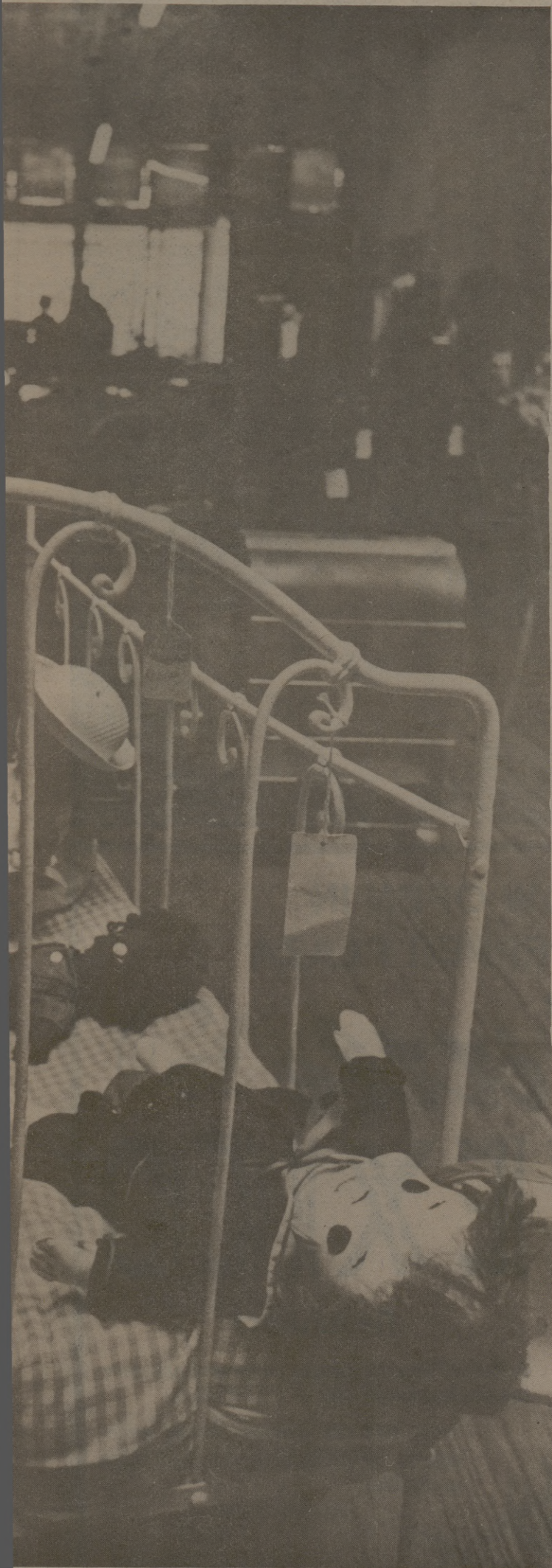


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Calvert is a town of the past. Once a major cotton export and trade center, it now depends on the many antique shops that line Main Street.

Although the community began as "Sterling" in the Sterling C. Robertson Colony of the 1820's, it was re-named for Judge Robert Calvert when the Houston and Texas Central Railroad was established in 1868 and the town was moved two miles to the right of way.

As in many old Texas towns, the buildings are the same, only the names have changed. The Casimir Drugstore is now the Fife and Drum; the Jacques Adoue Building is The Boll Weevil where 19th century carved birds can be purchased for a mere \$145 each.

Grandma's Attic holds many treasures in a display case. Many of the shops, like Grandma's, also sell new things, like baskets. Gray's Ye Old Antiques boasts aisles of antique chests.

Peach Tree Hill, The Blue Goose, Cobb's Market, Castle Antiques. It just de-

pends on what you're looking for, but a "find" will usually be there. Spinning wheels, cigarette cases, jewelry, bubble gum machines, tables, photographs and frames.

Many of the shops have guest books — people from Roseill, New Baden, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, Waco, San Antonio

and Harker Heights think it's worth trip and the people from Oklahoma, California, Louisiana and Florida must think it's something special.

The "Antique" town which had casino tables stacked with gold during it's heyday is on Highway 6, 38 miles from College Station.



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