**City Different Today**

**For Retired Rector, 96**

**By JACKIE O'BRIEN**

A very long and loved gentleman with a generous nature, John Allen claims that in his 90 years of life he has helped all who asked. He worked for the railways, the government, and various industries, always giving his best to whatever job he had.

**THE THORNBERYS**

Mr. John Allen, who passed away last year at the age of 96, was known for his kind and generous nature. He was a member of the St. James Parish and was very active in community affairs. He was a lifelong supporter of the St. James Episcopal Church and was a member of the church's vestry and other committees.

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Dr. W. B. Thornberry, a retired Rector, has passed away at the age of 96. He was a dedicated community leader and a respected member of the community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

**PEABODY'S GENERAL STORE:**

**Big Clock and Cracker Barrel**

Lyman Burt Peabody, the father of Mrs. Florence Evans of Peabody St., came to Birmingham in 1868 and settled in the town. He opened a general store on the present location of Lake's Jewelry. Mrs. Evans recalls that it had a big clock, the traditional cracker barrel, as well as penny candy, dry goods and work clothes for sale.

Peabody became a trustee of the Peabody Church in 1857 and was a member of the church from its earliest days. He was a member of the board of directors and was an active member of the church.

**IT WAS when his father was a child that the clock was installed. It was an invention of the great clockmaker, who lived in Grant County, Indiana. The clock was made of solid oak and was driven by a large, brass weight, which was wound once a week. The clock was very accurate and was used by many people in the area.

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On May 1, 1969, the Birmingham Gazette ran a story about the life of Thomas H. Anthony, a prominent business leader in the city.

Thom H. Anthony, a Birmingham native, was a long-time resident of the city and was a leader in the local business community. He was known for his involvement in various charitable organizations and for his dedication to the city.

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