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ASHVILLE, SOUTHERN AEGIS
1873-1874; 1877-1878; 1883-1886; 1889-1890
1892-1902; 1905-1909; 1913; 1916-1918;
1920-1921; 1923-1924; 1927-Sept. 8, 1933;
1934; 1936; 1939-1940

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE
1895; 1897; April 13, 1899-April 30, 1900

RAGLAND THE RAGLAND ADVERTISER
June 19, 1913-Jan. 1, 1914

ST. CLAIR COUNTY NEWS
March 4, 1909-Dec 15, 1910; Jan. 5, 1911-Dec.
31, 1911; Jan 1, 1915-August 11, 1916

SPRINGVILLE ST. CLAIR DEMOCRAT
Oct. 13, 1910-December 1911

SPRINGVILLE ITEM
Jan. 30, 1920-Dec. 1904; Jan 3, 1907-Dec 1907;
Jan. 21, 1909-Oct. 6, 1910

SPRINGVILLE NEWS
(scattered issues) 1897-July 19, 1900

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March 10, 1911-April 28, 1911

PELL CITY COOSA VALLEYAN
Jan. 29, 1902-Dec. 22, 1904

PELL CITY NEWS
June 8, 1921-Dec. 27, 1922

PELL CITY PROGRESS
April 2, 1908-Dec. 21, 1911; Jan. 23, 1913-
Dec. 16, 1916

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CASEY'S AT BAT IN THE COSTUME DEPARTMENT—A kimonoed Casey Stengel adjusts ceremonial wig on his wife, Edna, in Los Angeles, as the Stengels take inventory of the trunkful of souvenirs they brought back from the Orient. Casey accompanied his beloved Yankees on

cently visited them, she them some whistles which were guaranteed to bring short while. However it is whistles can't be found the two girls are wondering they could have put the wondering to, of course I n't encourage mommy to happened to them

By the way, in case you dering, Carolyn is the one left above and Jo Ann is gal with the pig-tails, even her hair has been cut no pig-tails are no more

There is so much we you about these two, I time and space will not must say they are very

OLD NEWSPAPER—

THE STEELE HEADLIGHT

In the Fall of 1884 Miss Mollie Brandon came to Steele and took charge of our school and it was not long until she, her patrons and friends organized "The Steele Reading Society" with weekly meetings. Feeling that our town needed a newspaper they soon began publishing "The Steele Headlight". Having neither type nor press they procured a good supply of "Fools Cap" writing paper, all editorials, news and advertisements were written with Spencerian Pens, all capital letters shaded and often small letters.

The editor or editress was selected for a short term and among them were Dr. J. W. Crump, his wife, Mrs. Mollie Crump, Robert T. Moore, Mrs. Lizzie Shaw, Quillen Steele and Dr. McConnell.

These good people are with us no more but many of us remember their devotion to church, loved ones, neighbors and friends and will long cherish their memory. Many articles in this almost forgotten "Headlight" are worthy of reprinting. The following is a short portion of an article by Dr. R. F. McConnell.

"The Age in Which We Live."

The people of today are living in the most progressive age that ever existed. When we stop from our daily routine of business and cast an eye or thought upon the varied industries and transportation facilities the news we quickly get from all over the world, the thousand of inventions that have added to mans welfare, conveniences and pleasure, with all this we are made to think that almighty God has reserved the best gifts (in a temporal sense) of his bountiful store for this age" While these lines were written more than threescore and ten years ago they sound like they were written just now.

Baby Of The Week



JO ANN and CAROLYN ARNETT

The lovely little ladies featured this week are Jo Ann and Carolyn Arnett, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnett of Pell City.

Two more adorable little girls will not be found anywhere. They thoroughly enjoy playing with each other and 'going places', especially if that 'some place' is to get daddy who works with the local Power Company.

They are both 'daddy girls' and they think that 'mommy' can't do anything for them if daddy is around and of course this pleases daddy very much.

Jo Ann has bluish brown eyes and blond hair while Carolyn has blue eyes, brown hair and the prettiest dimples you've ever seen. They both like to go to the beauty shop to get their hair cut and to watch Dot shampoo their mothers hair.

Carolyn will celebrate her fourth birthday in March while Jo Ann will be blowing out three candles in June.

Neither of them like to dress up, they had much rather wear jeans and shirts, but when they do get dressed up they really are 'dressed

up' after the work of 'getting dressed' is done.

Carolyn knows all the television programs by name, simply by listening to the commercials or theme songs of each. Her favorite TV program is Captain Kangaroo and they both like 'Miss Jean'. Neither of them seem to like the Affie Affie (Arthur Godfrey) shows and will tell you so right quick like.

Sometimes when they are playing, Carolyn will pretend Jo Ann is a baby and she will care for her like she were a real tiny baby.

They both think Susan Cornett's little baby brother is 'it' and think they should stop to see him everytime they pass his house.

Each night after they have been 'tucked in', one of them will climb out of her bed and 'crawl' over into the bed with the other to go to sleep and that's the way mother and daddy find them when they get ready to go to bed. When they awaken in the morning and find they have been separated, what do they do? Simply go through the same process of 'climbing' again!

They call their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barber, Grand Pa

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Pell City News - 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936
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Southern Aegis → 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938

St. Clair News-Aegis → 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961
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1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992

St. Clair Chron - 1983, 1984

St. Clair Times - 1936, 1937, 1938

St. Clair Observer - 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978

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Southern Aegis → 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940
1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
1949, 1950, 1951

St. Clair News - Aegis → 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958
1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966
1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979

St. Clair Observer - 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978

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St. Clair Diamond - ? 1859, ? 1860, ? 1861

Ashville Vidette - 1860's

Cropwell Enterprise - 1895

St. Clair Eagle → 1868 - 1870

The Steel Headlight - 1884

Springville Enterprise - 1878

Weather Indicator - 1883

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Democratic Farmer - 1848

St. Clair Echo - 1887, 1889, ? 1890

Pell City Globe - 1889, ? 1890

Ashville Advance - 1888, 1889, 1890

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9th, there will be an evening of entertainment at the school house in Ashville for the benefit of the Red Cross. Miss Marguerite Todd, an experienced reader from Birmingham, will read "The man without a country," "The Littlest Rebel," and "They shall not Pass." Music will be furnished by Mrs. Thomasson, also of Birmingham, whose skill as a violinist is well known by Ashville people. The admission fee will be 15c for children, 25c for adults. Do your patriotic bit for the Red Cross, and be among those present.

This school teach through the tenth grade. Our school building is looking fine; it is painted and its trimmings are green. Our play grounds and have a few trees on. I have been to Ashville one time but while there get to see your school building. But I hope I shall have a chance to visit Ashville some day and see your school. Please write me about your school in grade. Yours truly Edith Brown B

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At Rushton, La., January 12, Thos. J. Mangham, aged nearly 83 years. He was the oldest newspaper man in the state, having been engaged in the work until a few days before his death. Mr. Mangham will be remembered by a few of the oldest residents of St. Clair county. He came to this county in 1859 when he started the publication of "The Ashville Diamond," the first paper ever published in St. Clair County, which paper he continued until he joined the Confederate army. He was a member of Co. A, 10th Ala., and was with Lee's army in Va., at the time of the surrender. He came home immediately afterwards, married Miss Jenny Yarbrough July 18, 1865. He was a member of the Baptist church, a true christian gentleman, a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, which order rendered to him the last service as a brother and member. He was a member of the Press Association of La., having been one of the founders of the association, and also one of the first officers. He was a progressive and useful citizen and true friend.

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established there in the past few years, by the Land and Development Co., which invested a large amount of money in the place. It was merged into the Journal. The Spartan was established at Sparta, the county seat of Conecuh county, in 1855, by Dr. John W. Anderson and Robert B. Witter. Its publication was suspended in 1862. In 1865, the county seat having been moved to Evergreen, the Observer was published in that place for several years by McCreary & Landrum. It passed into the hands of P. D. Page, who was succeeded by W. W. Beasley, and he, in turn, by E. C. Meredith, who sold to Frank A. Monroe. The paper suspended March 13, 1873. The Conecuh-Escambia Star was then established by Frank A. Monroe, who issued the first number March 17, 1873. In 1881, John W. Davison bought out Monroe and continued the publication of the paper. In 1888, Dr. R. A. Lee leased the office from Davison. The prefix, Conecuh-Escambia, was omitted from the title and it became the Star. The lease of Dr. Lee expiring November 1, 1890, it was leased by Mr. Davison to Col. H. M. King, and W. D. Atkinson, in May, 1891. Col. King withdrew and Mr. Atkinson is still publishing the paper. In 1880, the Evergreen News was started and lasted about four years. All the papers published in Conecuh county have been democratic.

The first newspaper published in St. Clair county was the St. Clair Diamond, established, perhaps, in 1859. Its editors and publishers were Thomas J. and W. P. Mangham, who went from Calhoun county to Ashville. The Diamond was an influential country paper; and when the great issue of secession arose, it fell into line as an advocate of separation. The paper was a neat, well conducted journal, a fair representative of the county's social and political culture at that time. When the war broke out, the editors of the Diamond were among the first to go to battle to maintain by the sword the principle they had supported by the pen. During the war, the Diamond failed for the want of attention, but shortly afterward and before the war closed, was revived in the name of the Ashville Videt. The Videt was printed on the commonest Confederate newspaper material, and was in its contents and make-up what its name implied—true to the southern cause to the end. It ceased to exist with the war. The publishers and editors of the Videt are known to the writer. A few old copies of these two representatives of the progress of journalism at that day in St. Clair county, can be found among some of Ashville's oldest citizens. The Manghams, who were newspaper pioneers of St. Clair county, are now citizens of Louisiana, and have been engaged in journalism in that state for many years. The next venture in this line was the St. Clair Eagle, which appeared about the year 1868, under the management of Samuel T. Fowler, who now resides near Springville. The Eagle was an index of the days of reconstruction under the republican misrule, though less bitter than many other papers which early espoused the cause of the republican party in the south.

Many well written articles appeared in the columns of the Eagle and the latter gave a fair report of county affairs. It lived mainly on republican patronage and suspended in 1870. Some of its files may be found at the county courthouse. The Southern Ægis was established at Asheville, by its present owner and editor, Col. George R. Cather, who is a native of Maryland, and came to Alabama from Virginia in 1869, moving to St. Clair in December, 1872, where he at once began the work of bringing out the Ægis, the first issue appearing January 16, 1873, as a bold, vigorous champion of democratic doctrines and states' rights; and from that time on it opposed, with power, the encroachment of Federal government intended to obstruct the south's progress or humiliate its people. Its valuable contributions on local agriculture, put new methods and life into the farm, and these articles were copied far and wide throughout the state. The Ægis took the front rank among the newspapers of the state and in the contest of 1874, as a strong advocate for the redemption of Alabama from the blight of carpet bag rule, the enemies of good government soon learned to dread the paper as a consuming fire to their evil designs—it struck right and left, and without the least regard for consequences. It is safe to say that no man with only a small county press did more in the work of redeeming Alabama from political thralldom, than did the editor of the Asheville Ægis. On no occasion has his paper failed to take the side which promised best for the state, no matter how much a different course might have tended to its individual benefit. He is still publishing the paper and doing as for twenty years past, valiant service for his state and party. In 1878, the Springville Enterprise, was established at Springville, St. Clair county, by Mr. J. B. Slade, which was afterward purchased by Mr. J. L. Garrett. The Enterprise was a good town newspaper, well edited and managed, but short-lived, not for the want of vitality in its conduct, however, but because the field was not sufficiently remunerative. Both Mr. Slade and Mr. Garrett are still residents of Alabama. In 1883, Col. Cather of the Southern Ægis, started the Weather Indicator, at Asheville. This enterprise was a monthly of eight pages devoted to meteorology and advanced science. Much space in the Ægis previously had been employed by its editor in the discussion of the various scientific problems agitated among the profoundest thinkers and scholars of this age. In 1884, the Indicator became the Scientific Educator by a change of name—the publisher, William H. Cather, asking the support of the educators of the state to advance the project. During its short life, it contained the ablest articles on educational and scientific subjects. Its articles were copied far and wide and its editor was recognized as one of the most scientific writers living. At Pell City, in the southern end of St. Clair county, in 1887, the St. Clair Echo was started, under the management of W. S. Griffith and Sparrow, the former of Tennessee and the latter of Birmingham. It was a fair specimen of the local newspaper, devoted mostly to the

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building up of its town, claiming to be independent in politics. Mr. Sparrow withdrew from the Echo early after his connection with it and returned to Birmingham, leaving the paper solely in charge of Mr. Griffith. In 1889, or 1890, the Echo changed hands and was called the Pell City Globe. The paper finally suspended. The Asheville Advance began its existence at Asheville in December, 1888, with Mr. M. L. Cunningham, of Cherokee county, as editor and publisher. Mr. Cunningham had located at Asheville to practice law. The Advance was well conducted. In the same year, Mr. Cunningham associated with him, Mr. R. P. Schoppert of Birmingham, shortly afterward selling out his interest to him, and the latter secured the services of Tom Clower, to aid him in the publication of the Advance. In November, 1889, the paper was moved to Springville, St. Clair county, where some months afterward Mr. Schoppert withdrew from it, leaving its entire control to Clower. At the close of 1889, Messrs. W. S. Forman and A. Capshaw, both of St. Clair county, obtained control of the Advance and published it in the interest of the alliance. It ceased publication in December, 1890, by fire, just as it was on the eve of moving back to Asheville—the county seat. The Advance-Journal took the place of the Advance, beginning publication at Asheville, in January, 1891, edited and controlled by Mr. J. P. Montgomery, a prominent young lawyer at the county seat. Both the Advance and Advance-Journal were ably edited and managed. On May 7, 1892, B. B. Cather of the Southern Ægis purchased the plant and good-will of the Advance-Journal and the latter ceased to exist.

The Democrat was published at Linden, Marengo county, by W. H. Grant, in 1855. Since 1865, papers have been published at Demopolis, the commercial emporium of the county, and at Linden, the seat of justice. How many have been started in each place is not known to the writer. At Demopolis, however, Hon. M. C. Burke established the Marengo News, in 1872, and conducted it with conspicuous ability until he disposed of it, in 1886, to Mr. E. S. Cornish. Maj. Burke, in 1884, was elected state auditor on the democratic ticket and re-elected in 1886. During his four years of service he established the reputation of being one of the finest business men ever in the state's service, and he wrought many improvements in the method of transacting the state's business. He is now connected with the law department of the Louisville & Nashville railroad and lives in Montgomery. Mr. Cornish discontinued the publication of the News some months ago. The Demopolis Express, established in 1892 by Frank Connelly, has taken its place. At Linden, the Reporter was established, in 1879, by Mr. John E. Hecker. It is now, as it has been from the first, a well edited and well conducted paper.

These notes so far have dealt with counties in which publications were established prior to 1860. The statements, however, are not complete, as to many of those referred to, while a number of counties not yet mentioned enjoyed newspaper facilities before the above date. It has been

impossible to obtain the data necessary to attempt any statement as to the year of the birth of the publications, their names, names of the founders and length of life. Papers were published, it is believed, in Blount, Cherokee, Choctaw, Dale, Jackson, Limestone, Lowndes, Marshall, Morgan, ~~Polk, Randolph, Russell, Shelby and Wilcox, before the above dates~~ but recollections concerning their earlier publications are not sufficiently vivid to warrant putting them upon record. They would be extremely unsatisfactory and decidedly imperfect. No paper was published in Coffee county until recent years. In 1892, the Coffee County Watchman was published at Elba, by J. S. W. Cawthorn.

The Advertiser, established in 1866 by W. C. Stiff and the Coosa River News, established in 1878 by W. H. Shropshire, are published in Centre, Cherokee county. The Industrial Free Press, established in 1890 by R. Lawrence, is published at Cedar Bluff, in Cherokee county. Early in 1865, a paper was established at Butler, in Choctaw, by Mr. Thomas of Sumter county. In the political excitement of that period, he was killed by Joshua Morse, a republican politician who afterward became attorney-general under the reconstruction laws. After that a number of papers at different times came to the front, but only for brief periods until 1875, when the Choctaw News, now the Herald, was established. It is published by J. W. Bryant. The Choctaw Advocate, established in 1890, by R. B. Moody was also published at Butler in 1892.

There was no paper in Baldwin county until a few years ago. One was published for a year or more at Bay Minette, on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, by D. C. Byrne. The only one now in existence is the Times, established at Daphne, in 1890, by G. H. Hoyle. A paper was published at Centerville, Bibb county, along in the fifties, but we have no information as to its name. Quite a number have been published there at different times, since 1865. The latest was the Monitor, a third party paper, established in 1892, by Rev. S. M. Adams. The Courier was established at Blocton in 1891. Mr. F. P. Glass, now of the Montgomery Advertiser, established the Bibb Blade at Six Mile, in Bibb county, in 1878, and published it for some years. He disposed of it to Mr. S. H. Gist and moved to Selma, where he bought the Times of that city. Mr. Gist published the paper at Six Mile for some years and then moved to Centerville.

Blount was not without a paper prior to 1860, but no data about it can be obtained. A great many have been established in the county since 1865. Mr. L. H. Matthews, for a few years after leaving Birmingham, published a very interesting paper at Blount Springs. He moved to Blountsville, the county seat, and in 1877, in connection with J. H. Ketchum, for a number of years published the News. Another paper was afterward started, but it was consolidated with the News. The Chronicle, established in 1890, is published at Blountsville. When the