

Foreword

The Badin Bulletin was published by the Tallassee Power Company in Badin, N. C. from September, 1918 to December, 1920. It gave a vivid word-and-picture view of the new, self conscious, and very ambitious town and the aluminum smelting plant which engendered the town. Occasionally, the Company also published a Prospectus, designed to attract workers to the plant and town. The prospectuses and other types of advertisement, including a lantern slide show, were used chiefly in North and South Carolina.

In 1967 the Badin Branch Library Committee began to collect materials for a Local History section. Among the materials which formed the nucleus of the collection were a few frayed copies of the Badin Bulletin. During a year and a half of collection, several citizens donated copies of the half-century-old publication. Mrs. Brooks S. Liles (nee Sallie Quarles Walke) and Mr. Aaron J. Rice contributed their entire collections. The Aluminum Company of America donated issues of which the files held duplicates. Single copies of some issues were found, and Works Manager W. B. Russell authorized his secretary, Miss Catherine Mason, to make Xerox reproductions of these for the collection. Late in 1968, the collection was almost complete, lacking only two issues. Alcoa's Corporate Archives in Pennsylvania were searched, to no avail. In response to a final appeal in the Stanly News and Press newspaper, Mrs. Quentin H. Burris located copies of the final two. Even though a few pages were missing from one, Xerox copies were made, and the collection was considered complete.

The Friends of the Badin Library organization provided funds for binding the collection. In order to keep the books from being so bulky as to be inconvenient in use, two volumes were bound:

Vol. I Sept. 1918 - Dec. 1919 and one Prospectus
Vol. II Jan. 1920 - Dec. 1920 and two Prospectuses

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