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THERE'S ONE THING WE all remarked on in our traoffer the tourists, they are not at all shy of talking it up via road signs for miles and miles before you come to it. For easily a hundred miles now, we had been reading big and little signs at periodic intervals telling of the wonders to

ooga, Tennessee Must admit they picked an intriguing name. Rock City does sound different, doesn't it? Our curiosity was piqued and took the time to have a look. The city of Chattanooga itself is situa ted on the plain from which "Lookout Mountain" rises - something like the way Hamilton is located. There are homes built in several mountainside areas, and as steep road wound around overhanging cliffs, we noticed a sign about three quarters of the way up tell of Georgia . . :

AS WE APPROACHED Rock City via the mountain road, we had a good view of the rock cliff overhanging the valley which gives the mountain its name. We thought if we could just reach that and see the view we would be satisfied. When we arrived Rock City, however, we found that this lookout place was the high point of quite an extensive tour of interesting rock formations, and to enter there was a fee of \$2.00 per person. We decided to take the tour and enjoyed it thoroughly. We walked around for nearly an hour, and that in itself was a nice break from sitting for so long . . .

THE TOUR TOOK US on footpaths thru' narrow crevasses in massive rock, underground caverns and passageways. High suspension bridges have been built in a couple of places, but luckily for me they were barred from the public because they were under repairs, and I did not have to reveal myself for the coward that I am when it comes to heights. I would judge that a lot of-money has been spent in converting the natural beauty spot into a scenic park. They even had a small herd of what in my ignorance, I must call blonde deer ...

see seven States - there is a big went by without one of these ble- onions making a believe-it-or-not sundial-like affair to show you in | mishes to the landscape . . what direction they lie - consisting of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina . . .

of hitherto unknown countryside, tive. It was dark by now, and feeling very far away from course, and we were all hungry home indeed, we followed a path and tired so we decided to stop to another even scarier lookout the first motel that appealed to us. point, consisting of a big ledge of This particular area was thickly rock jutting straight out from the studded with beautiful motels, so mountainside over nothing. This it wasn't at all difficult. The one too, just for the record, I enjoyed, we chose was called "Georgian and when we turned from the Oaks" - and aptly named it was view to wend our way over the re . . It was, in fact, so gorgeotisly turn route to the lodge, there was Georgian we were bashful about a big rock at the entrance of the going in and asking about path, which for some reason many rates. Were pleasantly surprised people had felt the urge to auto- to find them more reasonable than graph. For a moment I thought I any motel we'd struck yet . . . might just as well have been tour- . . . You can imagine how glamoring the limestone caverns at Lime one this place looked at night parhouse or the gorgeous gorge at licularly, floodlit from foundation Elora, because two or three Georbe seen at "Rock City", Chattan- getown people had written their names on it . . .

TIME WAS OF THE essence now, and to save some we took a short cut through Chattanooga. Up to this point it had seemed a very pleasant city. around a large oak-shaded lawn. But now we had our first glimpse of what is apparently a big prob . lem in every southern city. A simply incredible shack area Rows upon rows, upon rows them. I didn't take notes on the mended by Georgetowners. When of the Lorne Scots. Ten grandtrip, thinking my memory would we learned it was about thirty mi- children survive. be sufficient, and now I find I'm les farther on, we decided to take | On Friday evening members of ing us we were now in the state not quite sure, but feel fairly a chance on the motel manager's the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cansafe in saying it was on the out- recommend of another dining adian Legion of which Mrs. Wylie skirts of Chattanooga where you place just a couple of miles away, could see the beginning of an ef- called "Aunt Fanny's Cabin" city. Big bulldozers were clearing highway to reach the Cabin which them out by the block. After hav- was a mile or so up a lonely counpeople shock us, it was a welcome a line-up of cars we could hardly was being done-about it . . . JUST AFTER WE LEFT

Chattanooga around three in the afternoon on Wednesday, we noticed a change in the colour of the soil along the roadside. It was brick-red clay. This is the type of land prevalent thru' Georgia. Incidentally, I don't believe mentioned before, the highways thus far had been excellent, and were to continue to be so right to the end of our trip. We were headed for Atlanta if possible, to break our drive for the night. There was no pretty scenery to look at between Chattanooga and Atlanta, the land being rather flat. I don't imagine there would be many crops the farmers could grow in that red clay. At any rate, | there were no big farms fronting the highway. Instead, there were living I wouldn't know, but I do who had visited the place. SPEAKING OF HEIGHTS, erated junk yards for old cars. looking girl greeted us and eshowever, I redeemed my- None of us could hazard a guess corted us thru the little ante-room self a little when it came to as to why this particular district to the entrance of the dining room. looking over Lookout Point. Not should take up the junking of old En route, I noticed some very old a tremor did I feel to mar my en- cars as a living or hobby - Which- furniture with a hand hewn look. joyment of the marvelous view, ever it was, it certainly didn't add On one of the low tables was a

> IT WAS AROUND 8.30 when we reached the approaches to Atlanta. Here the sub-

After drinking in this glimpse urban development is most attrac-

plantings of shrubbery It was painted stark white, with the main office looking like one of those big plantation mansions I told you about in Kentucky, gracious pillars and all. The rooms were built on either side, the whole establishment making an open rectangle

of about a place in Atlanta recom- the Engineers and Bob, a member

fort to clear this portion of the . . . We had to turn off the main Alex Calder conducted the funing the seeming hopelessness and try road. But it wasn't lonely for miserable living conditions of these long. Suddenly, there was such sight indeed to see that something see the little tumbledown-looking place which apparently was Aunt Fanny's Cabin . . .

> ... While we slowed to almost a stop to look the place over - and believe me it looked anything but impressive, an attendant came up and asked if we'd like him to park the car. I think we all felt uneasy as we made a spur of the moment decision to take a chance and go in - even if the place did look like a "dive." A group of a dozen or so men standing at the gate as we entered did nothing to dispel my apprehension "Probably a bench of big-time racketeers", whispered, and we were laughing a bit nervously as we stepped up to the rickety front porch and entered the Cabin . . .

RUSTIC WAS THE word to describe the interior. paint or paper graced numerous little frame houses sit- walls of plain weathered wood uated on small tracts of land. How but they were nearly covered with the majority of them made their autographed pictures of celebrities know that quite a few of them op- started to feel better. A very nice attractive centrepiece . . .

> rough-hewn beams of its lowceiling exposed and in the

Mrs. William Wylie, 64 Antrim, Ireland Native

Mrs. Mary Campbell Wylie died after a short illness in the Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, May 8th in her sixty-fifth year. She was born in Antrim County, Ireland, the daughter of Jane and Robert Campbell. Fortytwo years ago she married Willlam Wylie and ten years later they came to Canada, first to the farm of Albert Hunter, Norval, where they lived and worked for a year. From that time they have made their home in Georgetown district, latterly at 76 River Drive. Mrs. Wylie is survived by her husband who suffered a bad accident several months ago and who is still hospitalized, being in Sunnybrook Hospital at the present time. Eight children also are left, Margaret (Mrs. Barry Clarke), Elizabeth (Mrs. Lloyd Grace), Anne, Edith (Mrs Gordon Shoe FEELING PLEASED with bridge), Thomas, Hugh, Sarah our luck, we unpacked, fre- (Mrs. R. Exard) and Edward John. shened up, and started to Two sons were killed in the Secwhere the coloured people live. think about food. Made enquiries ond World War. Bill who was with

> was a member, met at the funeral home for a private service. Rev. eral service on Saturday at 3.00 p.m. in the H. C. McClure Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Harvey Allen, Harry Allen, Frank Connely, Bruce McQuarrie, Philip Carney and George (Bud) James. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

dim light we saw it was crowded Candles in wine bottles flickered over tables covered with gaily checked cloths, and everyone's attention was focussed on a little six year old coloured boy who was doing a terrific shoulder-shimmy dance on a table top. A waitress led the way over the uneven brick and earthen floor to our table . .

BY THIS TIME our original trepidation had turned to fascination Our table faced an enormous open-hearth fireplace hung with time worn iron and copper cooking pots and utensils. After the little dancer had finished his number we took up the menu, which, in addition to listing the dinners, told us Aunt Fanny's Cabin had originally been part of the slave quarters on a plantation during the days of the civil war. Very little had been changed over the decades. In fact the atmosphere! had been carefully preserved and nurtured down to the smallest ac-

were dressed in vivid full skirts and bandanas, and the food they served was superb. Their specialties included south-THE DINING ROOM had the ern fried chicken and ham done in a red sauce made with molasses for one of the ingredients. Friend husband tried their "rosin taters", which are Irish Cobblers cooked in their jackets in a bubbling vat of resin. Exceedingly light and fluffy, cooked in this way, the potatoes stay steaming hot for three or four hours, without a trace of a "resiny" taste. "Resin" is course the proper way to spell it, but down there they're called "rosin taters," which originated many years ago in the turpentine camps where the workers learned that a potato dropped into a can of melted resin would cook to a wonderful tenderness and remain piping hot for hours . . .

FOR ONE OF MY vegetab les, I ordrered squash. No ordinary squash, this, however. It had been seasoned lightly with what tasted like poultry seasoning and I think perhaps breadcrumbs and butter had been beat-

Crisp, thin little corn patties, about the size and a little thicker than a silver dollar had accompanied the appetizer of juice or thick hot gumbo . . . Dessert? I didn't have room for any . . . We were finishing our coffee when a teen aged negro girl sat down at the piano and swung into the introduction of a spiritual. Informally, one by one the waitresses gathered round and joined in the harmony until finally the room was filled with the richness of their voices. The customers were loath to let them go, and no sooner had one song ended when another old favourite was requested .

hymns, spirituals, and rock 'n roll their intricate harmony and rhythm came as naturally to them as breathing. There was one girl with a particularly outstanding voice. And I mean outstanding. It was so powerful she had to stand well back from the others in order not to dominate them too much. An extremely deep contraito, when she joined the harsony, it was just as if someone



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Aunt Fanny's By this time it was 10.30 and the last dinner for the evening world" for us, at any rate . . . From this mountaintop you can to the scenery. Hardly a mile bowl of shiny big brown-skinned ses early. We drove back to the motel raving about the place we Rev. Arthur Dayfoot had been so leary about entering a short couple of hours before. Gets Master of We felt as if we'd been in another world for a little while . . .

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locally received degrees at the grees. Emmanuel College graduation which was held on May 7th Convocation Hall, University of Toronto.

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me next week I'll tell you Whitby, former minister at St about the next day's trip John's United here, received his thru Georgia which was a little Bachelor of Divinity degree, glimpse of a 'sort of "another did Rev. Lloyd Stapleton, Streets

Members of the graduating class receiving their diplomas were Clifford Brown and Clifford Waite who have been student minister at Hornby and Lowville: and Al bert E. Dunn, Guilletville, who the brother of Mrs. John Ruddell Ashgrove. Mr. Waite and Mr. Several ministers well - known Dunn also received their B.D. de

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