

I Remember Old Tuscaloosa

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IF YOU like excitement together with a spice of danger you should have made a trip at night through the old Northport Covered Bridge under the following conditions:

This covered bridge, about 60 feet long, was located between the Warrior River Bridge and the M&O overhead trestle in Northport spanning a ravine on the street paralleling the river.

Many Northport boys were jealous of Tuscaloosa boys who called on Northport girls. Should a Tuscaloosa swain have a date with the best girl of a Northport dandy the strategic

spot to get even was within this covered bridge.

Usually the attack came from above from overhead rafters: Perched on this lofty seat, bricks and rocks were dropped in an indiscriminate manner. A pistol shot in this enclosed corridor sounded like a cannon. If you were driving a horse and buggy the horse also shared your consternation.

No matter how brave you felt, on approaching the covered bridge the goose pimples always came and the uncertainty of a surprise attack gave you a wonderful feeling when you had made it to the Tuscaloosa side.