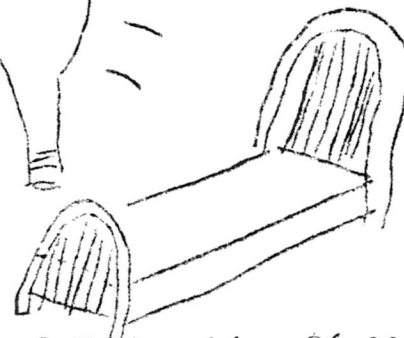
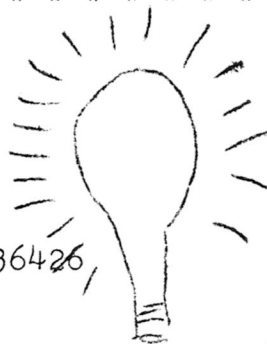
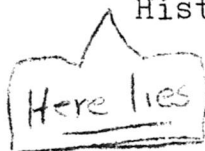


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PROGRAM - "TELL-IT-ALL", group participation

Mrs. Annie Waters had this idea for an amusing and interesting informal program which everyone should enjoy taking part in. We all have memories of strange and unusual events for which there was never an explanation, a supernatural happening, family legend or tradition, frightening cemetery episodes, unbelievable sights, or some mischievous act for which the perpetrator was never identified. This is your opportunity to "tell-it-all." Come and bring a friend. The public is always welcome.

We mourn the passing of Mrs. Annie Laurie Larkin Lindsey of Montgomery, one of our members, and extend sympathy to all the members of her family. Mrs. Lindsey permitted us to publish one of her lovely poems in the quarterly some time ago.

MUSEUM FUND PROJECT - NOW \$18,608.61, with firm commitments for another \$1,100.00. The following donations have been made since the May newsletter was published:

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JUNE 23, 1896  
THE PINE BELT NEWS  
Picnics And Public Speaking

On June 26th (next Friday) there will be a grand picnic given at Atmore. Game of ball in the afternoon. Musical entertainment at night. Hon. J.H. Bankhead and others will make political speeches, the event of the season.

At Bradley on July 4, the good people of that community will feed a mighty throng on "the fat of the land." Big barbecue and basket dinner. County candidates will light the fuse that explodes the opening gun of their campaign. Everybody invited.

July 10th at McGowin's Ferry there will be a big basket dinner spread by the people who live on both sides of the river. The candidates will be on hand and speak. Both sides to be represented. Go by all means.

The Pine Belt News, June 30, 1896-- There will be a picnic at Franklin's dead river, just below the O'Bannon old mill, July 4th. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the day with the citizens of that neighborhood.

-- From Records of Ed Leigh McMillan

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November 10, 1896, The Pine Belt News  
\$30,000 BLAZE

At about ten o'clock Monday evening a negro boy passing up St. Joseph Avenue noticed smoke coming out over the door of W.P. Martin's store. He quickly notified Night Policeman Rogers who gave the alarm. Bells began to ring and soon a large number of people were on the scene.

By this time dense volumes of smoke were pouring out of Martin's store at every crevice. The front door was broken in and the flames leaped out, making it impossible to save any of the goods. The mass of humanity with one accord endeavored to save adjoining property, in the shape of brick buildings and stocks of goods. An ineffective stream of water from the hand fire engine was directed upon the angry flames, but the calm evening was very favorable to getting it under control.

The fire spread very rapidly in both directions to Brewton Drug Co.'s building and John Christian's. Then to Mrs. Emma Franklin's and C.D. Powell's. At Padgett-Foshee Co's building it was checked, though as if by Providence. Every moment the spectators expected to see it abalze, but the excellent work of a bucket brigade kept it back. The gallery in front of Padgett's and Downing's buildings were torn down, and this materially helped to keep the fire from going durther in that direction.

After licking up the bulk of Powell's stock of goods, the fire spread to T. Philipson's and Escambia Drug Co's. Here it was again stopped. Frame warehouses in the rear of the burned stores were kept wet by a constant stream from the fire engine, and did not ignite.

One could hardly pass along the main street at the hottest period of the fire, and buildings on the opposite side were also treated to baths.

Goods of all kinds were scattered over the streets and here and there could be seen immense heaps saved from burning buildings.

Dr. Martin was absent in New Orleans buying goods. He arrived at 3 a.m. Tuesday. Sam Philipson was in Atlanta and J.M. Padgett and wife were in Evergreen at the time.

The losses as near as can be estimated, are as follows:

H.T.Parker, 5 brick buildings valued at \$6,500.00, no insurance.

J.E.Martin, 2 brick buildings, \$2,000, no insurance.

Escambia Drug Co., stock of drugs, \$600, no insurance.

T.Philipson, dry goods, clothing, etc., \$600, no insurance.

C.D.Powell, fancy groceries, \$2,000, \$950 insurance.

John Christian, restaurant and small stock candies, \$500 no insurance.

W.P.Martin, general merchandise, \$8,000, \$5,000 insurance.

Brewton Drug Co., drugs, etc., \$3,500, \$2,000 insurance.

Mrs. Emma Franklin, millinery goods; \$1,000, no insurance.

Padgett-Foshee Co's Brewton Grocery Co's and G.F. Arnold's stocks of merchandise were damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by moving.

Dr. McLendon lost some valuable surgical instruments.

H.W.Hugger's loss is about \$200 on the new drug store, which was not quite ready to be received by Dr.Martin.

The losses fall heavily on all the parties, most especially on Mr. H.T.Parker.

It is said that Dr.Martin will rebuild soon, but the rumor is current that the Parker block will not for the present be rebuilt.

How the fire originated will remain an unsolved mystery unless some light is turned on it, which is improbably.

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### WOLVES

Dr. J.T.Boyd told me this interesting story which he says is authentic, it having been told to him many times by his grandmother, who remembered the incident well.

To go behind the story: In the year 1818 several families of immigrants came from South Carolina, among them being Dr.Boyd's great-grandfather and grandmother (Jones) and their family. Dr.Boyd's grandmother was a little girl about ten years old at the time. This family settled on Walnut Creek, at a place about six miles from the present town of Troy, in Pike County.

In the late fall of that year, after they had built a cabin home and cleared some ground for a farm, late one afternoon the negroes came running to the house, crying, "The wolves are coming," and the children - negroes and others about the place - were gathered in the house, and peeping out through the windows saw, marching in military formation (in columns of four) a long line of wolves, and following the leader these wolves crossed a foot-log on Walnut Creek (in single file probably). These wolves travelled past continuously for four day and four nights, turning neither to the right nor to the left, and disburbing no cattle nor any one. After the first day the people, children and all- walked out of the house and stood watching the wolves as they passed. The wolves made no noise at any time. This was a movement of the wolves toward the West from the forests of Alabama, and thereafter it is said that very few wolves were seen in the south-eastern part of Pike County.

--Ed Leigh McMillan