Brown County 'Mothered' The Famed Abigail Dolls

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NASHVILLE — A toy, and clothing shop in the old Nashville House was a nostalgia beginning for describers Portia Hayes Sperry. She made the Brown County Folks Shop here in Nashville famous by holding the depression years in the eye and just starting it down. The restaurant-hotel pictured here burned to ashes years and was rebuilt on a smaller foot[illegible] today with the shop adjoining it.

NASHVILLE — One of Abigail's unusual companions shares a Sabbatickle with her. Mrs. Sperry could never have known when she sold the first Abigail that the doll would creep into the hearts and minds of thousands of children before it was all over. Abigail's friends continue to mount as the year's pass. She is a commodity of lore that has never gone out of style.

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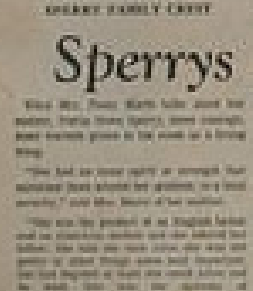
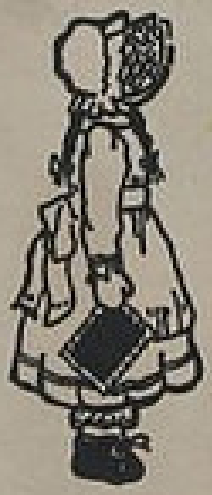
Sperry Story Is Told In The Family Crest



SPERRY FAMILY CREST



Abigail Is Passed From Generation To Generation

Sperrys Learned You Don't Have To Buy Happiness

NASHVILLE — Main Street, looking east from Miller's Drug store at the center of town, reflected in the 1930's the beginning of what was to be dubbed the "Nashville" the modern [illegible] arriving. Though this was of old, the people here continued in styles and prices to greeting neighbors early passing year, especially at [illegible] time.