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The Huffman-Harker Funeral

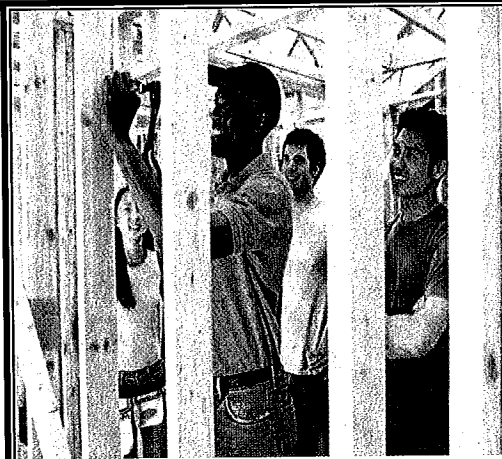
Home, located at 210 West Oak Street in Carbondale, began business as the Bonney Furniture and Undertaking Company in 1903. The company was incorporated on April 7th the following year. Wilson W. Bonney was the principle stockholder (48 shares at \$100 each), with partners Frank T. Joyner and Arthur T. Doerr each owning one share. From the outset, George Riley Huffman and Bonney ran the business, first located on South Illinois Avenue. In 1925, the Huffman Funeral Home opened in a handsome, two-story brick building, its current location. Four years later the business ceased to operate as a furniture store. Huffman's sons, G. Nyle and William Huffman, operated the funeral home from 1926 until 1987, when Harold L. Harker purchased the business. Today Huffman-Harker Funeral Home offers a variety of professional services, and is a strong business leader in the Carbondale community.

The **Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism** was organized and incorporated on the 31st of January,

1903, under the name "The Commercial Club of Paris." Its purpose was "to promote the growth, prosperity, and general business interests" of its namesake. The "Club" officially changed its name to the "Chamber of Commerce" on October 3, 1912, and was registered with the State of Illinois. In 1919, the Paris Chamber was responsible for bringing the manufacturing facilities of the Cummings Car factory, also known as the McGuire-Cummings Car Company, and later the Goding Shoe Company (1935). Other industries that came to Paris were Colsons, ICM, Midwest, Stewarts, the new Meco plant, and the Merkle Broom Factory. Through the years the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism has adapted to meet its goals, but its mission is nearly the same: "To provide information and promote business and tourism in the Paris area."



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