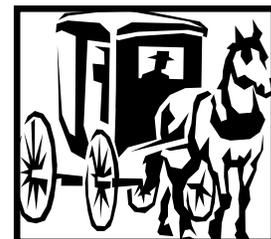




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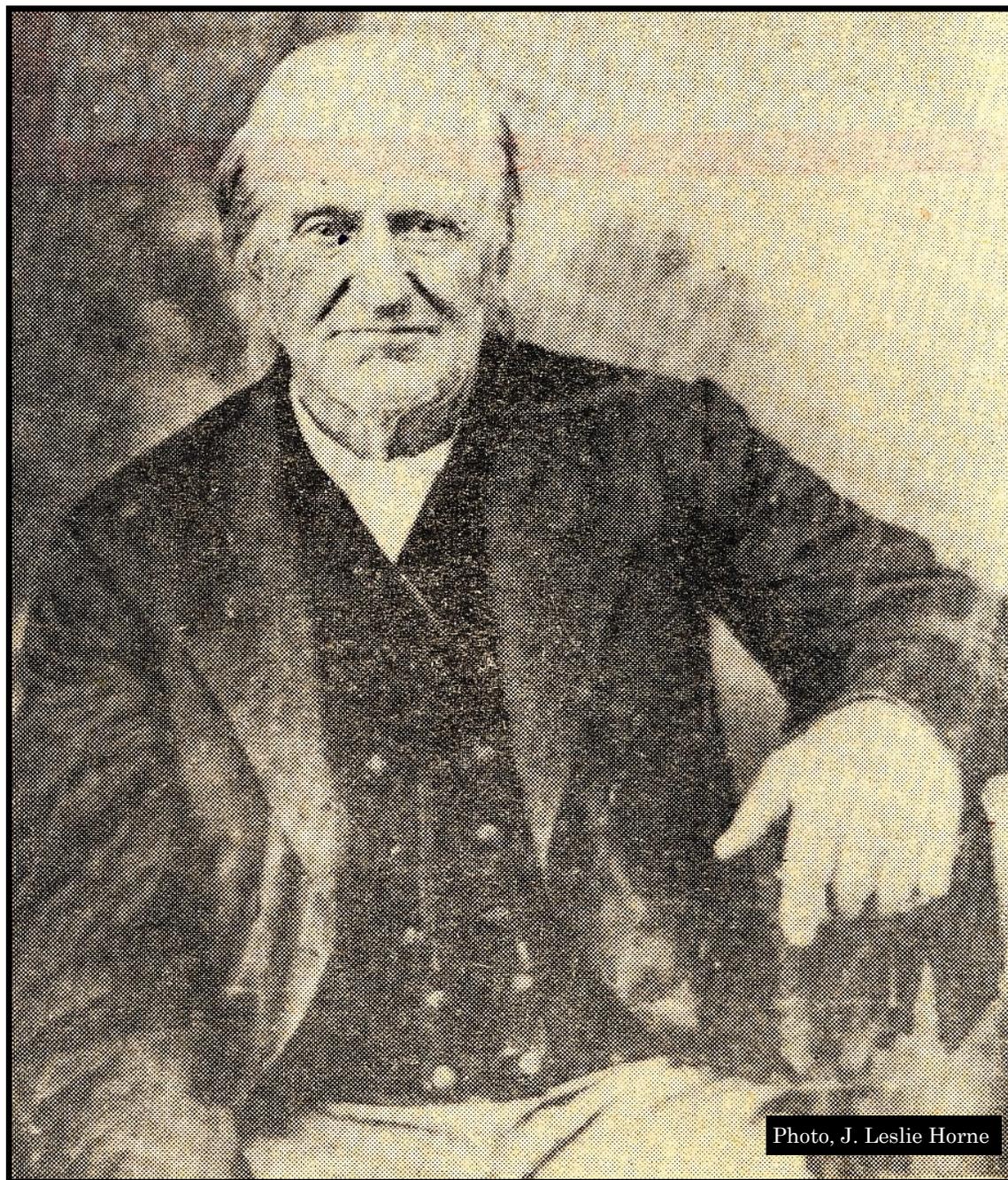
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## *The Red Bank-White Oak Historical Society*

Our Purpose: To collect, preserve, and share items related to the families and history of the area, thereby educating and increasing public awareness, interest, and pride in our heritage.

### **ROBERT PATTERSON (c1763 - 1848)** EARLY HAMILTON COUNTY PIONEER



Photo, J. Leslie Horne

## SOCIETY NEWS

### MEETINGS IN BRIEF

#### October 2, 2014

This evening we were fortunate to have Society member, Celia Mahan Hill as our speaker. Celia is widely known as a very knowledgeable person when it comes to all things "White Oak." She spoke primarily about her experiences living and growing up in White Oak.

In November of 1938, she and her family moved to the same home on James Avenue where she still lives today. Celia brought several items from her personal archives and loaned them to your editor for use in upcoming Society newsletters. You'll be seeing some of those items soon.

#### November 7, 2014

Earl "Hey Earl" Freudenberg was our speaker this evening. His wife, Julie Brown Freudenberg, accompanied Earl to the meeting and she made significant contributions to Earl's presentation, especially when the topic turned to John Jennings Brown, her late father and prominent Red Bank business man.

Earl told us of his own early years on Lyndon Avenue in White Oak. He mentioned the residents, businesses, and experiences of his childhood there. As a long-time friend of the late Luther Masingill, Earl had a humorous story or two about Luther.

#### December 4, 2014

Much of our December meeting was devoted to the election of new officers for 2015, although the election was somewhat incomplete.

The primary officers were elected, but we failed to elect new board members for the upcoming year. The plan is to elect new board members at our next meeting.

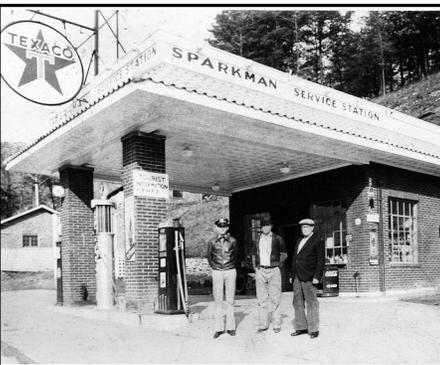
Officers elected for 2015: President, Mary Jo Clark; Vice President, Bobbie Spencer Cannon; Secretary, Nancy Tallman; Treasurer, Tom Williams.

There was no speaker for tonight's meeting. Instead of a designated speaker, members present took turns sharing their Christmas memories from years past.

### ONE OF THREE IDENTIFIED

A knowledgeable Society member, Tom Edd Taylor, has come forward with information about the man shown in the middle of the three in this photo. His name - Roy Gunter. Tom knows nothing else about Mr. Gunter, nor does Tom know the other two men. See a larger version

of this photo in Volume 7, Issue 4 of this newsletter. Someone out there knows the identities of these other men, so we await your information with great anticipation.



## MIDWAY GARDEN REVISITED

Our request for photos of Red Bank and White Oak landmarks has been rewarded by receipt of two



photos from Society member, Glynda Brown.



Shown in the foreground of one photo, taken about 1965, are Karla and Audrey Brown, children of Glynda and Bob Brown. In the background, and enlarged in the photo to the right, is the famous "Midway Garden" establishment at 4420 Dayton Blvd. So far, this is the only photographic record we have of this important business in Red Bank. We hope this will jog some memories and that others will find similar photos of this and other sites in our area.



### Our Search Rewarded!

#### P'Poole Decoded

In a previous issue of our newsletter (Vol. 7, Issue 2) we asked for information about the source for the name of P'Poole Street, in White Oak. One of our loyal members, Joe Glasscock, has responded. He recounts that when he was a UC student during the 1950s, he worked part-time at the Hardie & Caudle clothing store in downtown Chattanooga. The manager of the hat department was Mr. Harry Poole. Mr. Poole told Joe that his father named the street "Poole Street," but that his dad, the senior Mr. Poole, was also a stutterer and "mispronounced Poole as P'Poole." Now, Joe says that was Mr. Poole's story and Joe is only reporting what he was told. Thanks, Joe, for contributing this bit of information.

**HISTORICAL TRIVIA** - Did you know the saying, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to have written, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek," it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

# ROBERT PATTERSON (c1763 - 1848)

## EARLY HAMILTON COUNTY PIONEER

by T. R. Williams, Jr.

Although this man had nothing to do with either White Oak or Red Bank, he was probably the first white man to settle in what became Hamilton County, so everyone interested in the history of our area should know something about him.



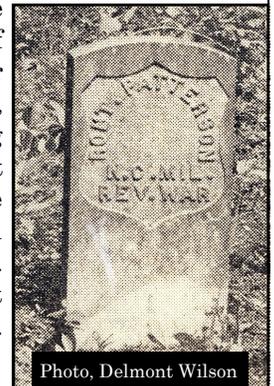
Mrs. William C. Parnell, left, and Miss Aileen Cowan, right, in Mrs. Parnell's Oklahoma City home. They are inspecting a Patterson family Bible. Photo by J. Leslie Horne.

Our cover photo surfaced in this area in about 1963, when two Oklahoma City, Oklahoma ladies brought it to Chattanooga during their search for information about their ancestor, Robert Patterson. They were Mrs. William C. Parnell and Miss Aileen Cowan. Their research indicated to them that they were Patterson's great-great-great granddaughter and great-great granddaughter, respectively.

They particularly wanted to locate Patterson's grave. Sadly, however, they were unsuccessful. The grave site is in an unkempt and hard-to-locate abandoned graveyard. In the 1970s, I visited that graveyard and can attest that Patterson's grave is not marked. There are only a few marked graves, including those of Wm. S. Carrell, Alfred Lea, Jasper Lea, Larkin W. Shipley, George A. Leggett, Bartholomew and Jane Gibson Rogers.

There is no one alive today who knows the exact location of Patterson's grave. In about 1935, a gravestone was placed by the D.A.R. in what is now known as the Patterson Cemetery, but Patterson is not buried there and this "new" Patterson Cemetery is to the east of Highway 27, while the "old," or the real Patterson Cemetery is on the west side of the highway.

The late Mrs. Penelope Johnson Allen, prominent historian, was one of the representatives of the D.A.R. who visited the original Patterson Cemetery with the purpose of moving Patterson's remains from his grave to the "new" Patterson Cemetery, where their marker was to be placed. They had some workmen with them and an old resident, or relative, who claimed to know the location of Patterson's grave. Mrs. Allen said that when they dug into the grave, the only evidence of its inhabitant they found was a button or two and what may have been remnants of a belt buckle. They put these meager artifacts, along with some of the soil from the grave, into a shoe box. They carried the shoe box to the "new" Patterson Cemetery and buried it at the memorial marker engraved with Patterson's information. Since that time, most people who visit that memorial stone believe they have visited "Robert Patterson's grave." The "grave marker" carries this information: "ROBT. PATTERSON N.C. MIL. REV. WAR."



Photo, Delmont Wilson

Various dates are given for Patterson's birth. The most probable date seems to be 1763, but 1768 is also suggested by some. It may be that the '3' has been mistaken for an '8'. Who knows? He is said to have been of Scotch-Irish descent, being born at Mecklenburg, S. C. Though only a youth, he took part in the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. His grandson, J. A. N. Patterson, was 10 years old when his grandfather died and recalled that his grandfather told him that he had fought at King's Mountain.

In 1794, he married Rhoda, the daughter of Abner Witt in Knox County, TN. Rhoda was 18 when they married. Abner operated an inn at Knoxville in the 1790s and had a plantation east of Knoxville. Later, he moved, first to Rhea County and later to Hamilton County, TN. When a portion of Rhea County became Hamilton County, in 1819, Patterson was a member of the commission that established the home of Hasten Poe, at Daisy, as the first seat of government. Also, in 1819, Patterson established the first school in the area for white children. Patterson was the teacher and his children, as well as neighboring children, were his students. In 1821, he was appointed as possibly the first Justice of the Peace in Hamilton County. In 1822, he moved farther north to Sale Creek, where he built the home that stood until it was burned by vandals on Halloween night in 1971.

Robert Patterson's many descendants were very influential citizens of Hamilton County for many years after Robert's death in 1848.

Primary sources: Article by Hugh Moore, *Chattanooga News Free Press*, the *Week End Section*, August 17, 1963; Article by John Wilson, *Chattanooga Free Press*, Sunday, January 16, 1994; *History of Hamilton County and Chattanooga, Tennessee*, Zella Armstrong.

## GOOD WORKS BY OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

This photo documents the installation on October 8th, 2014, of a Civil War marker in White Oak. Mayor John Roberts and Dr. Anthony Hodges, two of our most active members, were instrumental, along with others, in having this marker manufactured and installed. They worked on this project for many months and we offer them our sincere appreciation for their hard work and for their success in furthering the preservation and promotion of a part of our heritage. Photo by Emily Crisman, *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, October 22, 2014.

### Civil War markers installed in Red Bank



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY CRISMAN

Officials attend the dedication ceremony for one of two Civil War markers recently installed in the city of Red Bank. The marker shown here is at the corner of James Avenue and Memorial Drive, and the other is near the intersection of Dayton Boulevard and Lullwater Road. From left are Red Bank Vice Mayor Floy Pierce, state Rep. Richard Floyd, U.S. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Red Bank Mayor John Roberts, Red Bank Commissioner Rick Causer, Hamilton County Commissioner Jim Fields, Red Bank Commissioner Eddie Pierce and Friends of Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park President Dr. Anthony Hodges.

### FROM THE EDITOR

This newsletter is late. It was scheduled to be published on January 1, 2015 but illness and unavoidable factors interfered. We hope this won't be a frequent problem. The next issue is due on April 1 and we will do our best to get back on schedule.

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### Do You Know or Remember Any of These Folks?



Mrs. Claude Landers entertained her twins, Linda and Lanny, with a party on their fourth birthday at her home on Fitehaven Drive last week. Those present were: Jane Wilson, Jody Gryder, Linda Jo King, Stevie Lynch, Sug Gilbert, Bitsy Landers, Johnny Whitaker, Nancy Price, Jimmy Rains, Julia and Carolyn Rankin, Wayne Tipps, Tommy Graham, Linda and Lanny Landers; Mesdames A.L. Rankin, Jr., A.H. Tipps, C.W. Landers and the hostess.

### RED BANK - WHITE OAK - NORTH CHATTANOOGA NEWSPAPER

Way back in the 1940s, we were fortunate to have a community newspaper, *The Volunteer*. From the masthead shown at the left, this may have been a family endeavor. We would like to learn more about the Miles family, so if you knew them, or if you know something about them, contact your editor so we can publish something of their story. We have chosen a few of the items that appeared in the issue of December 3, 1948. If you have other issues stored away in your attics or with your old letters, please dig them out and let us borrow them for a short while. Our thanks to Celia Hill for sharing this issue of the newspaper with us.

### MISS LUCILLE MABRY'S ENGAGEMENT TO DONALD HANCOCK IS ANNOUNCED

WEDDING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SPRING

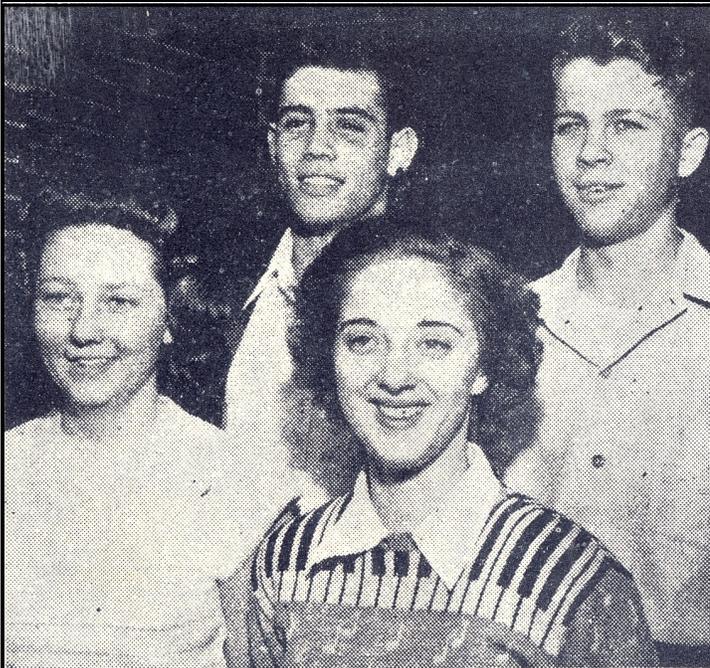
Mrs. Walter E. Mabry this week announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lucille B. Mabry, to Donald B. Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hancock. The wedding will take place in early spring.

Miss Mabry is the daughter of Mrs. Mabry and the late Walter E. Mabry. She is the sister of Carl H. Mabry and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mabry and the late John A. and Ruth Ely. She is a graduate of Hixson High School and is employed by Dixie Mercery Co.

Mr. Hancock is the brother of Robert A. and George W. Hancock and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hancock. He is an alumnus of Central High School and is associated with the Standard Oil Co.



# MORE EXTRACTS FROM THE 1948 VOLUNTEER



**JUNIOR ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS**—Beulah Rutledge, Nola Keels, Erwin Brandt and Bob Bailey, all of Red Bank High School, have been invited to participate on the program of the Junior Academy of Science at the state session Saturday in Nashville. They are the only program representatives from this section of the state. Others from Red Bank High attending the meeting will be Jean Blevins, Jeanne Meador, Sam Gilstrap, Robert Yeargin, Don Sorrell, Ed Allison, Bill Fraker, Dorman Knowles, Harry Shadden, Hal Hartle and Johnny Fite. Accompanying them will be Mrs. M. A. Caballero and Mr. and Mrs. Yann Meador

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### NOTES

Mrs. H.E. Thornton is recuperating at Red Bank Clinic. Mrs. Thornton is the sister-in-law of Harry Thornton.

Misses Myrtle and Catherine Dunlap have returned from Washington, D.C. where they visited their sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Mabry and Mr. and Mrs. George Petsis spent the week end in Knoxville, Tenn., with Max Mabry, a U.T. Student. Max will be home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Bill Fasmer was home over the week end from U.T. Medical School in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Hogue spent this week in Gainesville, Florida, visiting their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Lynch and sons, Lewis and Bobby, Miss Martha Reni and Mrs. L. W. Lynch, Sr., spent Sunday in Bell Buckle, Tenn., as guests of Mrs. Roy Bingham.

W.C. Echols, 2225 James Ave. was brought home Sax from Campbell Clinic after a major operation.

Mrs. F.C. McMillan, Ashmore Ave., is improving after an operation at Campbell Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brand, 3605 Redding Road, announce the birth of a daughter, Janice Cleo, at Erlanger hospital, Nov. 11.

Corp. and Mrs. David Scott announce the birth of a son Billy Preston, at Red Bank Clinic, Nov. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooten announce the birth of a son, at Red Bank Clinic, Nov. 9. Mrs. Wooten is the former Miss Mae Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rutherford of Santeelah St. announce the birth of a son, Samuel Lee, Nov. 11, at Erlanger hospital. Mrs. Rutherford is the former Miss Rachel Fussel.

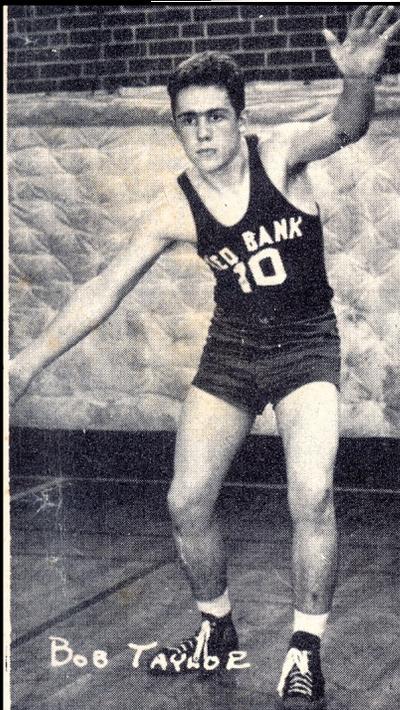
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Poe announce the birth of a son, William Frederick, Nov. 14, at the Red Bank Clinic. Mrs. Linam is the former Miss Betty Ellen Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Walker of Red Bank, announce the birth of a son, Garnet Bruce on Nov. 18, at Erlanger Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cooley announce the birth of a daughter Nancy Joyce, Nov. 21, at Erlanger Hospital. Mrs. Cooley is the former Miss Martha Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Miller announce the birth of a son, George Elton, Nov. 20, at Red Bank Clinic. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Ann Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. McMillan announce the birth of a son, John Patrick, at Womans Clinic. Mrs. McMillan is the former Miss Marie Green.



Bob Taylor, a standout on the Lion grid squad, is expected to be one of the school's best basketball players, too. Red Bank games will get under way next month.



F 1/c Bob Crutcher will be home with a discharge from the U.S. Navy on Nov. 28 his parents, Mr and Mrs. B.E. Crutcher announced this week.

He has served three years throughout the Pacific area aboard the Destroyer Fred T. Berry including activity in the Bekini Bomb tests.

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillips, of McCall Rd., announce the birth of a son, Teddy Earl, at the P. and S. hospital, September 20.

## MORE EXTRACTS FROM THE 1948 VOLUNTEER

### JANE MCMILLAN TO WED B FARMER

#### Bride-Elect Enrolled at UC While Fiance Is Studying Pharmacy at Memphis

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. McMillan announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lila Jane McMillan, and William J. (Bill) Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Farmer of this city. The wedding will be an event of December.

The bride-elect is the sister of Miss Marilyn McMillan. She was graduated from Red Bank High School, attended the Edmondson School of Business, and is studying interior decorating at the University of Chattanooga. For the past two and a half years she has been associated with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. She is a member of the choir and active in young people's work at the White Oak Baptist Church.

The prospective bridegroom is the brother of Miss Elizabeth Farmer. He served with the armed forces for 19 months. A graduate of Central High School, he attended the University of Chattanooga and is now a senior at the school of pharmacy of the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Mr. Farmer is also an active member of the White Oak Baptist Church.



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