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NOTICE OF MEETING:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1978 - 7:30 p.m.  
(Election Day, be sure to vote)

PLACE: THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM located on  
Jefferson Davis State Junior College  
Campus

SPECIAL EVENTS: 1978 AWARD OF MERIT of  
Alabama Historical Commission presented  
to WOODFIN P. PATTERSON, to be presented  
by BROOKS HINES, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TOUR OF MUSEUM AND DISPLAYS  
conducted by Curator ROGER D. ANDERSON

PROGRAM: "Power, Politics, Pet Projects and  
Problems" of the Alabama Historical  
Commission by Carolyn Pugh McLendon,  
Board of Advisors member.

Refreshments will be served, public invited.

In order that this meeting not last longer than our usual length of time there will be no guest speaker or program other than the events listed above and a brief updating of the Alabama Historical Commission problems which have given a great deal of concern to historical preservationists over the state. The idea of a museum for this area was in the mind and heart of Woodfin Patterson long before this Society began to put efforts behind it. Many will remember that we have had the full cooperation of Woodfin Patterson from the time this Society was organized and began to hold its meetings on the college campus, his assistance with the "Sowell House Project" and dismay over its failure, and finally his setting out to build the Fine Arts building with full confidence in this Society before we launched our \$200,000 fund drive. We regret that Mr. Patterson is retiring and will not be present to daily watch the collections for the museum grow, but we are pleased to honor and recognize him for noteworthy services contributed to the preservation of Alabama's heritage relating to its architectural, archaeological and historic resources. Although Mr. Patterson drew some criticism along the way during his administration of the college from 1965 to 1978, he never waived from his intent--to make the Jefferson Davis State Junior College the best possible. Our State

Representative, Brooks Hines, who was unopposed in this election, will present the 1978 Award of Merit to Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson has asked for a few minutes to explain to the Escambia County Historical Society the preparations he has made for the museum before his retirement on October 1st.

Roger Anderson, Curator of the Thomas E. McMillan Museum, whose enthusiasm and resourcefulness is immeasurable, will give the group a tour of the museum, explaining the collections on display and where the various books and files belonging to the Escambia County Historical Society are located.

CAROLYN McLENDON who has attended three meetings (one of which meetings was also attended by Mrs. John David Finlay and Mrs. Arthur Chavers) in an effort to re-organize the Board of Advisors of the Alabama Historical Commission, will report on the problems of the Alabama Historical Commission and the efforts being made by the Board of Advisors group to solve the problems and have Warner Floyd re-instated as Executive Director. James Record, Vice Chairman of the Alabama Historical Commission, sent a telegram to the Board of Advisors stating that he had a preliminary report from the State auditors which gave incriminating evidence against Warner Floyd. The Board of Advisors requested a copy of the preliminary report referred to by James Record (Chairman of the Madison County Commission) and the auditors were amused because no such preliminary report existed, stating that it would be several weeks before the State audit was complete and that thus far they had found nothing to incriminate Warner Floyd. Although the Board of Advisors have requested that Warner Floyd be re-instated and that the present Commission not hire a replacement until the investigation by the Attorney General's office is complete and the full audit completed, the Committee appointed to find a replacement have vowed publicly that they will proceed, also stating that they plan to recommend that the new director be paid \$25,000 to \$30,000 when Warner Floyd's salary was only \$20,000 for his excellent achievements. Politics, jealousy, anger, viciousness--why? Wonder if the replacement might have been predetermined (rumors have it that retired military man Napier, close friend of Milo Howard is to be the replacement) and that the salary has already been predetermined? Why the farce of advertising an opening for the job? What have we come to? WE DARE DEFEND OUR RIGHTS!

1977 INDEX attached to this newsletter. A word of praise is again due for all the R S.V.P. volunteer workers who do such an excellent job in mimeographing, assembling and mailing all of this Society's publications. We salute the tireless Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Escambia County, Alabama.

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THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM FUND -

Memorial Donations:

JOHN DAVID FINLAY - Five Flags Over Alabama Flag Display  
located in the museum

By: Mrs. John David Finlay

BUFORD T. HINSON

By: Mrs. Thomas E. McMillan

CARY T. BROOKS

By: Mrs. Harry (Alice B.) Weaver

O. C. WEAVER, SR.

By: Harry Weaver

Memorial Donations (continued):

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MRS. T. R. (ALICE COLLINS) MILLER

By: Mrs. Thomas E. McMillan

DALLAS MACON PUGH and  
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By: Carolyn Pugh McLendon

WILLIAM WALTON SHEFFIELD and  
MRS. W.W.SHEFFIELD (MARTHA SARAH JOHNS) SHEFFIELD

By: Carolyn Pugh McLendon

Total Commitment to college -----	\$200,000.00
Present Balance in Museum Savings Account -----	( 887.86)
Payments made to college to date -----	(188,780.01)
Additional Commitments for donations -----	( 600.00)
 BALANCE TO BE RAISED -----	 \$ 9,732.13

"Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history. We...will be remembered in spite of ourselves...The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation."

--Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)

"Like all Americans, I like big things: big prairies, big forests and mountains, big wheatfields, railroads...and everything else. But no people ever yet benefited by riches if their prosperity corrupted their virtue."

--Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)

"America...consists of all of us; and it can consist of all of us only as our spirits are banded together in a common enterprise. That common enterprise is the enterprise of liberty and justice and right."

--Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

"We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this includes the opportunity to rise to leadership, to be uncommon! The great human advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women."

--Herbert Hoover (1929-1933)

GO VOTE! SEE THAT YOUR FRIENDS VOTE! ONE VOTE, MULTIPLIED!