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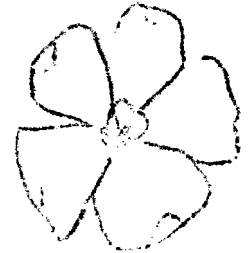
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MUSEUM DEDICATION - SUNDAY, May 6, 1979, 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING: Tuesday, April 24, 1979, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: Billy L. Turner, a slide program  
of flowers, sea scapes, old buildings,  
local scenes which he has entitled  
"FEELINGS"

Just as the green countenance of spring sticks its leafy head around the corner comes our local award-winning photographer, Billy L. Turner of TURNER'S PHOTOGRAPHY, with a lovely and colorful slide program which he has entitled "Feelings" for our enjoyment. Billy, along with Tommy Garrett of The Brewton Standard, have been the official photographers for this Society for years and recorded for us in pictures many of our special events. The Turners have recently moved into the former home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Rankin on Belleville Avenue. Bring a friend to enjoy this program with you.

ALL HEADS UP! FRONT AND CENTER! FORWARD MARCH! Our day of triumph has come! After two years of diligence and the scraping the bottoms of our pocketbooks to complete our commitment to have a museum for the Escambia County area, the museum is now ready to be dedicated. Remember the feelings of pride and joy we all felt when we held our first meeting in the museum,--the marvelous aroma of the mahogany display cases, the mixture of the smell of things new with the treasured historical collections of the past, the memories of those who have gone on whose vision helped to make the museum a reality--marching past our minds' eye John David Finlay, W. Emmett Brooks, Dan S. Robertson, Mrs. E.M. Brewton, Ed Leigh McMillan, Thomas E. McMillan, and numerous others who were so much a part of our organization. Yes, they will all be with us for the dedication. It must live up to their expectations of us. If you are called on to do anything say "yes" and do it with all your might. If you have anything you would like to display for dedication day please contact Mr. Jim Allen, Jr. at 867-4832 or Mrs. Caroline McMillan at 867-2349. But most of all, plan to be present for this grand occasion!

The dedication date for the THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM has been set for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 6, 1979. There will be many exhibits by local people in addition to the exhibits that are already in the museum. Also, to complement the formal dedication ceremony, Jefferson Davis Junior College has arranged the showing of several special exhibits. Dr.

Frank Engle, a native of Indiana, currently Professor of Art at the University of Alabama, will display his widely acclaimed sculpture and ceramics collections. Dr. Bethany W. Engle, a graduate of Stephens College and former Professor of Art at both the University of Alabama and Livingston State University, will exhibit selected works from her noted collections of painting, drawing, and sketching. Currently, Dr. Engle serves as Chairman of the Art Department of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Moreover, John T. Powell, Director of the Department of Archaeology and Museum Science at Faulkner State Junior College will exhibit his collection on the War of 1812. In addition, musical instructors from the college will perform selections using the harpsicord and the recorder. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Invitations for the dedication are being sent to all the Society members and to all people who made contributions and sent in memorials for the Museum Fund.

THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE for contributions made as memorials to the Museum Fund is being prepared and will be in place on the date of the dedication. Appreciation is again expressed to all of those people who worked so hard and gave so much to bring the museum to fruition. Again, to the McMillan family who contributed so much in moral support over the years to this Society and for whose dear deceased our museum has been named, and for the Ed Leigh McMillan Collection now in the museum, one of the finest in the state, our heartfelt thanks and a vow of our continued dedication to making the Thomas E. McMillan Museum one of the finest in the state.

THE THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM ADVISORY COUNCIL is reviewing applications for a museum curator and if a curator is not appointed by the dedication date, one will be appointed as soon as possible thereafter.

LOOKING BACK to the time the decision was made to locate our museum on the college campus (and you will recall that we had already raised some \$18,000 at the time the decision was made), Mr. Woodfin Patterson talked to us extensively regarding his plans for a campus museum and told us that the state could only allot \$304,000 toward the cost of the Fine Arts Building, and that in order for a museum to be in the building an additional \$200,000 would need to be raised. You will recall that this editor who was at that time your President and Museum Fund Raising Chairman reported to you that in visiting museum over the state many were found in deplorable condition, many lacking in volunteers to keep them open and that the college museums were the best kept and most active. We also considered the possibility that the Society might not always have an active membership and we wanted the museum to be perpetuated for posterity. In the past few weeks we have learned that the museum can continue not only without the Society, but in spite of the Society that sponsors it, and that is a good thing to know. The decision was a good one, the museum is there and will be there as long as the college exists. With the help of this Society it can be truly great !

#### MUSEUM FUND CONTRIBUTIONS:

MEMORIALS:     MR. Philip N. Sowell

By: Mrs. Clara Thames

Miss Sallie M. Davison

United Methodist Women, First United Methodist  
Church of Brewton

MEMORIALS (continued )

Mr. Allen W Moyer

By: Stanley T. Barnhart, Westminster, California  
The Buckhault Family Memorial  
By: Stanley T. Barnhart

1978 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MUSEUM FUND

Balance 12/31/77 -----	\$ 92,496.24
Contributions 1978 -----	107,055.25
Interest and Dividend Income -----	<u>1,633.55</u>
Total -----	\$201,185.04
Paid to Jefferson Davis State Junior College --	<u>(199,385.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/78 -----	\$ 1,800.04

GENERAL FUND

Balance 12/31/77 -----	\$ 379.05
Income from Dues -----	1,677.00
Income from Sale of Quarterlies -----	76.63
Income from Dance (Jeff Davis Ball) ----	492.00
Memorial for John D. Finlay -----	<u>370.74</u>
	\$ 2,995.42

Disbursements:

Postage -----	\$275.78
Moyer's Printing Supply -----	846.07
Edgar's Business Machines -----	129.10
Brewton Standard -----	152.64
T.R. Miller Mill Co. (copies) ---	6.30
Carriage House -----	49.82
Helen Williamson -----	55.25
Davidson Books (Pollard book) ---	21.66
Tommy Garrett (pictures) -----	17.50
Roger Anderson (typing expense) -	20.00
Big Bear (refreshments) -----	9.66
Advertiser Journal -----	82.80
R.S.V.P. (assembling quarterlies)	60.00
Colonial Manor Restaurant -----	36.67
Jefferson Davis Junior College	370.74
(flag display, Finlay)	
Montgomery Community Orchestra --	400.00
Returned check -----	<u>6.00</u>
	2,539.99
	<u>( 2,539.99)</u>
Balance 12/31/78 -----	\$ 455.43

Bert M. Campbell, Jr.,  
Treasurer

Appreciation is expressed to James E. McDowell of McDowell and Neese, Certified Public Accountants, who has never charged this Society for any of the work done for the Society, including having this Society set up as a non-profit, tax exempt organization and all of the subsequent annual tax returns required. It is hoped the individuals will also express their appreciation for his this valuable service.

THERE IS NO MONEY LOST THAT IS USED IN EDUCATING THE PEOPLE

--Olympia Brown