

# FARMERS GAZETTE

I've spent many years living in this community. The place we call Maycomb. Families have been grown here and have flourished. We've learned to deal with things appropriately and have even dealt with much worse. But times are different now. We are facing something that is testing us. I would expect from the respectable community of Maycomb that we would be able to logically make a decision. The right decision. A man that has a family, and is even disabled couldn't possibly commit such a crime.

A negro man by the name of Tom Robinson is someone that I've had first person experience with. Robinson has been nothing but good to my company, and does his job to the fullest. He gets it right on the first time too. Not to mention he has a wife and kids. Now, to believe someone like him to commit such a heinous crime is ridiculous. What would be his motive? The people of Maycomb need a serious wakeup call. We all know the truth. I don't understand how some of most intellectual people I know, can make the dumbest decisions. I think the reason you all refuse to believe this man is because he is a negro. No matter how respectable a man is, if he is a negro, then he is nothing good. You'd all rather send a man to the chair because he is black, rather than convict another man because he is GUILTY?

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## Beyond Injustice

If you all think justice is being served, then I don't know what justice is.

I stand up for what I believe. Always have and always will. That day in court is no different. If only everyone in this town was born with some sense, they would have understood what I did and why I did it. Everyone knew that Miss Ewell

was fibbing big time. How could anyone you have not seen it? What justice do you think was being served by allowing this young lady to tell a bald-faced lie? You've disappointed me as a town. As a local businessman and loyal citizen of Maycomb, I can honestly say that Tom Robinson is physically incapable of



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of committing such a crime. He works for me and I would know his physical condition all the time. From plain observation, Tom's left arm is longer than his right. How would he be able to pursue this woman if one of his limbs were not working properly? When Tom was swearin' to the Lord's graces on the bible, his other hand slammed against the clerks desk. Upon witnessing this, I thought this would have been a key example to the jury that Tom's arm clearly could not work. But again, because of his race, evidence is faulty.

Let's get into the Ewells. We all know who they are. But do we care? No. They are from a part of town that we folk don't care for. But in this case, because Ms. Mayella was attacked by a negro, we look at the case as simple as this: White woman vs Black man. And nothing else. Mayella couldn't even get her facts straight to save her life. "No, I don't recollect if he hit me. I mean yes I do, he hit me." She said to Atticus. This woman clearly doesn't know the difference between what is up or down, so how are you all so sure she was telling the truth? Her story and explanation changed so much throughout the trial, but Tom's stayed the same. What'd he have to lose anyway? I do feel sorry for the trauma that Ms. Ewell did endure, but that leaves no excuse for her to be spreadin' lies on the count of a mans life. Now onto Mr. Ewell, the scum of scum. This man drinks on a daily basis and doesn't care for the wellbeing of his own family. If it'd be me, I'd be more than happy to get rid of him.

After the trial had ended, I took in Helen, Mrs. Robinson. She was

in need of a job and with all them kids she's got, I knew I owed something to Tom. Helen had been telling me about how Mr. Ewell had been terrorizin' her all the time she had been making her way to my facility. He had even once stoned her. Now Ms. Helen could have been yellow, red, or any color under the rainbow, but I would never stand for some ignorant yellow belly bastard disrespecting a lady like that. I lost my marbles one day when Helen had come to me about Mr. Ewell fussing with her. I discovered him and told him straight, "Now hear me, Bob Ewell: if I hear one more peep outta my girl Helen about not bein' able to walk this road I'll have you in jail before sundown!". I think that just might show y'all the type of man and family we are dealing with here. A bunch of know-nothings!

I know that in **most eyes** of you all, Tom Robinson deserved everything he got. But getting shot seventeen times? That's just flat out ridiculous. You can't blame Tom for trying to escape now can you? Tom knew his fate from the beginning. He knew how was going to be handled in the jailhouse. Because of his skin color he knew, and like we all knew, he was going down. Despite his demeanor in court, Tom knew he couldn't go down without a fight. It was chance he took, and it backfired. But his death does not make up for the torture he had to endure by the court and the injustice made by the hands of jury. Think about that for a second now.

I, Deas, am coming to you from a point of view that stands for the righteousness of Maycomb and everything that's good. I stand for and behind Thomas Robinson for now and ever. I'd wish you all did the same in that courthouse. God bless you all.

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#### FROM THE EDITOR

My prayers go out to the Robinson's and everything they have gone through. We can make it through this. They just don't know.

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