



## **The Hillsboro Story – Excerpts**

### **The County Engineer**

Phillip Partridge, poised and particular, was short on patience when it came to people trying to fold the same old attitudes into whole new possibilities. America was in motion. The Supreme Court had officially ended segregation. But it was one thing to talk about it and another thing to level the playing field. Philip Partridge was an athlete. He understood fair play. Highland County needed to update its social contract, redesign a new set of boundaries. This was a time for progress -- not Dynaflo or polyester -- but true progress, the kind that lifts the spirits and nudges people into curious eye to eye connection. It was time to wake up from the American dream and face a brave new world. This country had developed the Bomb and fantastic ad campaigns for Lucky Strikes. Why not apply all that genius and persuasive energy to developing the heart?

With a fatalistic faith in the voices in his head and a sense of urgency as an agent of change, the Philip Partridge went to work with a single tool, a match.