

KNOXVILLE HISTORY PROJECT

*Researching, Preserving, and Promoting
the History and Culture of Knoxville, Tennessee*



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BLUFF-NEAR KNOXVILLE, TENN.



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**GLIMPSES OF HISTORIC
SOUTH KNOXVILLE**

with Jack Neely & Paul James

HISTORIC KNOXVILLE ♦ JACK NEELY

The background of the cover is a dense, colorful collage of various historical and cultural icons from Knoxville. It includes numerous buildings of different architectural styles, a steam locomotive, a stork, a soldier with a torch, a cannon, a clock tower, a swan, and various trees and smaller structures. The title 'Historic Knoxville' is written in a large, elegant script font, with 'KNOXVILLE' in a bold, sans-serif font below it.

Historic KNOXVILLE

THE *Curious* VISITOR'S GUIDE
TO ITS *Stories* AND *Places*

JACK NEELY

HISTORIC BEARDEN ♦ JACK NEELY

The background of the cover is a dense, colorful collage of various historical and cultural icons from the Bearden neighborhood. It includes numerous buildings, a biplane, a clock tower, a motor court sign, a golfer, a car, a barn, a city limits sign, a church, a person on a bicycle, a person on a skateboard, and various trees and smaller structures. The title 'HISTORIC BEARDEN' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

HISTORIC BEARDEN

THE 200-YEAR STORY OF
KNOXVILLE'S FOURTH CREEK VALLEY

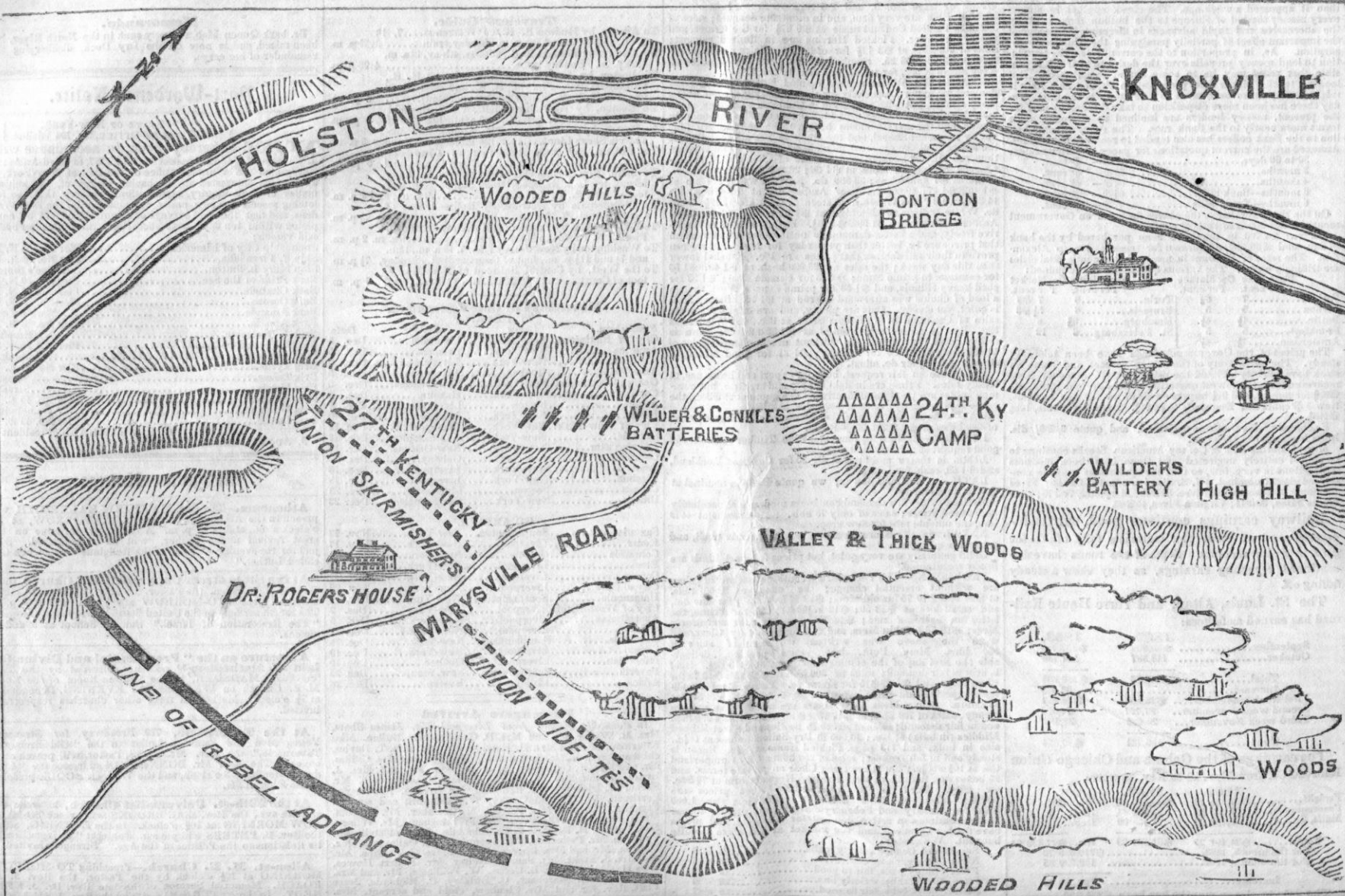
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OPERATIONS AROUND KNOXVILLE.



New York Tribune

Dec. 5, 1863

Alec Riedl Knoxville
Postcard Collection / KHP.)

Knoxville (panorama) from Fort Stanley, 1864.
By George N. Barnard (Library of Congress).



FORT DICKERSON



REBEL HILL

BARRACKS



BARRACKS

Bat. & Noble
North of Board Creek

FORT SANDERS
UNIVERSITY & FORT BYINGTON.



Bat. & Zællner

Bat. & Galpin. Asylum Jail

FORT COM



BOOK, Baty Wilcox, Court House, Baty Billingsley
Steamboat "Chattanooga".



BRIDGE, FORT HUNTINGTON SMITH, Baty Clifton Lee, Baty Stearns, Baty Fearn, FORT HILL
TEMPERANCE HILL, METHODIST HILL, FLINT HILL, MABRY'S HILL



Union Army Minie balls

**Found by John Z.C. Thomas
at Fort Stanley**

KNOX CO.

1870

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London

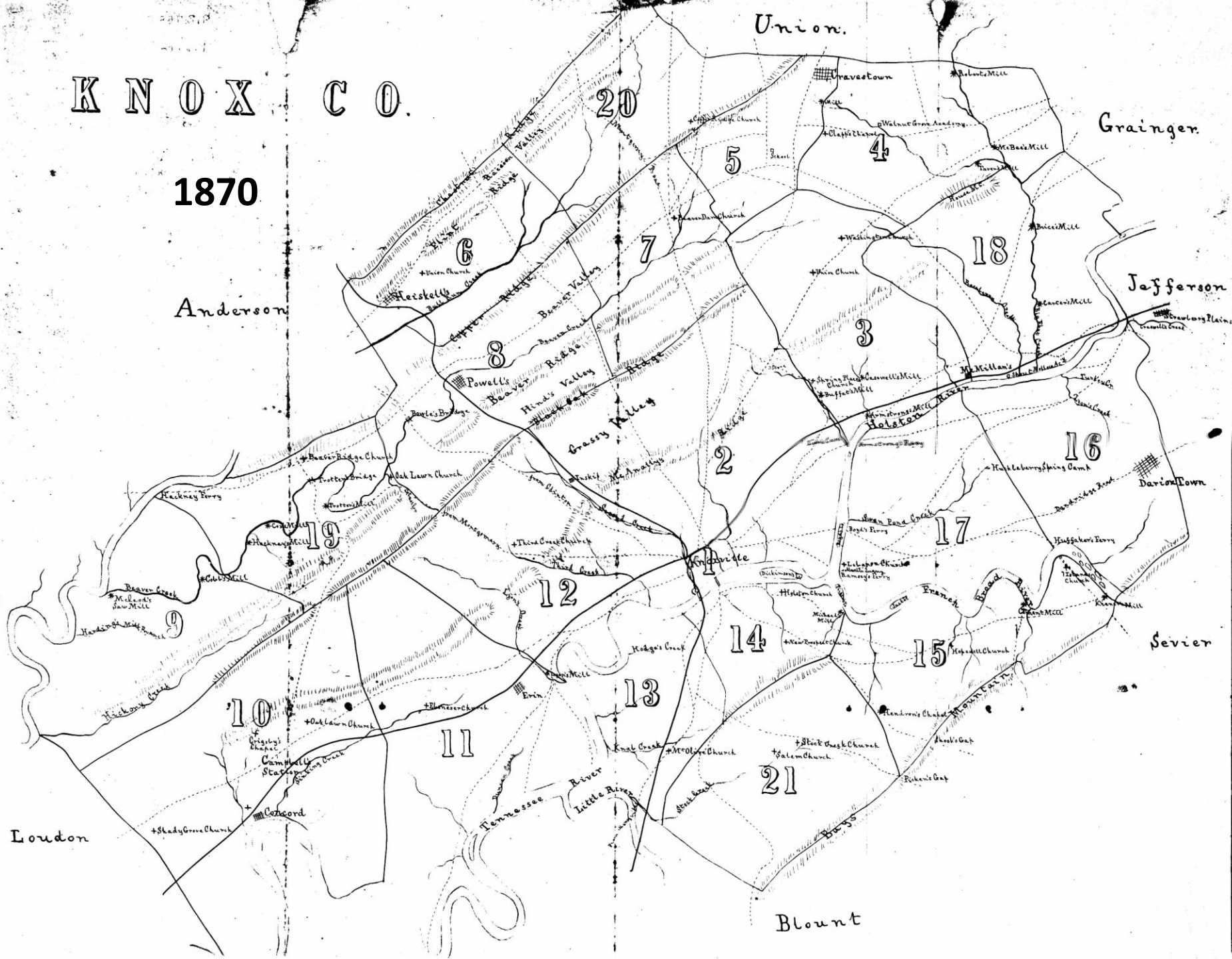
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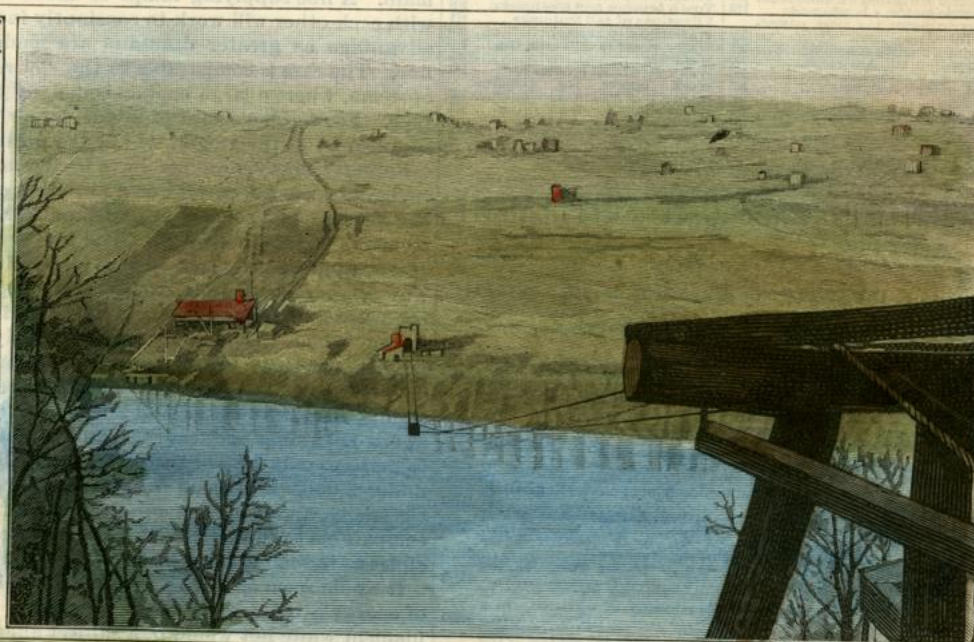
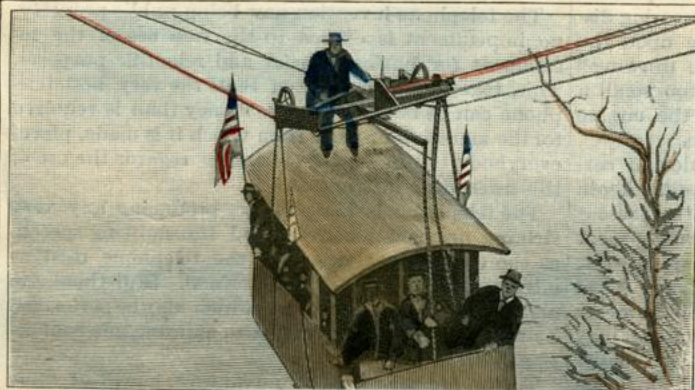


Knox County Map, 1870 (detail).



**The View of Knoxville, 1871 by Flavius Josephus Fisher (1832-1905)
(Hunter Museum of Art)**

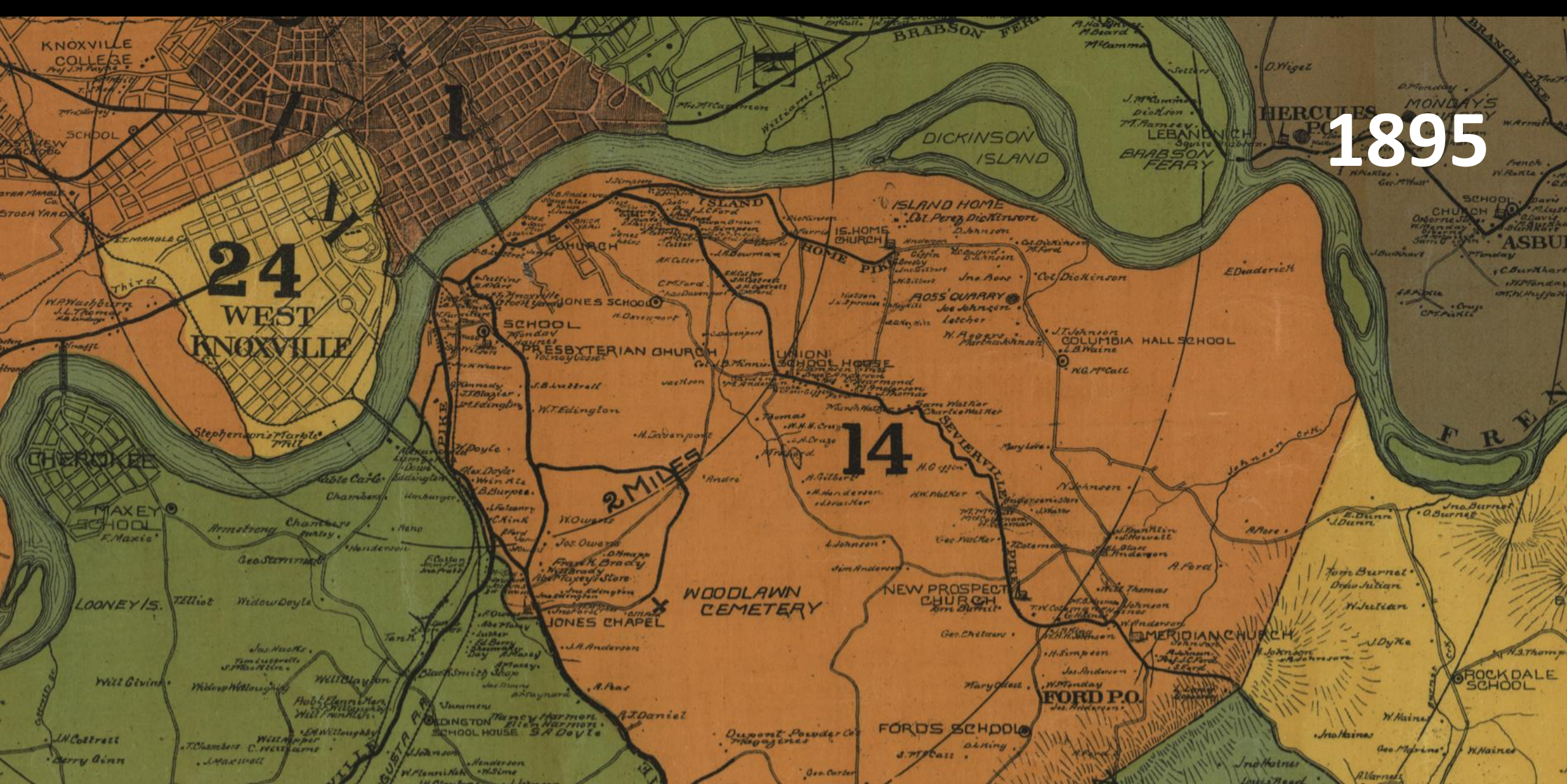




THE AERIAL CABLE RAILWAY, KNOXVILLE, TENN., 350 FEET HIGH.

Cherokee Bluff Cable Car

Scientific American
March 17, 1894.



Map of Knox County, 1895

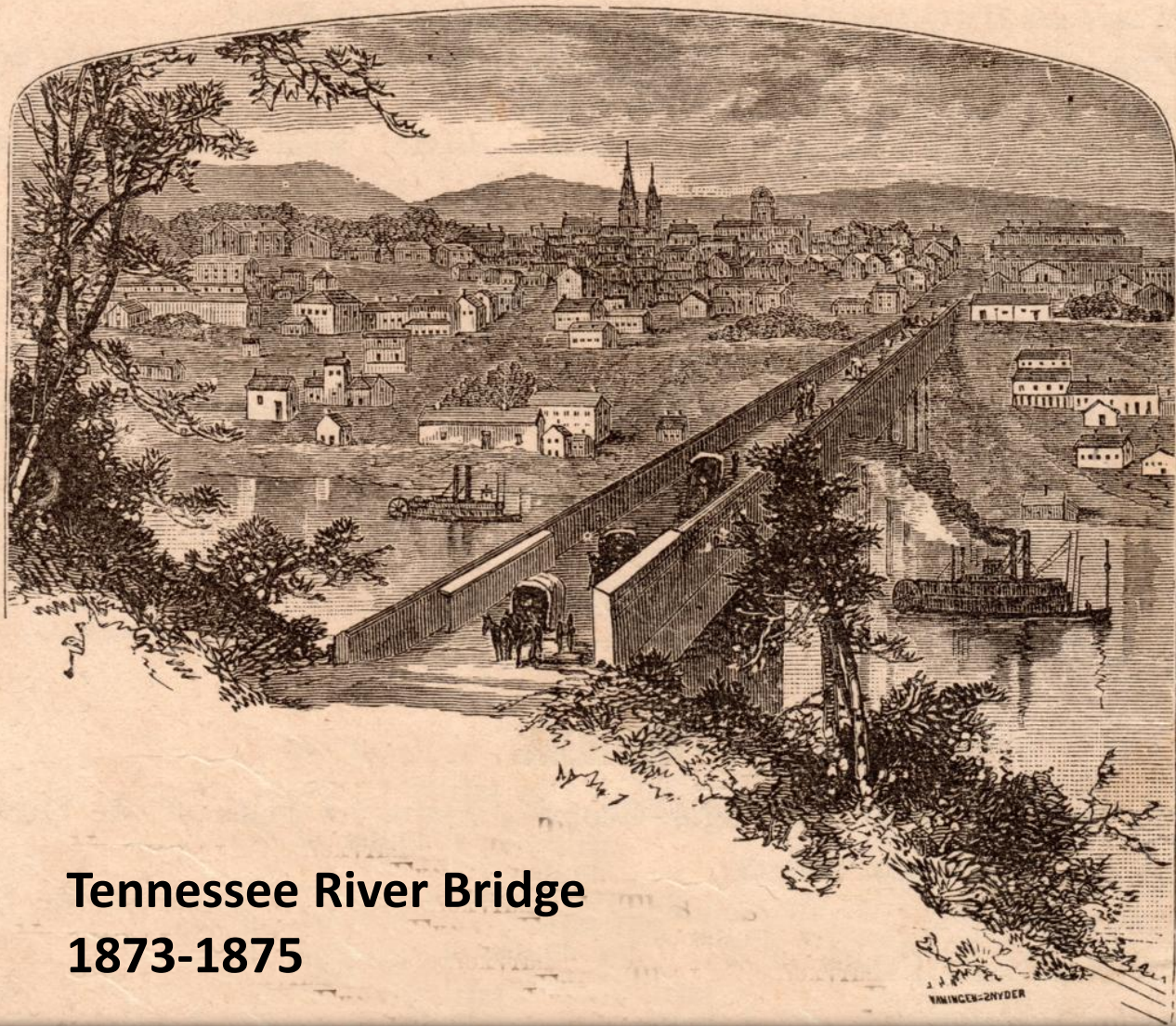
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View of Downtown from “South America,” ca. 1865

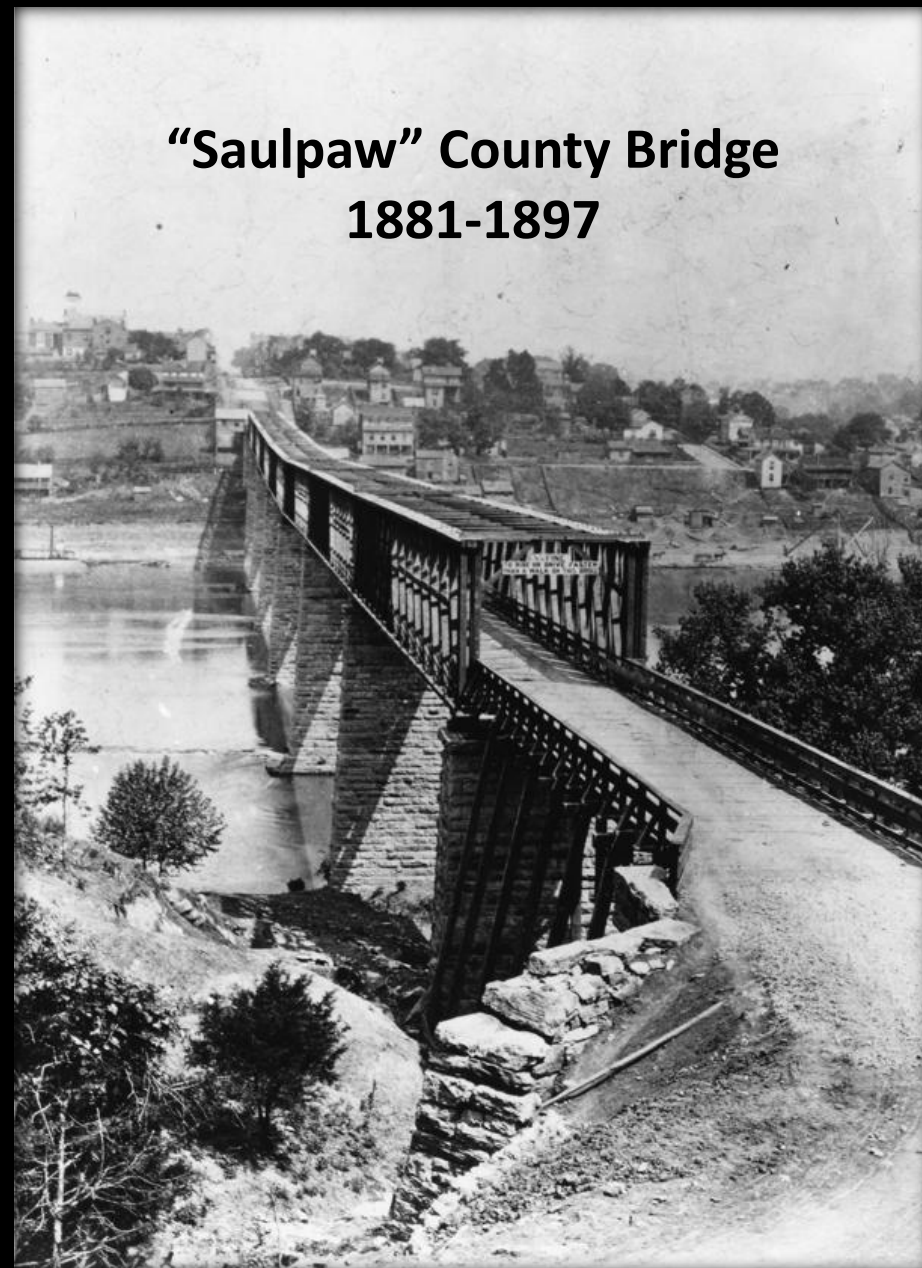
Union Army Bridge

McClung Historical Collection





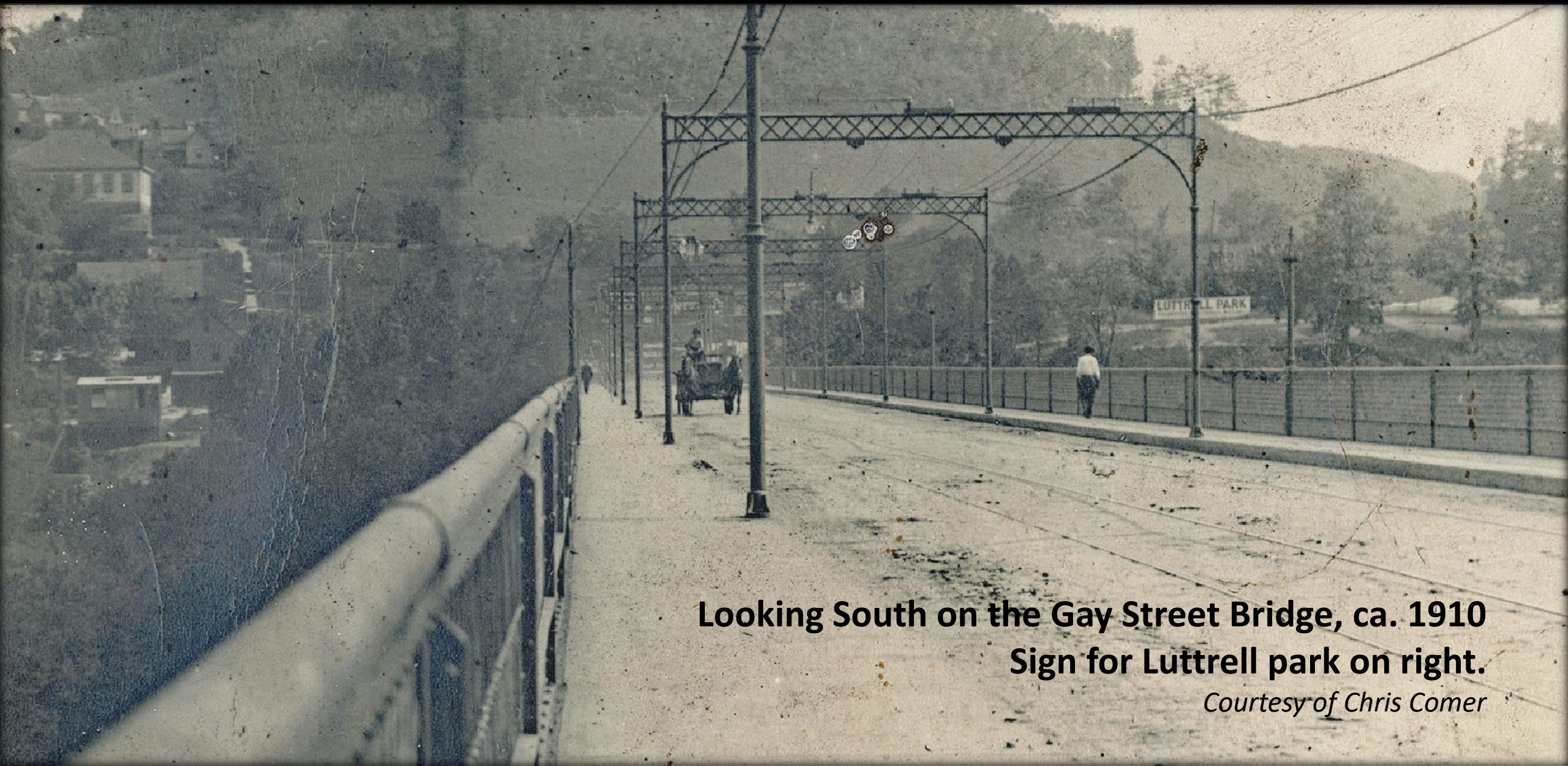
**Tennessee River Bridge
1873-1875**



**"Saulpaw" County Bridge
1881-1897**

Bird's Eye View of Knoxville from Gobbler's Knob, 1898.





Looking South on the Gay Street Bridge, ca. 1910
Sign for Luttrell park on right.

Courtesy of Chris Comer



Foot of Rocky Hill: road and streetcar track works, circa 1905-1910
McClung Historical Collection



Road improvements on Sevier Avenue. South Knoxville Baptist Church on left.
McClung Historical Collection

Aerial view of Peter Blow residence, circa 1910s

McClung Historical Collection



Peter Blow residence
McClung Historical Collection





View of Riverside Woolen Mill, Oct. 19, 1910.
No. 345. Stereo by C. A. Wayland, So. Knoxville, Tenn.



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Riverside Woolen Mill (later Jefferson Mill) in Lower South Knoxville, 1910.
McClung historical Collection



Jefferson Woolen Mill
Baseball Team, early 1920s.

(Courtesy of Karen Armstrong)



Maypole Dance at Lockett School

**(Knox County Museum of
Education)**



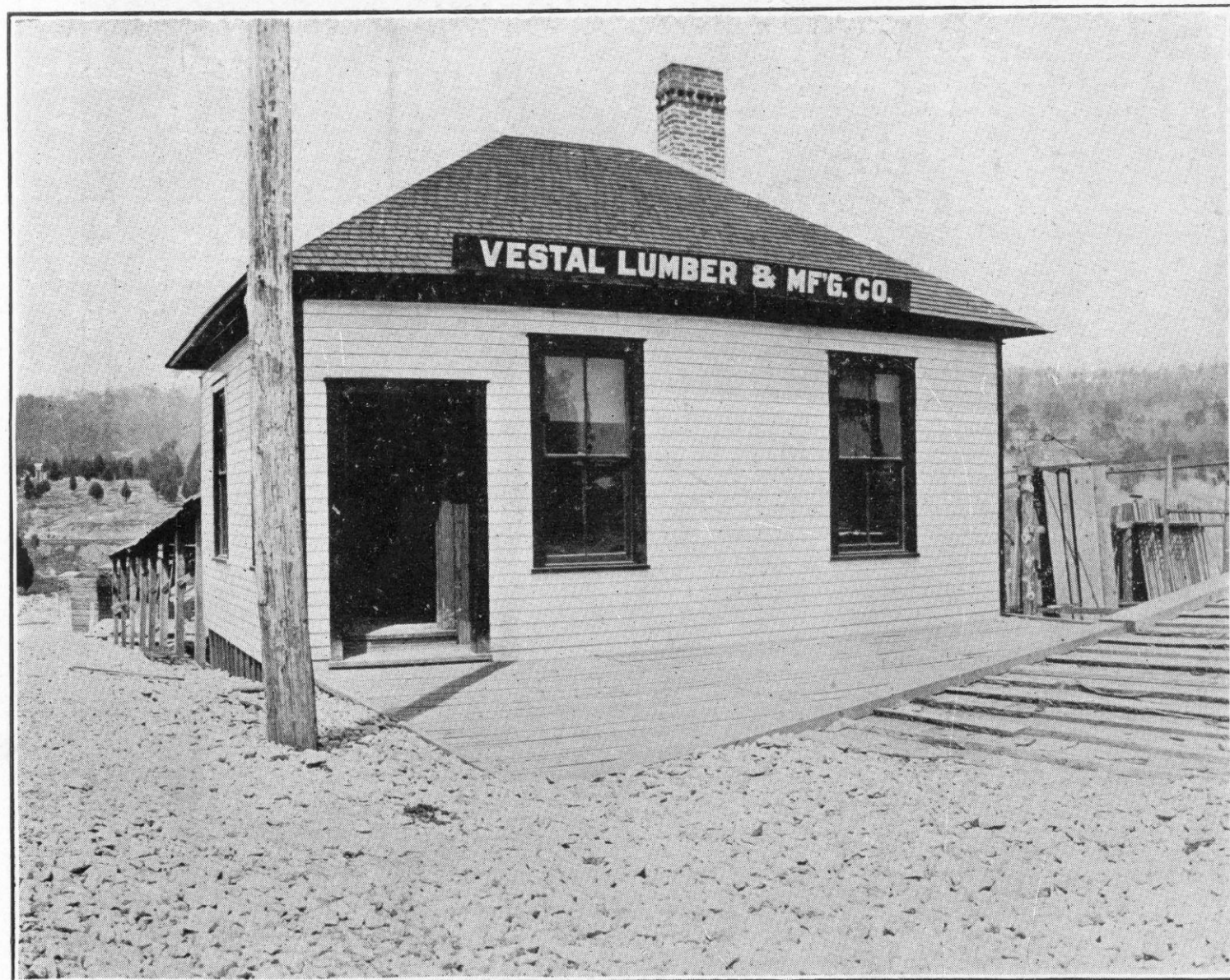
Knoxville Glove Factory, 1970s.

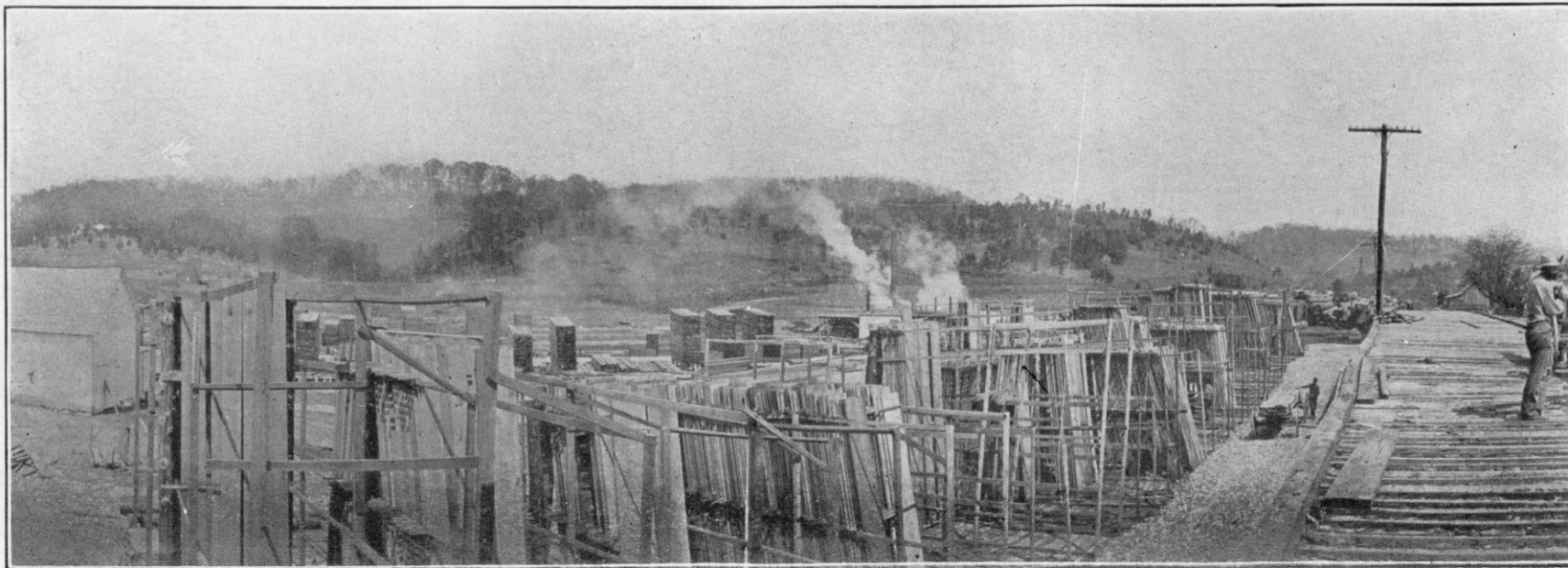
'Moon Dust' Gloves Manufactured Here

Gloves needed by scientists in Oak Ridge to clean out the Apollo 11 boxes which carried the moon rocks have been manufactured by the Knoxville Glove Co., according to Ken Zimmerman, a company representative.

The 12 pairs of gloves are made of a teflon material with teflon thread. The fabric is "totally inert," which means that after they are thoroughly washed the gloves cannot carry bacteria. Any bacteria found on the gloves or on the scientists, therefore, would come from the boxes or the rocks, Mr. Zimmerman said.

*Knoxville News-Sentinel,
Aug. 20, 1969*





PLANT OF THE VESTAL LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING CO., SOUTH KNOXVILLE,

KNOXVILLE GETS ANOTHER BIG PLANT

DRAKE MOTOR AND TIRE MFG. CORPORATION, Inc.

MANUFACTURERS OF AUTOMOBILES, TIRES, TRUCKS

Our manufacturing plant in South Knoxville is nearing completion and we will be in production within a few weeks. We have become identified with the business interests of the city and court the closest investigation as to our Methods and ability to carry out contracts and agreements. We make no promises that we do not fulfill and offer nothing to the public without value. Our stock is valuable because the delivery of the "goods" upon which it is based, is assured beyond the slightest doubt. Of this fact the most skeptical may be convinced by a visit to our factory where construction is being pushed as rapidly as the force of men employed can do the work.

Authorized Capital \$3,000,000

Shares	All Common Stock
Ten Dollars	Fully Paid and
Par Value	Non-Assessable

TERMS—All cash, or forty per cent down and balance in 30 and 60 days.

TO STOCK INVESTORS

Now is the time to buy stock while it is ten dollars a share. This is the ground floor price. It will not remain at this price long after production begins. We do not hesitate, nor do we feel that it is at all extravagant to say that we believe those who buy liberally of our stock now, will make a fortune out of it, because it is based upon products which are in demand and for which the demand is rapidly growing, which are readily saleable, and finally, dividend producing.



What A Knoxville Man Says:

After carefully investigating The Drake Motor & Tire Manufacturing Corporation from every available angle I have decided that it offers the investor unlimited opportunities to place his money in an absolutely reliable and going concern.

The Officers and Directors are all thorough and honest business men and the manufacturing and engineering end is very well taken care of by men of unquestionable standing.

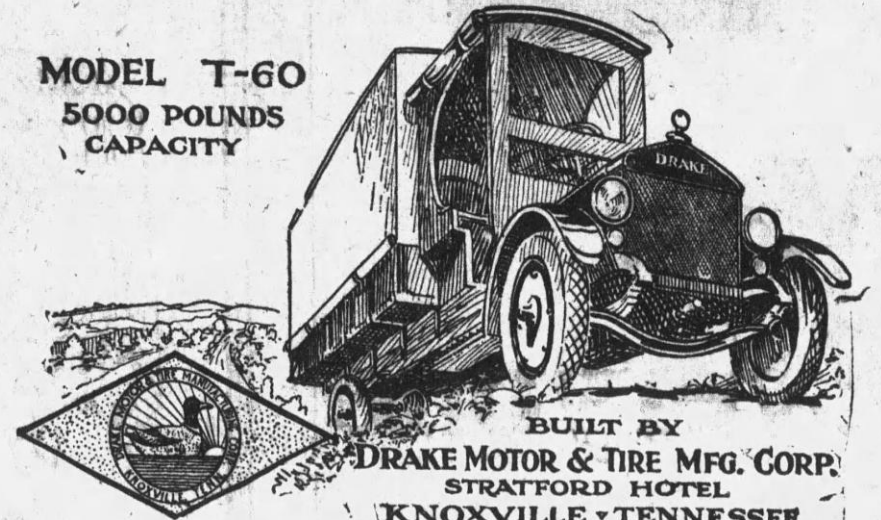
A word in regard to the product of this Company—I have had its truck in my possession for the past four months and can truthfully say that for service, power and dependability there is none finer on the American market today. We have subjected this truck to every possible kind of test and it has withstood the hardest.

With the product the company has, with the organization and the determination displayed by all connected, I can see nothing but success in one of the biggest manufacturing concerns in the city of Knoxville.

Very truly yours,
ECM—GAH (Signed) LEE C. MONDAY.
(Copy)

Just to Call Your Attention to Our Exhibit at the
EAST TENNESSEE DIVISION FAIR

MODEL T-60
5000 POUNDS
CAPACITY



BUILT BY
DRAKE MOTOR & TIRE MFG. CORP.
STRATFORD HOTEL
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

We Say to You: "Come and See Them."

DRAKE TRUCKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

They are a Knoxville Made Product and are 100% in Every Respect.

Knoxville Scenic Studios
Drake Motor & Tire Mfg. Corp.

in Vestal

Young High School



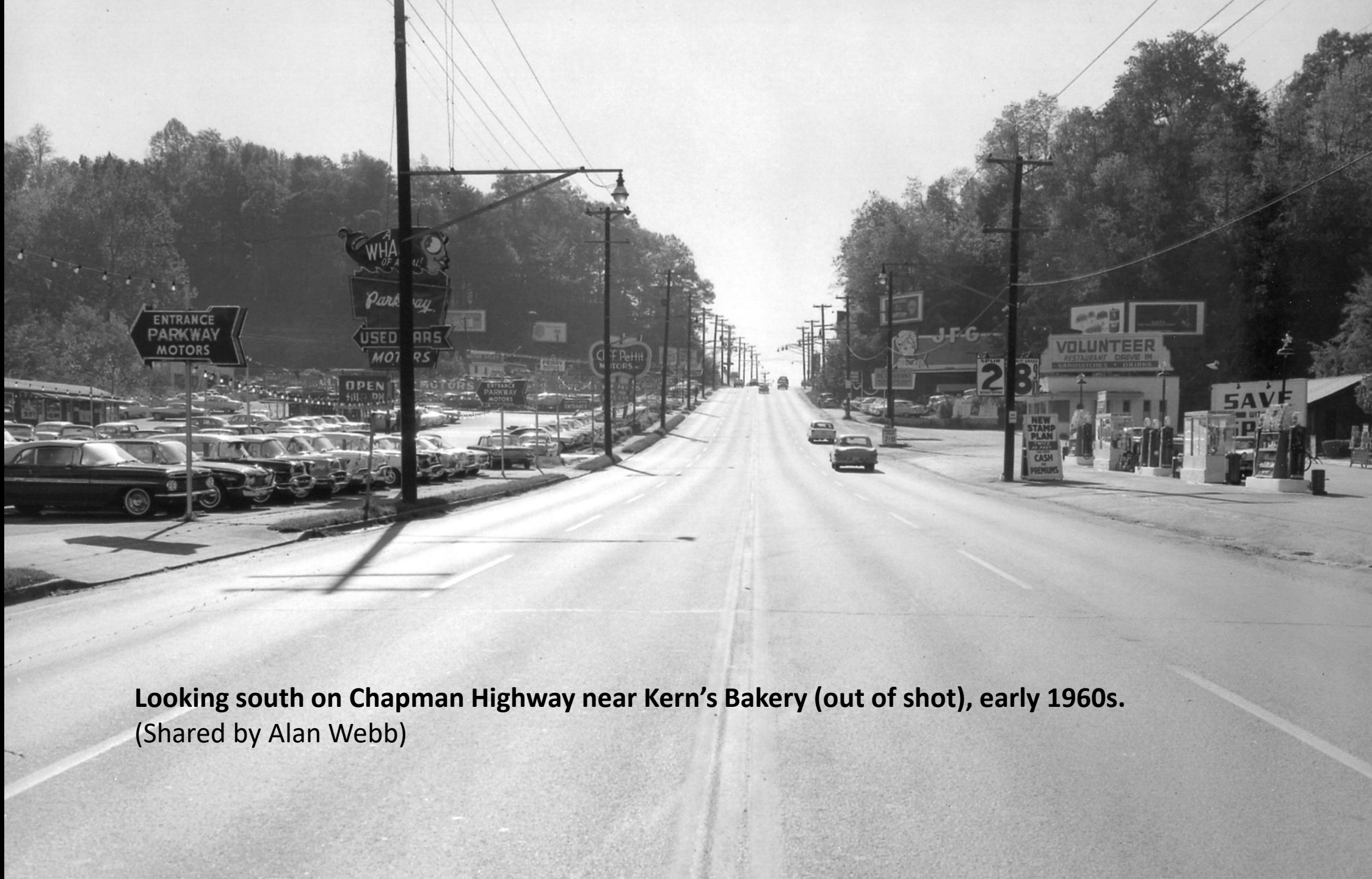
(Courtesy of Young High School Alumni Facebook page)

South High School, Tipton Avenue, 1958

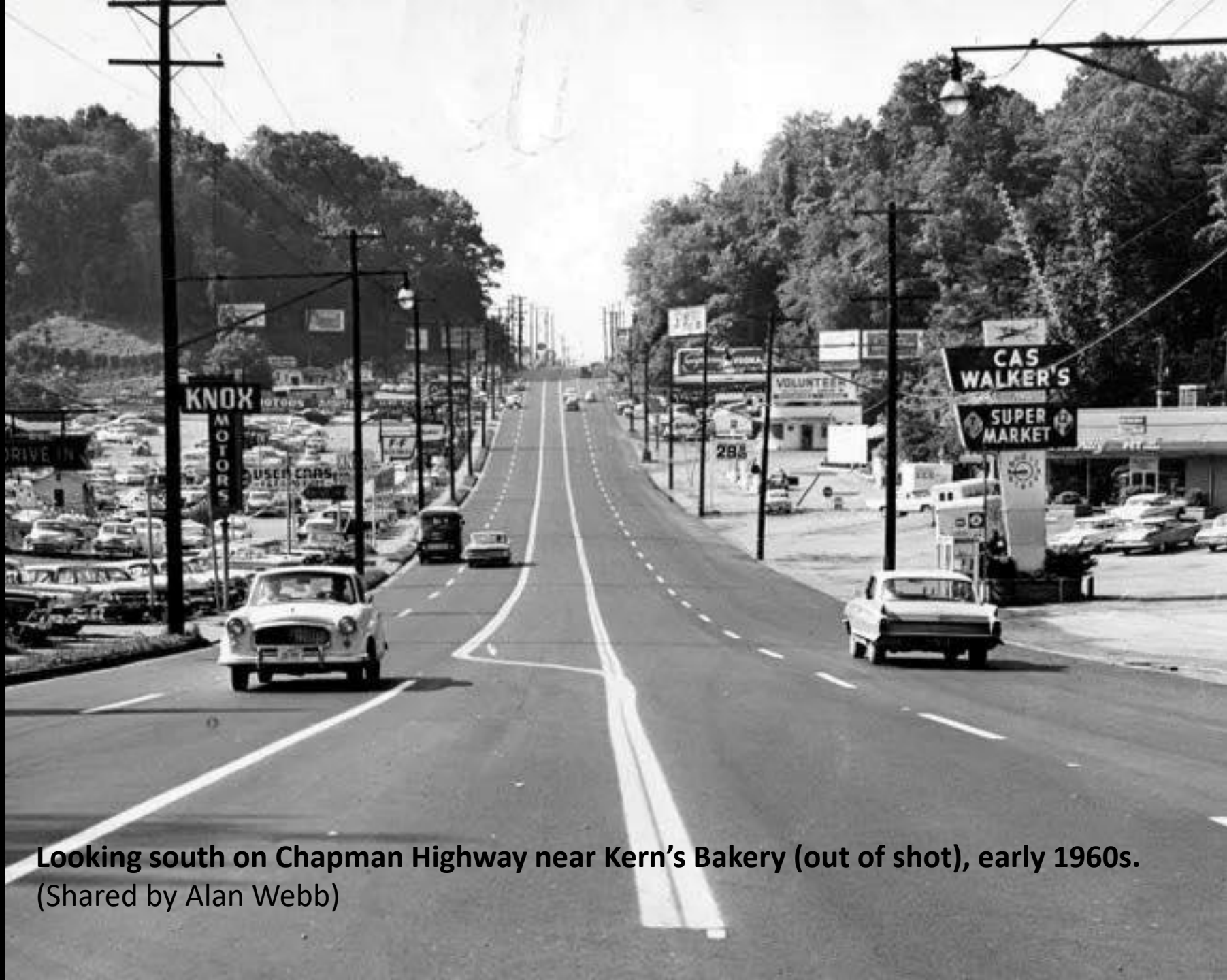


McDonald's opening on Chapman Highway, 1961.
(shared by Alan Webb)





Looking south on Chapman Highway near Kern's Bakery (out of shot), early 1960s.
(Shared by Alan Webb)



Looking south on Chapman Highway near Kern's Bakery (out of shot), early 1960s.
(Shared by Alan Webb)

1960

Looking south on Chapman Highway near
Kern's Bakery (out of shot), early 1960s.
(Shared by Alan Webb)





**Looking south on Chapman Highway
near Kern's Bakery, late 1960s.**

(shared by Alan Webb)



Chapman Highway at Maryville Pike, circa 1963.
(shared by Alan Webb)

ALL KNOXVILLE IS INVITED
to attend the world's greatest amateur racing event

THE ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY

Tomorrow—1:00 p. m.—Derby Hill, Lindbergh Forest



Sportsmanship on Parade

Chevrolet and The Knoxville News-Sentinel invite you to the most thrilling and interesting sports event of the year—the All-American Soap Box Derby. Boys from Knoxville and vicinity, between the ages of 9 and 15, inclusive, will be the contestants in this, the most novel competition ever devised. See the amazing exhibition of miniature racing cars these boys have designed and built. See each boy drive his own racer down an inclined runway—pitted against the field—striving for honors, prizes, the Championship of Knoxville, and the right to enter the National Soap Box Derby finals. Come for the fun of it—enjoy this great spectacle! See sportsmanship at its best . . . practiced by boys whose sole ambition is to win—but practiced by boys who know the qualities of fair play, and how to be good losers.

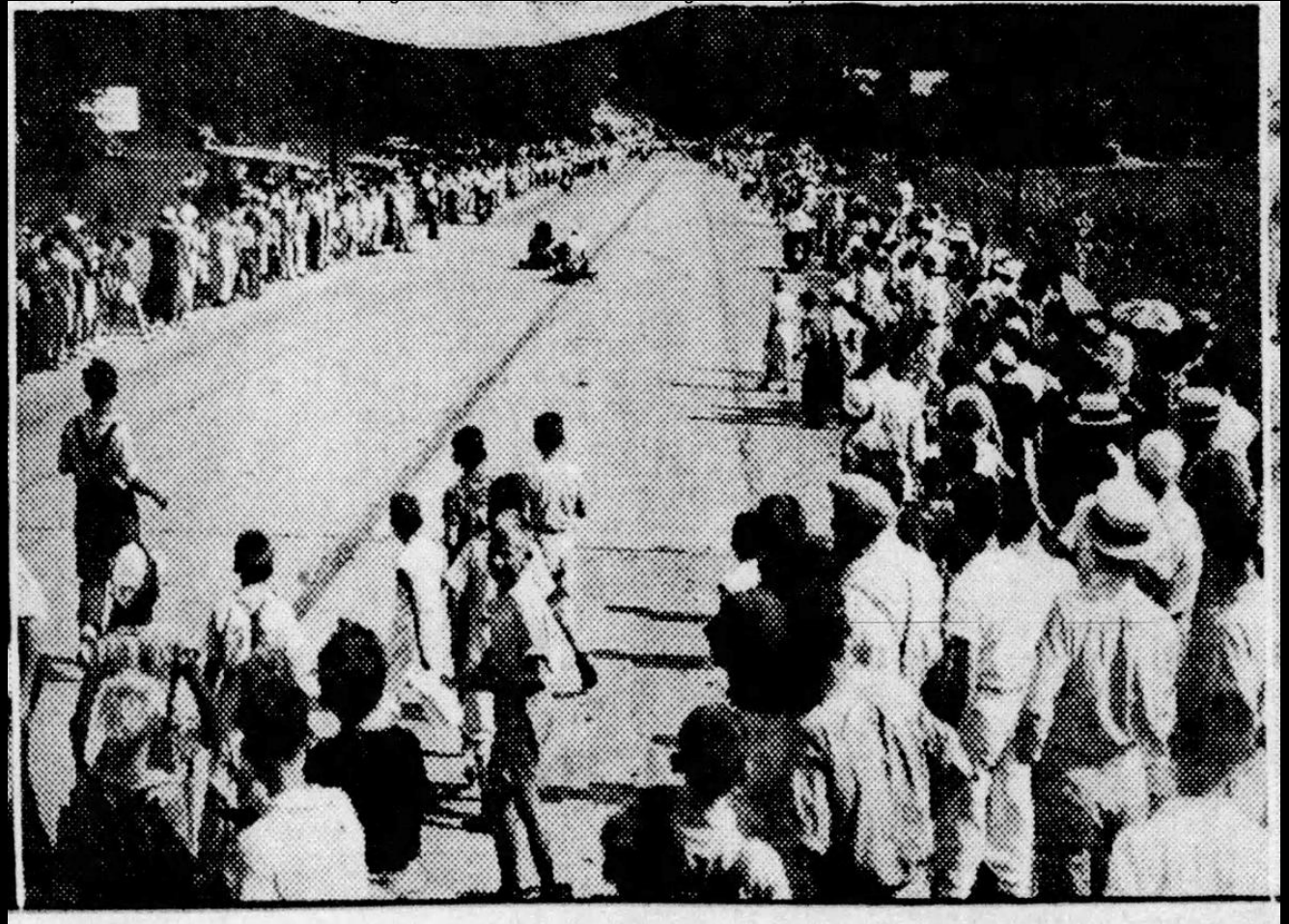
The M. E. Coyle Trophy

To the Champion of Knoxville goes the handsome M. E. Coyle Trophy and other valuable awards. Also, the right to compete with Champions from 119 other cities for the title of National Champion and Chevrolet's Grand National Prize of a four-year college scholarship. Now in its fourth year, the Soap Box Derby has caught the imagination of American youth; stirred them to inventive thinking. In 1934, there were 24,000 entrants in 33 cities. This year, close to a quarter of a million entrants in 120 cities are anticipated. Chevrolet, as national sponsor of this great character-building project, gratefully acknowledges the co-operation of 120 leading American newspapers as local co-sponsors; thanks them for the splendid growth of the All-American Soap Box Derby.

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CHEVROLET AND THE NEWS-SENTINEL

Soap Box Derby on Chapman Highway at
Woodlawn Pike, mid-1930s





Chapman Highway at Woodlawn Pike, 1972.
(shared by Alan Webb)



1935 Film

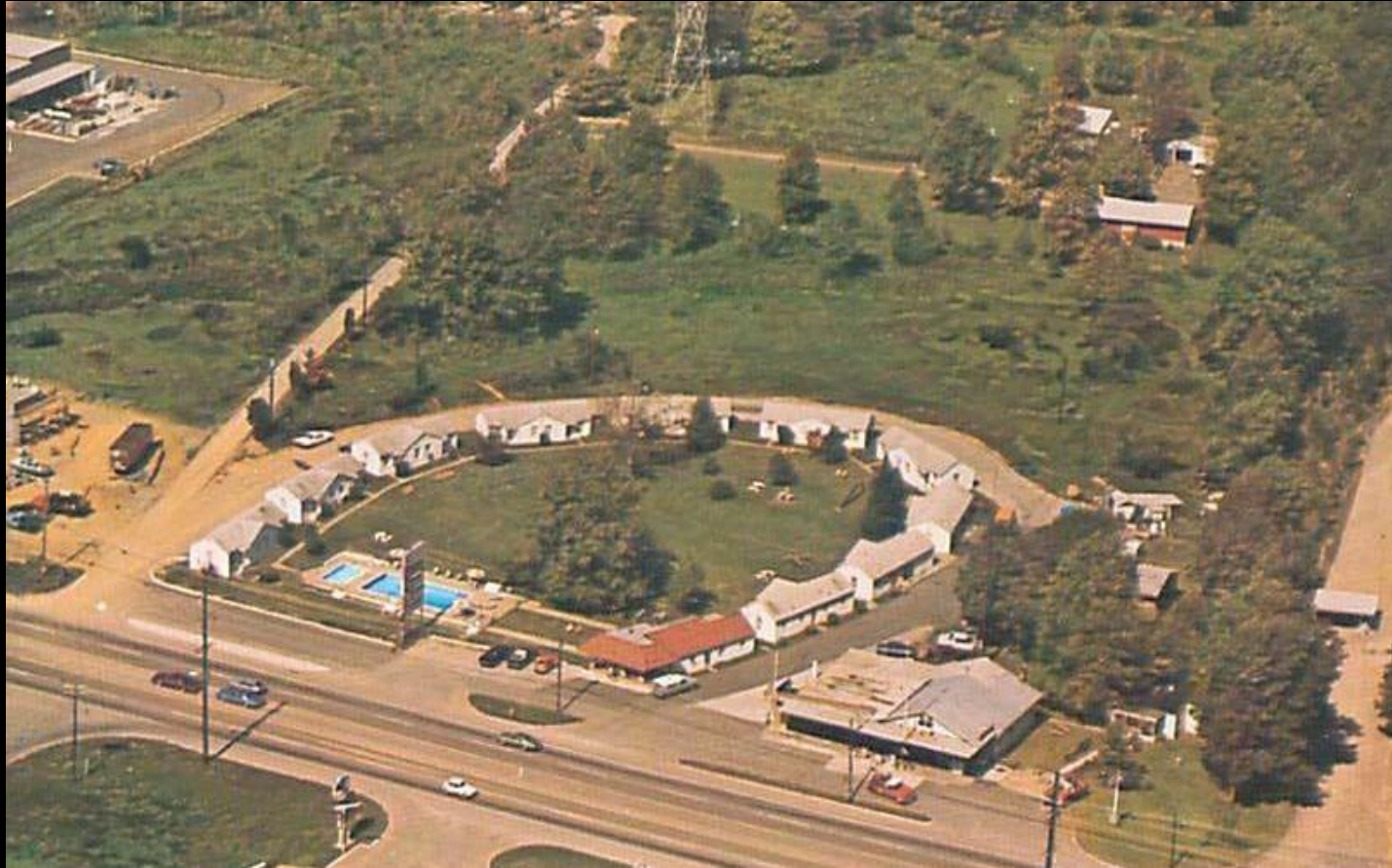
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LAST TIMES TODAY
Marx Brothers in
"NIGHT AT THE OPERA"
Pete Smith Novelty—News
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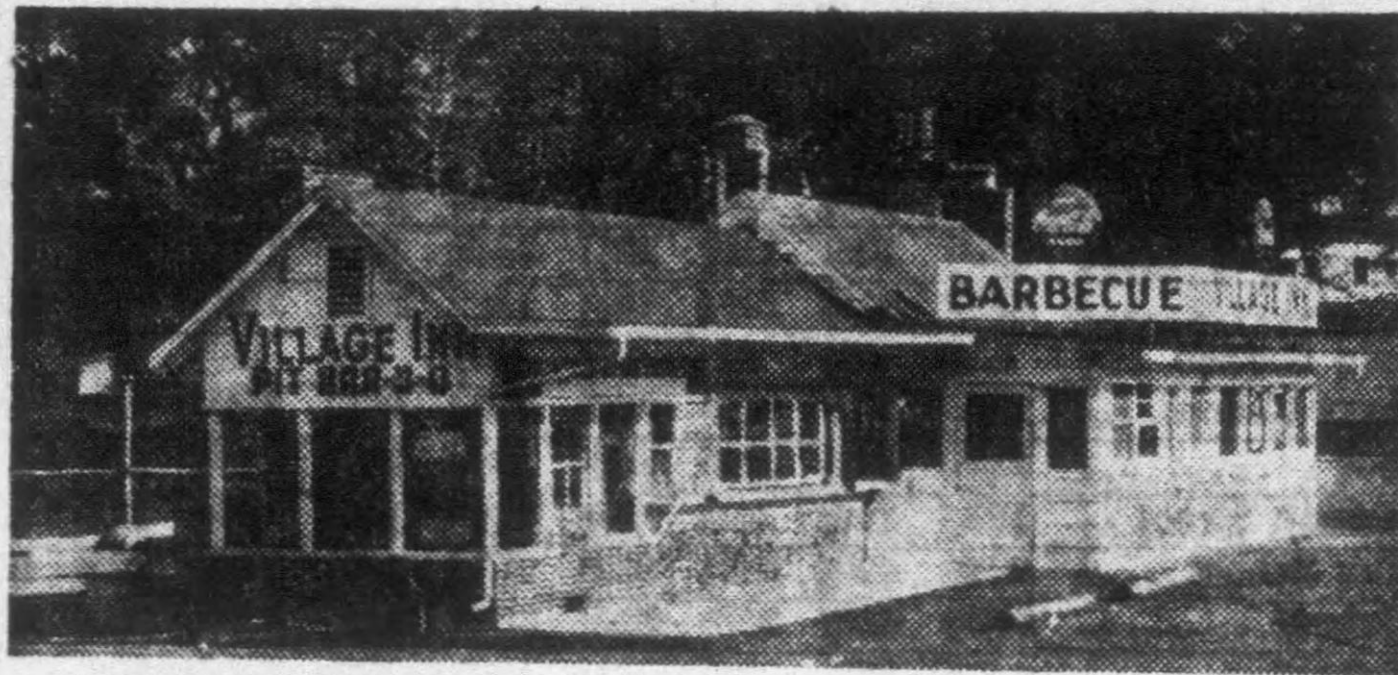




Chapman Highway Motel
(shared by Alan Webb)

Village Inn

**Where You Get the
Most and Best Pit
Barbecue, Steaks,
Shrimp**



Remodeled and enlarged and now under management of Mrs. Carl M. Smith, VILLAGE INN, 5900 Chapman Highway beside Lake Forest, is becoming a mecca for those who appreciate the best food obtainable at a reasonable price—properly prepared and served piping hot.

This popular drive-in spot, only 1 7/10ths miles from Knoxville city limits, is now featuring 21 shrimp in a basket for 99 cents with curly French fried potatoes.

There is pit barbecue, both beef and pork, prepared right before your eyes—garnished with the delicious sauces that make barbecue a tasty sensation; generously garnished with pickles. And the steaks served at VILLAGE INN cannot be

described, but must be eaten to be fully appreciated.

VILLAGE INN has parking space for more than 100 cars, is open during the fall-winter months from 4 p. m. to 11 p. m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a. m. till midnight. A new dining room has been added for those who prefer to dine leisurely indoors.

All food at VILLAGE INN is prepared after you order it. Many patrons phone 7-1421 and place their order so that it is ready for them when they arrive. Take-out orders are welcomed. After the football game, after the theater—relax by driving out to VILLAGE INN. If you have never been there before, you and your friends are in for a most pleasant surprise.

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**Buck Giffins' Riverside Park & Pool
off Island Home Avenue**



Knoxville's Newest Pool Formally Opens Today

When the Riverside Park, Knoxville's newest and largest swimming pool, formally opens today, it will be a landmark in the city's recreational life. The pool, which is situated on the south side of the city, is the largest and most modern of its kind in the South. It is a gift to the city by the Riverside Park Foundation, a group of citizens who have been working for years to secure a permanent swimming pool for the city. The pool, which is situated on the south side of the city, is the largest and most modern of its kind in the South. It is a gift to the city by the Riverside Park Foundation, a group of citizens who have been working for years to secure a permanent swimming pool for the city.

Open Daily 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Announcing Formal Opening Today of RIVERSIDE PARK SWIMMING POOL

Knoxville's Newest, Finest and Most Modern

Please! Bring your own towel and swim suit—due to scarcity of these items we have been unable to purchase them in needed quantities.

Swim in 500,000 gallons of pure, aerated water which passes through our MODERN FILTERING PLANT and PURIFICATION System Every 8 Hours

Bring the Family for a refreshing swim!

Admission Adults . . . 50c Children . . . 30c (Tax Included)



Drive Out Island Home Ave. (Midway Between River Bridge and Island Home Gate) or Take No. 11 Bus To Pool

Congratulations and Success to H. S. Giffin

from these Knoxville firms—

Plumbing Work by
Walter Underwood Plumbing Co.
Dial: 2-5349
Plumbing Installation—Replacements—Repairs

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Specializing In
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**Knoxville Scenic Studios
at Maryville Pike and Woodson Drive**

DANCE TONIGHT

every Fri.
and Sat. nite

Music for
everyone

To The Music Of
BILL OWENS
and the Vagabonds

CHEROKEE TAVERN

704 Maryville Pike

Knoxville News-Sentinel, Oct. 7, 1961

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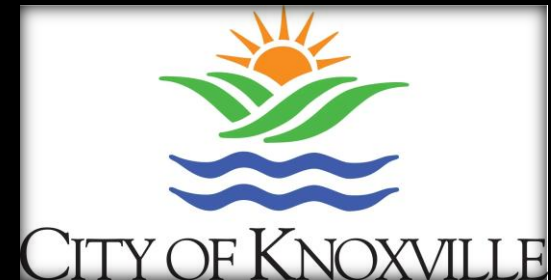


Jennie Ritchie

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