

## Higginbotham

Robert Phelps Higginbotham was born 1892 and died 1948. He is buried at Valley Hill in Pell City. He married Doris Jeanette "Dorsie" Pollard; she was born 6 Feb 1897 and died 11 Feb 1979. She is buried at Emmaus Cemetery in Luverne, Alabama. She married second Walter F Zwick.

### Children:

Mildred Gernelle "Gay" Higginbotham was born 20 July 1919 and died 9 April 1988. She is buried at Pine Crest Cemetery in Mobile, Alabama. She married second James Cagle.

Edna Florence Higginbotham was born 23 Jan 1922 and died 17 June 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She married Havard E Griffith.

Bobbie Jane Higginbotham was born 5 Dec 1930 and died 20 June 2013. She is buried at Emmaus Cemetery in Luverne, Alabama. She married Sidney Jackson.

Grand Premiere

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### Sugar Bowl Game To Be Shown At Pell City Monday

The St. Clair County Post of the American Legion will sponsor the first showing in this county of the full length picture of the famed Sugar Bowl game of last January 1 at the Lyric Theatre 25th and 26th. next Monday and Tuesday, June 19 and 20. A feature picture, "Together Again" starring Irene Dunn and Charles Boyer will also be shown. It will mark the first time the Lyric Theatre has been opened to the public since it was closed in protest against the city amusement tax. R. P. Higginbocham said he was turning over the facilities of his show to the local than a war bond show June 28 and a possible show for benefit of the St. Clair Shrine Club and the Red Cross camp and hospital council at a later date he had no idea when the Lyric would resume the former seven-day a week schedule. The show next Monday will start with a matinee at 3 p. m. and run until 11 o'clock at night. Tuesday's show will start at 6 p. m. and last until 11 o'clock. Local theatre patrons and football fans will get a chance to see moving pictures of possibly the most thrilling and exciting of all New Year's day bowl games when Alabama and Duke clashed at New Orleans last January 1. This picture has been shown to possibly more people than any other ball game picture. Prints of it has been shown to service men in every part of the world and it has been shown to audiences in hundreds of cities in the United States. Legion officials expect one of the biggest crowds ever to pack the Lyric when this double feature is shown. Patrons are urged to come early for the best seats.

### St. Clair In Might War Bond

In an effort to help the county's leg the Lyric Theatre sponsor a war bond day, June 28. Lyric management complete shows will first at 10 a. 3 p. m., and p. m. "Rainbow" all-color picture "Lamour and be the feature Lyric once again doors to War county. Any War county since for a ticket bonds do not have any designated must have been county. A \$100 for four tickets higher denomination for only four tickets can be sending your Lyric Theatre. With the dead ing near War tee Chairman that on the b returns St. C \$15,000 and \$ county's quota

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### CHICKEN DINNER GIVEN THEATRE EMPLOYEES

The employees of the Rex Theatre, Goodwater, and the Lyric Theatre, Pell City, were given a chicken dinner at Riverside, Ala., Wednesday, August 12, by Mr. R. P. Higginbotham, of Pell City, in honor of Louis Nail who left for the army camp Saturday, August 15.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Higginbotham, Misses Edna Florence and Bobby Higginbotham, Charolette Davis, Evelyn Nelson, Messrs. John Watson, John Doster and Clarence Lockley, all of Pell City; Mr. and Mrs. James Bukacer, of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nail, Dorothy Ogburn and Mr. J. C. Jones and son, Kenneth, of Goodwater.

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### 'Boom' Forecast As Real Estate Changes Hands At Eden

Recent brisk trade in real estate was a possible forecast of a post-war boom for Pell City's neighboring town of Eden.

The latest sale includes the purchase by R. P. Higginbotham of a plot across the highway from the home of Mrs. John R. Dyke and option on property of W. B. Robertson farther down the highway near the center of the town.

It has been known for several months that a large manufacturing concern in Birmingham has tentative plans for moving a plant to Eden soon after the war and to this end have been looking over possible sites. Reports from Eden say that more than one option on desirable property have been negotiated with this company.

Mr. Higginbotham gave no hint as to his plans for the property he bought at Eden but is believed to be planning a theatre there. Meantime, the Lyric Theatre here remains dark after the show of last Friday. The show ceased operation last Friday and for the first in nearly 14 years Pell City theatre-goers had no place to go unless they went to a near-by city. This is out with most people because of gas rationing. The Lyric was closed because of the recent enactment of a city amusement tax and according to the manager will be down indefinitely.

## Gay Theatre At Eden To Have Opening Premiere July 26th

The new Gay Theatre at Eden will have its grand premiere opening on Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27, R. P. Higginbotham, owner of the Gay announced today.

Complete in every respect the Gay will compare favorably with the best theatres anywhere. It has been equipped with the latest RCA sound equipment and every effort has been made to make the Gay a comfortable theatre where sound and sight are second to none. The exterior has been carefully planned and will present a beautiful appearance that marks theatres in much larger cities.

"Bathing Beauty", starring the inimitable Red Skelton has been selected for the premiere show at the Gay. "Bathing Beauty" is one of the really new and bigger pictures of the year, is an uproarious comedy that brings tears as well as cheers. It is an all technicolor picture and has been hailed by movie critics from coast to coast as one of the popular comedy star's top shows.

In announcing the opening date of the Gay the manager said that many fine pictures had been booked for showing at the Gay. "Sunday Dinner For A Soldier",

starring June Baxter and John Hodiak, with Charles Winninger in a supporting role, will be on the Gay screen Sunday and Monday, July 29 and 30.

"The Song of Bernadette", hailed as one of the truly great pictures of all time follows at the Gay on August 2 and 3. "The Song of Bernadette" has been compared to the immortal "Birth of a Nation" and the more recent "Gone With the Wind" as a picture that depicts human feeling in all the majesty and splendor that can be portrayed on the silver screen.

Although the Gay Theatre was rushed to completion in answer to the demands of hundreds of patrons of the Lyric Theatre which has been closed since April 13, nothing has been left off to make the Gay a theatre that thousands of fans will be proud of. Eden people are hailing the operation of the Gay in their town as the first step in their long range plans to make Eden one of the first towns in St. Clair county.

The Gay will show exactly the same hours and the same days as the Lyric run while operating in Pell City. A huge vacant lot which will be flood-lighted at night will be cleared off for parking space.

**WEEKLY RATIONING TIPS**

now to the War Chest drive.

## Lyric Theatre To Re-Open Saturday December First

The Lyric Theatre, closed since April 13, will re-open Saturday, December 1st, R. P. Higginbotham, owner announced this week.

Mr. Higginbotham said that his Gay Theatre at Eden, constructed and opened soon after the Lyric was closed, would continue to operate seven days a week. "In this way", he said, "theatre fans of this entire community can see 8 separate shows each week if they desire".

In re-opening the Lyric the veteran theatre manager who also operates shows at Goodwater, Lincoln, Ragland and Margaret, said that theatre fans had made an insistent demand since the Lyric had been closed for it to re-open. He said the same high class pictures and entertainment that were run before the theatre closed would prevail after the re-opening.

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For The Best In Movies—

# Lyric Theatre Installs New Cinemascope Screen

Pell City's Lyric theatre has completed installation of the latest and most modern improvement in the world of moving picture entertainment — the sensational, gigantic new Cinemascope Screen.

The new screen affords movie fans a sharp, panoramic view of the picture as it unfolds on the new giant silver screen, and a distinct feeling of being a living part of the picture and actually living out the roles of the actors as it flashes before the eyes.

"We have installed the very latest in modern screen entertainment," James Cagle, Lyric manager said, "so that moviegoers of the community can see all the great epics of screenland. Practically all new pictures are being photographed for the big screens now and we want our patrons to have the very best."

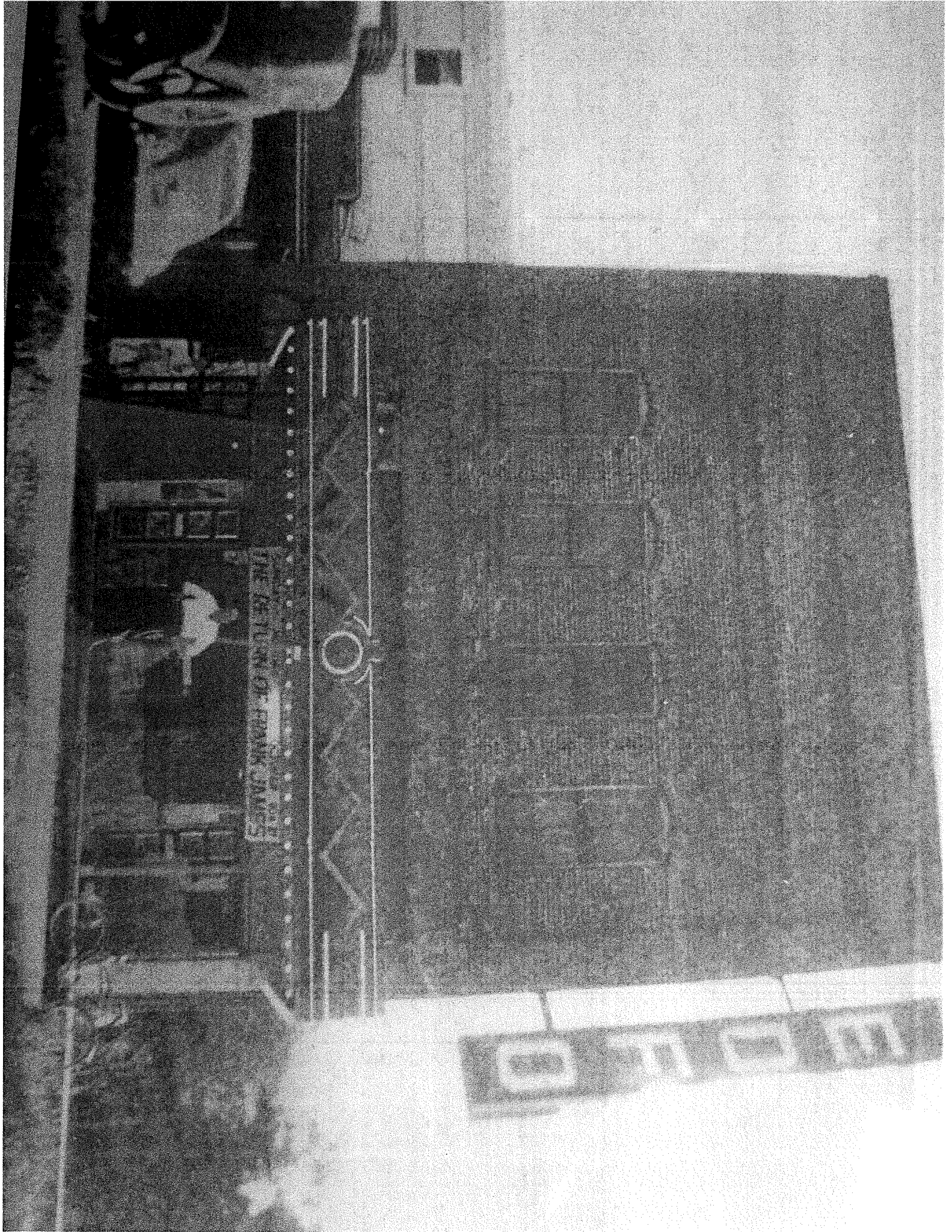
The first picture on the screen

will be Paramount's "White Christmas" which is to be shown today, Friday and Saturday. With such top flight stars as Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Ellen, White Christmas, photographed in Vista Vision, has been hailed as one of the all-time greats of the cinema world.

The first picture to be photographed fully in cinemascope and shown on the Lyric screen is that great epic "The Garden of Evil," to be at the Lyric Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6, and 7th.

Gary Cooper, Susan Hayward and Richard Widmark, star in The Garden of Evil, a super story of the great west.





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# Lyric Theatre

HIT THE TRAIL WITH ROY AND THE GANG TO  
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**ROY ROGERS**

King of the Cowboys

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Directed by William Witney · Written by Gerald Geraghty

A **REPUBLIC**  
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Republic Pictures Corp.  
Herbert J. Yates, President

Friday & Saturday, September 1-2





# At Lyric Theatre

*Born of a rebel yell...one man's  
daring...and a woman's fire!*

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**COTTEN · DARNELL**  
*Jeff Cornel*  
**CHANDLER · WILDE**

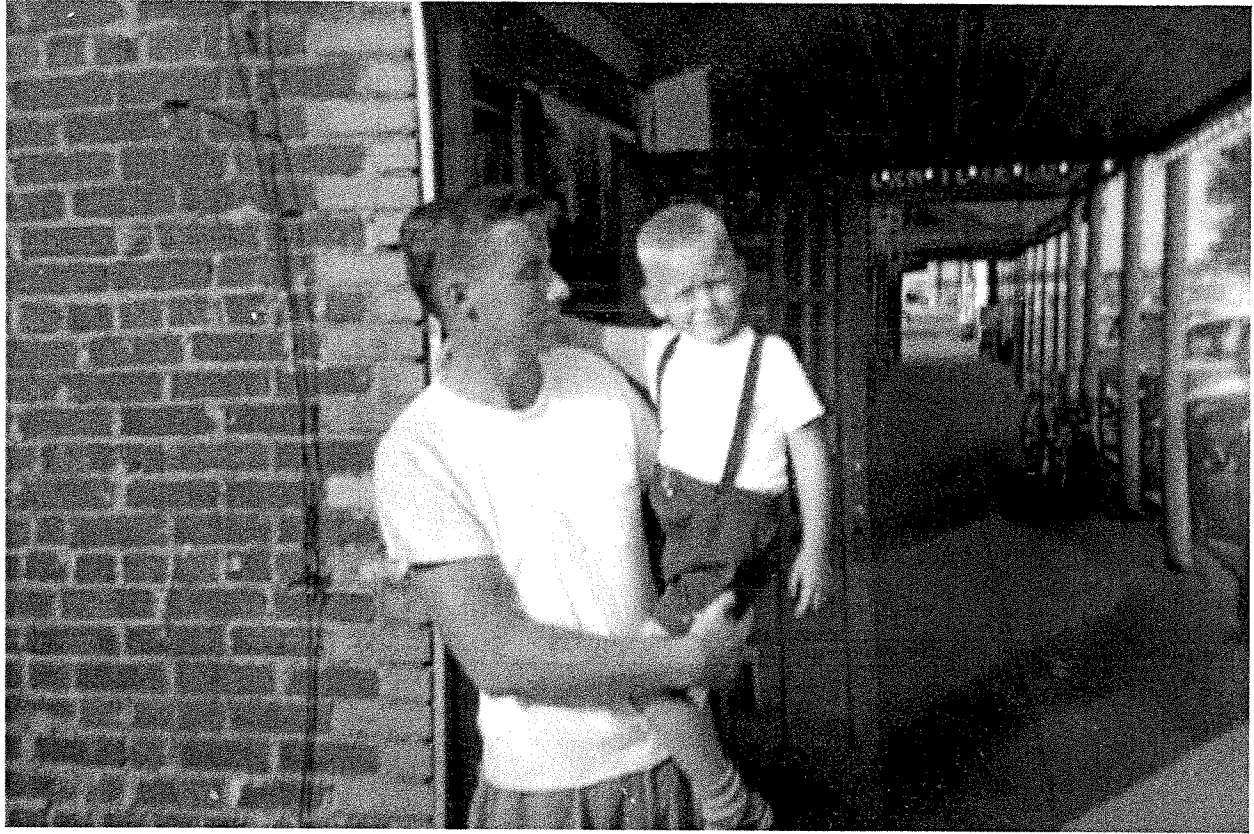
## **Two Flags West**

Directed by ROBERT WISE • Produced by CASEY ROBINSON  
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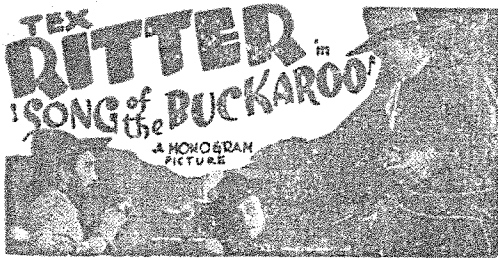






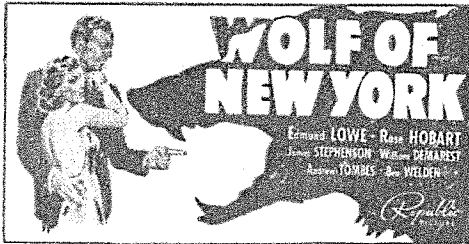
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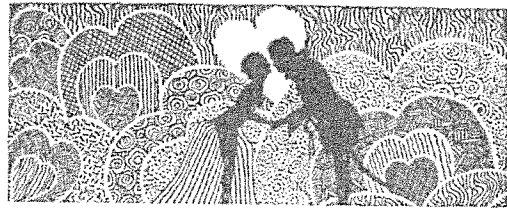
THEY TIPPED THEIR HATS TO TEXAS DAN! Outlaws waiting to drill him . . . the law setting a noose for him—but a bold caballero gives the crooked west a face-lifting!

AND



He defended thieves . . . murderers. But, when he learned he was working for an unknown gang leader, he tracked him down through the grim depths of the underworld.

ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS



# LYRIC THEATRE

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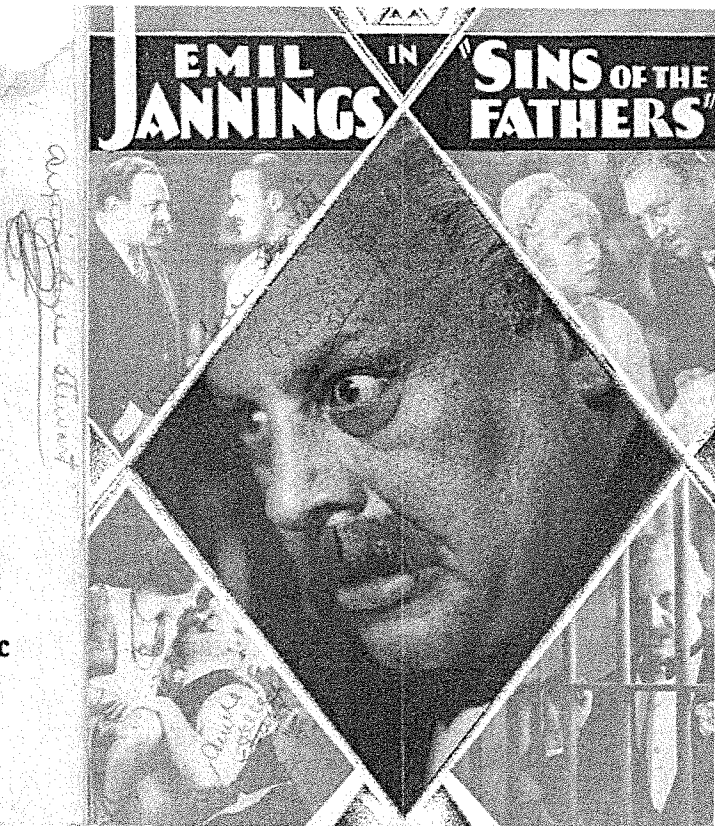
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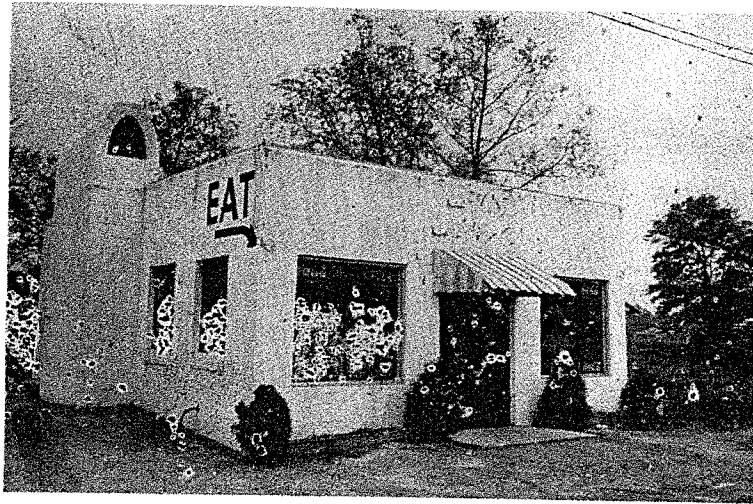
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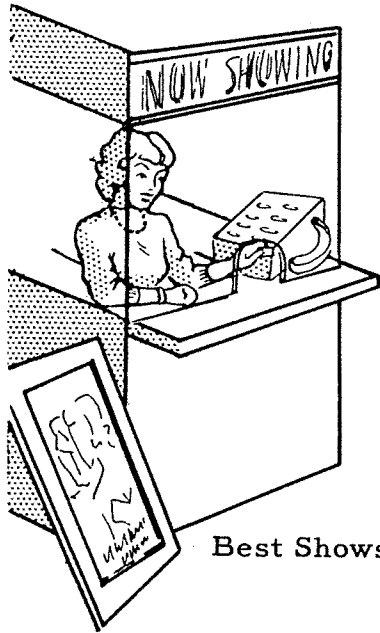
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Bobbie H. Jackson, departed this life on June 20, 2013. She was born in Leeds, Alabama, but was a long time resident of Luverne, Alabama. She was lovingly married to Sidney W. Jackson, Jr. The couple had 4 children, Lee Moncus (Mac), Celia Partlow (David), Sidney W. Jackson, III (Alyson), and Leslie Moody (Frank); 12 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, nieces, nephews, and a multitude of friends. The pallbearers are Beeson Partlow, Jack Partlow, Sidney Jackson, Branham Moore, Bowen Chapman, and Burke Moncus.

After graduating from Pell City High School, Bobbie attended the University of Alabama and received her BS in Education from Troy University. She taught in the public and private schools before pursuing a successful business career involving antiques, retail sales, a salon, and real estate.

Bobbie was outgoing and had many varied interests such as tennis, golf, music, extensive travel, and entertaining.

"Miss Bobbie" for years taught tap dancing, ball room dancing, piano, and organ. Bobbie was a wonderful cook and loved to entertain, especially her Bridge Club. Bobbie was a kind, charitable, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be greatly missed and in lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Crenshaw Christian Academy, 608 Country Club Dr., Luverne, Alabama, 36049 or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Turner's Funeral Home, 360 East 3rd Street, Luverne, Alabama, 36049 and the funeral will be a graveside service at Luverne Emmaus Cemetery at 11:00 am, Monday, June 24, 2013.



**TURNER FUNERAL HOME**  
LUVERNE, AL 36049  
334-335-5891

# Rites Held For Pell City Theater Owner

PELL CITY, Aug. 25. (U.P.)—Funeral services were held here today for R. P. Higginbotham, 56, business man and theater owner. He died yesterday after a short illness.

Former telegraph operator for the Southern Railroad, Higginbotham owned theaters in Eden, Pell City, Margaret, New Hope, Lincoln, Goodwater and Ragland.

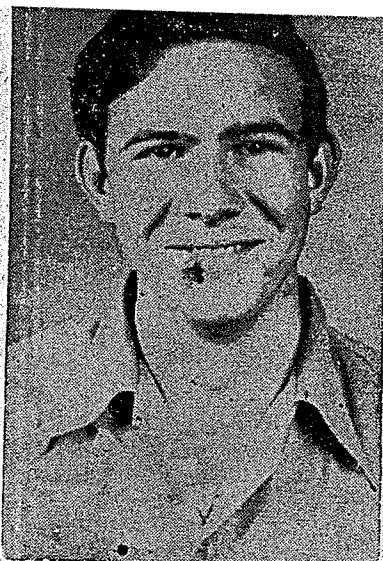
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and	<b>Fairfield</b> —Fairfield curb market will open for business May 1.



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### Lyric Theater To Be Cool

The Lyric Theater will throw the switch on its new air conditioning plant Sunday, James Cagle, Manages, announces.

Installed by Chrysler Air-Temp, the air conditioner will maintain a temperature 20 degress lower that the outside temperature.

As a special Father's Day feature, Cagle also plans to present a carnation boutonniere to the irt 100 fathers attending the Sunday show accompanied by two or more members of their family.

The Sunday snow will feature Lassie in "The Hills of Home".

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## Planned July 4

A square dance will high- light Pell City's Fourth of July festivities.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, joint sponsors of the celebration in con- nection with the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Hall, announ- ce that Kay Brothers String Orche- stra, of Ragland, will play.

Joe Starnes, of Guntersville, former congressman and World War I Veteran, will be a speaker at the afternoon program. Other notables in state veterans organi- zations are expected to be here.

A barbecue will be served at 5 p. m. A dance will be held from 8 to 12 that night. A contribu- tion of \$1 to the Veterans Memo- rial Hall building fund will admit one to the dance. Door prizes will be given away.

Officers of the veterans organi- zation stress the fact that the cele- bration, as well as the monthly dances, are for all the people of this area.

"Some people misunderstand these events", said A. T. Winkler, of the American Legion, "and think they are only for veterans, of members of the Legion or the VFW. This is not true. Our dances and our Fourth of July celebra- tion are for all."



Durham, N. C., are visiting her mother Mrs. Clara Inzer.

S/Sgt. B. R. Knight has returned to Scott Field after a furlough with his family.

Mrs. Edna Crain and Mrs. Fred Vincent of Birmingham were Sunday guests of their aunts, Misses Nettie and Myrtis Neeley.

Mrs. James D. Scruggs of Valley Farm, Steele, has returned from Manchester, New Hampshire, and New York. She was joined by her daughter Mrs. John Robert Rowe of Birmingham and together with Major Robert H. Scruggs spent ten days in New York.

Mrs. Otis McCain and Mrs. J. F. Moore spent a day with Mrs. Walter Holt in Birmingham recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roper and daughter of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Strain of Gadsden were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Jennie Strain and Miss Anna Strain.

Pvt. Kermit McCullough arrived home from overseas July 15 on furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCullough and family. He will report to Camp

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McBrayer attended the Airplane Carnival in Birmingham Sunday. They were accompanied home by their grand-daughter Martha Ann Payne.

Pvt. Ray Cobb is returning to Saipan after spending a furlough with his wife and parents.

Mrs. James S. DuBois and children of Enterprise are spending the week with Dr. DuBois' parents.

The many friends of Mrs. Charlie Bowlin will be glad to know she is improving at the Highland Baptist Hospital in Birmingham.

Mrs. Jennie Buss and daughter Mai Cliff of Birmingham spent Sunday with relatives.

Lt. George W. Hodges, Mrs. Hodges and daughter Margo were home for a few days before he left for sea duty. Lt. Hodges has been in the Navy five years, participating in quite a few major battles.

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Mrs. John Wright and sons of Alexander, City are visiting her parents.

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## Canning Sugar Applications Still Being Approved

Miss Irene Savage, Chief Clerk of the St. Clair County War Price and Rationing Board, announced this week that applications are still being approved for canning sugar. Miss Savage urges all person who have not yet applied for canning sugar to do so at once be-



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Miss Irene Savage, Chief Clerk of the St. Clair County War Price and Rationing Board, announced this week that applications are still being approved for canning sugar. Miss Savage urges all persons who have not yet applied for



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Friday JULY 20 1944

Show Starts At 4 P. M., Ends 11 P. M.

# "BATHING BEAUTY"

*Starring Red Skelton - Esther Williams*  
Also Harry James and His Orchestra

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday—1 p. m.—7 p. m.

Monday—6 p. m.—11 p. m.

Tuesday—4 p. m.—11 p. m.

Wed'sday—6 p. m.—11 p. m.

Thursday—4 p. m.—11 p. m.

Friday—6 p. m.—11 p. m.

Saturday—10 a. m.—11 p. m.

## CHILDREN'S MATINEE

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
4 p. m.—Admission—5c.

Saturday— July 28th

"Lone Texas Ranger"

Also comedy and cartoon



**Sunday Dinner for a Soldier**

with CHARLES WINNINGER

20 CENTURY-FOX PICTURE

**Sun-Mon. JULY 29-30**  
Begins 1 p.m. Closes 7 p.m.

Gay Admission: Adults 35c Children 15c

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