

For our <u>first meeting in the new museum</u> edifice (taking into consideration the fact that all things are not yet in order), Miss Rita Jane Boykin who has retired from the teaching profession after 46 years, 44 of which were spent in the Escambia County School System, will tell of various events that occurred in American History that are not common place in history books, unusual information about some of our great statesmen. Miss Boykin was the daughter of E.C.Boykin who operated Boykin Drug Store and concocted (among others) a formula for the relief of rheumatism called "13-12" for which orders poured in from every state in the union, sometimes addressed simply to "Home of 13-12". The Boykin Community on Highway 29 of Escambia County, Alabama, was named for this family. Rita Jane is a delightful and amusing person. Those attending this meeting can expect to be well entertained.

BOARD OF ADVISORS - ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION met in Birmingham on August 5th electing Marvin Harper of Tuscaloosa as their Chairperson, Carolyn Cagle of Montgomery, Lee Sentell of Decatur, and Louis Finlay, Jr. of Jackson as Vice Chairmen for legislation, preservation and registration, respectively, with Ken Penhale of Helena as General Vice Chairman, and requesting that Warner Floyd, Executive Director of the Alabama Historical Commission, withdraw his letter of regignation dated July 10, making known the fact that the preservationists throughout this state want to continue to work with Warner Floyd in their future efforts toward historical preservation. Further the Board of Advisors decided to make an annual award to some outstanding state preservationist and that the first annual award would go to Warner Floyd at the Annual Conference in Selma August 11-12. Meeting again on August 11th in Selma with additional members of the Board present it was determined to request that the Alabama Historical Commission notify the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of all Commission meetings so that the Chairman can be present to bring matters of importance from the Advisors to

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the Commission, also that the Board of Advisors will meet four times a year. The Board of Advisors is made up of one representative from each of the historical, genealogical and preservationist groups over the state and was set up by the Legislature of Alabama to give input to the Commission as to historical needs throughout the state. The Board of Advisors has in mind plans to begin a newsletter to be published through the Commission offices to keep Board of Advisor members up to date on matters of importance.

NO QUORUM! The Alabama Historical Commission did not even have a quorum (only 8 of the 20 required) present at the Selma meeting and could not act upon matters of importance brought before the meeting. This is evidence that all of the 20 members of the Commission are not fulfilling their responsibilities and that those on the Commission because of their political offices should be dropped for lack of interest. Appointments to the Commission are made by the Governor. It would seem appropriate that the Board of Advisor group should make recommendations to our next Governor regarding these Alabama Historical Commission appointments. Commission members are:

Milo B. Howard, Jr., Director (present August 12) James R. Record, Huntsville Mrs. Sidney Van Antwerp, Mobile Mrs. Maryon Allen, McLean, Va. (not present) John H. Brooks, Jr., Montgomery (present August 12) S. Wallace Harper, Demopolis (not present) Milton K. Parsons, Montgomery Harvie P. Jones, Huntsville (present August 12) Steve Wimberly, Birmingham (not present)' Jack Warner, Tuscaloosa Dr. Charles G. Summersell, Univrsity (present August 12) Dr. Malcolm C. McMillan, Auburn (not present) Dr. John M. Long, Troy (present August 12) Dr. Kermit A. Johnson, Birmingham (present August 11 and afternoon of 12th, absent Commission meeting because of speaking engagement at a commencement exercise) Lt.Gov. Jere L. Beasley, Montgomery (not present, campaigning in Brewton, Λ la. on this date) Speaker Joe McCorquodale, Montgomery (not present) Hugh D. Adams, Montgomery Doug Benton, Montgomery John "Toppy" Hodnett, Montgomery Larry Register, Dothan

It is your Board of Advisor's representative's understanding that Milo Howard, Chairman of the Commission, has now taken steps to prevent the hiring of a qualified accountant dispite the fact that the State Examiners have found the records in poor order with some materials missing. It would seem that it would behoove Mr. Howard, who is first of all Director of the State Department of Archives and History, to go back to the Archives and spend his time getting the State Archives in better condition. Several Brewton people as well as others in the state who have visited the Archives recently have mentioned the deplorable condition of the displays—dusty with yellowed—frayed cards explaining the exhibits. It's a shame that Mr. Howard is so busy interfering at the Commission office that things are going to pot at the State Archives. Many complain that the Archives are not open on Saturdays or during the evenings when students can more conveniently go there for research.

WORD FROM CAMP POLLARD, C.S.A. by William H. Davison, \$12.95 pre-publication price, 300 pages, indexed, 21 photographs, map of Pollard. Regarding the military camp of the Confederate States at Pollard, Ala. Order from Davidson Books, 309 East 9th St., West Point, Ga. 31833.

BUTLER COUNTY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY by Madge Davis Hahn, 1920-A Laurel Road, Birmingham, Al. 35216 -- \$13.50, indexed, clothbound, 209 pages, dealing with historical and genealogical material, 1,600 names, due to be released in mid-September.

LISTEN, Your Grandfather is Talking! Much treasured are the hours your Editor spent gleening from her grandfather information regarding the Pugh family, becoming fondly known by him as his "Granddaughter With A Thousand Questions." On the death of Dallas Macon Pugh may I remind you that the time to talk to your grandparents is NOW?

DEPARTED - DALLAS MACON PUGH, August 5, 1978, at Evergreen, grand old gentleman of the Pugh clan, born March 26, 1894 near Union Springs, Alwhere his parents David Clopton Pugh (b.8/1/57) and Retensia Arbella Brannon (b.12/15/1851) had been married. When he was three years of age they moved by covered wagon to the Conecuh River Community in Covington County later in 1912 moving to the Sepulga Community of Conecuh County where he married Pearlie Annis Raburn and they reared their family--Leter Macon, David Moye, Annis Katherine, and Lottie In the early 1950's they moved to Evergreen continuing in his business of Pugh Sash and Cabinet Shop which he had operated since 1946 and purchasing "The Sweet Shop". His materal grandfather was Tyre Brannon son of John Brannon and Nancy Parker of Wake County, North Carolina and his paternal grandfather was Zachrah Pugh of Pike County, Alabama. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those that knew him.

THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM FUND -

Mrs. W.T. Barron (Bertha), honoring her for HONORARIUM: 38 years service as Secretary-Treasurer By: Claude McCall Post 79 of the

American Legion Auxiliary

MEMORIALS: BUFORD HINSON

By: Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Smith

MR.AND MRS. WILLIAM A. CROOK

By: Mrs. John (Catherine) Byrd

Present balance in Museum Fund Account	\$ 187.86
Paid to college to date	188,780.01
Additional Commitments	600.00
BALANCE TO BE RAISED	<u> 10,432.13</u>
Total commitment to college	\$200,000.00

QUERY - Mrs. Mary Hays, 317 West 17th, Apt.10, Houston, Texas 77008. JACKSON - Baggett - BLALOCK and HERRING FAMILIES. ABNER JACKSON, born in Georgia in 1793 (perhaps Morgan County). Volunteered for service in the War with Great Britain 8/15/1812 at Milledgeville, Ga., wounded 1/27/1813. Re-entered service 10/1/1814, discharged at Ft. Hawkins 4/1/1815. Applied for bounty land 5/3/1851 at Neshoba Co., Miss. Appeared in 1820 Conecuh County Census with wife and three children. First wife Elizabeth Baggett had 5 children, possibly 2 others: Rhoda Jane, Thomas, A.J., Sarah Ann, and Wade. Second wife Isabella Baggett had 2 children born to Abner: Francis Marion and William Judson. She had two children by a previsou marriage.