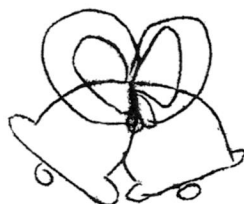


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NOTICE OF MEETING:

Tuesday, December 27, 1977 - 7:00 p.m.
at Brewton Public Library

Program: Miss Rita Jane Boykin - "Brides,
Births, and Beginnings" and
Mrs. Annie C. Waters - "Jottings
and Tidbits"

Miss Rita Jane Boykin and Mrs. Annie C. Waters, both retired teachers and avid collectors of history items and antiques, are joining their efforts to bring a program with a variety of subjects and information that everyone will enjoy. Miss Boykin has collected several wedding articles and an elopement written up in the amusing fashion of early-day journalists, and will read a good portion of these for our entertainment. Mrs. Annie C. Waters will be turned loose to tell us of some of the most interesting items from her extant history notes and files. This should be a most interesting way to close out 1977. Come and bring a friend.

\$150,000.00 Firm Commitment for Museum! In accordance with the request of the family making the commitment for \$150,000.00 for the museum fund, the Society will be asked to give final approval of the name to be submitted to the Jefferson Davis Junior College Board for the museum and to authorize the Treasurer, Bert M. Campbell, Jr. to extend funds collected to the college for the museum building.

FORMER PILOT CLUB OF BREWTON has donated its funds of \$4141.20 to the museum fund. The Brewton Pilot Club surrendered its charter in 1962 and disbanded leaving their funds in a trust for some worthy cause to be selected by the group who were members at the time it disbanded. Recently the group voted to contribute the trust fund to the museum fund. We appreciate their consideration. The members were: Miss Eleanor Booker, Miss Merlie Booker, Mrs. Ethel Claire Briggs, Miss Dorothy Campbell, Mrs. Bessie Fay, Mrs. Elizabeth LeVert Robertson, Mrs. Hesta May, Mrs. Marylena Lewis, Mrs. Marguerite Northcutt, Mrs. Voncile Snyder, Mrs. Jimmie Steadham, Mrs. Lillian Levy, Mrs. Cordie Thompson, Mrs. Inez Waller, Mrs. Bennette Watson, and Mrs. Myrtise West.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for ROSTER OF OFFICERS FOR 1978 and 1979 now at work--Mrs. J.D. (Gladys) Byrd, Chairman, Mrs. Ambrose (Margaret) Riley, and Miss Janel Redditt. If you have suggestions please notify Mrs. Byrd. Consideration is being given to changing the By-Laws to provide for four Trustees. If you are called on by the nominating committee please give their proposal your utmost consideration. Concern and cooperation on the part of the membership is what keeps this organization on top. Officers will be elected at the January, 1978 meeting.

JUST PUBLISHED - LIMITED EDITION by one of our members and contributors, John M. Jones. History and Genealogy of the Jones and Brooks Families of Escambia County, Alabama. Order from the author John M. Jones, Jr., 2011 Ferry Avenue T-9, Camden, New Jersey 08104. 5 1/2"x8, hardbound. 5 chapters and 24 illustrations including rare old family photographs. Price \$10.00 postpaid. In giving credit to this Society for material published in the Quarterly in the September and December, 1976 issues, Mr. Jones states in his Introduction to the book: "Some of the data in the book was first published in a series of articles in the Escambia County Historical Quarter, Mrs. Carolyn P. McLendon, editor, Brewton, Alabama. The reader will find here much new and extended matter which it was impossible to include in the limited space of a journal article. The photographs illustrating this work are also in addition."

OTHER BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Bullock County History - \$15.00, order from Mrs. George McLaurine, Bullock County Historical Society, Union Springs, Al. 36089.

James Greeley McGowin: South Alabama Lumberman--\$14.00, available from Forest History Society, P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95061. McGowin, of Chapman, Al. took over the management of the W.T. Smith Lumber Co. in 1905.

Dead Towns of Alabama by Dr. W. Stuart Harris--\$8.95, University of Alabama Press, University, Alabama, contains locations and histories of 242 Indian towns, fort sites, colonial, territorial and state towns.

Old Mobile--Fort Louis de la Louisiana 1702-1711 by Jay Higginbotham--\$25.00, Museum of the City of Mobile, 355 Government St., Mobile, Al. 36602.

Headstones and Heritages. Tombstones of Escambia County, Alabama by Reginald McFarland and L.E. and Lennis E. Shelton, order from Mrs. L.E. Shelton, 2616 Poplar St., Montgomery, Al. 36107--\$16.95.

Early Settlers Along the Old Federal Road in Moneor-Conecuh Counties, Alabama - by Mary E. Brantley, 301 E. Horner St., Atmore, Al. 36502 - \$15.00 postpaid.

Reprint of B.F. Riley's History of Conecuh County, Alabama, 1883 edition, order from J. Vernon Brantley, Rt. 3, Repton, Al. 36475--\$6.00 postpaid.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 1978 - \$6.00 a reminder will be sent with the January newsletter. January is a good time to increase our membership. Invite your friends and others interested in the history of this area to join. All they need to is send in their check for \$6.00 giving their correct mailing address. Material is sent out by bulk rate, if address is not correct the post office will not deliver it or return it, they put it in the trash can!

MUSEUM FUND - Balance \$32,145.45 with commitments for an additional \$151,100.00.

Donations: Former Pilot Club of Brewton - \$4,141.20

Memorials:

Mrs. Cynthia Daniels

Claude McCall Post No.79 American Legion Auxiliary

W. Emmett Brooks

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Fleming, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Carrie Girlinghouse

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Guy, Montgomery, Al.

PERSISTENCE

NOTHING in the world can take the place of persistence,
Talent will not;
Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.
Genius will not;
Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not;
The world is full of educated derelicts.
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.
The slogan
 "Press On"
 has solved
And always will solve the problems of the human race.

-- Anonymous

LORD CHESTERFIELD, Letters to His Son, 1739:
"Next to doing things that deserve to be written,
there is nothing that gets a man more credit, or
gives him more pleasure, than to write things that
deserve to be read.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST OF THE NEW YEAR
TO EACH OF OUR MEMBERS!