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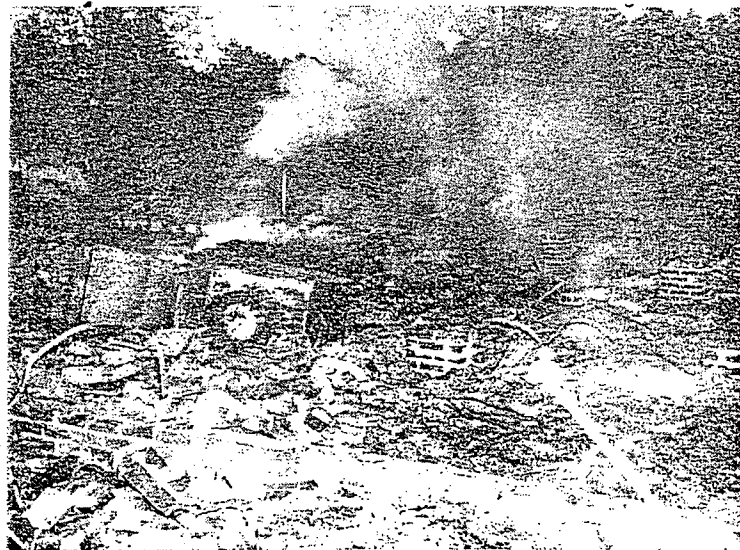
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DESTROYED BY FIRE—The wreckage of the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Rennie destroyed by an early morning blaze Saturday. The fire was first discovered about 3:30 a. m., by a passing motorist but it was too late to get out of their house. The coroner's jury announced by Chief H. E. Scott, were continuing their investigation at press time.

Fifty-Four Seniors To Receive Diplomas Here Wednesday Nite

Members of the Senior Class of Pell City High School will lead the processional beginning the graduation exercises at the Pell City High School Auditorium Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, when the Rev. Thomas H. Stone of Asheville will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

The invocation will be read by the Rev. J. W. Fagan. The High School Girls Chorus will render special anthems "Praise Ye, The Lord" and "Finest Lord Jesus." Rev. Marvin R. Heflin will pronounce the benediction.

The program for graduation and Class Night are believed to be different from any ever presented at Pell City High School.

The Class Night program which will be presented on May 17, will be a dramatization of the story of Cinderella, or "Seniorella" as she is called in the play. In the program the regular features of Class Night such as class history, Will, Prophecy, Valedictory and Salutatory are brought out.

"Seniorella" is played by Betty Sue Lee and the Prince by Bob West. Opportunists, Senior Class (continued on back page)

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Coroners Report Indicates Murder In Rennie Case

Dr. Rennie's Body Had Multiple Stab Wounds

(Special Bulletin) After an investigation that began about noon Saturday and lasted through Wednesday of this week, a coroner's jury impanelled by H. E. Scott, St. Clair County coroner, reached a verdict indicating that in their belief Dr. Thos. L. Rennie and his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Love Rennie, were murdered.

Multiple stab wounds were found in one of the lungs and the heart of Dr. Rennie when his charred body was taken from his funeral pyre, once his beautiful home, now reduced to a monstrous skeleton.

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of Alabama Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Delta Kappa Gamma Workshop is set for June 25-26 and will be followed by the Fifth Annual Music Camp June 27-July 10. Then the Alabama Writer's Conclave meets from June 28-July 2. The State Public Library Service Division is cooperating in handling the Conference for Public Librarians July 5-9.

An Insurance Short Course School will be held July 12-15. Alabama Bankers Association has scheduled a conference at the University August 9-12. A short course in School Business Office practices will be offered August 9-14.

Instruction for athletics teachers in state schools will be given August 25-28 at the 16th Annual Alabama Coaching Clinic.

Welcome Relief for BACKACHE PAINS

Due to Muscular Strain, Sciatica, Lumbago, Rheumatism

JUST rub refreshing, gentle **NEURA-BALM** on the sore spot. Instantly, aching muscles start to relax... the pain eases. Use **NEURA-BALM** to get fast, long-lasting relief from the miseries of muscular aches and pains.

nice Richey, Betty Richey, Frances Roberson, Betty Simpkins, Mary Smith, Myrtle Jean Spauldell, Betty Vines and Bobbie Higginbotham.

Rennie Case

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added that the wounds on the body of Mrs. Rennie "were not so well determined but the presence of pathological damage to the heart wall indicates that death in this instance was likewise due to stabbing."

The toxicologist's report said that the bodies were found to contain enough carbon monoxide poison to have caused death but indicates that the stab wounds caused death before the carbon monoxide because the stab wounds were found to have been inflicted before enough smoke entered the bodies to have caused death from carbon monoxide.

The report of Dr. Rehling regarding this phase of the investigation is as follows: "The fact that a fatal quantity of carbon monoxide gas was found in the blood of Dr. Rennie does not indicate that his death was accidental when it is considered with the

automobile improvements. Hazard of night driving has been increased greatly by the large number of cars with lights improperly adjusted or focused, or with one or more blocked out.

stab wounds in the back and heart. These wounds were not deep enough to cause a quick death, but there was evidence that the pain and shock could have caused collapse and unconsciousness. Breathing the fumes of the fire while in an unconscious condition then caused death."

Packs of a chemical fireproof sheet over a knitted cotton sheet on the body of Dr. Rennie indicated that he was probably had not retired when he was stabbed.

Law enforcement officers were continuing their investigation but none would make a statement or predict an arrest.

Coroner H. E. Scott extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to all the officers who helped in the investigation. "They all worked hard," the coroner said, "and without their assistance we could never have made our investigation as complete as you have to date."

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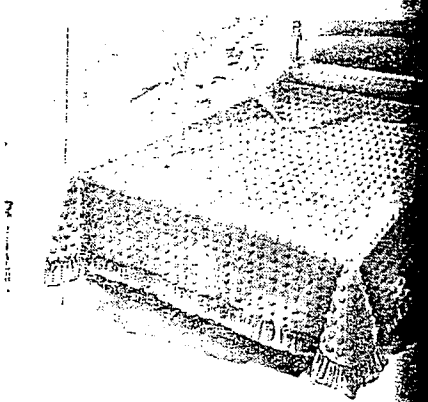
Sorrowful City Pays Last Honors To Couple

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St. Clair County Coroner H. E. Scott took charge of the investigation. He impounded a coroner jury and asked the state for assistance, n.e. State Toxicologist C. D. Brooks, his assistant, Carl Robinson, and W. H. Lee, state investigator from Gadsden, are assisting in conducting an investigation.
Funeral services for the couple were held from the Pell City First Methodist Church Monday afternoon. Interment was in Bagland Cemetery. Reverends Marvin Helms, M. Holland and J. W. Fagan conducted the funeral. Kilgore was in charge.
Active pall-bearers for Mrs. Rennie were Bill Gray, Sam Dyson, Lee Jackson, Albert Harvey, Judge C. D. Adams and Bill Weston. Pall-bearers for Dr. Rennie were Jack de Groot, Sam Burt,

Blair Jones, Rcberson Jr., Mrs. Rennie, parents, one Jr., Gadsden, Matt Alexander, Love, Pell City, Bugiel, Milwaukee is survived, sister, Mrs. L., several neph-

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and 72 for John Sparkman, his three opponents received 1512, his Folsom 344, Thos. F. Maxwell 45, 24.
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The Individual Will Day That Freedom Dies," Edmund Blair

Gossip has generated and one different of the double tragedy Pell City a little more ago.

Coroners report based submitted by the list indicated murder the tragedy, it seems out everyone "knows the theory about who the deed".

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"With more than eighteen millions of our ex-service men still living, the magnitude of the task before us is readily apparent. The Veterans Administration cannot care completely for the multitude of cases now on hand. It is therefore, up to such organizations as the Veterans of Foreign Wars to take up the more urgent case certain problems.

Deaths there is so many... one a... Association is

Robert Young To Lead Local 'Buddy Poppy' Sale May 29

Robert Young of Pell City Post No. 4753 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been chosen to direct the 27th annual sale of V.F.W. Buddy Poppies in Pell City, W. J. Snider, Commander of the Post, has announced.

"This sale, which will take place on 29th May, 1948," the Commander stated, "will enable the V. F. W. to continue its welfare work in behalf of the living veterans of the nation's wars, and to care for those orphans and widows of our war dead who are unable to provide for themselves.

"Young is himself a veteran of World War II. Under his direction and with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary and a number of women and girls who have generously offered to serve as saleswomen, we are confident that this year our goal of 1000 V. F. W. Buddy Poppies sold will be exceeded.

"All funds raised by the Buddy Poppy Sale will be used solely to rehabilitate our disabled service men, to aid others in their readjustment problems, and to provide a normal, healthy home life for war orphans at the V. F. W. National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Any veteran who served faithfully may receive these benefits. He need not be a member of the V. F. W.

"The appointment of Heitman comes after considerable study and interviews with a number of prominent men in the community representing the University and the Alabama Press Association." Ed Pierce, APA president and publisher of the Pel, said. "We believe Heitman has the qualifications to carry on the outstanding work of the press of the state in the memory of the late Mr. Buck-



J. Russell Heitman New Press Manager

President John M. Gallace has announced the appointment of J. Russell Heitman of Lake Forest, Ill., as director of the University of Alabama News Bureau. Heitman has the Alabama Press Association and associate professor of Journalism.

Heitman succeeds the late Doyle L. Burdick who served in the same capacities for eight years until his death last December. Professor Heitman will begin his duties on July 1.

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Attorney Rules On Absentees

A state law assented ballot in the same manner counted, are handed down by General A. J. Jeffers.

The ruling was requested of Jefferson Solicitor Edmund Emmert. He asked the attorney to certify ballots in before the polls day.

The Jefferson said Gov. James asked for a Commission of the met. absentee votes in Jefferson County in election. He that the absentee

until all the polls According to state laws says not be counted unless the field are closed. He included absentee

"Wrong-Sid Roader" Is Highway Ki

Figures compiled by the Highway Safety Department showed that Alabama's Enemy No. 1 is a driver on the wrong side of the road.

For the first four years of the Highway Safety Department's investigation, 1,161 wrong-side drivers were reported in the state. Since Jan. 1, 1947, the number has increased to 1,113 during the first year. Properly taken in upper

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Pell City's teen-age girls will volunteer their tin
Buddy Poppies downtown Saturday.
Sponsored by Pell City Post 4758, Veterans of
Wars, the sale of Buddy Poppies is designed to aid
and handicapped veterans of World I and II.



Thos. H. Rennie
**T. H. Rennie
Dies In Florida**

BURIED Monday . . . Word
reached Pell City latq Sunday
night of the death of Thos H.
Rennie was 94 years old at the
Florida. He has been in failing
health for several years. Mr.
Rennie was 94 years old at the
time of death. Burial was in
Miami Monday afternoon.
Mr. Rennie was prominent in
business circles of Alabama for
many years. He was a resident of
Pell City from 1907 until 1936
when he retired from his place
as vice president and general
manager of Avondale Mills Pell
City operations.
A native of Maine, he started
in the textile business early in
life and advanced to the top in
his business. Starting as a boy
laying up roving in Maine, he
managed mills there and in
Granitville, South Carolina, before
coming to Pell City as head of
the then Pell City Manufacturing
Company.
When the Comer interests
bought the Pell City plant in
1919. Mr. Rennie was retained as
a vice president of the company
in charge of the Pell City Plant.
He retired 12 years ago and since
that time has lived at his Miami
home.
He was the father of Dr. Thos
L. Rennie, prominent Pell City
physician, who with his wife, Mrs.
Kathleen Love Renne, died tragi-
cally in the flames of their home
near Pell City, May 3, 1948.
Mr. Rennie is survived by the
widow, Mrs. Nellie R. Rennie, one
daughter, Mrs. Lois Perry, two
granddaughters, and three grand-

The girls who will
poppies Saturday are .
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Saturday.
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**3 Pell Boys Try
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composed of boys from
City, Roanoke, Lincoln
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Judges were to pic
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**"Bring Your I
To '39 Reunion**

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1939 are asked to get
with J. T. Holladay.

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4-2-1908 Bell City Progress

P.C. to be chosen as the site for a machine shop
Building, warehouse & grounds formerly occupied
by the Rhodes Manufacturing Co. on Southern Railway
Spur track will be purchased

New Building for the Progress → north side of Howard
Avenue just opposite Farmers Union Warehouse

5-28-1908

T.H. Rennie president of P.C. Manufacturing Co.
at last weeks annual convention of American Cotton Manufacturers
Association at Richmond, Va. — was elected President

5-28-1909 P.M. St. Ann's P.V.L

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Tobacco parlor, bowling & pool room, ten pin alley &
Cold drinks of all kinds M. C. Barnes, Propr

6-11-1908

G. Walker Pratt moves to Tuscaloosa
with children → Mabel, Derrell, Walker, Charlotte & Kerr
moved here 6 years ago

10-8-1908 Charles P. Pratt new PC Mayor

10-8-1908 The building being erected by Dr R. A. Martin on the
Post Office corner will be a 2 story structure,
upper story will be used ~~all~~ by the Bell City Commercial Club
and remaining space will be fitted into comfortable &
modern offices.

12-24-1908 Dr R. A. Martin proprietor of the well known P. C. Drug Co. is
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