

A Macon statue that had been the center of a controversy that spread to many parts of the nation in 1918 was found resting on a pile of scrap iron in the side yard of the Taylor Iron Works.

Known as the Lady of the Fountain, the statue once stood in a fountain in the Cotton Avenue Park in front of city hall. A group of Macon women objected to the nudity of the statue and demanded that City Council remove her.

A heated controversy followed, but on March 9, 1918, during the administration of Mayor Glen Toole, the statue was removed. Bridges Smith had placed the Lady in the park fountain during his term as mayor and was one of the champions of the cause to keep her there.

Later, Smith gave the statue to

George Riley who had been chief of police during Smith's administration, and Riley took her to his country home in Houston County.

Sometime around 1945, the Lady became the property of C.A. McAlister, president of Taylor Iron Works. It was noted that the statue was badly in need of a new coat of paint. The metal umbrella which once sheltered her from the rain was rusted and had a large hole in it.

McAlister said he hoped some day to have the Lady repaired, but he had no plans for the statue at

and is pictured in the top row at right, identified some of the children including ... ritt in the front row, and Carey Keen and Micky Windt in the second row. If you have a photo ma or more years ago that you would like to share, please have a photographic copy made so that you original. Attach as much identifying information as possible to the photo and send to Neighbors, Macon, Ga. 31208. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of the photo.

that time. He noted that it was not for sale at any price.

One of the most enthusiastic group activities at the Booker T. Washington Community Center was the Teen-Age Club, an organization of high school girls and boys. Set up primarily to offer supervised recreational activities, the club also offered service projects and arts and crafts at its twice monthly meetings.

Officers included Melvin Gasaway, president, along with Warren Williams, treasurer; Ruby

Billings, secretary; Scott, vice president.

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