

Saint Clair County Alabama was officially established in November 1818. It was named after General Arthur St. Clair, who was a distinguished patriotic revolutionary war soldier, Alabama delegate to the Continental Congress, and first Governor of the Northwest Territory. He died in Dec. 1818, one month after St. Clair County was named to honor him.

The county is located near the end of the Appalachian Mountain Range and occupies 640 square miles of rich scenic beauty.

St. Clair is surrounded by two excellent interstate systems, I-59 and I-20, and the widely traveled U.S. 231 runs from north to south right through the middle of the county.

The county offers 275 miles of Shoreline, along the Coosa, more than 18000 acres of water and 311000 acres of forest land providing excellent opportunity for a variety of outdoor activities including all watersports, fishing, hunting and camping.

St. Clair County boasts one of the South's largest tomato crops and in late spring and early summer hundreds of migrant workers move into the Chandler Mountain area near Steele to work and harvest the crop which averages 3000 tons of tomatoes per year.

The largest town in St. Clair County is Pell City. Its location near Logan Martin Lake provides a beautiful setting for the fast growing town. Since its incorporation in 1890 Pell City has slowly become the center for industry in St. Clair County. Recent statistics show that the number of new small businesses is on the rise in the town. It is also growing in popularity as a trade center for St. Clair County shoppers. Its restaurants and motel make it a gathering place for visitors who come to the area for recreation at Logan Martin.

Also growing in popularity as a trade center is the Moody-Leeds area in Southern St. Clair County near the Jefferson County Line. This area's location near I-20 enhances its potential for future growth.

O'DONNELL MILL-Located in St. Clair County on Shoal Creek.Land for the mill was entered during the administration of President James Monroe, 1816-1824.It is believed that the first mill was built there shortly thereafter.It was a large log structure built by Larry Gibson who first owned the property.In the early 1900's the mill got its present name from D.J. O'Donnell was given half interest in the mill by his grandfather H.A.Palmer in exchange for some work on the mill site.The mill was operated by O'Donnell until his death in 1965.It is now owned by the St. Clair Historical Society.

Greensport Marina-A modern recreational facility with access to all types of watersports and fishing locations.Located on the Coosa River near the original Greensport site the Marina provides a spectacular view of St. Clair County's rich scenic beauty and is a popular sunbathing and picnic spot.The original port founded on land entered by Jacob Green in 1820 is now covered by the waters of the Coosa.It was an important site for the shipment and delivery of all sorts of supplies,farm products,and cotten.At one time the original Greensport sight was covered with houses and hugh warehouses for storing frqight.The original Greensport Ferry,used until the advent of the steamboat in 1849,was a hugh log raft powered by sl

THE LOONEY HOUSE-The Looney House,built in 1820,is a restoration project of the St. Clair Historical Society.Its builder John Looney was a prominent citizen of St. Clair County and served as a justice of the peace and also as forman of the countie's first jury.When he died in 1827 his son Henry became head of the household and the house became known as the Henry Looney House.The large log structure has been refurnished with items from its time period and the upstairs has been converted into a museum.

YARBROUGH HOME-Built in 1825 by Manoah Yarbrough.It was his son Littleton Yarbrough that built the Ashville Courthouse.

THE CAMPBELL HOME,MONTGOMERY HOME AND DAVIS HOME-All built in 1800's and located in the town of Ashville.

OLD CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILDING-Built in 1879.Located in Ashville.

ASHVILLE COURTHOUSE-Built in 1844 by Littleton Yarbrough.One of the few southern courthouses to survive the civil war.Contains many rare documents and old public records.

CASON-TIPTON HOUSE-Located in downtown Ashville.Built in 1800's

ASHVILLE SAVINGS BANK - Built on 1906 the oldest bank building standing in the county and was the second bank chartered in the county. Ashville gavings Bank has never closed its doors tothe public and is still thriving today.

JOHN W. INZER HOUSE AND MUSEUM-Built in 1852 by slave labor.House contains many of the original furnishings and mementos from the Civil War period.Now owned by The Sons Of Confederate Veterans.Located in downtown Ashville.

ASHVILLE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES-Located in the library building in downtown Ashville.Interesting collection of pictures,mementos,and artifacts, from Ashville and St. Clair County History.Has large collection of marriage,birth,and death records from early St. Clair County.Archivist: Charlene Simpson.

LEGIONTOWN U.S.A.-Re-created Old West Town from 1860's period,The town was designed by the now deceased Carney Waller an Alabama native who spent 12 years out west as a set builder for western films.Legiontown was built as a project of American Legion Post 170 of Ashville,AL.in 1981.It was an immediate success and thousands came out to see the towns wild west and gunfight shows.In 1983 the original town was destroyed by arsonists.Convicted of setting the fire were two St. Clair County Law Enforcement Officers.Post 170 rebuilt the town and since that time it has been the setting for festivals,and crafts fairs.The facility has a museum and a full hookup 24 unit campground.

STEELE METHODIST CHURCH-Built in 1880.

HORSE PENS 40-Located on Chandler Mountain near Steele.Site of the oldest and most Juried Crafts fairs in the Southeastern U.S.In the 1960's and 1970's was the site of bluegrass music festivals featuring the worlds finest pickers.These concerts were filmed by Public Television and aired nationwide.The grounds at horsepens was onetime used as a hiding place for confederate troops.One of the highlights of Horse Pens is the Rock Zoo,a collection of unusual rock formations many of which are shaped like animals.Horse Pens is open for three annual events.Second Weekend in April-Spring Food And Craft Fair,Labor Day Weekend Festival, and the last Weekend in October-Po-Peoples Christmas Market.These festiva are widely known and bring people to Alabama from all over the U.S.

HISTORIC SPRINGVILLE-Settled in the 1820's.Post office established in 1833.The town was incorporated in 1880.The town has many interesting old buildings.Downtown Springville is the site of a large yearly festival called Old Tymes Day or Grab Your Bonnet Festival.The event takes place every year on the Saturday before mothers day and draws large crowds from all over the U.S.

HOMESTEAD HOLLOW-Located near Springville. The "Hollow" has recreated a turn of the century farmstead where old time skills are demonstrated and over 100 craftsmen show their wares. Three festivals a year are held as follows: 1st three day weekend of June, October, and November.

ST. CLAIR SPRINGS-Site of popular mineral springs. From mid 1800's to turn of the century was a popular resort area which attracted travelers from far and wide. The sulphur springs contain traces of barium and strontium. The temperature of the waters is usually between 63.5 and 66.5 degrees. Several historic buildings still exist at the resort site. These include the Rodgers House, The Fort-Wiley House, The Old Bottling Plant, and The Montgomery-Scott House.

LIBERTY CHURCH-Near Odenville. Church was built 150 years ago.

FORT STROTHER MONUMENT-Andrew Jackson's headquarters during the Creek Indian Conflict of 1813-14. Fort Strother was a strong link in the chain of events which removed the hostile Indians from Alabama and opened the area to new settlers. All that is left of the Fort today is the cemetery of unmarked graves holding the bodies of American soldiers who died during the conflict.

H. NEELY HENRY DAM-The dam was built in 1968 by the Alabama Power Company. As the result of its construction several of the counties most interesting historical sites are underwater. The positive results of the dam, however, are unlimited. Its construction created numerous jobs for area residents and the lake and dam are among St. Clair County's most popular recreation spots.

MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTIFACTS-Located at H. Neely Henry Dam. Many of the artifacts were discovered during the dam's construction.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

An interesting fact learned from Pappy Dunn who is Commissioner in Calhoun County is the effect of tourism on their county. In 1983, for every 100 tourists, they received as a direct effect of tourism 1 million dollars. The indirect effect of the same number of tourists was 2.4 million dollars which consisted of 51 jobs and over \$100,000.00 Sales Tax.

<u>City</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Population</u>
Steele	1952	795
Springville	1873	1,800
Riverside	1887	920
Pell City	1890	6,583
Margaret	1959	800
Ragland	1864	
Branchville	1969	400
Ashville	1868	1,490
Odenville	Incorporated in 1914.	800

GOALS OF THE SAINT CLAIR COUNTY TOURIST COUNCIL

1. To inform and educate the citizens of St. Clair County about the tremendous potential that exists here for the development of tourism.
2. To preserve the rich cultural, historic, and scenic heritage shared by the residents of St. Clair County for future generations.
3. To collect and organize information about local events, historic sites, attractions and places of scenic beauty and make the information available to anyone who is interested.
4. To explore the possibilities of developing local points of interest and attractions for commercial tourism.
5. To emphasize the importance of county wide cooperation in the tourist effort. Cooperation is essential to our success.
6. To enlist the support and aid of our local government and the citizens of St. Clair County as we strive to achieve the above goals.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

STEELE CRAFT DAYS: Steele, Alabama. Contact Steele Town Hall at P.O.Box 425, Steele, Al. 35987 or call 205-538-8145.

HORSEPENS 40-SPRING FLING: April 20-21-22. Arts, Crafts, Food, Music and much more. For more information call 205-538-5159.

MAY:

OLD TYMES DAY: Springville, Alabama. May 12, 1990. Arts, Crafts, Food, Music and much more. Contact Springville Chamber of Commerce 205-467-6133.

RENUNION ON THE SQUARE: Arts, Crafts, Food and more. Sponsored by the Ashville Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Vickey Massey at 205-594-7458. Date: May 19, 1990.

THE ASHVILLE SPRING FESTIVAL: On the Square in Ashville, Al. May 28, 1990. Arts, Crafts, Live Music and Barbeque. Big street dance that night. Sponsored by the American Legion. For more information write Legiontown U.S.A. Rt. 1, Box 190, Steele, Al. 35987.

LEGIONTOWN U.S.A. MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: Each year on Memorial Day they have Clogging, Gunfights, Wild West Town, Arts, Crafts, Food, Live Music, Square Dancing and much more. Date this year May 28, 1990. Camping available also. For more information contact Legiontown U.S.A. Rt. 1, Box 190, Steele, Al 35987.

RETIRED ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARDSMAN RENUNION: Held each year on Memorial Day in American Legion Building on U.S. Hwy 11 between Steele and Whitney Junction. Food, Guest Speakers and Entertainment. Call 205-594-5652 for more information.

JUNE:

HOMESTEAD HOLLOW: Historical site near Springville, Al. June 1-2-3. Arts, Crafts, Food, Music and more. Admission charged. For more information call 205-467-6627.

ALPHA RANCH AUCTION: June 9, 1990. Located in Shoal Creek Valley on County Hwy. 22. For more information call Gary Liverette at 205-594-7834.

SUMMERFEST: Pell City June 16, 1990. Contact Joyce Nix with Pell City Chamber of Commerce at 205-338-3377 for more information.

JULY:

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION: Each year around the 4th of July. Held at Legiontown U.S.A. on Hwy. 11 between Steele and Whitney Junction. Arts, Crafts, Music, Gunfights, Fireworks, and much more. For information write Legiontown U.S.A., Rt. 1, Box 190, Steele, Al, 35987.

BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS: July 27, 1990. Held at the Pell City Civic Center. For more information call Pell City Chamber of Commerce at 205-338-3377.

SEPTEMBER:

HORSEPENS 40 LABOR DAY RENUNION: September 1-2-3, 1990. For more information call 205-538-5159.

LEGIONTOWN U.S.A. LABOR DAY CELEBRATION: September 3, 1990. Located on Highway 11 between Steele and Whitney Junction. Arts, Crafts, Music, Food and much more. On election years political rally. Full hookup for camping. Wild West Town with museum and displays. For more information write Legiontown U.S.A. Rt. 1, Box 190, Steele, Al. 35987.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY DOG SHOW: Legiontown U.S.A. Date varies call 205-594-5652.

OCTOBER:

HOMESTEAD HOLLOW SORGUM FESTIVAL: Historic site near Springville. Held first weekend in October. Arts, Crafts, Music, Food and Demonstrations. Admission charged. Children under 12 free. For more information call 205-467-6627 or write Homestead Hollow, Rt. 2, Box 62, Springville, Al 35146.

HORSEPENS 40 PO PEOPLES CHRISTMAS: October 12-13-14, 1990. Arts, Crafts Music, Food and more. Call for more information 205-538-5159.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY FAIR: Held at the old rock school building near Friendship Church on Hwy. 411 near Odenville. For more information call Mary Banks at 205-629-5251.

NOVEMBER:

LOONEY HOUSE FESTIVAL: Held at Historic Looney House near Ashville. Arts, Crafts, Food, Weaving, Candle Dipping and other perion related crafts and activities. For more information call 205-594-7002.

HOMESTEAD HOLLOW CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY: Historic site near Springville. Second weekend in November. Arts, Crafts, Music, Food and much more. Admission charged. Children under 12 free. For more information call 205-467-6627 or write Homestead Hollow Rt. 2, Box 62, Springville, Al 35146.

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NOVEMBER CONT'D:

ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY-STEELE: Date- usually weekend before Thanksgiving.
Contact Steele City Hall for more information at 205-538-8145.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVALS- Pell City Methodist and Catholic Churches
Dates vary contact churches for more details.

DECEMBER:

CHRISTMAS PARADES:

Christmas in Ashville Sponsored by Ashville Chamber of Commerce. Parade
with Santa Claus, live nativity scene, caroling and more on the square
December 15, 1990 starting at 11:00 until ... For more information
contact Vickey Massey at 205-594-7458.

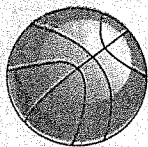
Pell City Christmas Parade held on December 13, 1990. For more
information call Pell City Chamber of Commerce at 205-338-3377.



Gadgets and gear for a fit new year.

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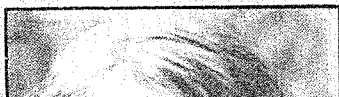
HER SAY



Title IX compliance: Get out of the courts and get on the field, says freelance writer **Donna A. Lopiano.**

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SMALL TALK



courses. At a time when other girls were becoming nursery school teachers and nurses' aides, she wanted to be a chemist. She says she hoped one day to serve as an example for other women to enter scientific fields, by

showing them that "science is everywhere and accessible to everyone."

But it was not until some 25 years later that

Miracle on Main Street

Springville library real labor of love

By **Elma Bell**
News staff writer

SPRINGVILLE — The old Masonic Lodge building standing at the north end of this small town's business district is proof positive that dreams do come true.

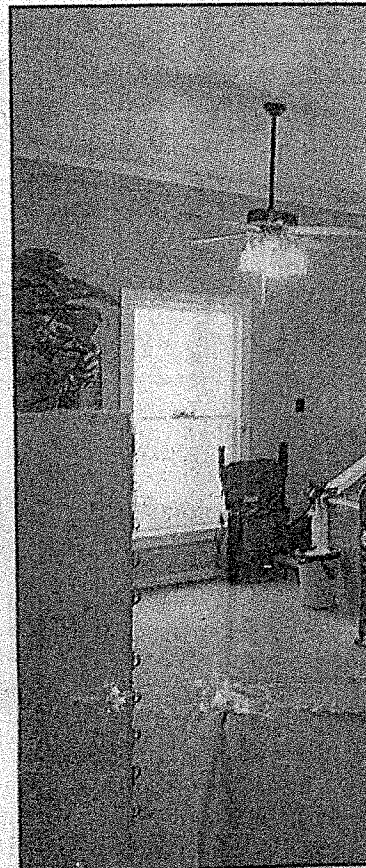
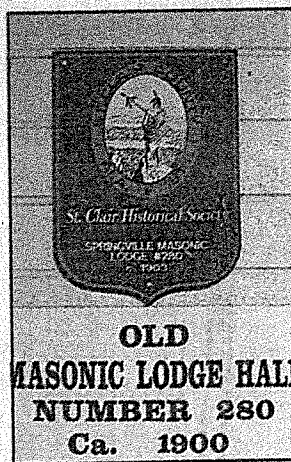
The sturdy, two-story building, which has seen many uses since it was built in 1903 by Springville Masonic Order No. 280, now is the home of the Springville Library and Museum.

"Dr. and Mrs. Lamar Campbell bought the old building and had an antiques shop in it for a number of years before giving it to the Springville Preservation Society in December 1992," says Andy Wallace, president of the Springville Preservation Society.

"It was the Campbells' dream to see the building developed into a first-class library and museum."

That dream started to become a reality the following April, when the Springville Town Council passed an ordinance creating a library board to set up a library for the town.

"The Preservation Society immediately offered the lower floor of the old Masonic Lodge as a home for the library at no cost to the town," Wallace says. "The library



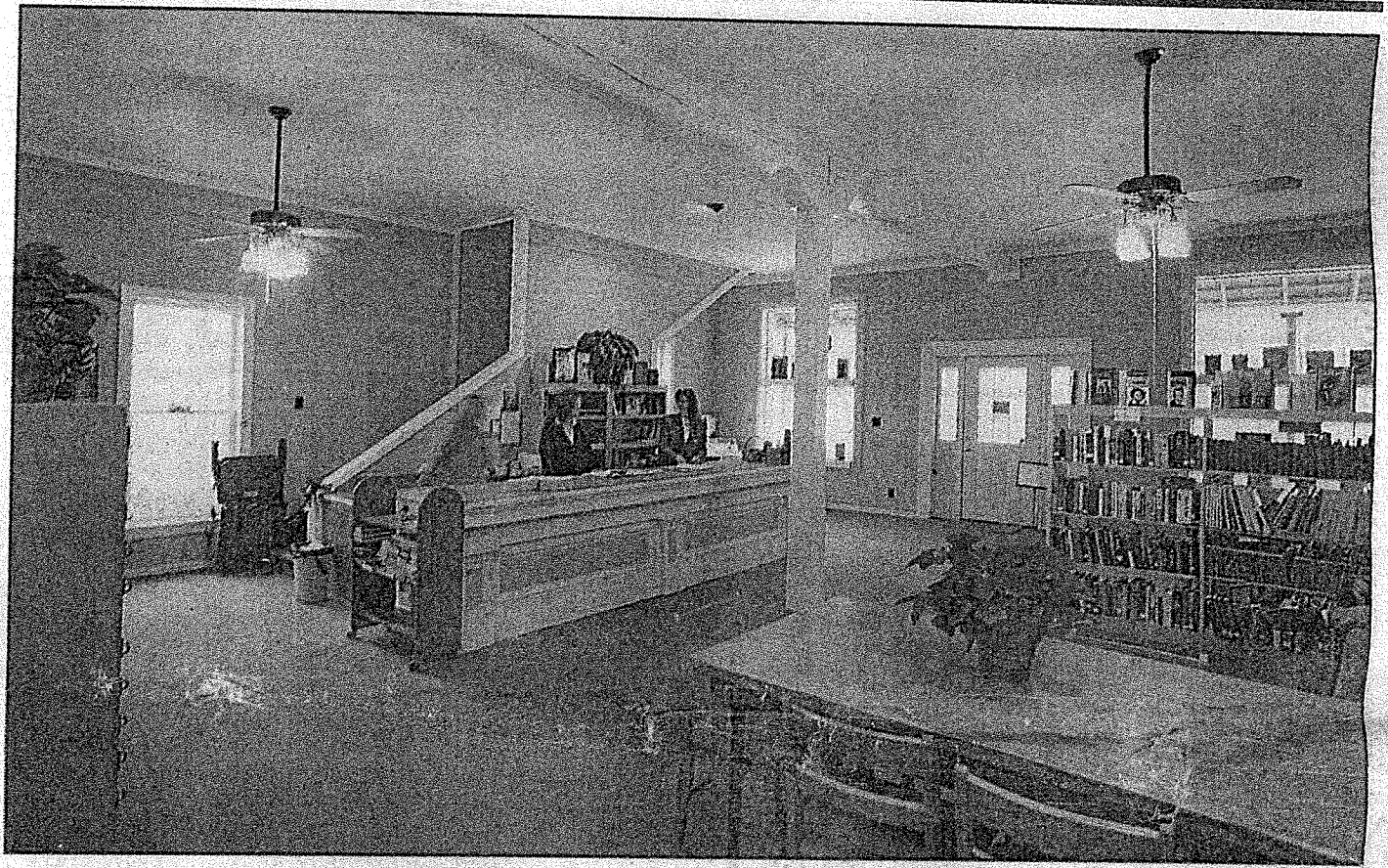
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Lerman fulfilled her commitment to helping women surmount the many obstacles to obtaining a science education. A renowned phys-

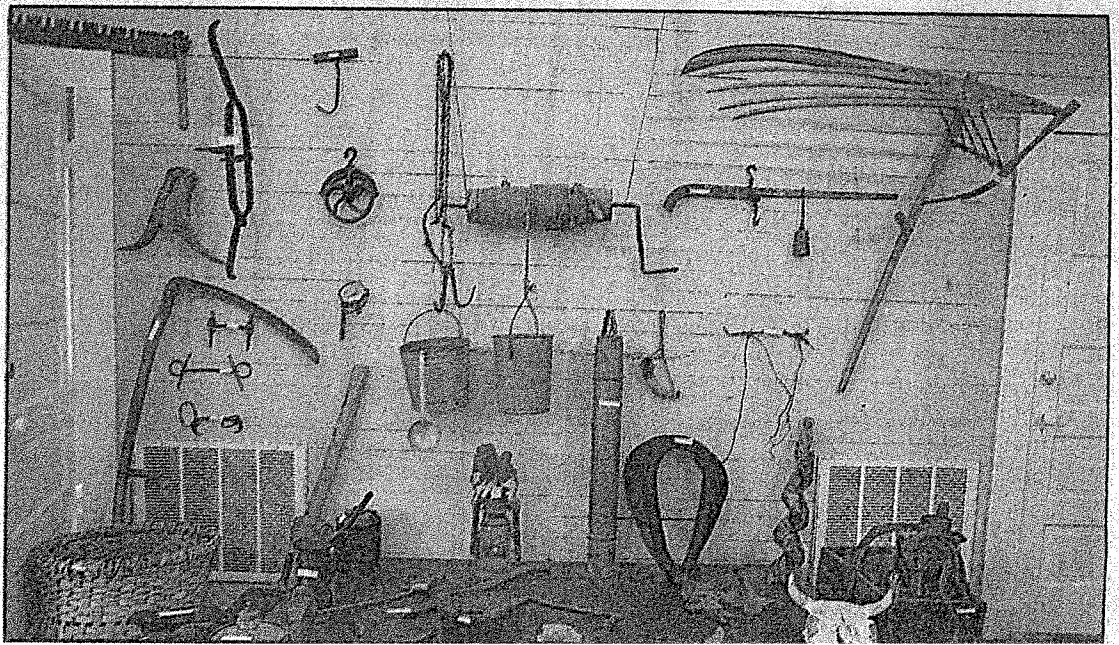
She returned to the United States with her only son, Yoav, and was recruited by the newly accredited Columbia College, a fine-

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NEWS STAFF PHOTOS/BERNARD TRONCALE

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Riverside waits for

BY R. E. "BUSTER" HOGAN, News staff writer
 RIVERSIDE, March 28—Riverside "ain't going to be what it used to be."

It's going to be born all over again into an entirely new kind of community, a recreation center with a 16,000-acre lake, with a four-mile shoreline, and a canal and folks coming from hither and yon to fish and boat.

Founded in 1883, this small St. Clair County town has always been a milling and egg-producing town.

Creation of the Logan Martin Dam on the Coosa River is going to change all that. Backwaters from the dam will create the lake at Riverside's front door, and a canal will run through the town.

In the words of Mrs. William Coleman, wife of the mayor, Riverside "is going to be a little Venice."

With Mt. Cheha nearby, it

will be one of the scenic spots of Alabama, declares Charles Kelley, director of the state fish and game division. The dam area, he said, is one of the finest he has seen. He predicted that in three years anyone going to fish in the lake that doesn't catch a mess of fish "will be just too lazy to bait a hook."

FROM ITS PRESENT 300 population, Riverside is expected to grow to 5,000 in five years. Through Interstate 20, it will be brought within 26 miles of Birmingham. It will

be the only town on the Clover Leaf between Birmingham and Atlanta. In addition to this, it will be on a major east-west route.

"It doesn't take a star-gazer to tell what's ahead for us if we only take advantage of it," observed Mayor Coleman.

The tourist and recreation potentials, he pointed out, are left only to the imagination. Research has proved, he added, that recreation seekers in Alabama and elsewhere are strongly orientated to water recreation activities.

"We are working overtime the economic impact of this great 16,000 acre lake, created by the Alabama Power Company's Logan Martin Dam on the Coosa River," Mayor Coleman said.

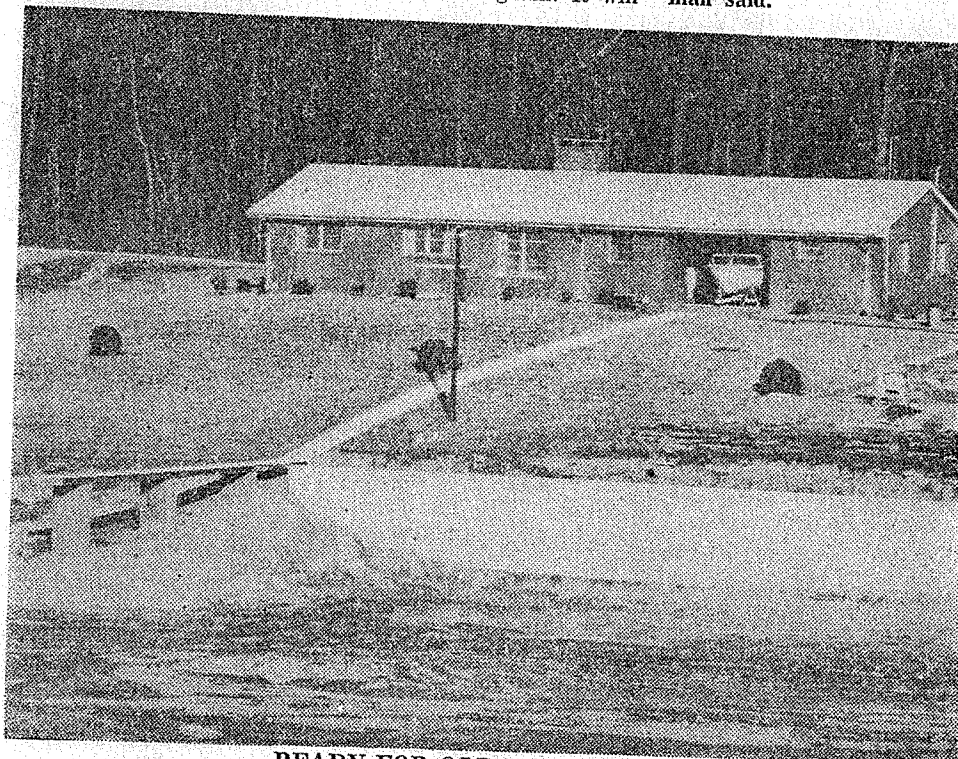
AS THE RIVER runs now the Logan Martin dam site is 30 miles from Riverside but when the water goes into the lake the distance will be cut in half.

E. O. Hussey, manager of the Talladega office of the Alabama Power Co., said spillways are expected to be ready by May 1, providing there are no weather setbacks. Then the will become a realty and be filled.

When everything is ready, one of three 45,000 kilowatt generators will start turning and generate current. The other two are expected to follow later on.

The main part of the town and the railroad that passes through it has had to be raised 14.2 feet to allow for the influx of water.

Coleman, who is still dazed



READY FOR OLD MAN RIVER
 . . . City Councilman Earl Smith has boat dock ready



MAYOR AND WIFE
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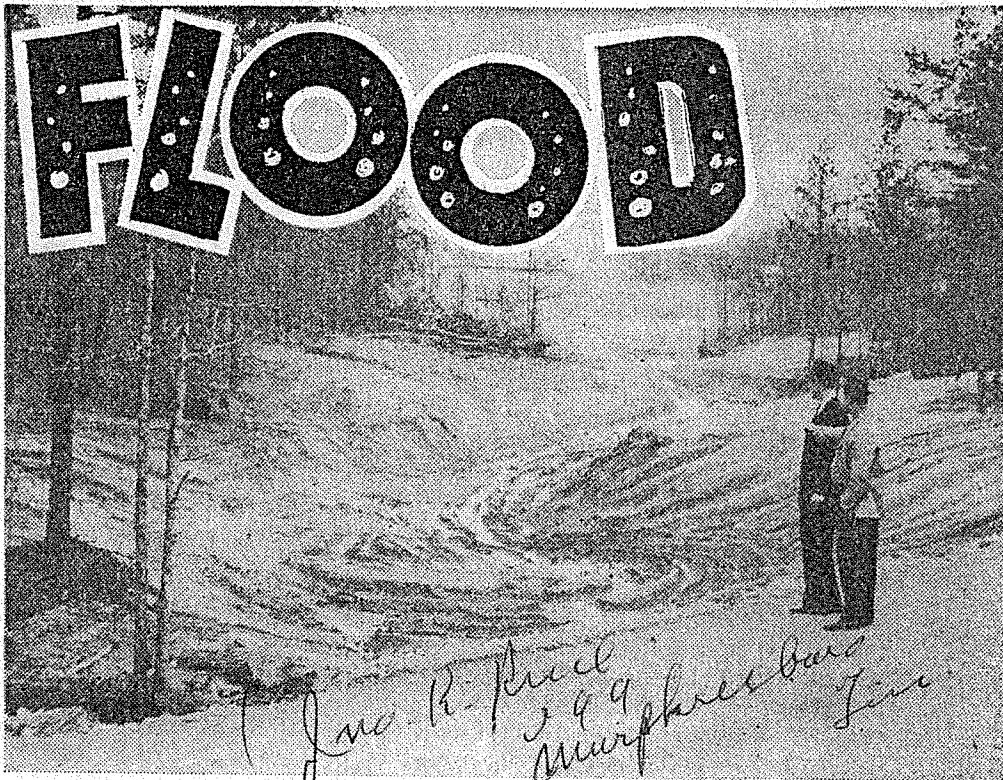
about what is happening to his once quiet little town, points out there will be five mariners with necessary slips, a golf course nearby, shopping center and a big motel at the Clover Leaf.

COLEMAN IS AN ENGINEER for the Southern Railroad, operates the Riverside Milling Co., the town's mainstay industry. He is also vice president of the Anniston Credit Corp.

Looking over a map of the development, Mayor Coleman looked up at his wife and declared, "Honey, I just don't know what to do next.

"My," Mrs. Coleman exclaimed, "you're the most enthusiastic man in the country."

Among Birmingham visitors to the development was Norman T. Cooper, a salesman.



Norman T. Cooper
299
Murphree's Bar
June

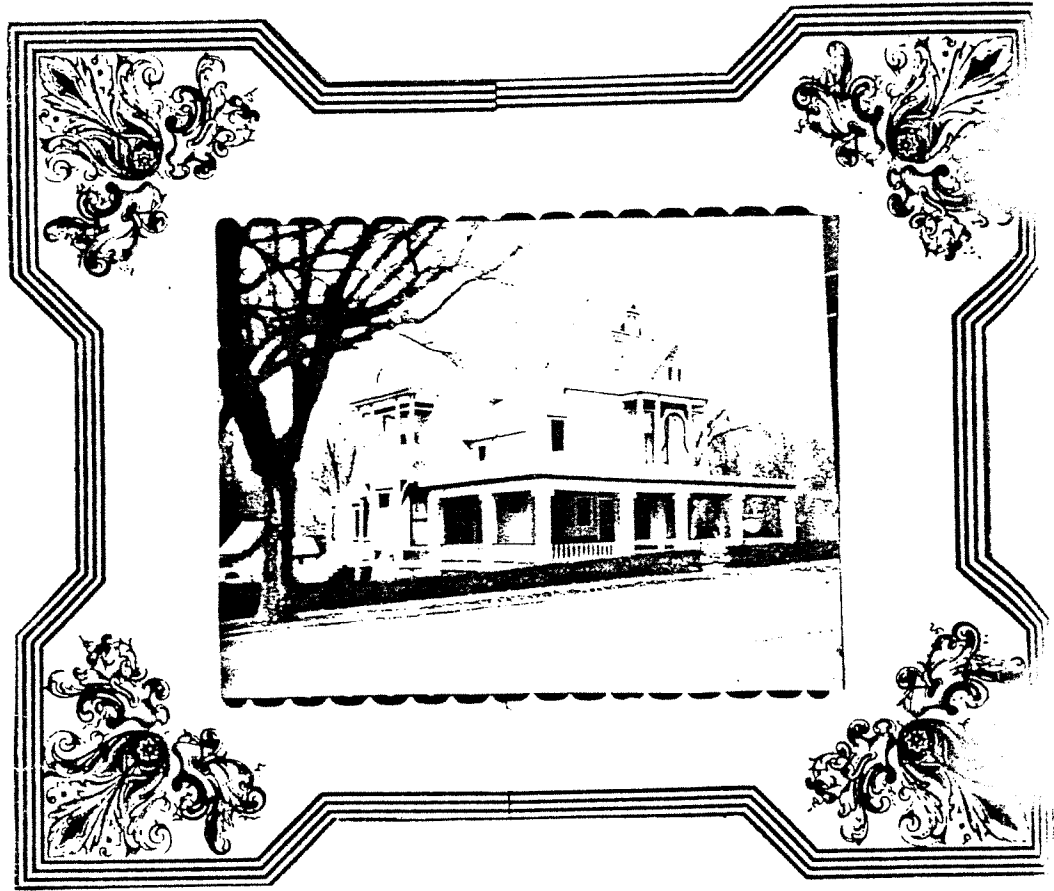
BOAT LANDING FOR CHURCH TO BE HERE
... Coleman and Cooper inspect part of canal site



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NEW \$55,000 RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
... Norman T. Cooper, left, and Mayor Coleman. Canal will be across street



ST. CLAIR COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 5, 1990

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Much thanks is given to Gene Housh, for his invaluable assistance for the preparation of the Tour Guide Booklet and for his work in getting it printed.

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We also wish to thank to Tony and Meredith Sparks for the use of their facility.

We also wish to acknowledge the fine spirit of cooperation by the organizations, businesses, firms, and individuals listed below. Without their help the printing of the Tour Guide Booklet would not have been possible.

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Sue's Country Corner.....Sue White
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Tracy B. Burger.....
Fouts Tractor Co.....Charles Fouts
The Emporium-Antiques & Gifts.....
Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Campbell
Homestead Hollow.....Dr. John Tingley
Buckner Barrels.....Frank Buckner
American Legion.....Herb Collett
Horsepens 40.....Warren Musgrove
Union State Bank.....David Jackson
Springville Area Chamber of Commerce.....
President, Roy Rafos
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Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce.....
President, Joyce Nix

Invocation.....Wallace Wyatt, Jr.
Buffet
Welcome.....Margaret Evans
Program:
Mike Mitchell.....Bureau of Tourism
& Travel
Montgomery, AL
Joe Barnes.....President, Northeast
Alabama Tour Assoc.
Dr. Warren McCord.....Community Resource
Division Specialist,
The Alabama Cooperative
Extension Service
Remarks:
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sparks
Closing.....Margaret Evans

HORSE PENS 40

Rocky wonderland on a mo

BY FRANK SIKORA
News staff writer

CHANDLER MOUNTAIN

It's a striking world of mountains, chasms, bluffs, dense woods, and a rocky wonderland all emplaced in one 40-acre square atop Chandler Mountain in St. Clair County.

Somehow, it seems, people have formed a wrong impression of Horse Pens 40. Or, rather, the impression has been only partly complete.

What usually comes to mind is the fall festival: Cool misty mornings, the aroma of fresh baked biscuits and homemade syrup, folk music echoing over the mountain.

It's that, for sure. But it's more. The rock formations alone are a sight to behold. "It's worth the visit even without biscuits and syrup," one visitor says.

FORMED MILLIONS of years ago by water and wind erosion, the bold bluffs — some as high as a five-story building — have taken on charming forms, much like clouds.

Some are amazingly distinct: The camel's head, the elephant's head, and the dinosaur that even has the scale-like texture, formed by some wild scheme of nature.

Back in pioneer days, the Creek Indians had a village here; the rocks were their protectors from winds and enemy warriors alike.

Later, settlers camped in the area, and during the Civil War Alabamians brought their horses to the natural

rock corral to keep them hidden from Yankee foraging parties.

FROM THAT time on, it lay hidden atop the green mountain . . . until 1956 when Warren Musgrove, a newspaper magazine feature writer, came wandering along looking

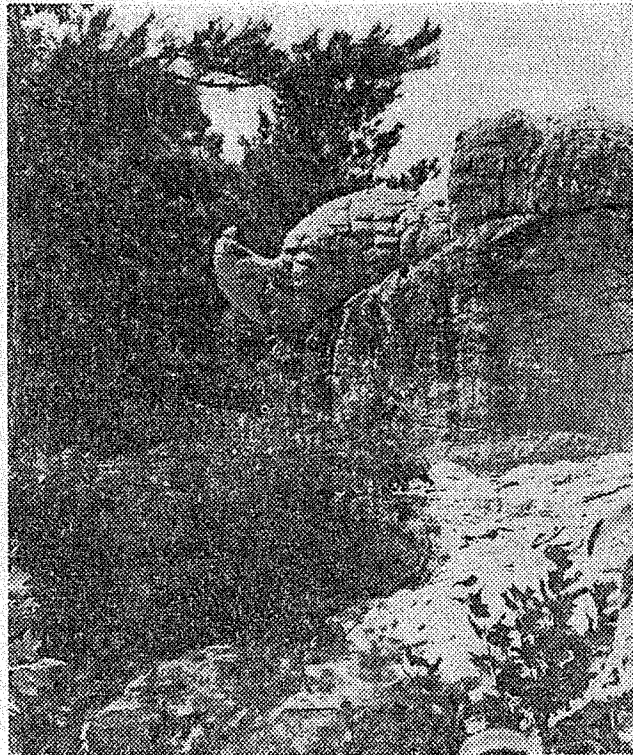
for a tomato farm to do a story about.

He fell in love with the place, bought it, and began his annual festival. Now, he's got the place open every day, and has added campsites and hot showers.

Other than that, the only commercializing you'll find

are a few signs on the trail through the rocks.

But people tell Musgrove he



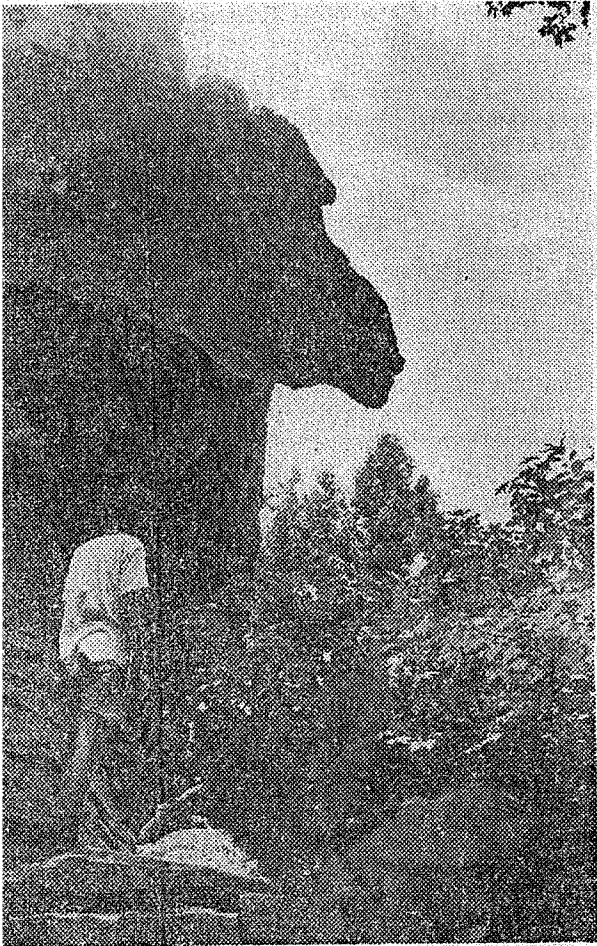
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. . . One of Horse Pens 40's rocky animals



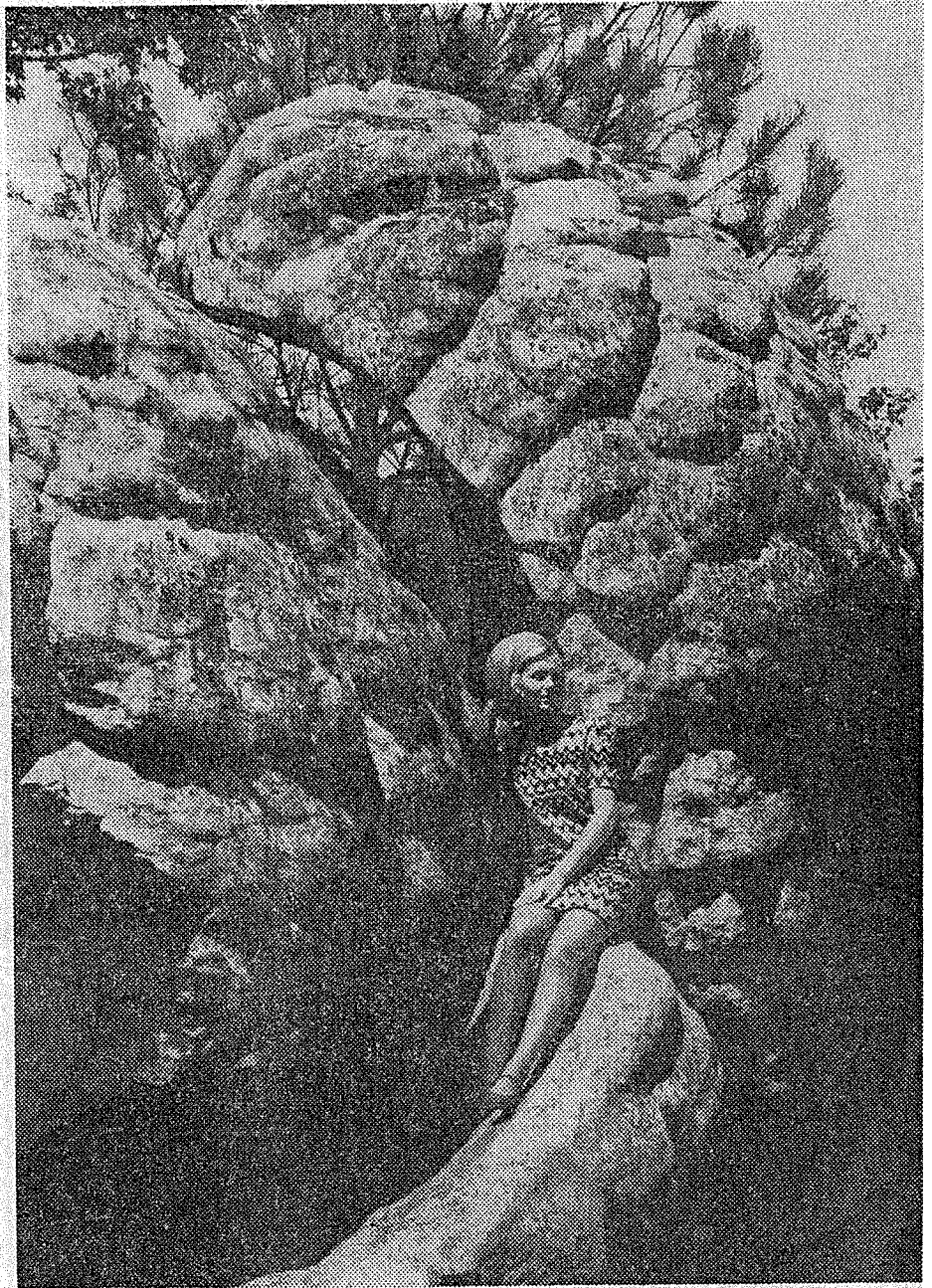
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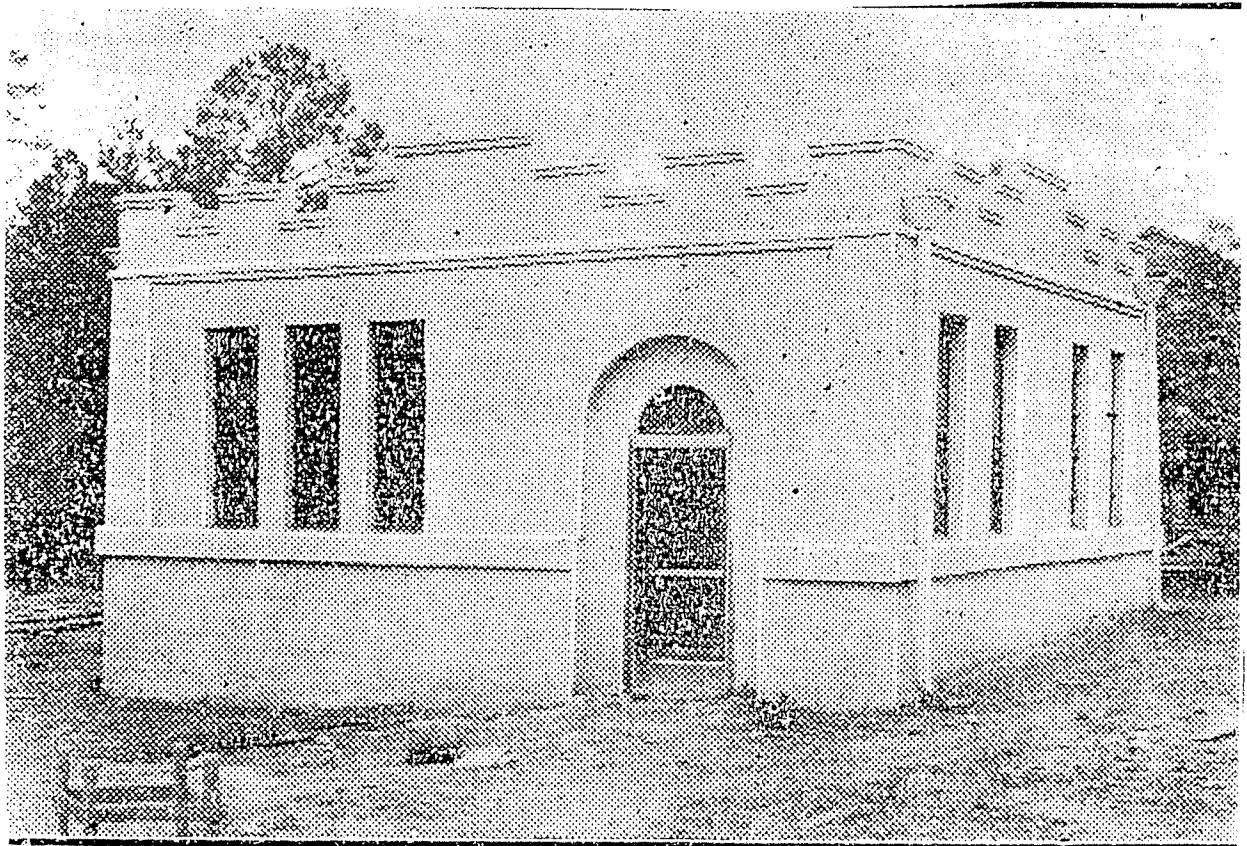


ROCK ELEPHANT STANDS 30 YARDS HIGH
 . . . Area has 25 acres of rock formations



THE DINOSAUR AND THE GIRL: A PRETTY COMBINATION
 . . . She's lovely Linda Kay Sparks, a senior at Samford

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ST. CLAIR'S NEW JAIL, Pell City.

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B'ham News - May 21, 1969 - p. 32

Prosperous Riverside ready to reap even more benefits

BY THOMAS F. HILL
News staff writer

RIVERSIDE Mayor W. A. Coleman probably wears more hats than anyone else.

He wears one as a railroad engineer, one as mayor, one as a sportsman, one as a businessman and one as a farmer.

In addition to this, he probably could wear still another as being a person who does things differently.

FOR INSTANCE, Mayor Coleman is planning to build a new city hall without federal assistance!

And more important, he plans to pay for the new municipal building without negotiating a loan, floating bonds or seeking a grant.

Mayor Coleman plans to pay cash for the new city hall!

This is but another chapter in the political life of Coleman, who is serving his third term as mayor of Riverside—a political career that has seen him break rules, win poker games with large utility firms, and parley a \$1,200 plot of land into a million-dollar complex.

WHEN COLEMAN took term as mayor of Riverside which had been incorporated since 1883, he found about \$326 deposited in the bank to the municipal government account.

Today, the balance is over \$20,000.

Once a big sawmill town with over 30 cars of lumber a day being loaded up for transportation to other areas, Riverside's economy had dwindled to almost nothing. The 1960 census showed about 126 persons living there.

The city limits of Riverside extended a radius of one mile from the mayor's home, which was built in 1946.

THE CITY LIMITS have now been extended six miles, taking in the tourist development of Logan Martin Lake, and stretching into the pe-

has inflated tremendously in Mayor Coleman's favor.

Today, his 10-acre tract contains the Riverside Marine, where hundreds of expensive boats tie up, a Holiday Inn, two filling stations and a candy specialty shop.

THE MAYO ISN'T selling, but his less-than \$2,000 land now is worth more than \$1 million!

When not acting as mayor, or running his milling or poultry industry, or overseeing the Marina, which he leases, Mayor Coleman dons a railroad cap.

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In addition to this, he probably could wear still another as being a person who does things differently.

FOR INSTANCE, Mayor Coleman is planning to build a new city hall without federal assistance!

And more important, he plans to pay for the new municipal building without negotiating a loan, floating bonds or seeking a grant.

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This is but another chapter in the political life of Coleman, who is serving his third term as mayor of Riverside—a political career that has seen him break rules, win poker games with large utility firms, and parley a \$1,200 plot of land into a million-dollar-complex.

WHEN COLEMAN took term as mayor of Riverside which had been incorporated since 1883, he found about \$326 deposited in the bank to the municipal government account.

Today, the balance is over \$20,000.

Once a big sawmill town with over 30 cars of lumber a day being loaded up for transportation to other areas, Riverside's economy had dwindled to almost nothing. The 1960 census showed about 126 persons living there.

The city limits of Riverside extended a radius of one mile from the mayor's home, which was built in 1946.

THE CITY LIMITS have now been extended six miles, taking in the tourist development of Logan Martin Lake, and stretching into the perimeter of the rich potential of the Talladega Speedway.

Through some rather heavy "eye-ball-to-eye-ball" negotiating, the mayor succeeded in swapping a plot of land he owned with a 10-acre tract owned by Alabama Power Co. on an even trade.

The Power Company had the tract for a possible steam plant construction site, but later decided to build at Wilsonville. The company needed the land the mayor owned for some gas valves.

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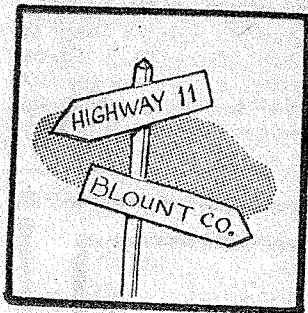
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WALLING KEITH—

Let's get on right road

Well, if you want to see the beauties of Blount County, you had best take Highway 31. Not Highway 11 which takes you through bountiful St. Clair.

Among the startled folk who shook their heads at my mental detouring some few days ago when I had Highway 11 running through Blount County are W. H. McGowen, of Birmingham; J. S. Pilkington, the county engineer of St. Clair County; Conrad Buffington of Oneonta and a few others.



St. Clair Engineer Pilkington expressed his shame in my behalf and reminded me that I was speaking of the beautiful trail between Argo and Canoe Creek near Attalla. Conrad Buffington wrote me all the way from Chicago and declared: "I thought you were the same newspaper man I had the privilege of lunching

with several times in Gadsden some 20 years ago with the late Mayor Herbert Meighan and our friend, J. C. Inger, the lawyer — but surely that man well knows Highway 11 from Jefferson line to Etowah passes through St. Clair County the whole distance. Blount has some beautiful scenery but don't take anything from St. Clair."

Although I have heard from St. Clair County folk my good friends in Blount seem to be snickering in silence. After all, they know it's only a mistake of several score miles and a half tank of gasoline. Next time I'm going to take a road map with me. (You know how these new highways can get you messed up!)

SPEAKING OF BLOUNT AND ST. CLAIR Counties, did you know that in the very early days the business of Blount County was transacted in Jones Valley near the present site of Birmingham? Yes sir, at Major Kelly's house until December of 1820 when the courthouse business was transferred to Blountsville . . . And Blountsville was once named "Bear Meat" when the Indians lived there . . . Everybody knows, of course, that Blount Springs was a famous Southern spa way back when . . .



KEITH

St. Clair County was the base for Gen. Andrew Jackson's Fort Strother during the Creek Indian Wars of 1813-14. And Hernando DeSoto's expedition passed through St. Clair along the banks of the Coosa in 1540.

You can find plenty to see and think about in both Blount and St. Clair counties. And if it's hunting and fishing either county can provide more than enough.

One of these days I'm going to write Keith's Knife and Fork Pilgrimage through Alabama's 67 Counties, a literary work inspired by the many handsome meals I have been served in my favorite state. The Apple Pie, Buttermilk and Cornbread ABC's of the highways and crossroads of a country where you can always find a palate-teasing meal if you know where to look.

Hugh Choat says he thinks I was only fooling when I put Highway 11 in the wrong county. No, I just went sort of highway daffy.

Development group tours St. Clair

PELL CITY, May 29 — Business and civic leaders of St. Clair County entertained the State Rural Area Development Committee Friday, and took visitors on a tour of some of the facilities that have been assisted or encouraged under the RAD program.

During a luncheon meeting at the ultra-modern Pine Harbor Marina, Probate Judge Hoyt B. Hamilton and other St. Clair leaders were complimented on their achievements under the RAD program. This appraisal was delivered by Gen. W. E. Todd, chairman of the State RAD Committee and assistant director of the State Planning and Industrial Development Board.

Evident everywhere on the tour was the work that has been done to relocate roads inundated by the back waters from Logan Martin Dam, as well as the numbers of modern motels, marinas and other

recreational installations that are growing up along the lake.

IT WAS EASY to see the industrial potential of the county, much of which lies between the routes of two Interstate highways, near the Coosa River and near rail transportation.

Visitors saw the 4,000-foot airport runway, which adjoins the nine-hole country club golf course. Judge Hamilton explained that the runway, as well as the roads which lead to it, will be paved soon. An airport hangar also will be built soon.

These improvements are expected to make the airport industrial sites more attractive to industry.

In the meeting at Pine Harbor Marina, the State RAD Committee discussed developments in the Economic Opportunity Program, and how it may affect existing programs.

IT WAS POINTED out that Alabama has been divided into 26 areas for EOP activities, with St. Clair placed in a group with Blount and Cullman Counties.

Beginning at the Pell City Courthouse, the tour covered the Pell City Health Center, Meehan Poultry Plant, Smith Meat Processing Plant, Pell City Water System, Feed Service Co., Rabbit Branch Marina, Brothers 4 Motel and Big Bull Restaurant, St. Clair County Airport and Pine Harbor Marina.

An interesting sidelight along the way was the Town & Country Food Mart, with boat landing to accommodate the float-in trade.



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Camp Winnataska is 50 years old

BY RAYMOND SMITH
News staff writer

Today, as rockets spurted across the Independence Day sky and countless families gather to celebrate the Fourth of July, three generations of Alabama campers returned to Camp Winnataska to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

Every year for the past half century, hundreds of Birmingham children have flocked to the 1,420 acres of fields, mountains, and streams owned and administered by the

Birmingham Sunday School Council and located 25 miles east of the city.

The semi-centennial celebration featured a barbecue dinner at noon, followed by entertainment in Brewer Chapel 2 to 3 p.m.

Representatives of everyone — this year's campers, their parents, even the "old timers" — a part of Winnataska's five decades of fun, presented a brief resume of favorite memories.

The non-denominational camp, accredited by the American Camping Association, provides young campers with an abundance of summertime activity.

A usual weekly session includes nature hikes, overnight camps, arts and crafts, horseback riding, and rounds of athletics. Kelly Creek, a large swimming pool, and even a small lake offer boating, swimming, and water sports of all types.



Outdoors South, September

by STEVE PRICE

Hawk Watching in Alabama

September's warm, sunny days are ideal times to observe the fall bird migrations into the South.

An excellent place to see hawks winging to warmer weather is at Bald Rock, approximately 20 miles east of Birmingham.

While many of the hawks, such as sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, will be moving past singly or in small groups, others like the broad-winged hawks often migrate in populations of over 100 birds.

Bald Rock is like many Southern mountain ridges in that prevailing winds create updrafts and thermals, which the hawks ride during their migrations.

To reach Bald Rock from Birmingham, follow U.S. 78/I-20 east for 20 miles, and exit at Cook Springs. Continue north approximately 4 miles to the intersection of State 174, and turn west. Go about 1 mile to an unnumbered dirt road leading to the left. Follow this road to a fire lookout tow-

er, and you're on the ridge. You can walk around to find the best exposed viewing areas.

There are no facilities on the ridge, so take your own water as well as your bird identification books and binoculars.

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Camp celebrates 50th birthday, finds years

IT'S A NEARLY 1,000-acre, lush green history book. It's a tiny chunk of Switzerland, complete with mini-mountains. Or maybe it's a meditation center, transplanted from India.

Then again, it could be an earthly effort at Alice's Wonderland, or the beautiful countryside of the Land of the Wizard of Oz—without the witches. It's a bit of the Old West, with Indian villages and all the trappings.

It's a place where a fellow can go, and like this writer, meet the girl who's to be his wife. A person can also meet his God there, in a fresh and revitalizing sort of way.

The place is Camp Winnataska, 30 miles east of Birmingham. It's 50 years old this month.

Wrapped up in those 50 years is more Alabama history than a whole squad of writers could crank out and put in a book.

IT ALL BEGAN when Lucien Brown told Dr. Elwyn Ballard about a secluded spot in St. Clair County, that might provide good camping for his scouts.

As he heard of rock-surrounded Kelley's Creek, which poured into a tree-draped natural pool, creating a foamy white waterfall, he knew he would have to see it for himself.

So it was the Boy Scouts who did the initial 'scouting' of the area. Dr. Ballard, with a group of his boys, set up camp at Winnataska in 1916.

Just as he suspected, Dr. Ballard fell in love with the place, and purchased acreage for a summer home. But he was afraid the site might be too inaccessible for use by the Scouts, and envisioned a Sunday School camp on the spot.

THE MAIN camp, to this very day, is still tucked seven miles inside the forest. It's reached now by a smooth paved road.



lays a vital role in the life of Camp Winnataska as illustrated by this religious service under the sky

in lush green

kind indeed

BY WALLACE HENLEY

The Birmingham Sunday School Association, which had been formed in 1908 to help train Sunday School workers, was alerted to the possibility of a camp on the St. Clair County site.

In 1918, the Association bought the land, planning to use it for summer camps for youth.

Mrs. Ballard was asked to name the camp, and she picked, "Winnataska," the name of an Indian princess who was the subject of a legend based in the region.

According to the legend, Winnataska was in love with a brave who was killed in a battle. When she found his body, she carried it to the creek, and dropped it in, burying the body there.

Then, Winnataska herself

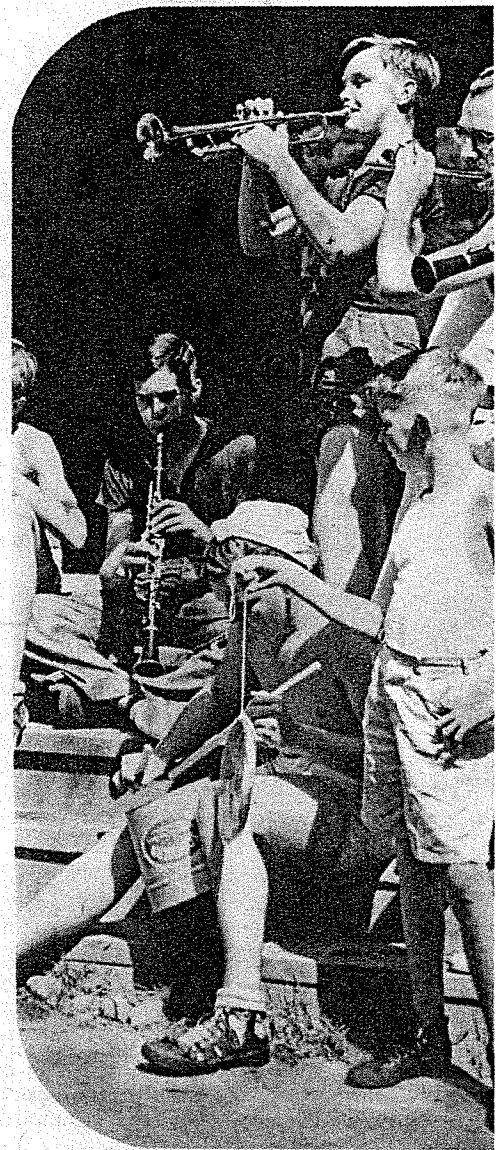
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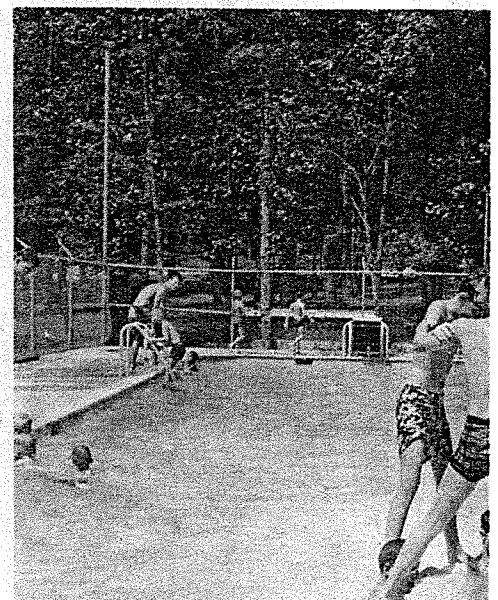
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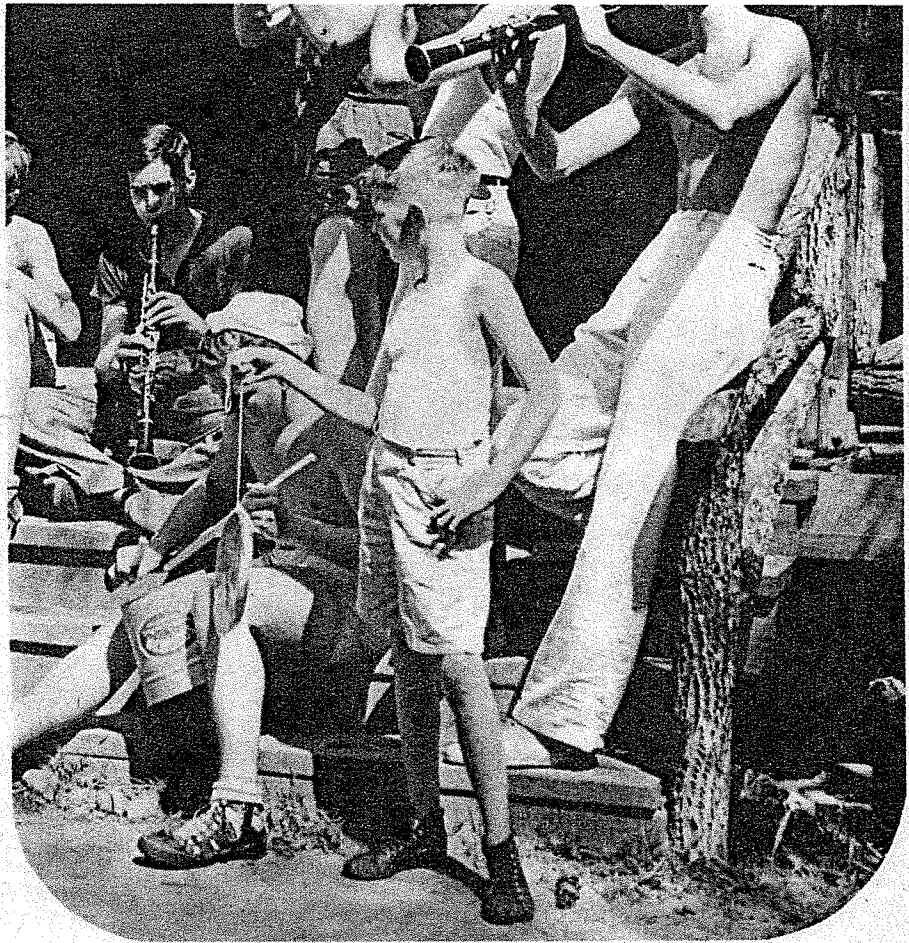
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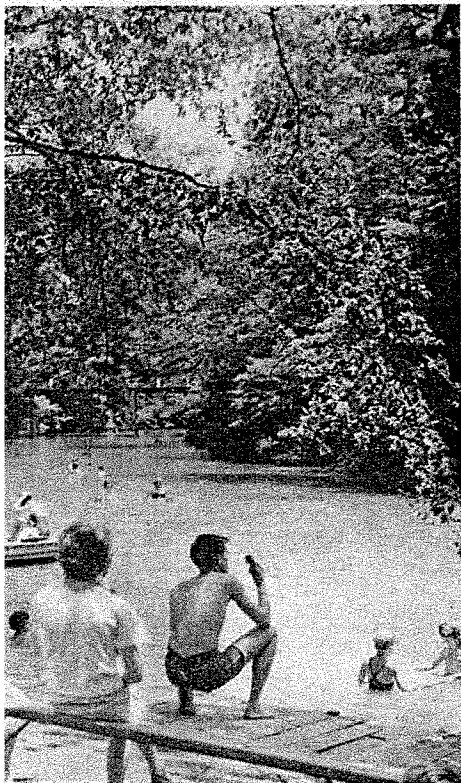
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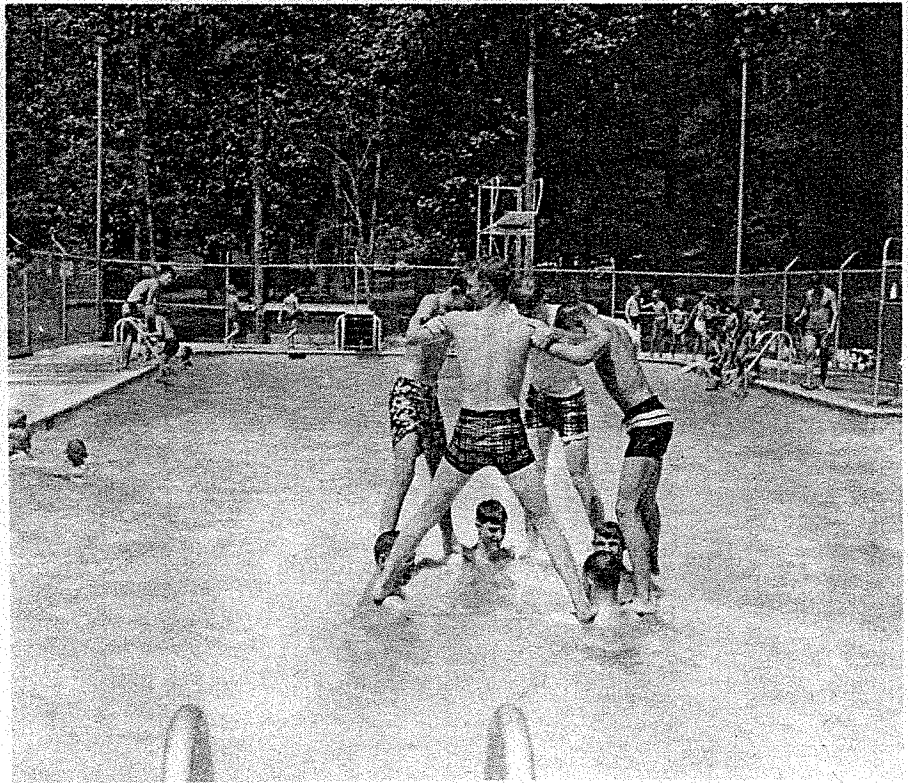
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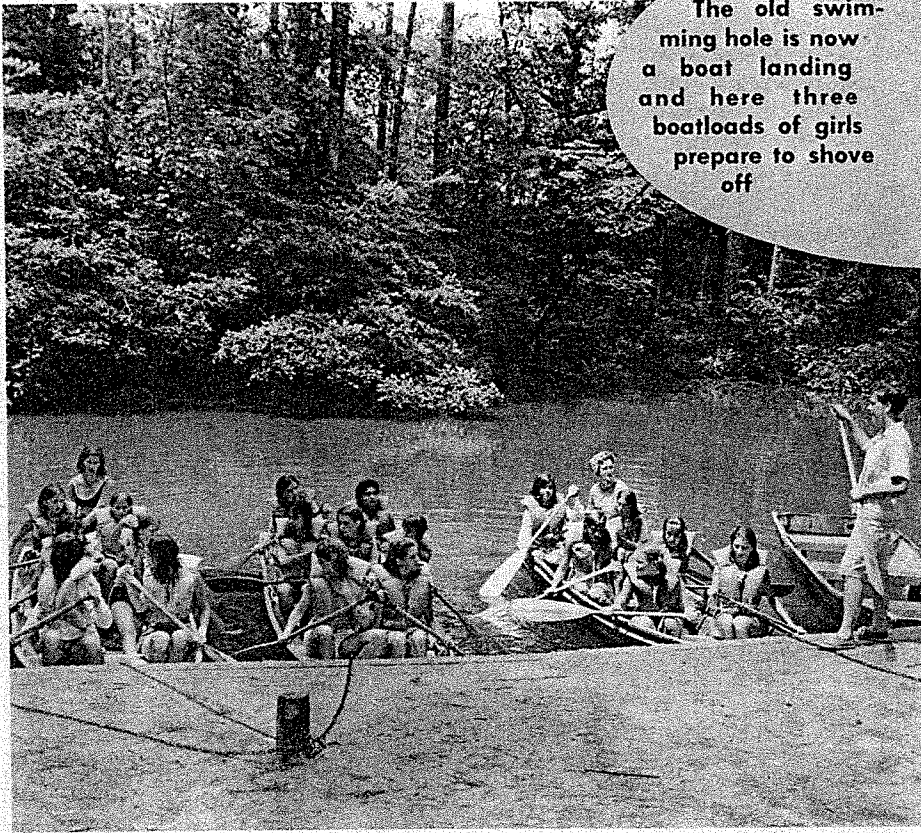
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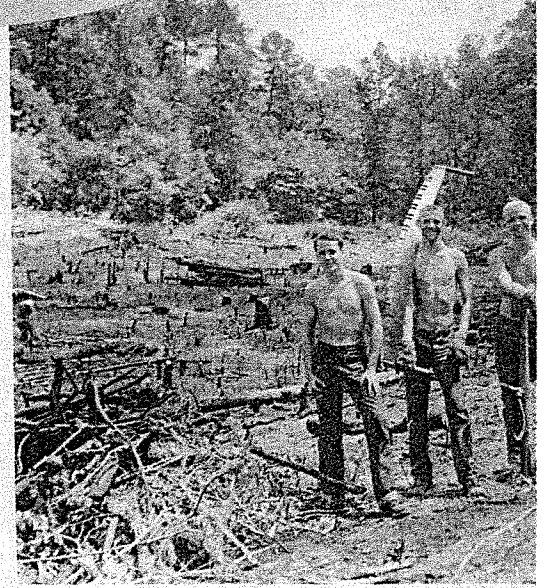


Things do change, so by 1966 they were having a ball in the new Camp Winnataska swimming pool



The old swimming hole is now a boat landing and here three boatloads of girls prepare to shove off

A lot of hard work went into this tree-felling operation, but these boys look proud of their effort



of modernity at that time.

Latter-day campers at Winnataska like to pride themselves over "roughing it" in the rustic cabins now on the camp grounds.

But their 1918 predecessors could tell them a thing or two about that. Camping at Winnataska, 1918-style, meant you slept in a tent, since there weren't any buildings on the original 120-acre site.

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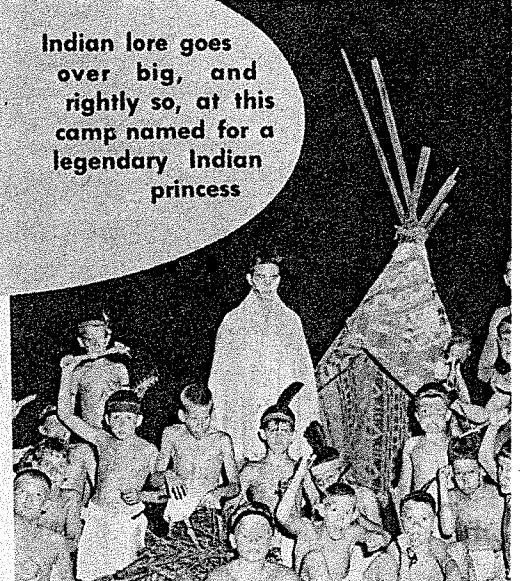
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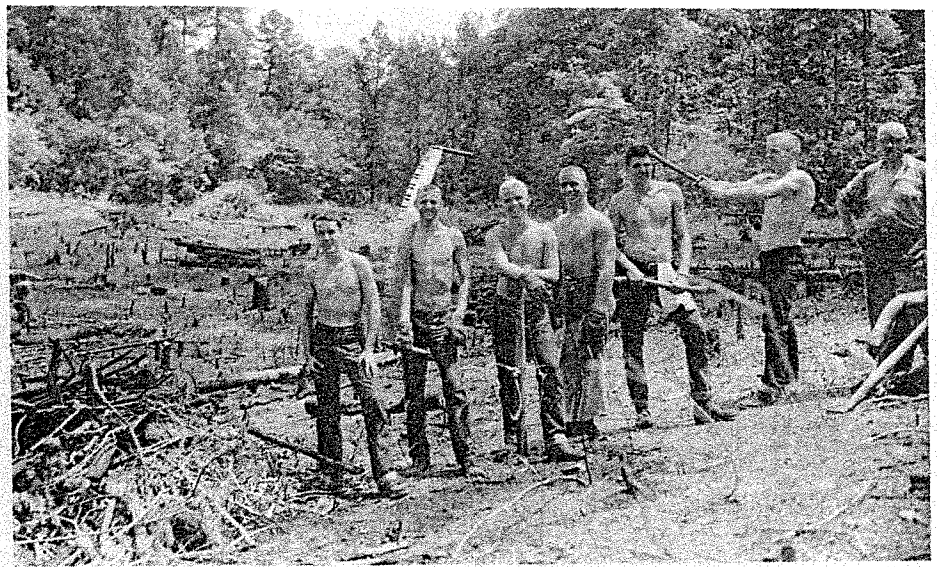
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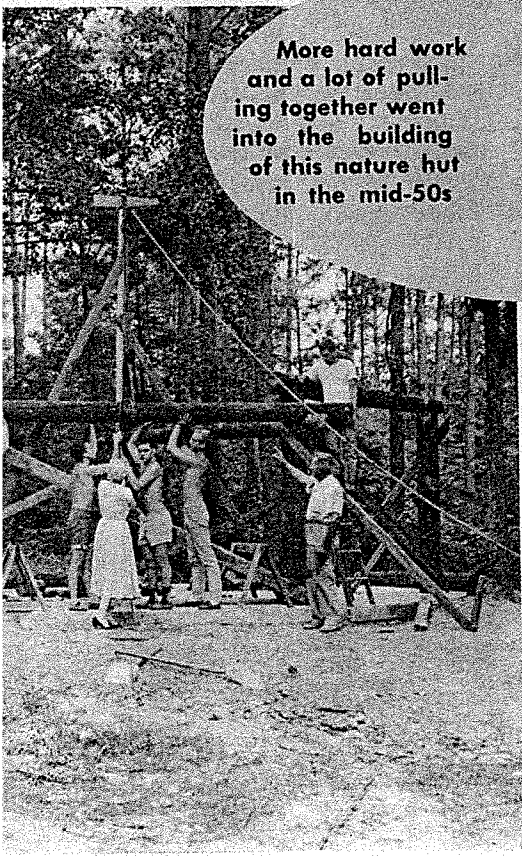
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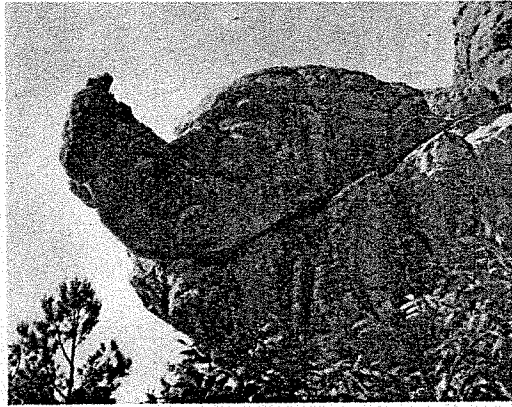
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The camp wears proudly several bright new facilities. But even for the person who takes a nostalgic stroll over the grounds, it's still, after 50 years, the same Camp Winnataska.

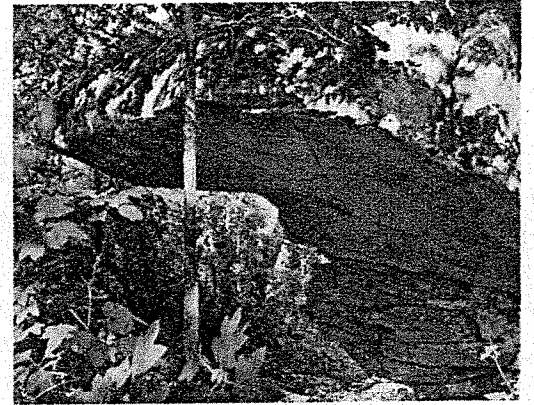
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BY TRACY MCGIVERN

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There simply isn't time in one afternoon to see all the nature-sculptured wonders. You can take a short side trip up some stone stairs to the right and have a look at the Angry Serpent, or you can keep along the main trail through a twilight cave where Aunt Pluma Hyatt's cow used to lie in the cool. You turn a curve into sunshine and see another half dozen wonders before reaching Uncle Dinosaur.

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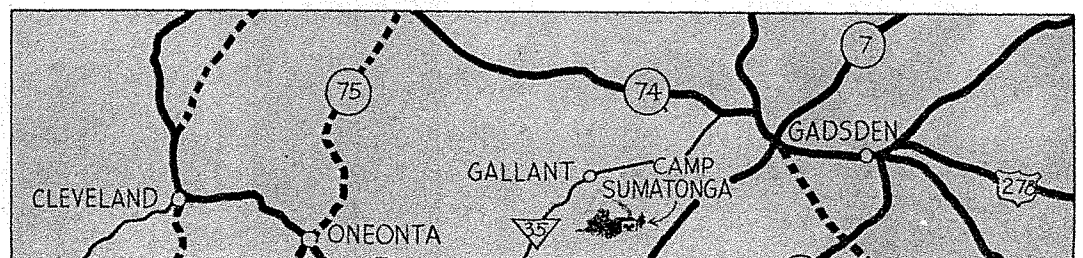
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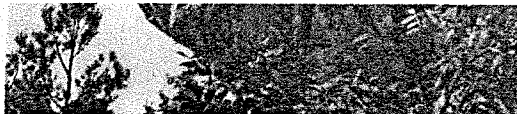
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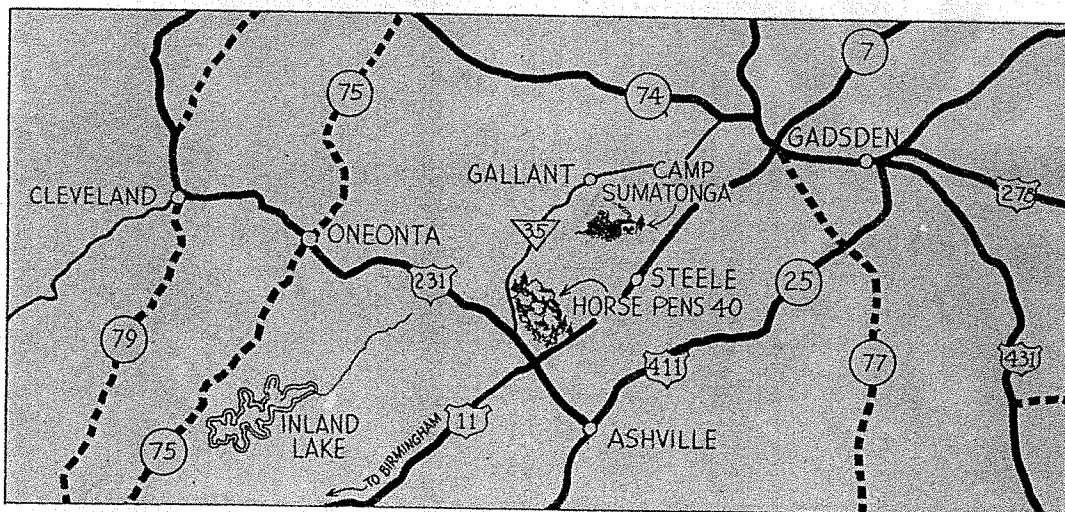
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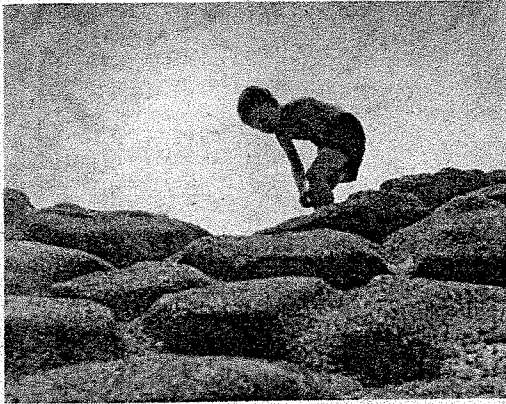
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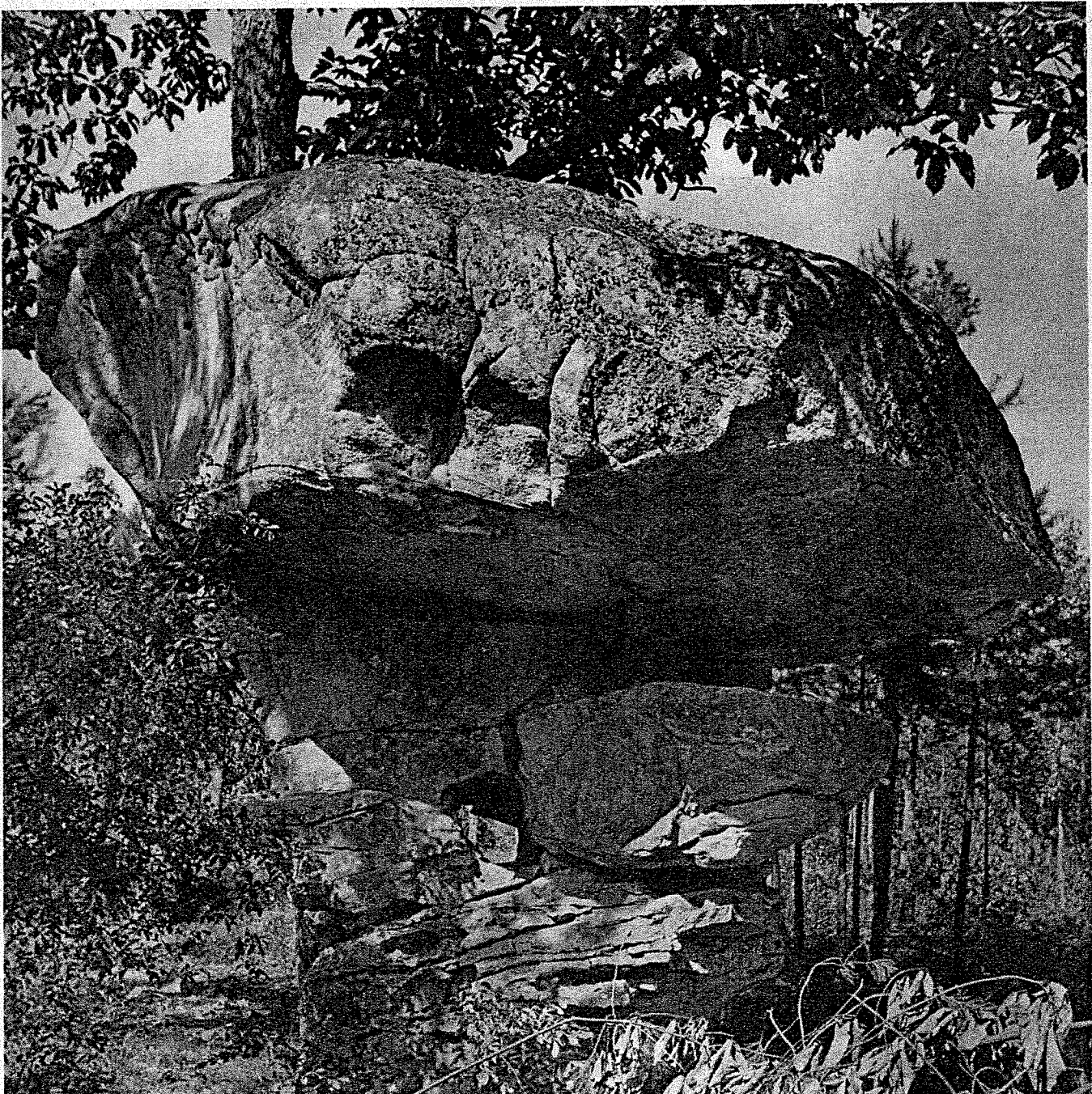
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Alabama's answer to Mt. Rushmore
—the Rox Brothers.

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WHEN THE GOOD LORD flung Alabama together he left one bodacious puzzlement on the top of Chandler Mountain between Oneonta and Ashville near the intersection of U. S. Highways 11 and 231.

It's a nature-sculptured 40 acres of rocks known as the Horse Pens 40. And to stand and look you don't really believe it's true. How could such a wonderment be this close to population centers such as Birmingham, Gadsden, Oneonta and Ashville, yet be almost unknown for 100 years?

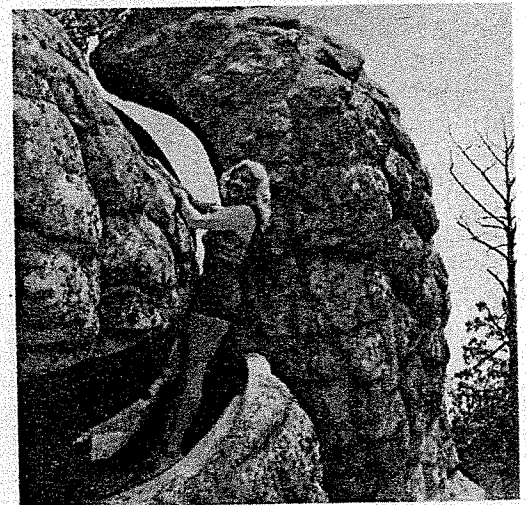
Isolation—especially in the early days—probably is the answer.

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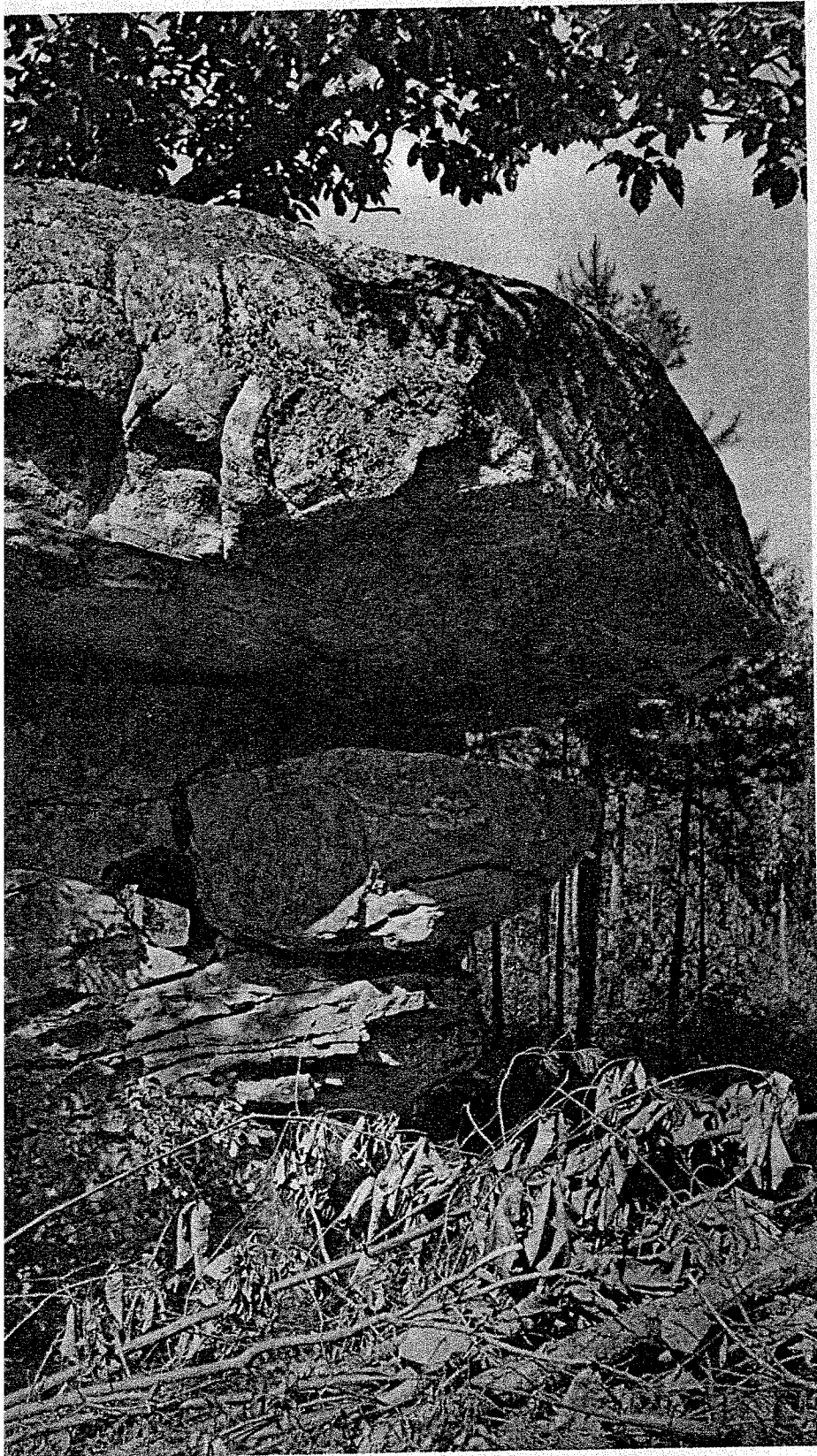
Hyatt, coming in from Georgia with his wife Heddie and a tired horse, pushed to the western edge of Chandler Mountain and dropped a pillow case holding all his earthly possessions on one of the strangest rock formations he had ever seen.

Among these odd formations he found a sculptured pen that would hold his horse without fencing. He later learned from earlier settlers that the Indians long before had used the Horse Pens 40 for the same purpose. (40, for the 40 acres comprising the area. The formations were cut by surface and ground water over millions of years).

Hyatt entered the Horse Pens 40 through the old Huntsville Land Office and set about populating his western end of the mountain with seven boys and two girls. A grandson, Orville Hyatt,

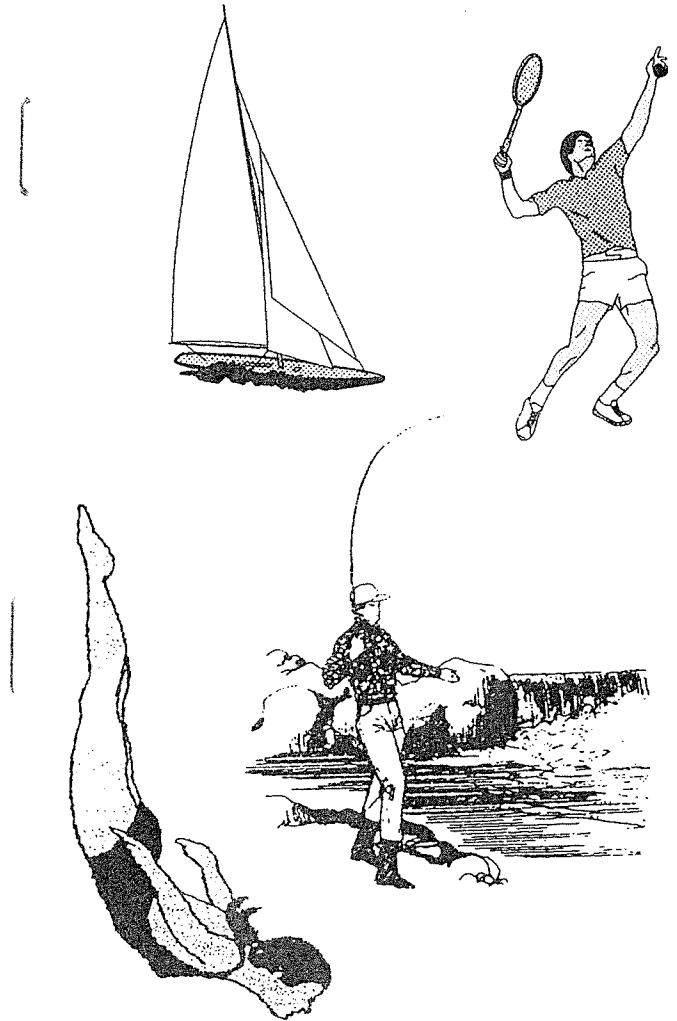


Modern art vs. art of the ages.



the center for a handle. This formation is near entrance to Horse Pens 40.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY



Welcome!

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

ONE OF THE FIRST & BRIGHTEST STARS TO FALL ON ALABAMA

St. Clair County is located in north-central Alabama at the southern tip of the Appalachian Mountain Range. Its beauty is marked with wooded mountains and quiet valleys through which run sparkling streams. The eastern edge is delineated by the Coosa River. The river has two dams located in St. Clair County, the Neely Henry and the Logan Martin, creating backwaters offering all kinds of water sports: fishing, boating, waterskiing, sailing, swimming. The county also has two interstate highways, Interstate 59 connecting Birmingham and Chattanooga and Interstate 20 connecting Birmingham and Atlanta. The bustling city of Pell City is the industrial center of the county offering convenient shopping centers, fine dining, and motels. The civic center complex has facilities for many activities, indoor and outdoor. The adjoining lake has boating and fishing activities. Moody, only a few minutes from Birmingham, has also become a growing industrial center. Straddling Interstate 20, Moody has large shopping centers, fine restaurants and the largest auto auction in the southeast. Ashville steps back in time with many historic homes and museums. History comes alive as one walks

through the homes built almost two centuries ago. In the mountains north of Ashville, unusual rock formations amaze visitors. It has been reported that Indians used the rocks as a corral for wild horses, hence its name, Horse Pens 40. Nearby is Legion Town, a replica of an old western town where gun fights are often staged during hot summer days. Southeast of Ashville is a authentic museum which recalls the year 1820 when John Looney settled in the county. He built an unusual log house with a double dog-trot. A dog trot is an open-ended hall through the middle of the house. John Looney's cabin has one upstairs and one downstairs.

For those who prefer a more modern setting, the Greensport Marina is nearby. The marina offers picnicking, boating, fishing, and other water sports.

Springville has retained the old-town flavor in its restored store buildings. Most of the towns of St. Clair County have the same irresistible charm of small-town living.

While the waters teem with fish, the forests are filled with wildlife: deer, rabbits, squirrels, quail, wild turkeys. Hunting and fishing were activities pursued by the early settlers and, today, many residents of and visitors to the county do the same.

Whether you prefer the exciting activities (motor boating, water skiing, tennis, swimming, auto drag racing) or the slower-paced (fishing, sailing, hunting, hiking, museum browsing, shopping), St. Clair County is the place to be.

ASHVILLE

Ashville, with a population of 1490, is a small, quiet town with many amenities of a larger town. It was established in 1822 as the county seat. The courthouse has records, marriage, deed, estate, etc, dating back to the early 1800's.

HISTORICAL SITES

Ashville Museum & Archives, Masonic Lodge Museum, Inzer House Museum, all located within walking distance of courthouse. John Looney Pioneer Homestead, built about 1820, is a two-story log house located near Ashville.

THINGS TO DO

The City Park has tennis courts, softball fields, walking trails. Greensport Marina has picnicing, boating, fishing. Horsepens 40 has unique rock formations and various activities during the year. A Civil War re-enactment of Rousseau's Raid is held annually coordinated with a Tour of Historical Homes. Several gift & antique shops offer unique shopping.

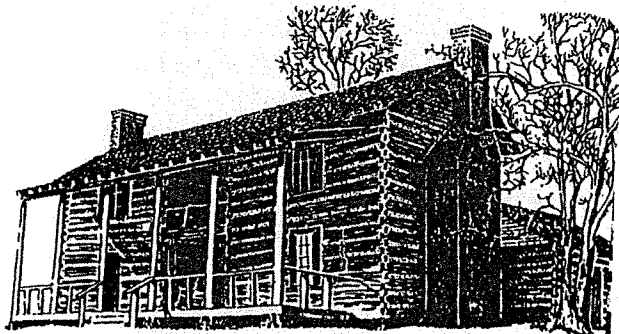
PLACES TO STAY

The Roses & Lace Bed & Breakfast Inn offers rooms in a historic home.

WHERE TO EAT

Sandra's Restaurant, Johnny's on the Square, Sharp's Bar-B-Que.

For further information, call Town Hall 594-4151 or Margaret Evans 594-7002 or Hope Burger 594-5517



The John Looney House
Pioneer Museum



BRANCHVILLE

Branchville, population about 1000, is an old town but was not incorporated until 1967. The town was settled around 1818 by a man named William Watson. When the mail was carried by Pony Express and Stagecoach, Branchville was a mail stop on the Gadsden to Montevallo route. The Nelms family owned a grist mill & lumber mill. In front of their lovely home was a drinking fountain constructed of rock & a goldfish pond. Many converts were baptized in the pond. The fresh, cool water supplying the fountain & pond came from the Eliza Jane Medicinal Springs. Water from this spring flowed to residents by means of gravity.

HISTORICAL SITES

The Robison-Smith House, c 1900; the Nelms House built in 1879.

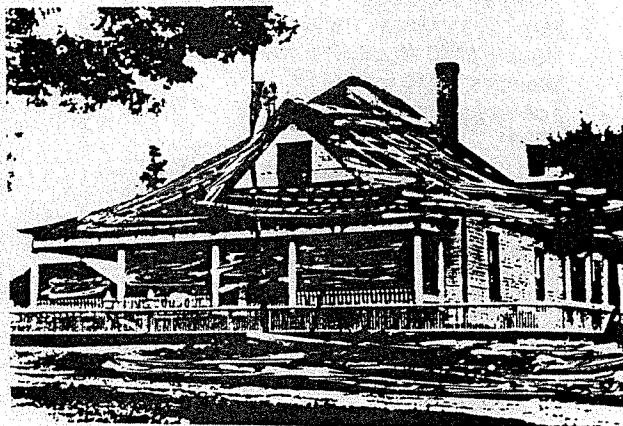
PLACES TO STAY

The nearest lodging is in Moody. Camping: Holiday Trav-L-Park 900 Old Ashville Rd. 640-5300, Moody.

WHERE TO EAT

Jiff's Bar-B-Que

For further information, Ken Hodges 629-5481



Robison-Smith House
c 1900

MOODY

Moody, with a population of 6500, is a small country town with big city conveniences. It is the home of ADESA, the largest auto auction in the southeast.

HISTORICAL SITES

The Epps Moody Home on Park Ave. was built over a hundred years ago. The town is named for Mr. Moody.

THINGS TO DO

Moody Youth Assn. sponsors softball, baseball, basketball, & football with over 900 youths involved. The Homer Dome, 2441 Moody Parkway, offers batting cages; Skate Express, Ashley Drive is a skating rink; Moody Driving Range, 3043 Moody Parkway, offers an opportunity to practice golf.

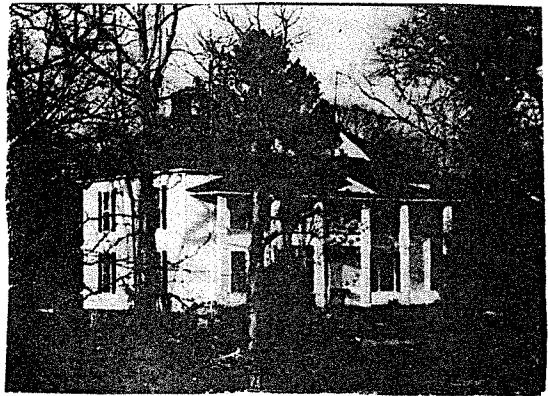
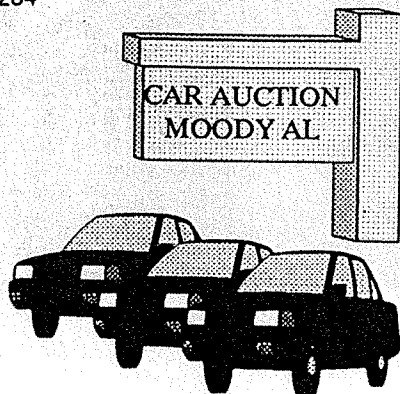
PLACES TO STAY

Super 8 Motel (50 rooms) 2451 Moody Parkway 640-7091
Comfort Inn (50+ rooms), The Village, Moody Shopping Center. Camping: Holiday Trav-L-Park 900 Old Ashville Rd. 640-5300

WHERE TO EAT

Arby's, 2033 Village Dr. 640-2606; Bamboo House, 2001 Moody Parkway 640-2888; Bobby's Sports Lounge; 2325 Moody Parkway 640-9979; Carlisle's Bar-B-Que, 2333 Moody Parkway 640-6880; Cracker Barrel, 2003 Village Parkway 640-2478; Pizza Hut, 2030 Village Dr. 640-6042; Shaw's Bar-B-Que, 740 Park Ave. 640-5023; Subway, 2170 Moody Parkway 640-2542; Twin Dragon Chinese Rest. 2731 Moody Parkway 640 7990; Waffle House, 2140 Moody Parkway 640-4579; Wendy's, 2210 Village Dr.

For further information, call Randy Smith 699-2284



The Will Watson Home
Odenville
1911

ODENVILLE

Odenville, a quaint, quiet town, has a population of 796. It has several very old homes and churches.

HISTORICAL SITES

Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1850; Maddox-Whitten Home 1904; Ed Ware Home 1906; Hagwood-Scoggins Home 1906; Watson Home 1911; Riddle Home 1912; Masonic Hall 1922.

THINGS TO DO

Odenville has a very picturesque park with a walking trail under the trees and over a small stream. There is a Christmas Parade the first Thursday after Thanksgiving.

PLACES TO STAY

The nearest lodging is at Moody.

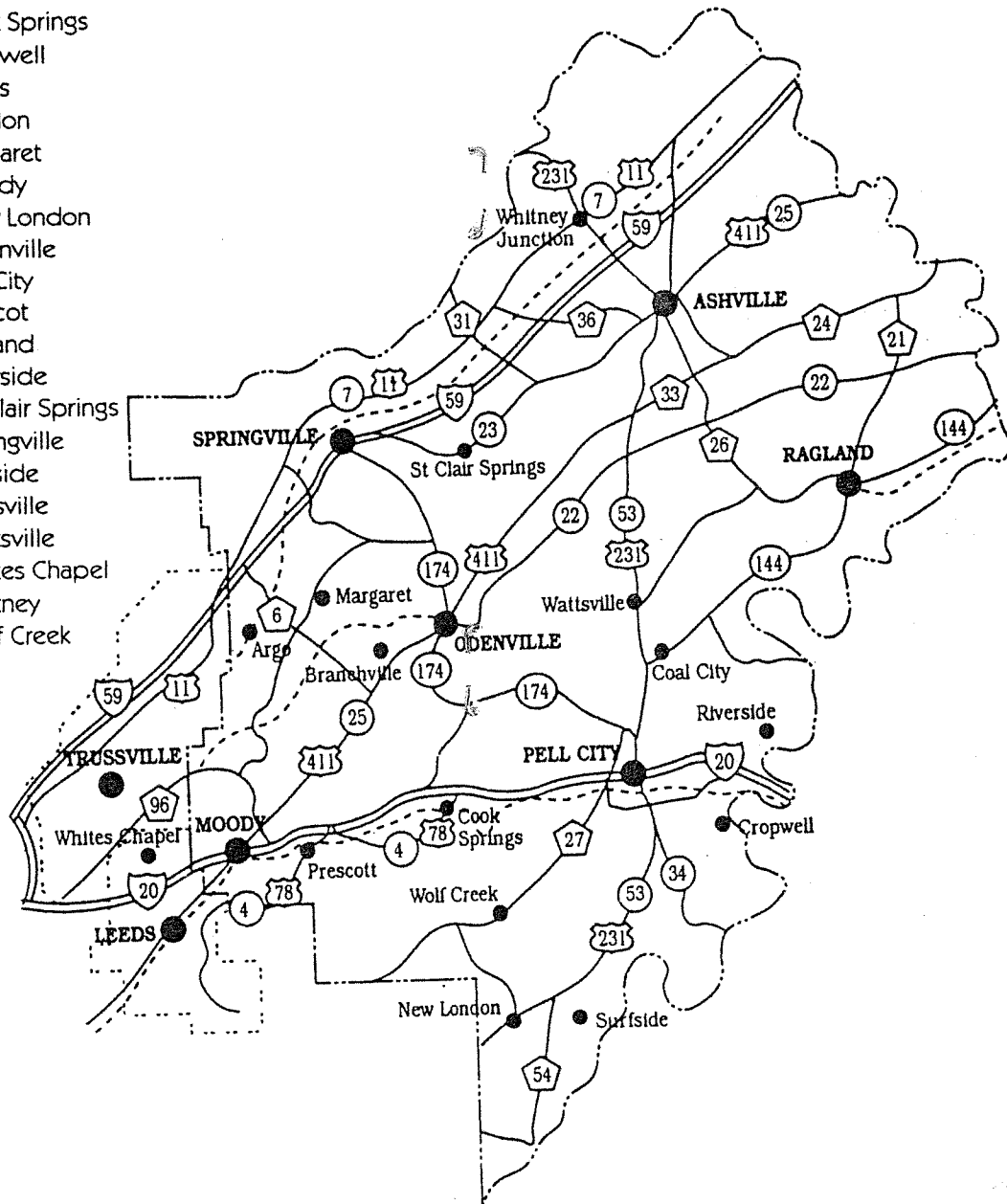
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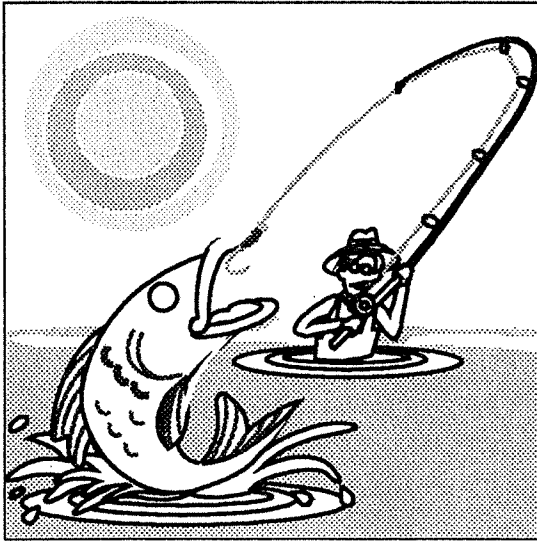
Chuck's Restaurant, 46 Burgess Dr. 629-5710; Mama D's Pizza, 13700A US Hwy 411 629-2255

For further information, call City Hall 629-6366 or Joe Whitten 629-5575

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

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5. Cropwell
6. Leeds
7. London
8. Margaret
9. Moody
10. New London
11. Odenville
12. Pell City
13. Prescott
14. Ragland
15. Riverside
16. St. Clair Springs
17. Springville
18. Surfside
19. Trussville
20. Wattsville
21. Whites Chapel
22. Whitney
23. Wolf Creek





PELL CITY

Pell City, with a population of approximately 17000, is the largest city in St. Clair County. It is on Interstate 20 between Birmingham and Atlanta and on US Highway 231, known as the short route to Florida. Nestled comfortably in the foothills of the Appalachians, it offers a breathtaking view from the surrounding mountains. Pell City was made the second county seat in the early 1900's. For many years, St. Clair was the only county in America with two full-service county seats.

THINGS TO DO

Logan Martin Lake offers all forms of water sports. The Pell City Civic Center has numerous activities during the year including exercise classes. Next to the Center is the Lakeside Park offering nature trails, picnic facilities, boat launches and piers for fishing. The grounds of the Center has tennis courts and baseball & softball complexes. A walking trail is located on Hwy 78E. A nine-hole golf course is available to the public. Yearly events include the Annual Air Fair, the Christmas Parade and the Miss Logan Martin Pageant.

PELL CITY

PLACES TO STAY

Ramada Limited, 1410 Park Hill Pkwy, 338-1314

Big Bull Motel, POB 975, 231 South, 338-3344

Best Western Riverside Inn, 11900 Hwy 78E, 338-3381

WHERE TO EAT

Ark Restaurant Hwy 78E 338-7420; Big Bull Restaurant Hwy 231S 338-7172; Burger King Hwy 231N 338-4303; Charlie's Catfish Hwy 78E 884-3474; Dairy Queen 502 Martin St 884-2445; D's Grill Hwy 231S 884-0158;

Domino's Pizza 306 Martin St 338-4780;

Hal's Hungry Bear Hwy 78E 338-3889,

Hardee's Hwy 231N 884-3700; Jack's

Hamburgers 305 Martin St. 338-3040;

McDonald's 600 Martin St.; Kentucky Fried

Chicken 701 Martin St. 338-3221; Paul

Manning Bar-B-Que Hwy 231N 884-2760; Pell

City Steak House 212 24th St N. 338-7714;

Pizza Hut 2201 7th St. N. 338-2211; Rita's

Kitchen Hwy 34 338-9368; Subway 506

Martin St 884-7827; Taco Bell 611 Martin St

884-4010; Uncle Willie's Bar-B-Que 2301

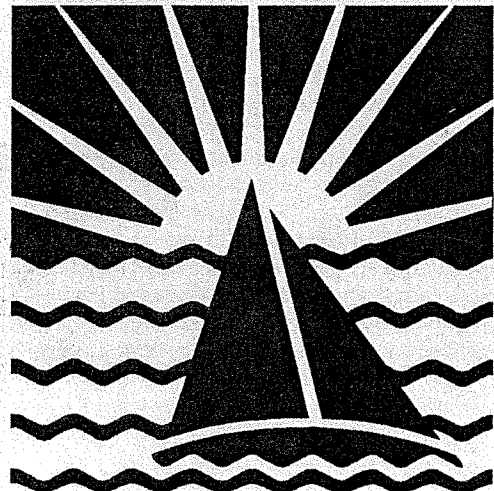
Martin St S. 338-9700; Waffle House Hwy

231N 338-9887; New China Market Place

Plaza Hwy 231S; Guadalajara Hwy 231S.

For further information, contact the Pell City

Chamber of Commerce, (205) 338-3377



RAGLAND

Ragland, originally known as Trout Creek, has a population of 1807. Trout Creek was a farming town until coal was discovered. Coal and other minerals brought industrialists from Atlanta, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It quickly became the industrial center of the county, having brick and cement manufacturing as well as coal mining. Ragland was incorporated in 1899.

HISTORICAL SITES

The old Ragland Bank Building, c 1910, has been renovated and is now an art studio. The train station has been restored as the Ragland Depot Museum and houses many artifacts of railroad history and Ragland history. The Hipps home is a Sears Roebuck house ordered from the mail order company about 1922. A monument near Ragland recalls Fort Strother, a supply camp built by Andrew Jackson in 1813 and used during the Indian Wars.

THINGS TO DO

Fishing, boating, picnicing & swimming are activities enjoyed above & below the Neeley Henry Dam near Ragland. Antiques can be seen & purchased at Chandler's Antique Shop. The annual Trout Creek Day brings vendors with arts & crafts, entertainment & food.

PLACES TO STAY

The nearest lodging is at the Ramada Inn in Pell City.

WHERE TO EAT

Chef T's, Lil Cheryl's

For further information, call Town Hall 472-2151 or Rubye Sisson 472-2992



The Ragland Depot
Museum

RIVERSIDE

Riverside is a town of 1200.

Established in 1882 as Readmon, the town was renamed and incorporated as Riverside in 1886. For years, it was the county's largest industrial center. In 1964, the main part of town was raised over 14 feet to allow for construction of the Logan Martin Dam.

HISTORICAL SITES

Coleman House, Coleman Ave., built in 1848.

Morris House, Morris St., built in 1876

Bukacek House, River St., built in 1872

Old River Bridge, built in as a part of the Bankhead Hwy. The bridge has the classic structure of bridges built during that era.

Coleman Cemetery, Cemetery Rd., founded in 1841

THINGS TO DO

A town park & playground offers picnicing & recreation, walking track & ball field. Fishing & boating are popular sports on the Logan Martin backwaters.

PLACES TO STAY

Best Western Riverside Inn at Interstate 20's exit 162 has a 70 room capacity. Phone 338-3381 or 1-800-528-1234. Camping: Dogwood Meadows Campground Hwy 77 & 78, Lincoln.

WHERE TO EAT

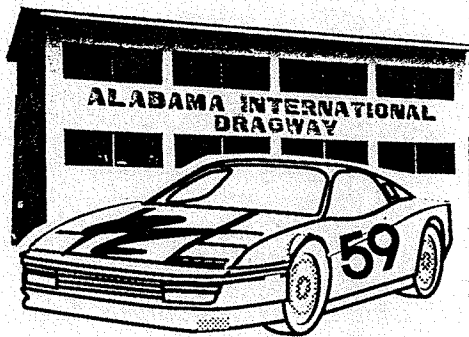
The Ark, Hwy 78 East 338-7420

Hal's Hungry Bear, in the Best Western Riverside Inn 338-3889

Fincher's, Hwy 78 West 362-4366

For further information, call Rhonda Martin, Town Hall 338-7692





STEELE

Steele, located off Interstate 59, has a population of 1046. The spirit of friendliness and cooperation among its inhabitants has led the saying, "If you once live in Steele, you will always want to live there."

HISTORICAL SITES

Steele Hotel, built 1870; Curtis G. Beason Home, built 1840; Union & Deerman's Chapel United Methodist Church; Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church.

THINGS TO DO

Horse Pens 40, located on Chandler Mountain near Steele, was once a hiding place for Confederate troops. A highlight of the area is the Rock Zoo, a collection of unusual rock formations resembling animals. The Alabama International Dragway is a new attraction. Carrara Cultured Marble, Inc., offers custom-made marble tubs, showers & vanities.

PLACES TO STAY

Gadsden offers the nearest lodging.

WHERE TO EAT

Ole' Supper Club.

For further information, call Town Hall 538-8145

SPRINGVILLE

Springville, population about 2000, is a town out of the past. The old store fronts are so unique that scenes of the movie, Vern Miller, set in the 30's, were shot here. The town is easily accessible from Interstate 59.

HISTORICAL SITES

The Masonic Lodge, circa 1860, housing a museum & the town library; the Woodall building, circa 1880, one of the oldest known hardware stores; the Allison-Kirkland building, probably built in 1892; the House of Quilts.

THINGS TO DO

Homestead Hollow, near Springville, offers a look into pioneer life. There are a number of annual events held at the site. Springville holds an Old Tymes Day in May.

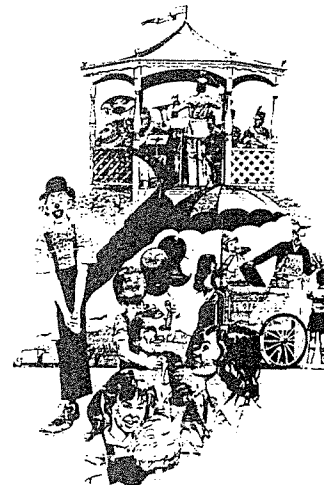
PLACES TO STAY

Nearest lodging can be found near Birmingham on Interstate 59.

WHERE TO EAT

In addition to Jacks Hamburger (Fast Food) at intersection of I 59 & Ala Hwy 174 & Main Street Pizza, Dairy Dip, & Granny's Restaurant (all located on Main Street), Springville has a four star restaurant, Cafe Dupont, also located on Main Street.

For further information, call Terry Lynn Barrett, Chamber of Commerce 467-2339



Old Tymes Day
May

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

April 11,12-Horsepens 40 School Day

April 12,13,14-Horsepens 40 Native American Festival

April 20-PALS St. Clair County Cleanup Day

MAY

May 4-Pell City Airport Annual Air Fair

May 5-Springville Old Tymes Day

May 10,11,12-Horsepens 40 Bluegrass Festival

May 18-Alpha Ranch Annual Auction

May 31-June 1,2-Horsepens 40 Civil War Reenactment

JUNE

June 7,8,9-Homestead Hollow Summerfest

June 14,15-Horsepens 40 Tomato Jubilee

JULY

July 4,5,6-Horsepens 40 Arts & Crafts Festival

July 19,20-Horsepens 40 Bluegrass Festival

July 29-Pell City Miss Logan Martin Pageant

AUGUST

August 10-Horsepens 40 Country Music

August 31-Sept 1,2-Horsepens 40 Arts & Crafts Festival

SEPTEMBER

Sept 20,21-Horsepens 40 Country Music

Sept 28-Ragland Trout Creek Day

OCTOBER

Oct 4,5-Horsepens 40 Country Music

Oct 4,5,6-Homestead Hollow Harvest Festival

Oct 12-John Looney Pioneer Homestead Festival

Oct 18,19,20-Horsepens 40 Bluegrass Festival

Oct 31-Ragland Depot Museum Ghost

Stories

NOVEMBER

Nov 1,2,3-Homestead Hollow Christmas in the Country

Nov 28,29,30-Horsepens 40 Arts & Crafts Festival

DECEMBER

Dec 5-Odenville Christmas Parade

Dec 12-Pell City Christmas Parade

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