

**OUT OF THE PAST**



**Do you know a Hueytown female who is lovingly known as "Booper"?**

The Betty Boop character was born in 1932. Her body was modeled after Mae West, and her voice was done by Mae Questal. Betty Boop starred in more than 100 cartoons, alongside guests such as Louis Armstrong and Cab Calloway. One of her films, "Riding the Rails," received an Oscar nomination. The cute and sexy Betty Boop was popular for several decades, being immortalized by dolls, toys, and other collectibles made in her likeness.

However, with the onset of the Hays code, Betty's creators were forced to dramatically change her appearance. Her hemline moved down to her knees and her character took a school marm persona. Gone was the cute and sexy Betty, and with it, her popularity.

In came the 1980's, and like so many cartoon favorites, Betty Boop was resurrected. Today, her cartoons are being re-broadcast, and she is as popular as ever.

**OLD TIME RADIO**

Our own Rube Carmichael, 93 years young, loves to tell the story of Hueytown folks traveling by wagon on Saturdays to come to his folks' home to listen to the radio. The fellowship was almost as good as the broadcast!

Put on your thinking cap! You may even CHEAT—get an "oldtimer" to help you with the answers:

Match the supporting characters with the radio series in which they played:

**Characters:**

Daisy June; Birdie Lee Coggins; Doc Gamble; Sapphire; Harry Von Zell; Louie (Larry Dobkin); Osgood Conklin; Rochester; Shrevie, the Cabdriver; Grandpappy Spears

**Radio Series:**

Fibber McGee and Molly; Our Miss Brooks; Jack Benny; The Shadow; Great Gildersleeve Show; The Amos 'n' Andy Show; Burns and Allen; Lum and Abner; Red Skelton Show; The Saint

Save your answers and attend the January 10, 2000, meeting to check your score!

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

Program Chair, Carolyn Vines, announced these plans for programs, beginning with the January 10, 2000, meeting:

- Family stories of early Hueytown, by Geri Worley and Carolyn Vines

- February 2000: Questions & Answers / Discussion Group regarding family histories and story projects
- March 2000: More stories of early Hueytown, from old letters and family stories
- The April and May meetings will be planned to add dimension to Hueytown SpringFest—celebrating 40 years of Hueytown's incorporation.
- FYI: There is a 30-minute video (vintage 1980's) cataloged in our HPLibrary: **FIRST THURSDAY IN HUEYTOWN**, produced by University of Alabama Public Television. **Alma Huey Vines is featured**, along with Red Farmer and Bobby Allison. **CHECK IT OUT!** You'll love the stories they tell.

**Fast Food in Hueytown**

**Sonny Bedford was no Ray Kroc, but we loved being able to get a quick burger!**



**Would you like fries with your order?**

**Sonny's Hamburgers opened November 11, 1966.**