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LARGER INDUSTRIES ARE OUTSIDE LIMITS

Huntsville's claim to be "the biggest city of its size" is based on the fact that its corporate limits have not been extended in many years. During that period, the city has grown industrially, and the majority of its big cotton mills are located in the suburbs.

The mill villages contain a population larger than that of urban Huntsville. This population, with an enlargement of the boundaries, would properly belong to Greater Huntsville, as the entire community is now called.

The present city limits embrace an area of three square miles. Greater Huntsville has a territorial area of eight square miles. This includes the Merrimack village, West Huntsville and the Dallas and Lincoln villages.

The 1920 census gave to Huntsville proper a population of 8,018. An estimate made by multiplying the names found in the city directory by two and one-half, the [factor observed] in obtaining the actual population, would give Greater Huntsville 23,349 souls. This estimate is considered conservative, as the directory does not contain the names of married women or children.

These figures show that Huntsville has an undisputed claim to the title of "the biggest city of its size." While other municipalities have spread their corporate boundaries, Huntsville has gone on apace without any expansion. The result has been harmful in a way, as the outside world has not been fully able to grasp the fact that the Madison County capital is a city of nearly 25,000 inhabitants.

Residential Developments Are Under Way

OUTLYING SECTIONS FOR FINE HOMES

Perhaps the most significant feature of Huntsville's expansion, accented in the last few months by the letting of contracts for the erection of a 7-story office building, a hospital at a cost of \$150,000, the

breaking of ground for the new \$100,000 Baptist church, and many minor improvements, is the opening, for the first time in the city's history, of a number of exclusive residential developments.