



***Several months ago we promised to tell the story of W.P. "Bill" Atkinson - the late publisher of the Oklahoma Journal, gubernatorial candidate, earlyday homebuilder, and founder of Midwest City. And we're especially excited to have the inaugural edition of the Oklahoma Journal, which challenged Atkinson's rivals, E.K. Gaylord and E.L. Gaylord, and their leading newspaper, The Daily Oklahoman.***

***We were delayed by problems with the website, the release of a couple of books, and then the launching of the community wide alliance of Oklahoma City history enthusiasts, Retro Metro OKC. But now we are ready to delve into what will be the most substantial addition yet to [www.okchistory.com](http://www.okchistory.com) . What follows is the first of a series of installments about the Oklahoma Journal and W.P. "Bill" Atkinson.***

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*Today* 2 FURNISHED HOUSES

Open 2:00 to 9:00 P. M. Sunday

(1) 2500 N. W. CUMMINGS DRIVE

← Go out 23rd, turn north one block west of Villa Theater, follow the arrows to Cummings Drive. This, the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bieser, built by Bill Atkinson, has been furnished with "Young America" furnishings by our Home Planner's Bureau. It's complete . . . floor coverings, draperies, furniture . . . awaiting your inspection.



(2) 2002 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Go through Nichols Hills to West Nichols Hills, or go north on May Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard. This Normandy cottage, built by G. A. Nichols, is furnished with Grand Rapids furniture. The fabric used for draperies in the living room appeared on the front cover of the last House & Garden.



