association Office - Talladega, Alabama
Minutes of Cahaba Valley Assoc. - Microfilm - Samford University
Minutes of the St. Clair County Baptist Association
History of Baptists in Alabama, by B. F. Riley
St. Clair News/AEgis
Ashville Baptist Church - A Historical Sketch, by Mattie Lou Crow
Historical Tales of Talladega, Paragon Press, Montgomery, Ala.,
1959, by Grace Jemison
A Historical Sketch of the Springville Baptist Church, by Mrs.
Troy E. Taylor
Baptists in Alabama, by A. Hamilton Reid
Central Baptist Church History, by Carol and Earl Massey
Records of the St. Clair County, Court House Probate Office,
Ashville, Ala.

In addition to these sources, we are indebted to many of our members and friends who have been willing to share many incidences and have given much helpful information regarding the history of our Church. We recall the past only as a means of challenging us to a greater future in the work of our Lord. May this work be received as a labor of love and used as a challenge to greater things in the future of our Church.



PRESENT PASTOR - CURTIS E. RUSH

Curtis E. Rush is a native of North Georgia, having moved to Alabama in the 1930's with his family, residing in Cullman County. There, in 1941 he married Edith Winnell Buckelew. They have three children, Edward, Margaret and Maurine. They now have two grandchildr Sherri Rush, daughter of Edward and Bobbie Rush, and Leigh Ann Fox, daughter of Jim and Maurine Fox.

"Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 10:18

These words of Jesus have surely been true to New Hope Baptist Church for she has been "Kept by the Power of God" through the years. Surely we can see the handwork of God in the labors of this Church since she was founded long ago. Through these many years God has built and is building for himself a spiritual Church.

"You are the crown of my rejoicing...." St. Paul said to the churches at Thessalonica.... you are our glory and joy." This is the way this pastor feels about New Hope Church. You are my crown of joy. It has been my priviledge to serve this wonderful Church for 9 years once and then to return for a second time as pastor at the present time.

I count it all joy to have had a small part in the making of history, as well as in the compiling of this historical sketch of the New Hope Baptist Church.

BEFORE THE WHITE MAN

To talk of the history of any part of these United States of America, even a small community like Eden and Pell City, would be incomplete without mention being made of the Indians. After all, this was once their home. So a brief word about Eden and South St. Clair County before the white man came.

It is hard to imagine Eden and surrounding area as nothing but virgin forest, yet we know that not too many years ago it was just that. The hills and valleys around here must have been a favorite hunting ground for the Indians living up and down the Coosa River Valley. That there were Indians near by, if not right in Eden is a known fact. Several Indian villages are known to have been located up in the Coal City, Broken Arrow Creek area, and Indian artifacts have been found in that area.

One legend has it that there was a wealthy tribe of Indians living in that area, and when the white man came and they were being driven out, on the march to the reservation, that one old chief took his young son and blindfolded him and led him down a rough trail, over a hill and down a steep bluff, then inside a dark cave. There he took off the blindfold and showed the lad a room in the cave which contained many pots of gold. He then told the lad that when he grew up that he could return to this place, and if he could remember the way they came, and find the cave, the gold would be his. Many years later the Indian lad returned to the area, set up a blacksmith shop, and was one of the best in Coal City. But every opportunity he would go down toward the Coosa River and search for the lost cave and the gold. If it was ever found no one knows about it.

Cecil Barber, who told us this story, also told of an old cave where he played as a boy, and where there were many signs of the old Indian tribe in the area.

As these Indians lived in their many villages, such as Coal City, the Broken Arrow Creek, and the "No Business Creek" they no doubt found their way on many hunting tours of our Eden and Pell City. Who knows but that there may have once been Indian Villages in this area before white men settled it.



EARLY BEGINNINGS

New Hope Baptist Church, St. Clair County has been affiliated with the Associational Organizations as far back as we know of there being any Associations of Churches in this country, in reach of this church. It is from these records of Associational Meeting and their recorded minutes that we know anything about New Hope Church at all in the early beginning of the Church.

The Coosa River Association of United Baptist was organized November 8, 1833. There are no records of that first meeting, but the second meeting was held at the Providence Meeting House; being held on Choccolocco from the 11th to the 13th of October, 1834. "A sermon introductory to business delivered by Brother Philip Archer from Isaiah 62 Chapter and 1st and 2nd verses." Jordan Williams was clerk, and Leon Blythe was moderator; there were 229 members of churches forming the Association and the following churches had messengers present at the meeting:

Church	Delegates	Number of Members
Tallahoga	Loab Lawler, John Lawler, B. Madison	47
Providence	William McCain, T. Neal, and J. Ray	57
Ford Spring	T. Hill, L. Murphey, and C. McGee	31
Tallaschatchee	P. Archer, G. Hill, and J. Drennen	61
Cedar Spring	G. Blythe, J. Williams	10
New Hope (St. Clair Co.)	W. G. Foster, J. Madden, T.N. Bell	23

New Hope was received the second year of the Association. This information definitely establishes the existence of the New Hope Baptist Church as being in existence at the time, and it is very possible that the three men who were messengers to the Association that year were Charter Members of the Church.

An interesting article is written in Baptist in Alabama, King and Boid, Printers, Phil. 1840, by Hosea Holcomb, about this meeting. Page 248 speaking of the organization of the Coosa River Association in 1824 "The number of churches was 170. The glorious gospel of the Redeemer, the humble servant prayer, the songs of Zion, and the war whoops of the savage were heard in the same neighborhood." At their next meeting, they received New Hope Baptist Church in St. Clair County, formerly a member of the Mount Zion Association, but united with the Coosa River Association in 1834.; "They have always, until recently, been a small band. Their number has increased considerably in the course of one year. Elder William McCain labors with them in word and in doctrine."

Rev. McCain is listed in the minutes as one of four ministers present at the organizational meeting of the Coosa River Association, November 8th, 1833, and at that time was Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of the same Association. The Friendship Church did not report at the next meeting.

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So we see that, like many of the primitive churches, the people who formed these early associations did so under great hardships, traveled to the meetings over dangerous roads through the woods all for the purpose of propogating the beloved gospel they preached. One of the early ways that these churches communicated with each other was through the "Circular Letter" which was written from one association to another. These letters were in a way sermons expounding each other and encouraging each other.

These early churches were not mere assemblies of professing Christians, who agreed to meet once a month, or oftener and attend to formal round of ceremonies connected with religion. They were bands of men and women whose hearts the Lord had touched, attracted by the Cross to the cause of the Redeemer. They were set as lights in the world and for the defuse and propogation of the Gospel. In this grand object they took a most lively involvement in serving the Living Christ.

To establish the earliest record of the organizational date for the New Hope Baptist Church we researched all the records available and the first record to give the date of organization was the Associational minutes of the Coosa River Baptist Association. At the annual meeting dated 1853 the associational clerk asked all the churches to please give the date their church was organized and these dates would be printed in the next report of the Association. A photo copy below shows a part of that minute in which the request was made.

COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

SPRING CREEK CHURCH,

IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

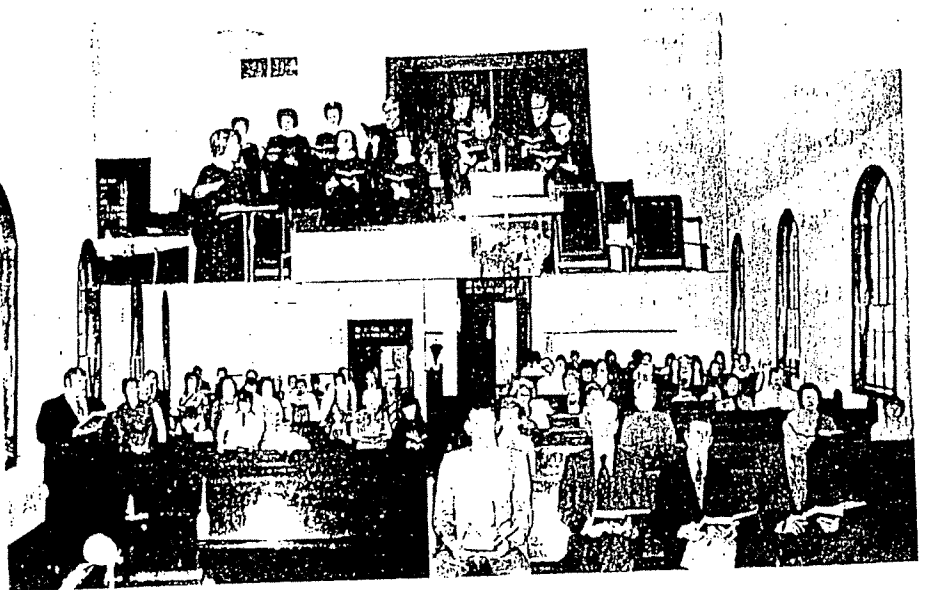
The Clerk of the Association would be glad if the Clerks of the Churches would state in their next Letters, when their Churches were constituted, and with how many members.
J. L. M. CURRY.

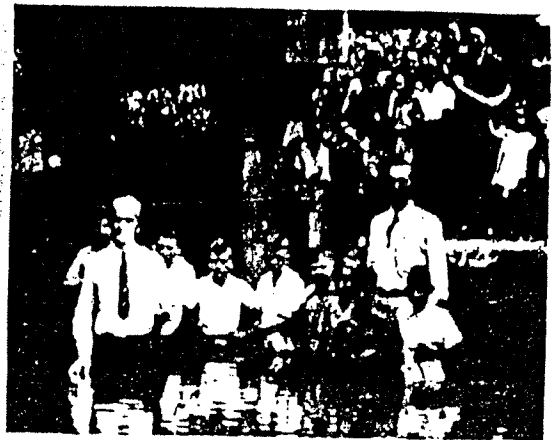
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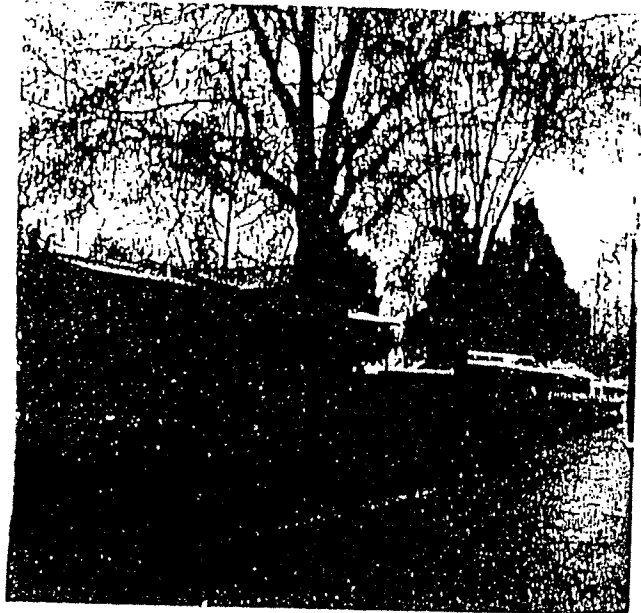
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*Typical old fashioned baptismal service. Rev. B.W. Inzer
in both photos baptizing in Wolf Creek. June 1946 & 1944.*



THE FIRST CHURCH

In 1822 St. Clair was established and named after General Arthur St. Clair, and the first county seat was established at Ashville, Alabama a town named after General John Ash. Just two years later in 1824 a small church was established with an humble beginning of five charter members. The new church was called New Hope; the reason for this name we can only guess. There was not another church established in the area for many years, and this was, at the time, the only house of worship for this entire area. Churches were like neighbors, few and far between. Of the date and name, we are sure. Of the location of this first building, we have only the stories which have been handed down from one generation to another. Our knowledge comes from the following story told by Rev. B. W. Inzer, written in a letter to Mrs. Pauline Baker and dated April 14, 1964.

AS I REMEMBER

"The oldest thing I ever heard about a church at Eden, Uncle Fealy Stewart told me about 1935. He said "I use to walk down here when I was seven years old and older with my Grandma Mullins. She told me about the only church anywhere in this area was about where Jim Stevens built. It was logs and split logs and boards made the seats, windows and doors. They came here from Leeds, west, Riverside, east, Sterrett, south, and from the big mountain to the north. It must have been largely Primitive Baptist. Of course the cemetery was in pasture when we moved here in 1898."