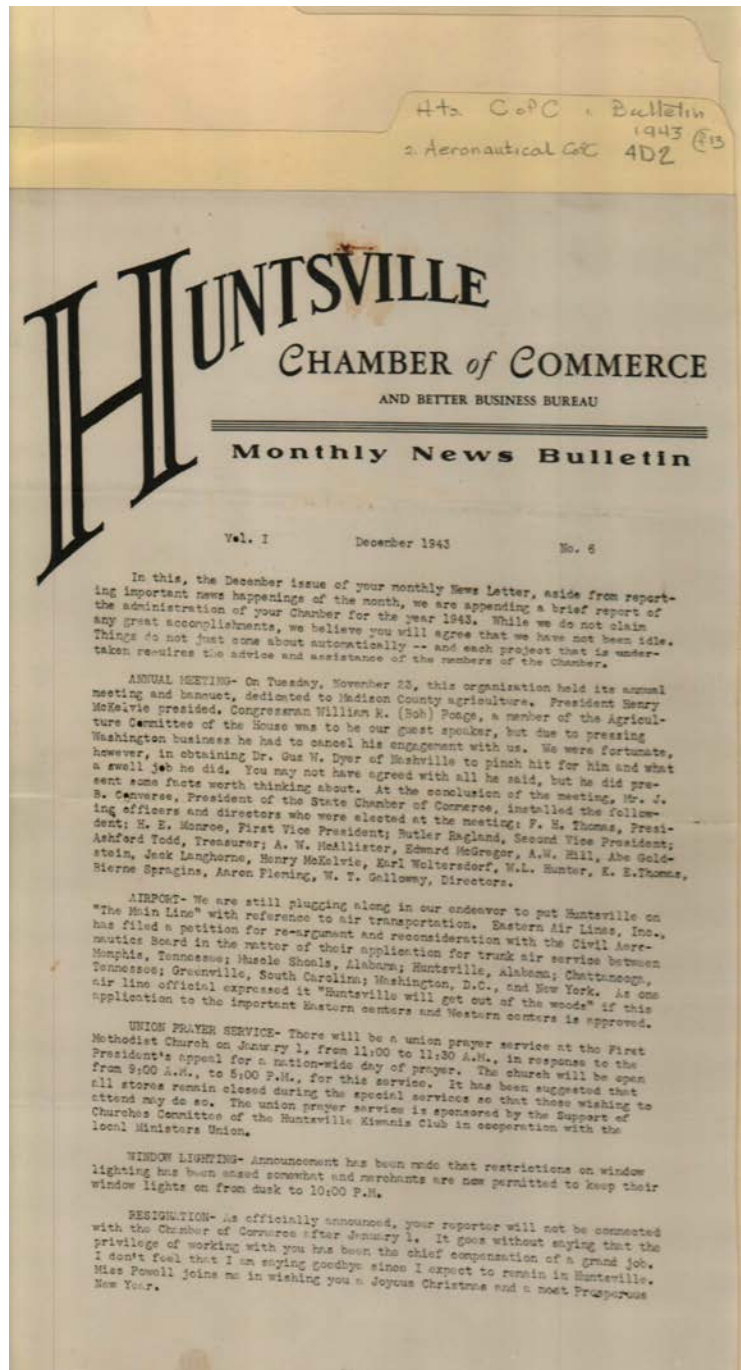


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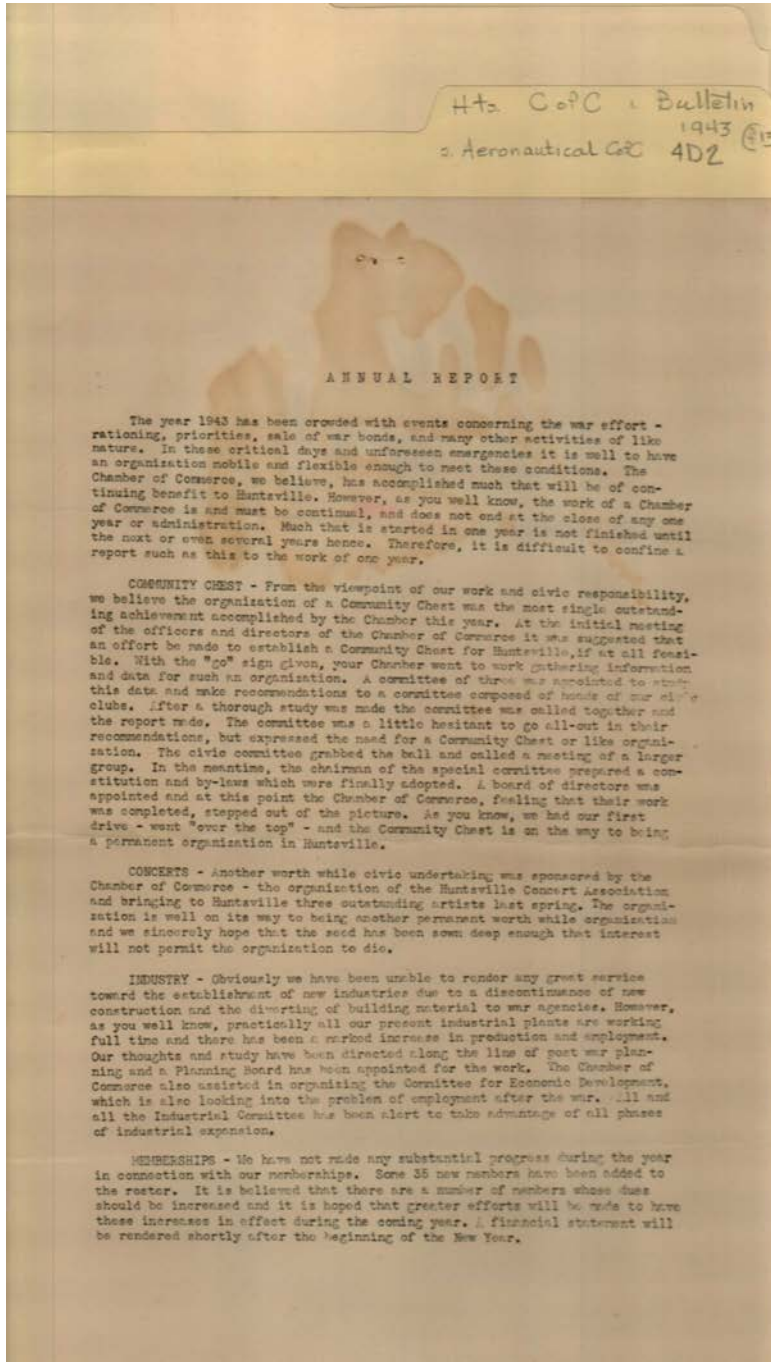
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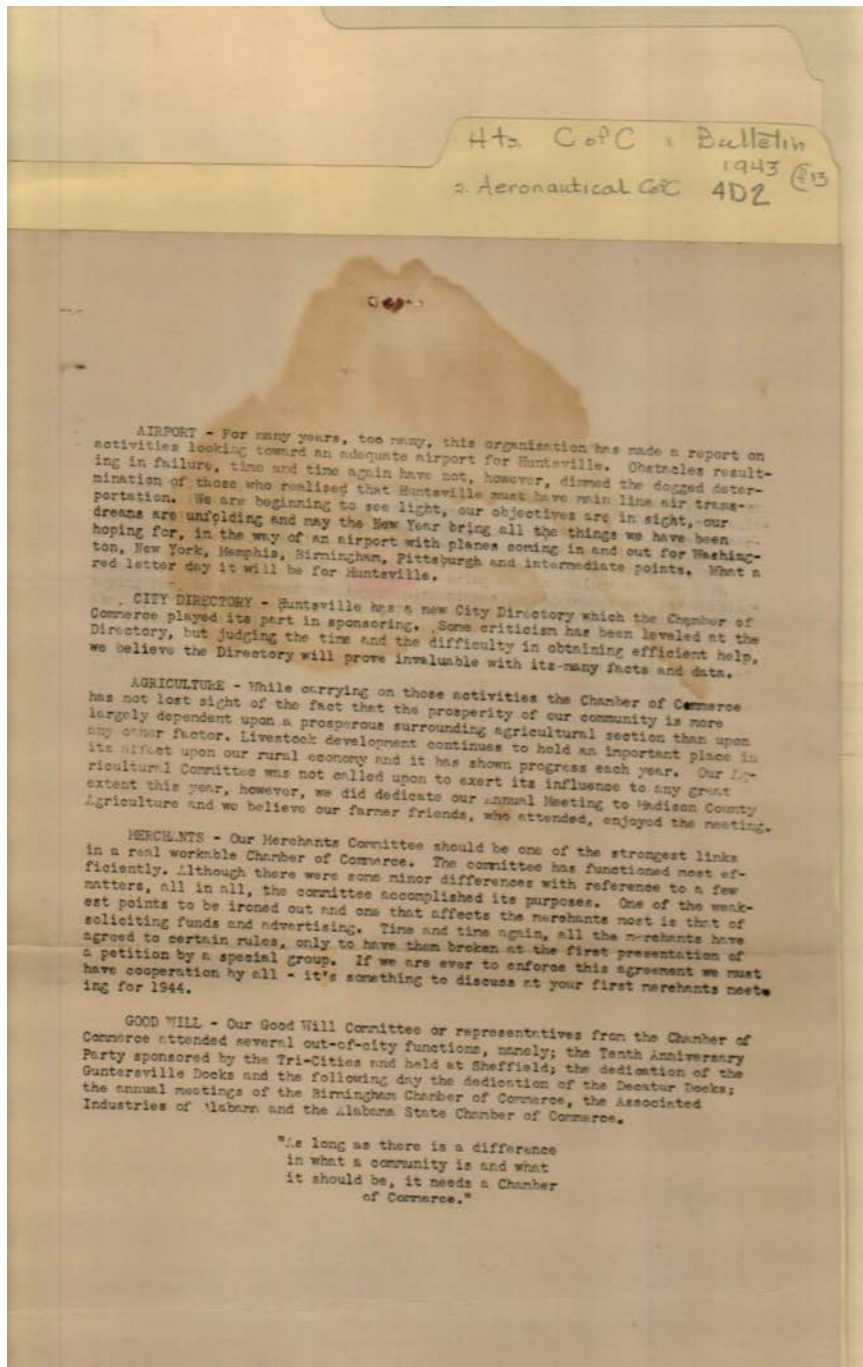
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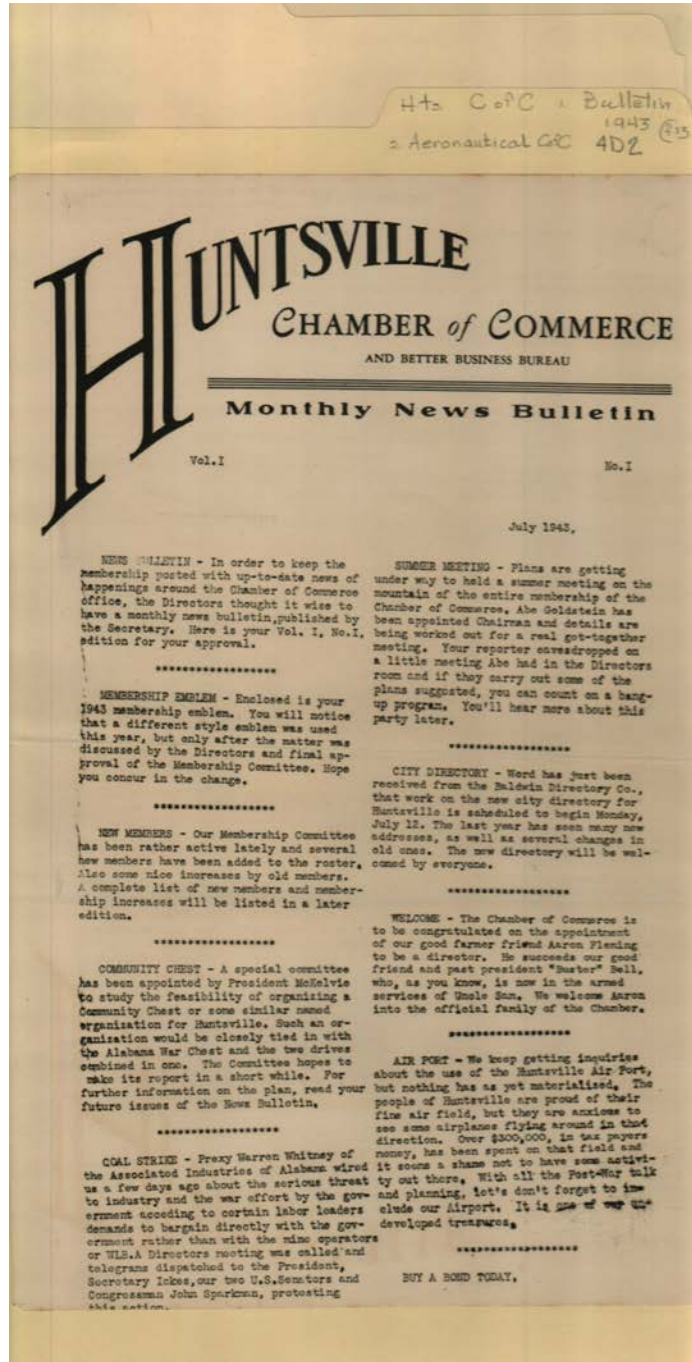
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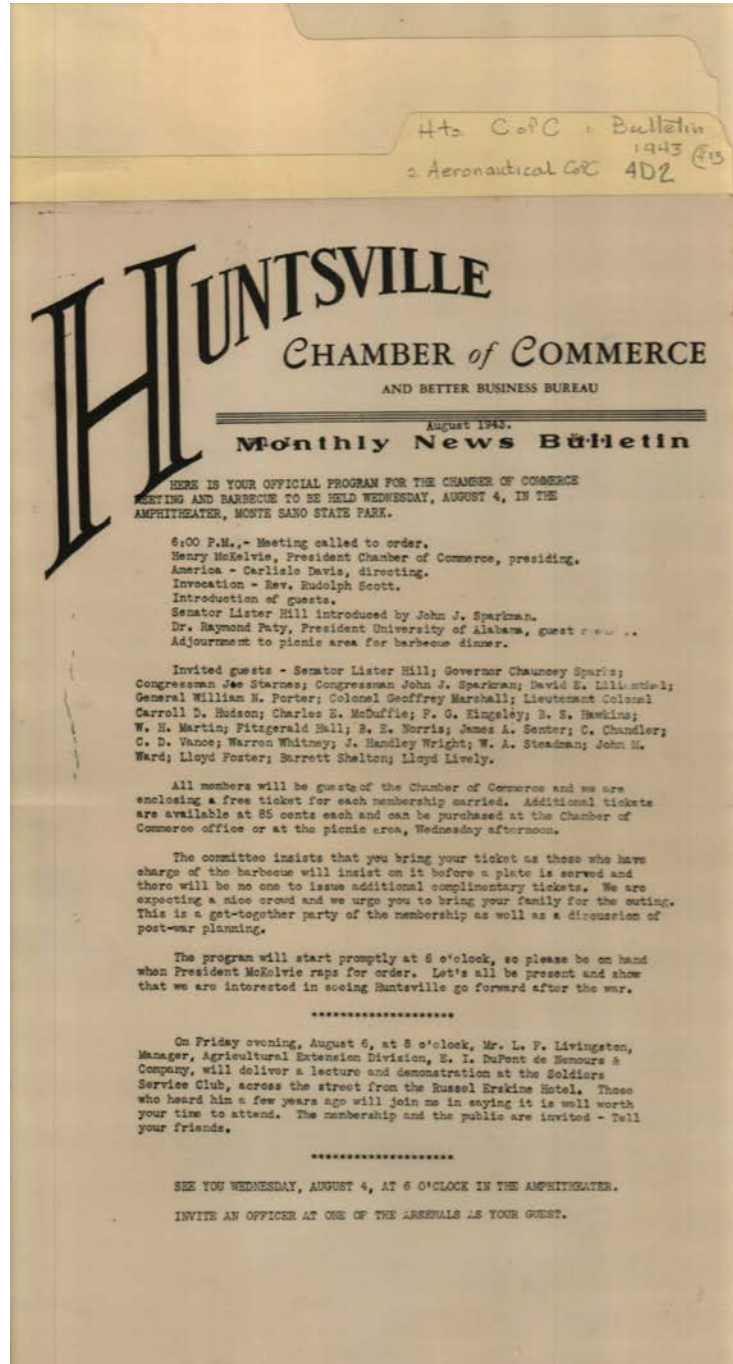
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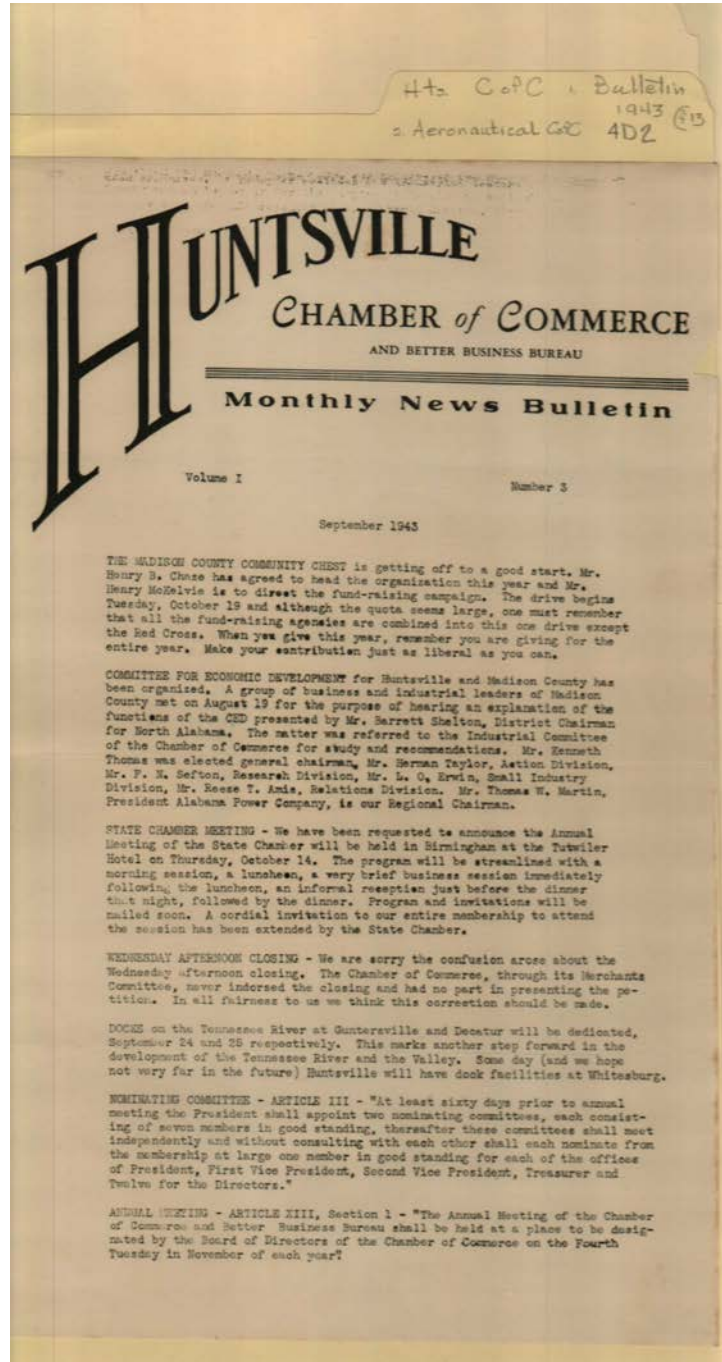
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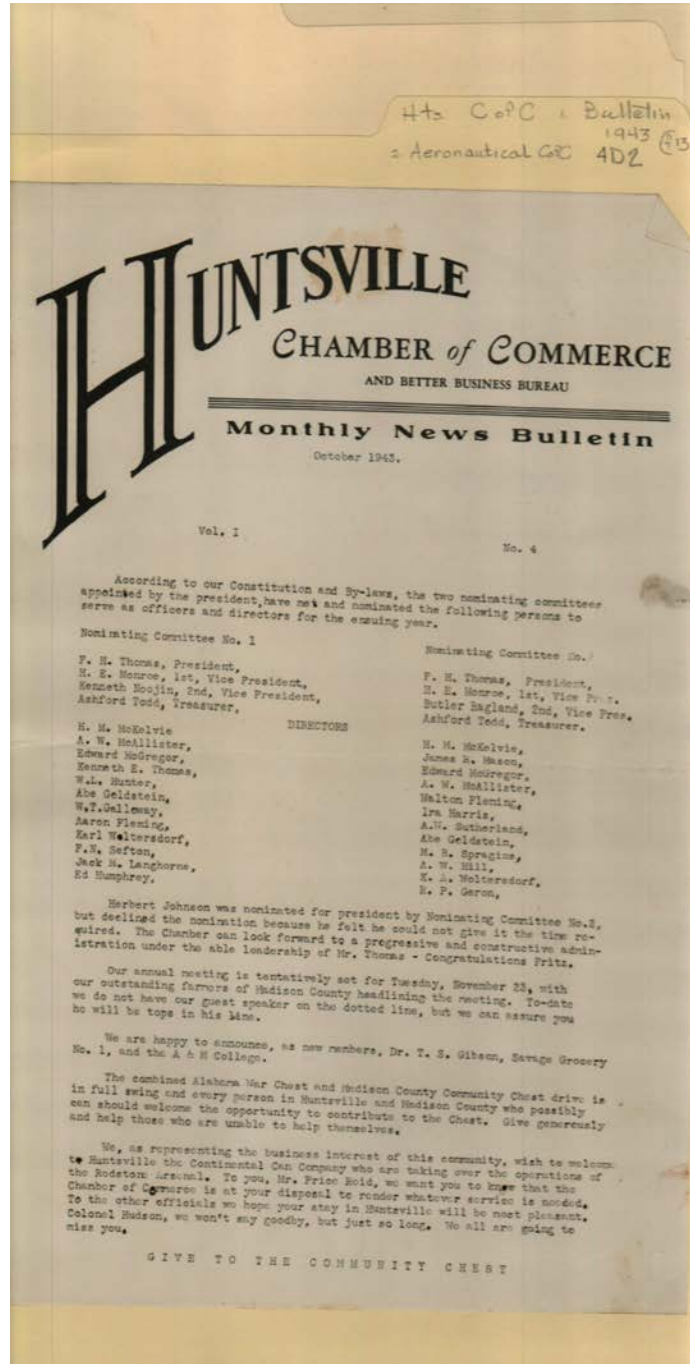
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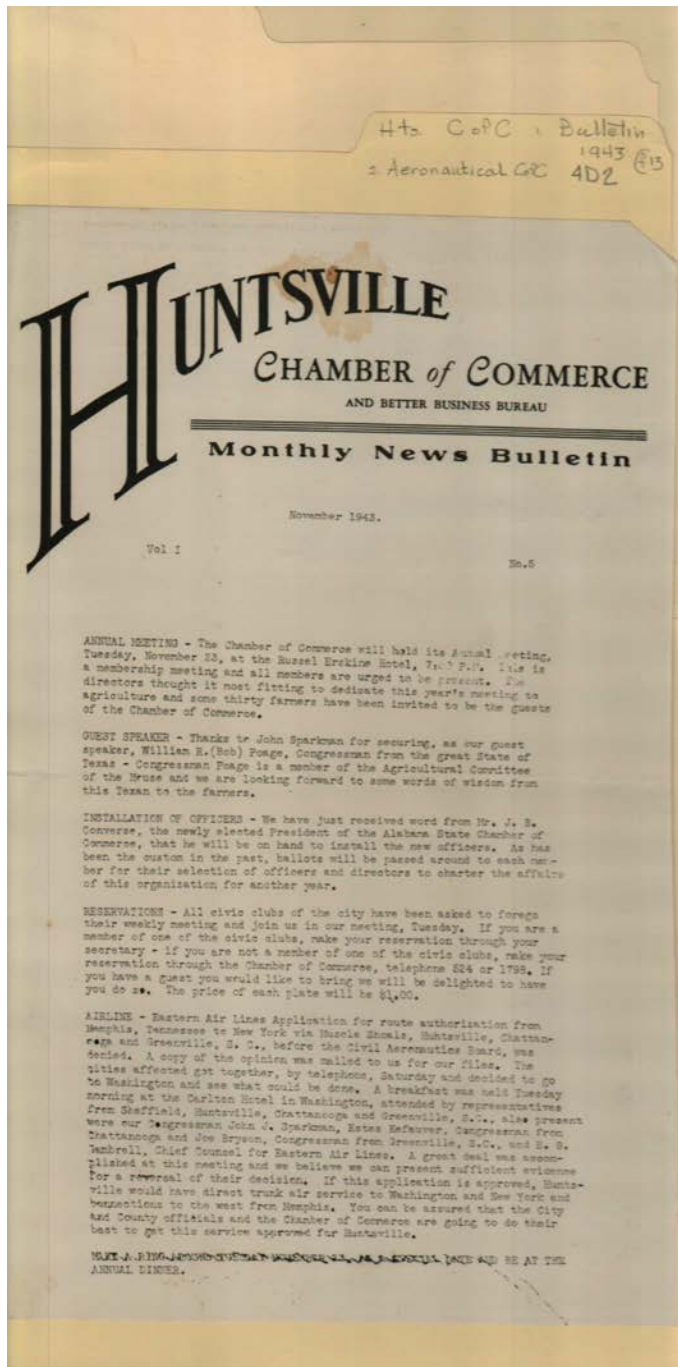
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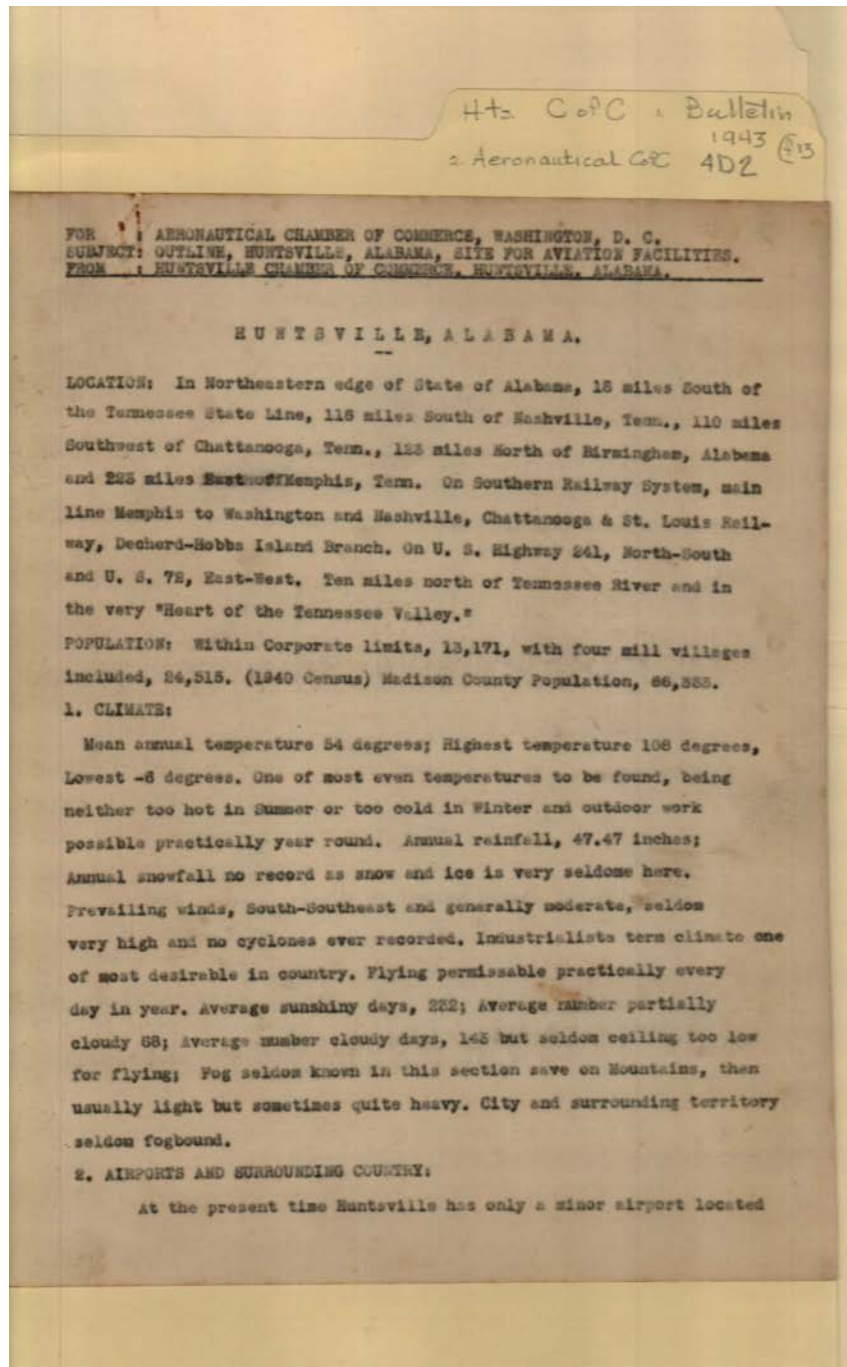
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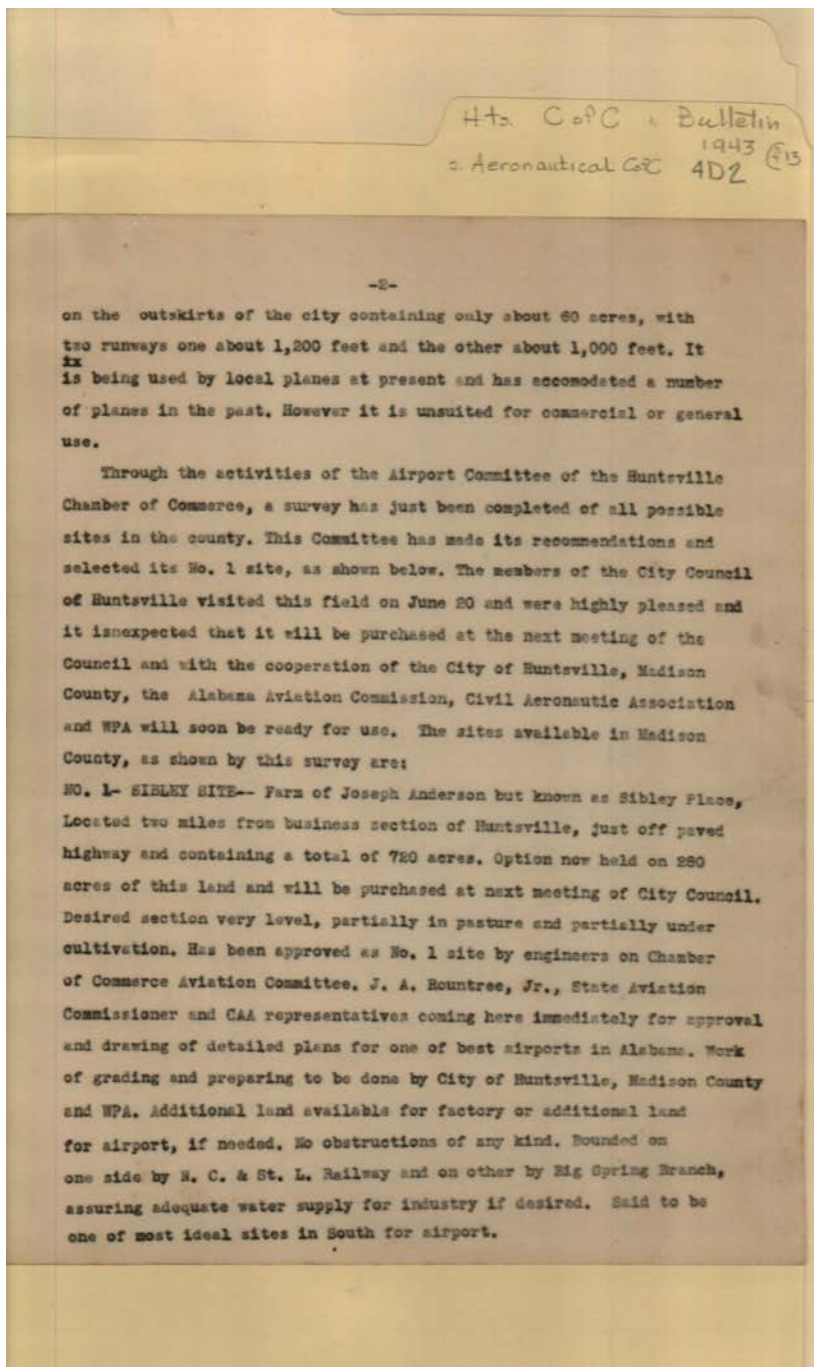
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SITE NO. 2- HERRIMACK HILL PROPERTY-- Consisting of 700 acres of level land located two miles from court house in Huntsville. Land most ideal that could be desired, having no obstructions of any kind and giving ample runways in any direction. Has railway switch onto property from Southern Railway and N. C. & St. L. Railway. Paved streets leading from city to location, also gravel highway on one side. Electric power available, but forms no obstructions. Located near Herrimack Manufacturing Company plant, but not too close to be objectionable.

SITE NO. 3- RHETT ET AL PROPERTY-- Beautifully located and level stretch containing 300 acres of land about one mile from heart of Huntsville with good roads leading thereto and bounded on one side by N. C. & St. L. Railway. Near Site No. 1 but probably not quite as desirable.

SITE NO. 4-- MERIDIANVILLE SECTION-- Lying from 6 to 8 miles North of Huntsville on and near Fayetteville Highway, or U. S. 241 and offering any desired amount of acreage. This is farming section, level to slightly rolling, partially under cultivation and partially in pasture lands. As much thereof available as desired. N. C. & St. L. Railway touches much of this property. Also about 20 miles from Fayetteville, Tenn.

SITE NO. 5-- MULLINS FLATS SECTION-- Another farming and graving section with unlimited acreage in level territory and suitable for any aviation facility. Located about 6 to 8 miles from Huntsville with ample highway facilities.

SITE NO. 6-- MADISON SECTION-- Another farming section that offers any desired number of acres and lying 8 to 12 miles from Huntsville in Southern direction and on main line of Southern Railway.

The above six sites are named as being among the most desirable. The first three are so listed on account of their nearness to Huntsville. All are ideally drained and any would make an ideal site for airplane manufacturing, landing fields or other aviation purposes. Attention is

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called to attached map of Madison county for locations according to number on each site.

3.- TERRAIN:

The general terrain of the section surrounding Huntsville shows that it is sheltered on the North, East and West by Monte Sano Mountain, a part of the Cumberland Range and by the foot hill mountain section of the ~~Appalachian~~ Appalachian chain, thus forming a natural barrier for defense purposes. However these are of sufficient distance from any of the above named sites so as not to form obstacles. In the northern part of the territory ranges from the mountains to gradually sloping and level territory. The immediate section around Huntsville is mostly level, with some rolling ground and in the extreme northern portion the mountains. To the South lies mostly level country and all is ideal for auxiliary landing fields or emergency field and forms plenty of sites for emergency landings. To the West is a slight range of hills, turning into level territory. The East also has a range of low mountains, ~~xxx~~ which is to be found vast stretches of level land, leading off to the Tennessee River that completely encircles the Southern boundary of Madison County and swings back to the westward.

4-ELEVATIONS.

The elevation of Huntsville shows 654 feet as the highest point in the city proper. The land near which the proposed airport is to be constructed will be about 550 to 600 feet. The northern or mountainous section will rise to about 1,700 feet, while this gradually lowers as it swings around the boundary of the North and Northeast and to the East. As it approaches the Tennessee River this will reach as low as 435 feet. Most of the territory will run on a comparative level elevation after leaving the mountains.

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RESOURCES:

1.- LABOR:

Huntsville has an unusually desirable class of both skilled and unskilled labor. Being a large textile center it is natural that it has a goodly number of both classes to meet the needs of the mills operating here. The depression period took from the city some of this class of mills and this has increased the supply now available for this purpose. This labor is of an unusually high and intelligent type, ranging from high school graduates to college graduates that would welcome an opportunity to enter other industrial fields. This labor comes from factory skilled workers and many from the agricultural and rural sections and is of a genealogical background of the very finest type, mostly pure Anglo-Saxon strain of native origin. There is less than one-tenth of one per cent foreign born or of foreign extraction in this territory and none of these are in industrial lines. It is dependable and easily adaptable to industry. Those industries here now report this labor as the easiest to train and most adaptable they have ever used and all are highly pleased with this labor.

At the present time the vast majority of this labor is either independent or belongs to The Progressive Workers of America, a purely local organization engaged in fighting the CIO and AFL through a purely local organization. They have had their lesson with the two national groups, as several years ago the CIO came into Huntsville and succeeded in getting a strong hold on labor. This brought strikes and much discord and the textile mills all closed down and the workers were out of employment for about two years. When the mills reopened the workers refused to rejoin either the CIO or AFL and steadfastly hold to that policy now. The CIO has made several attempts to gain their lost ground but the workers refuse to rejoin and at the present time they have, according to their own admissions, less than forty paid members and even that

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number is diminishing. They admit that they are defeated and that it appears they will never again be able to organize this community. The workers themselves are very bitter toward the CIO and AFL and say they will never again be taken in by this route as they have learned their lesson.

Most of these workers live in ~~six~~ one or the other of the four mill villages that are immediately adjacent to the corporate limits and are really a part of the city as the city furnishes them with fire and police protection but they are not a part of the city by agreement when these plants were located here. The 1940 census gives these four villages a total population of 11,344 population. Much of this is now seeking employment, the three textile mills now operating using but about 4,000 of this labor, thus there is a large supply of both male and female labor available for new industry. In addition Huntsville itself has a large industrial population, now working in other lines or that is also available.

Within an area of fifty miles from Huntsville lives a total of more than 275,000 people, mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits, that is all potential supply for any industry coming to the city. Aviation has attracted a large percentage of this possible labor supply and it would welcome an opportunity to enter that field.

Living costs in Huntsville, compared with those of other cities in this, or any other, section show that Huntsville is one of the most reasonable priced living communities anywhere. This applies to foods, clothing, necessities, luxuries, house and apartment rents and all other requirements for an ideal home city. Huntsville has always had the reputation of being one of the finest home cities of the country. There is to be found both homes and apartments for rent at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$70.00 in the best residential districts. This would

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to both executive and shop personnel. The city has one of the best retail shopping districts of any city its size in the country and is the shopping center for all Northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee, or the Southern section of that state. It has an abundant supply of recreational facilities, church facilities, a splendid system of city schools and the mill villages also have their own strong school systems and splendid school buildings.

Prevailing wage scales in Huntsville at the present will run for skilled mechanics, \$1.10 to \$1.75 hour; Unskilled mechanics, 80 to 70 cents per hour, with most on weekly basis of \$30 to \$30.00 per week; Machinists, finished, .85 cents to \$1.12 per hour; Machinists, lower bracket, .45 to 85 per hour; Roofers, metal, 40 cents to 85 cents per hour; Glaziers, .75 to \$1.00 per hour; Supervisory, \$150.00 to \$205.00 per month; Textile workers .32 to 60 cents per hour; Plasterers, 75¢ to \$1.25 per hour; Brickmasons 75¢ to \$1.25 per hour; Carpenters, finishers, .75 to \$1.25 per hour; Carpenters, Rough, 50¢ to 75¢ per hour; Foundry workers, 45¢ to 85¢ per hour and Head moulders 70¢ per hour.

2.- POWER AND FUEL:

Huntsville has just bought the facilities of the Alabama Power Company and July 1 will take over these properties and purchase electric power from the TVA. This means a decided reduction in the electric rates of the city, that have always been unusually low. This power will come from the TVA Dam at Guntersville, one of the largest units in the TVA electrification program, thus assuring one of the best supplies of power in the country. The rates to apply will be the standard TVA rates, with alternating current with service based on Standard Residential Rate ranging from 3¢ per kWh to as low as 0.75¢ per kWh according to amount used. The Basic Small Lighting/Rate will begin at 3.0¢ per kWh and reduce to .8¢ per kWh for amount over 2,00 hours.

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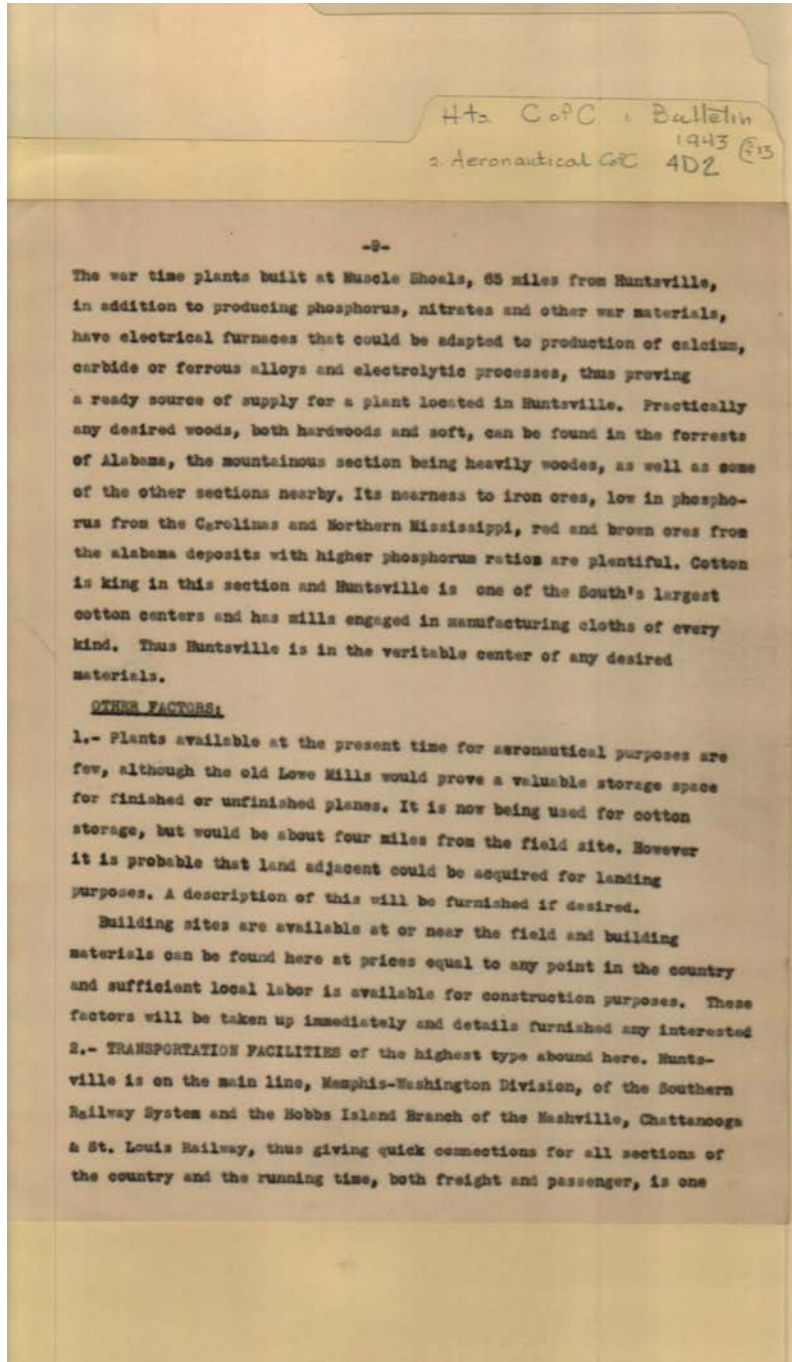
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The Basic Large Lighting and Power Rate, where demand exceeds 20 kilowatt hours per month has a demand charge of \$1.00 per KW for the first 1,000 KW of demand and .90 per KW for excess over 1,000 KW and the energy charge ranges from 8 mills per KWH for the first 15,000 KWH to 2.5 mills per KWH in excess of 500,000. The character of service is Alternating current, single or three phase, sixty cycles, with voltage supply being at the discretion of the customer. This is the standard TVA rates and the available supply of power is almost unlimited.

COAL- Huntsville has one of the most economical coal rates to be found anywhere. Being near the coal fields of Alabama and also receiving the famous Eastern Kentucky coals, the supply is steady and continuous and the demand is always within the supply carried locally. Rates for commercial users prevailing at the present on commercial or steam coal ranges from \$1.50 to \$1.75 at the mines, plus \$2.24 freight to Huntsville, making the price here range from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per ton delivered in Huntsville.

3.- MATERIALS.

No city is more accessible to raw and fabricated materials required by the aeronautical industry. Huntsville lies about equidistance between the famous Alcoa aluminum plants at Alcoa, Tenn., and the steel mines of the Birmingham district. Alcoa, the greatest aluminum factory in the world, is equipped to turn out vast quantities of aluminum for bodies and wings of airplanes and a special freight rate between Alcoa and Huntsville, of .63 cents per CWT makes this a most desirable site in this respect. Steel from the Birmingham and Gadsden districts moves into Huntsville at a low rate and can also be brought from Pittsburgh by berge on the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers and should the factory be located on the No. 1 field site, could easily be brought to the site by truck from the Tennessee River, eight miles distant at Whitesburg.



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of the best factors offered. Huntsville is also easily connected at Chattanooga with points North, East and Mid-West and also for the Atlantic Seaboard ports and the South. Connections are also made at Dechard, Tenn., by the N. C. & St. L. for the North, through Nashville, and other sections at Chattanooga.

Highway transportation into all sections is found through U. S. Highway 241 to North and South and U. S. 78 to East and West. Both are high type, hard surfaced highways offering speedy travel by this method. A large fleet of motor transports, operated by seven lines, gives Huntsville direct motor transportation service into all directions and with all principal cities. Bus service for passenger transportation is provided at regular intervals to Nashville, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Memphis and other connection points and is one of the best and safest in the country.

3- Strategic (Military) Advantages of Location.- No city is so ideally located in such a sheltered position as Huntsville. It is well within the safety zone as outlined by the War Department. Attention to the map of the United States, with the TVA territory shown in black on the first page of this brief, shows that Huntsville lies in the edge of the Cumberland and Alleghany Mountains as a natural barrier and is 400 air miles from the Atlantic Coast, 300 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, 800 miles from the Canadian Border and 2,000 miles from the Pacific Coast in a veritable natural citadel. It is the very heart of the more populous section of the United States, yet sufficiently remote from the larger centers as to be obscure and safe, and magnificently sheltered. There is no foreign element to enter into the picture, the people of this section being the purest strain of Americans. It is easily approached by rail, highway and water. It is 97 miles from Fort McClelland at Anniston, Ala., and 255 miles from Fort Benning at Columbus, Ga.; also

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221 miles from Maxwell Field at Montgomery, Ala.; 400 miles from the naval air base at Pensacola, Fla.; 116 miles from Fort Oglethorpe at Chattanooga; 289 miles from Fort Knox in Kentucky and 230 miles to Atlanta and Fort McPherson. With such a setup, no section of the country could be more ideal than Huntsville for the site of an industrial or aviation manufacturer, or other war work plant. It is near the largest aviation facility at Montgomery and near the other army posts mentioned, it is well sheltered and almost impregnable and in close proximity to any section of the country.

4. LOCAL AND STATE TAXES.- Alabama has one of the lowest industrial and manufacturing tax laws of any state in the Union. All of the property suggested herein for sites is outside the corporate limits of Huntsville and therefore would bear no city taxes. The county tax rate is as follows:

County tax per hundred-----	85	\$1.15
School tax rate per hundred-----		.50
State tax rate per hundred-----		.85
	TOTAL	\$2.50
Assessable basis, approximately 60 per cent of actual value.		
Finished products on hand not taxable unless over one year.		
Total assessed valuation of Madison County, 1938,		\$17,707,572.
Realty -----		\$12,422,040.
Personalty-----		\$ 2,412,042.
Public Utilities-----		\$ 1,980,332.
Railroads-----		\$ 893,158.

5.- LABOR LAWS:

Alabama has a most liberal code of labor laws, administered by the Department of Industrial Relations, State Capitol, Montgomery with Judge John D. Petree as Director. A brief digest of these laws sets out the following subjects: No State Wage and Hour Law; No Child Labor Law, save in the following instance, No child under 16 may be employed in operation or assisting in plants using circular, or band saws, wood shapers and joiners, planers, wood working or turning plants,

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job or cylinder presses, boring or drilling presses, sheet metal or tinwear, stamping plants, dough breaking plants, wire or iron plants, rolling mills, power machines or manufacturing establishments dangerous to health, life or limb; Using dangerous acids, railroads, steam boats, motor vehicles or in any place or occupation which the state board of health may determine to be injurious to the health or morals of children under 18. No employer may employ a child under 18 unless he keeps on file an employment certificate and a list of all persons under 18 whom he employs, save agricultural pursuits. No child under 14 may be employed in any gainful occupation except farm and domestic labor. Employers must supply women and girls employed in stores or shops with seats or facilities for resting when not actually engaged in work and must permit use of these facilities; Must provide separate water closets and keep establishment in sanitary condition, well ventilated and have separate water closets for each sex and have sanitary drinking fountains. There is no provision against strikes or picketing save it is provided that "If three or more persons meet together to do an unlawful act on a common cause, and make any advance to the commission thereof, they are guilty of a riot (rout), which is punishable by fine and imprisonment." (Code Section 5440.) "If they meet to commit a breach of the peace, or to do any unlawful act, they are guilty of unlawful assembly, and punishable as above" (Code Section 5439) "Any person unlawfully assembled who destroy or demolish, or attempt to do so, any building or vessel, they are punishable by fine and imprisonment." (Code Section 5441.) The Alabama Illegal Picketing Law has recently been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. In case of strikes arbitration is provided by the State Board of Mediation. Alabama has no state wage and hour law, or minimum wage law. The state does have a Workmen's Compensation Law and an Unemploy-

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ment: Compensation Law, just amended that gives a sliding scale based on experience rating that greatly reduced the cost to both the employer and employee. A digest of these laws will be furnished, if desired.

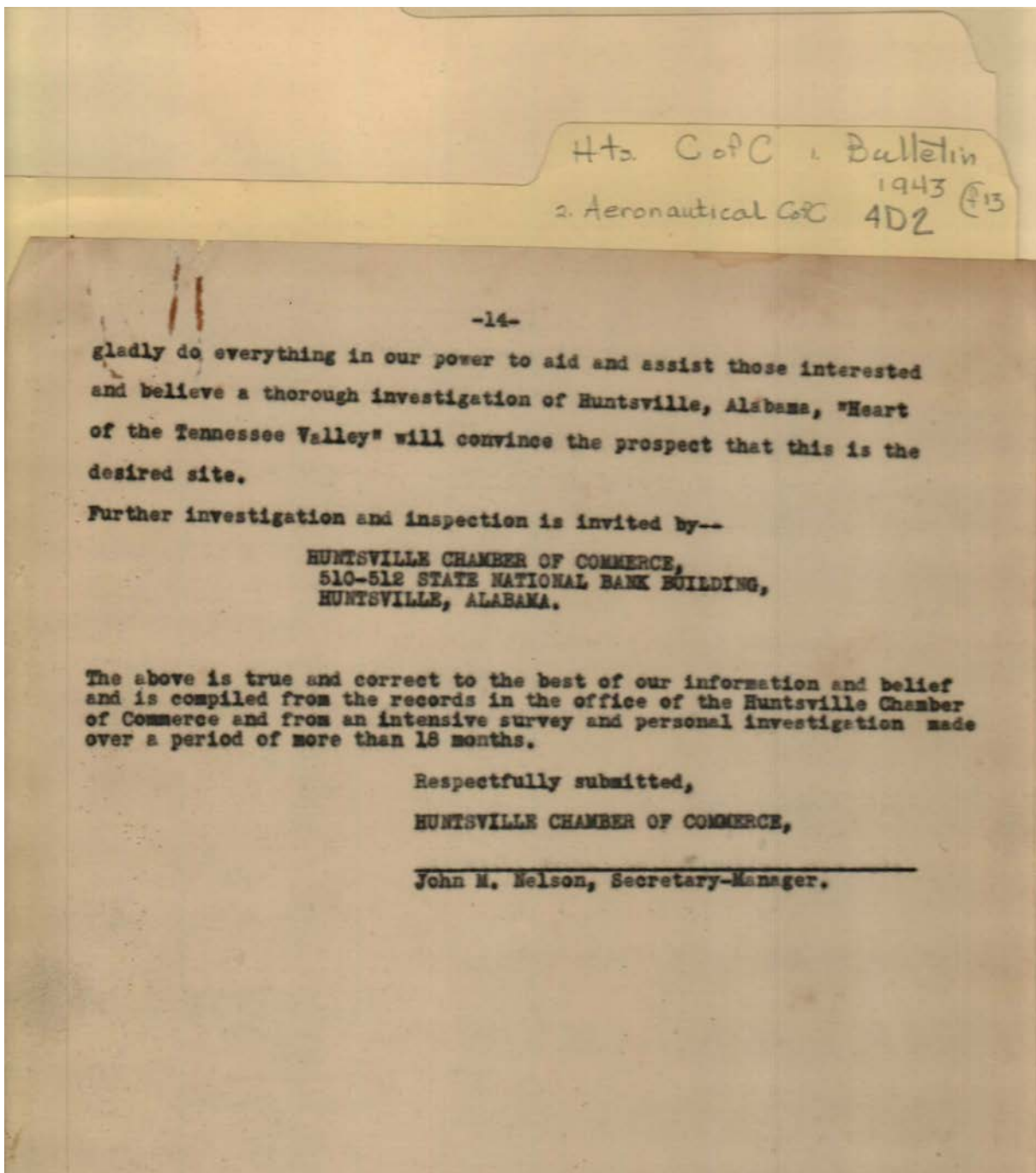
6- TYPES AND NUMBER OF TRADE SCHOOLS.-- None at present time but the WPA Vocational Training Department is now preparing to install such courses to train mechanics, skilled labor, and similar lines that will aid in providing automobile and airplane mechanics. A special course in airplane mechanics is being planned.

7- PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.--The WPA has a splendid course in this and the county has similar courses in its high schools. This is under competently trained supervisors in both the city and county schools.

8- LEADING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOCALITY.-- Textile mills is the leading industry of the community, there being three large ones now in operation employing approximately 4,000. In addition there is a stove and enamel plant, several small foundries, welding plants, ~~mixing~~ molding plants, sheet metal and tin working shops, nurseries, broom works, veneer plants, barrel stave plants, wood working plants and several smaller industries.

*OTHER CONCESSIONS-

9.- The Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, City of Huntsville and Madison County are working closely together to bring industry to this community. Each of the three is making every possible concession and these are worked out on the basis of the benefit of the industry to the community. Such concessions will be taken up with each individual case and everything possible to aid them will be done. It is probable that Madison County would waive its taxes for a period of five years for such an industry as airplane manufacturing. We will be pleased to go into these questions with any interested parties. Huntsville has every advantage an industry could require and has much to offer, but does not propose to buy industry in order to get them. However we will



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Chattanooga, Tenn., (Fort Oglethorpe)	76
Atlanta, Ga. (Fort McPherson)	141
Montgomery, Ala. (Maxwell Field)	161
Mobile, Ala. (Naval Air Base)	288
Anniston, Ala. (Fort McClelland)	87
Columbus, Ga. (Fort Benning)	166
Fort Knox, Ky.	244
Birmingham, Ala.	82
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Wheeler Dam	44
Wilson Dam	56
Pickwick Dam	90
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