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As a follow-up to the last issue of the Quarterly (Fall/Winter 1982/1983) which featured an essay on Roadside Architecture, the editor is happy to report that imaginative methods of gasoline marketing are still being pursued in Alabama. Sara’s Grocery and Amoco Station just south of Eva has mounted a twin-engine Beechcraft above the gas pumps to serve as a canopy. Installed just over two years ago as a means of creating a distinct image for the station, the airplane presents a startling sight when encountered beside the highway. We hope that this indicates a renewed interest in the development of personalized roadside structures.

In late October 1983 the City of Huntsville Planning Department will publish a special report concerning the town’s first industrialization, which occurred in the late nineteenth century. By attracting capital from the North, Huntsville evolved into an important textile center, which owed much of its prosperity for many years to these cotton mills. Of all the Northerners who contributed time and money to promote the city, no one rivaled Tracy W. Pratt, a transplanted South Dakotan, who was remembered by his fellow citizens as “the man who made Huntsville.” The report was written by Patricia H. Ryan and will be available at the planning department.

Beginning with the Fall 1983 issue, the Historic Huntsville Quarterly will have a new editor, Micky Maroney, who authored the fascinating article on Quietdale in this issue. Preparing the Quarterly for the printer four times a year is a monumental undertaking; I hope that Foundation members will assist Micky by volunteering their assistance and, most importantly, their articles for future issues. As editor for the last five years, I have found the job to be most rewarding but no longer have sufficient time to devote to the task. I wish Micky the greatest success!

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