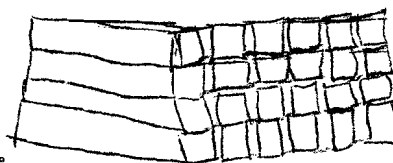


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NOTICE OF MEETING: November 28, 1978, 7:00 p.m. (Fourth Tuesday)

Note Change of time to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Thomas E. McMillan Museum on campus of
Jefferson Davis State Junior College

Speaker: Mr. and Mrs. Ovis White of Flomaton

Topic: History of the Pole and Piling Industry in
Flomaton

Refreshments will be served. Bring a guest.
Visitors welcomed.

Through the efforts of Mr. Eugene Pettis, immediate past Vice President of this Society, Mr. and Mrs. Ovis White have agreed to come to Brewton to give this program which was prepared and presented at a meeting of The Flomaton Research Club and was highly praised by all who heard it. Mr. Ovis White is the owner of White Lumber Company of Flomaton which was owned and operated by his father before him. Mrs. White writes a column for the Tri-City Ledger regarding the Senior Citizens activities in the Flomaton area and is active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Mr. and Mrs. White will explain the various techniques used and will display small pieces of early equipment used in the pole and piling industry, as well as some unusual pieces of wood.

THE FLOWER SHOW at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum on November 17 and 18 was a tremendous success. Many beautiful flowers and plants, including ferns, orchids, roses, camellias, cacti and lovely and unusual arrangements of flowers were entered. It is predicted that the next flower show to be held in the spring will be even better. This area has many green-thumbs as evidenced by the lovely flower gardens.

Researchers and visitors to the museum are increasing daily as people learn about the archives and museum. It is good that the students of this area now have somewhere to go for help with their local history themework.

BEGINNING NEXT MONTH this newsletter will run a listing of items that are have been donated to the museum. There are several empty display cases that need to be filled and it would be good to have extra items for display so that the displays can be rotated. Roger Anderson, Curator, places a value on the items and gives a tax deductible receipt to the donors. Short or long term lease arrangements can also be made

so that the tiems can be returned to the owner after a period of display. Books with information regarding this area's history are also needed for the archives, as well as genealogical reference material. A microfilm camera has been ordered for the museum at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00 to be used in microfilming material that cannot be given to the museum such as family bible records, genealogical charts and data, etc. Check your book shelves to see what you have that would be of use for research.

MUSEUM FUND: Balance in Account ----- \$ 1,656.78
 Transferred to college ----- \$199,810.99
 Total funds received ----- \$201,466.77.

Every dollar that comes in now enables us to get additional items for the museum and generates much excitement.

DONATIONS: Regular Donation: BANK OF BREWTON - \$500.00

MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

Mrs. E. M. Brewton

By: Miss Rita Jane Boykin
 Friends of Ed Brewton, St. Paul, Minnesota
 Employees of The Webb Co., St. Paul, Minnesota
 Mrs. Carolyn P. McLendon

Rev. Jacob Smith

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GONE FROM AMONG US - Mrs. E. M. Margaret Brewton on October 26, 1978 and Mr. Daniel Elledge Robertson on October 28, 1978. Mrs. Brewton was 87 years of age and for the past seven years has missed attending only a few meetings of this Society--even bad weather did not keep her away. Mr. Dan's health had failed him about three years ago, but from the time this Society was formed he attended regularly the meetings and even helped with assembling and mailing the newsletters and quarterlies until he could no longer do so. The love and enthusiasm of these two

members engendered a deeper appreciation in others and this love, enthusiasm and appreciation has been what has made this Society a viable organization for this area, and brought about the long-desired museum. Let's not let the vision of these people and the others who have passed from among us die, but through our eyes extend their vision into the generation beyond ours as they have done. We mourn the loss of these dear friends and extend to their families our heart-felt sympathy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO US! Publicity in The Mobile Register, "Titles and Tales" column by Mrs. Ruth Warren of the Deep South Genealogical Society, Sunday, October 29, 1978:

"Congratulations to the members of the Escambia County Historical Society, who "went over the top" recently in completing a \$200,000 drive to build the Thomas E. McMillan Museum on the campus of Jefferson Davis State Junior College. If money is needed to be raised, I recommend this group, as it does what it sets out to do in a hurry! Now that the building is assured, the members will not rest on their oars but will continue the memorial fund to purchase needed items for the museum."

NEW MEMBERS ENLISTED since August, 1978:

Mrs. B.F. McKenzie, 1108 Church St., Columbia, Miss.
 Mrs. Betty J. Edwards, 806 McRae St., Atmore, Al.
 Mrs. Edna Stewart Snider, 208 Lorberta Lane, Pontiac, Michigan
 Rev. Robert H. Jackson, First Baptist Church, 420 Pineville Rd., Monroeville, Al.
 Mrs. Alma Dixon, 206 Rugby Forest Lane, Henderson, N.C.
 Mrs. H.C. Moore, 600 Seegers St., Andalusia, Al.
 Mrs. Barbara McConnell, P.O. Box 174, St. Elmo, Al.
 Mrs. John A. Ware, 2212 Lynngate Drive, Birmingham, Al.
 Mr. Greg Mantel, Rt. 1, Box 349, Brewton, Al.
 Mr. William H. Blacksher, 404 S. Watson St. Enterprise, Al.

WHY CRY?

By: Larry R. Higdon, Brewton poet
 (Written on the death of a child)

Fear no longer comes in the dark,
 For the nights hold no secrets.

The beautiful blueeyes and the curly yellow hair,
 Have reached the age where no change can come.

Beguiling innocence that conquered the heart,
 Although gone, clings to the memory.

Unbearable pain will not distort the lovely face,
 For God has cuddled the soul to his breast;
 The baby girl body is dead.