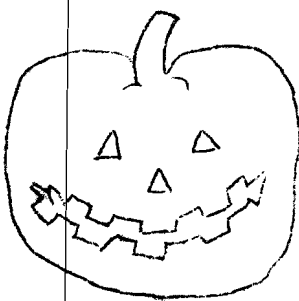


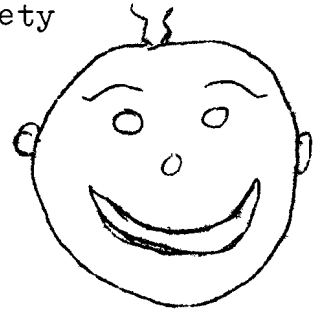
# ESCAMBIA ECHOES



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NOTICE OF MEETING: October 24, 1978 (Fourth Tuesday of Month)  
7:30 p.m.  
Place: Thomas E. McMillan Museum on campus of  
Jefferson Davis State Junior College  
Speaker: Rev. Edward L. Hardin, Pastor  
First United Methodist Church, Brewton  
Topic: The History of Methodism  
Special Event: 1978 Award of Merit of Alabama  
Historical Commission to Woodfin P.  
Patterson to be presented by Brooks Hines,  
State Representative  
Celebration: OVER THE TOP!

The Reverend Edward L. Hardin, who has become known here in Brewton affectionately as "Bro. Ed," will present a program on The History of Methodism. He and his wife, Kathryn, have been in Brewton a little over two years and in this short time have endeared themselves to many. His happy countenance and sense of humor makes him welcomed by all, the understanding comfort given in times of bereavement will long be remembered in Brewton after he has moved to another church or retired. Having been connected to the Methodist Church for many years Bro. Ed has a good working knowledge of the history of the church.

Mr. Woodfin P. Patterson was ill and could not attend last month's meeting. Brooks Hines will make the presentation at this meeting of the 1978 Award of Merit of the Alabama Historical Commission scheduled for last month.

OVER THE TOP! A large contribution made on September 30 has put the Museum Fund in excess of the \$200,000.00 which we had agreed to raise. On this same date Mr. Patterson had notified the Museum Fund Chairman that the funds contributed by the Society had been set up in preferred stocks to yield 9-10% interest each year, permanently set aside for the perpetuation of the museum. All of this in one day was almost too much! Miracles do happen, dreams do come true, and who knows, there may even be a Santa Claus!

Transferred to college to date ---	\$199,810.99
Balance in Savings Account ----	807.61
Committments not yet paid -----	600.00
	<u>\$201,018.60</u>

\$55.25 was used to purchase a few pieces of Confederate States of America money for the Civil War display.

We will continue the memorial fund for the museum to purchase needed items for the museum. At this time it would be well to purchase a microfilm camera to copy Bible records and other material for the genealogical and historical records.

THE MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN FOR GROUPS, VISITORS AND RESEARCHERS. THE CURATOR IS READY TO RECEIVE WHATEVER ARTICLES YOU HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE OR LOAN FOR DISPLAY. A formal opening will be set up later and a dedication ceremony held in February.

BURGESS, EVANS, BELL FAMILIES - Received this week from Mrs. Norma Burgess Carroll of Raleigh, N.C. a 135 page book entitled "Burgess and Allied Family Lines 1600-1978" compiled by Mrs. Carroll. She is also sending publications regarding the Evans and Bell families many of whose descendants also live in this area. These will be available for research in the museum. Her mailing address is 3830 Blue Ridge Raleigh, N.C. 27612.

PROGRESS REPORT - ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROBLEMS: A visit a group of 15 Board of Advisor members to Governor George Wallace September 29 proved fruitful in that he promised that he would not re-appoint or appoint anyone to the AHC for the vacancies occurring in January and will allow the next governor to make the appointments. Those whose terms expire in January are as follows:

James R. Record, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Al. 35801  
Mrs. Susan Van Antwerp, 1703 Hunter Ave., Mobile, Al. 36604  
Steve Wimberly, 4631 Old Looney Mill Rd., Birmingham, Al. 35202  
Harvie P. Jones, 4121 Lucerne, S.E., Huntsville, Al. 35802  
Malcolm McMillan, 764 Cary Drive, Auburn, Al. 36830  
Larry Register, 1506 Schrebsbery, Dothan, Al. 36301  
Milo B. Howard, Jr., State Archives, 624 Washington Ave., Mtgo.  
Gov. George C. Wallace, State Capitol, Montgomery, Al. 36130  
Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley, State Capitol, Montgomery, Al. 36130  
Joe C. McCorquodale, Speaker of the House, Jackson, Al. 36545  
Hugh D. Adams, State Bldg. Com., 800 S. McDonough St., Mtgo. 36102  
Douglas Benton, Publicity & Info., State H'way Bldg., Mtgo. 36106

Those remaining on the Commission and their expiration dates of their terms are as follows:

1/10/82 - John H. Brooks, Jr., 700 Cherry Hill Pl., Montgomery  
1/10/82 - Dr. Chas. G. Summersell, Univ. of Al., University, Al. 36824  
1/10/84 - Mrs. James Allen, 7405 Hallcrest Dr., McLean, Va. 22101  
1/10/82 - Jack Warner, Gulf States Paper Co., Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401  
1/10/82 - S. Wallace Harper, P.O. Box 470, Demopolis, Al. 36730  
1/10/80 - Dr. John M. Long, Troy State Univ., Troy, Al. 36081  
1/10/84 - Milton K. Parsons, Ala. Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 11000, W. Montgomery  
1/10/80 - Dr. Kermit A. Johnson, 4952 Mountain View Dr., B'ham

The Board of Advisors plans to introduce legislation in January to separate the AHC from the Archives Dept., have the Executive Director of the AHC appointed by the governor, commission members to serve 2 years only, remove political officers from the commission. Some individuals who are greatly concerned about the condition of the State Archives also plan to take steps to restructure the Archives and its Board of Trustees to contain several qualified archivists who will seriously consider their responsibilities in keeping the State Archives up to date. There are no qualified archivists at the State Archives--this includes Milo Howard, who graduated to the position of Peter Brannon's death because he was an employee of the Archives at the time. The Archives Board of Trustees are as follows:

Judge C. J. Coley, Chairman, Box 58, Alexander City, Al. 35010  
Judge Robert B. Harwood, 3-A River Rd. Aptmts., Tuscaloosa 35401  
Robert E. Steiner III, P.O. Box 668, Montgomery, Al. 36101  
Sidney L. McDonald, P.O. Box 543, Arab, Al. 35016  
James E. Simpson, 417 N. 20th St., Suite 700, B'ham, Al. 35203  
Monsignor Oscar H. Lipscomb, 400 Government, Box 1966, Mobile 36601  
William H. Mitchell, First National Bank, Box 758, Florence 35043

GREENVILLE PILGRIMAGE - November 11 and 12 - No details are available at this time, watch your newspapers.

PEA RIVER HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - organized 2/8/70, dues \$6.00. Publishes Pea River Trails, LTC John McHardy, Editor, 203 Sylvan Drive, Enterprise, Al.36330.

THE ALABAMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. is having a membership drive and requests your participation in their work. Dues are \$8.00 and should be sent to Mrs. Francis Etheridge, 2062 Columbiana Rd., Birmingham, Al.36216. This group publishes an excellent quarterly edited by Miss Julie Williams, 1417-B Flint St., Montgomery, Al.36106, covering statewide genealogical data.

A NEW GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH GROUP - 65 members forming in Montgomery under the leadership of Mrs. A. Hubert Jones, 2 Brantwood Dr., Montgomery 36109. At this time they have no name, no publication, meet at Huntingdon College. They plan to be a service group of qualified researchers who will assist in searching court and archives records--a referral service we all need at times. Keep her address handy.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - newly organized at Leroy, Al. and lining up its program of action with the help of Theodore Pearson, past president of the Alabama Historical Association and former superintendent of education for Washington County. They are working toward a celebration of events that linked their county with Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.

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If you have an ancestor who lived his lifetime in this area and whose name deserves to be on the Memorial Plaque in the Museum, please send in a contribution so that the ancestors name can be placed on the plaque. The following form may be used:

Escambia County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 276  
Brewton, Alabama 36426

Memorial to: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a notice of the memorial to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.