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Mrs. Barry L. Emerich,
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NOTICE OF MEETING: Tuesday, March 25, 1980
7:00 p.m.

Thomas E. McMillan Museum on
campus of Jefferson Davis
State Junior College, Fine
Arts Building

Program "To Make the Best Better": In order to improve upon results it is always necessary to take stock to look back to where you've been, study progress made, determine the present situation, and plan for future progress and how to best achieve it. This group participation and discussion session will be led by the President, J.W. Caldwell and Vice-President, Gladys Byrd, and will include a discussion of types of programs you'd like to have for the year, suggestions regarding the holding of the meetings, changes that need to be made, suggestions regarding the publications, ways to raise more funds, complaints, how we can better carry out our role in the county, recognizing accomplishments, even a little patting-of-ourselves on the back. This session will give the Executive Board a better idea of what the group wants and expects.

MEMORIALS - Remember your loved ones and friends by placing their names on our memorial plaque. Memorials may be mailed to Mrs. John David Finlay, Sr., Chairman, P.O. Box 737, Brewton, or to the Society. Already this year \$4500 has been received in memorials. The memorial fund is used solely for the betterment of the museum.

MRS. MARY ROSE PEEVY (charter member of this society)
By: Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Kelly
Miss Rita Jane Boykin

MEMORIALS~(continued):

MRS. MABLE JORDAN MURPHY, wife of Joseph R. Murphy, a native of this county, lived in East Brewton until they moved to Mobile in their later years. She was a friendly and jovial person and an ardent fan of this society, many will remember that she and her husband dressed as Martha and George Washington for our costume party.

By: Miss Rita Jane Boykin

HORACE SPICER, brother of John Spicer who is art teacher at Jefferson Davis State Junior College. He lived at Florala and was an invalid for many years before his death.

By: Miss Rita Jane Boykin

MRS. ANNIE LAURIE LARKIN LINDSEY, was an outstanding citizen, wrote poetry as a hobby, was guidance counselor until she retired at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery. This memorial was paid by her sister -

By: Mrs. C.B. (Rochelle Larkin) Garrett

JOSEPH S. LARKIN, better known to everyone as Mr. Joe, was a native of Brewton, helped to establish the REA (Rural Electric Association) for Escambia County and environs, owner of Brewton Motor Company until he retired and sold the business to W.N. Roberts. He was one of Brewton's better loved citizens. His widow still lives here and his daughter Alice Till Beall is an active member of this society. This memorial was paid by his sister -

By: Mrs. C.B. (Rochelle Larkin) Garrett

RALPH LARKIN, JR. - a native of Brewton who worked until his retirement at Cedar Creek Store and after retirement helped his wife in the Larkin Business School. He was a well known citizen. This memorial was paid by his sister -

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LIST OF EXHIBITS now in the Museum -

POLLARD, C.S.A. (x)

ANDREW JACKSON IN SOUTH ALABAMA (x), one of the largest collections of Jacksonian material in existence

THE FIRST AMERICAN INDIANS (y) 2 cases (Ed Leigh McMillan Collection)

FOSSILS (y) - Ed Leigh McMillan Collection

LUMBERING (x) - considerable local memorabilia

THE GREAT WAR (x - in progress now) contains a great deal of memorabilia belonging to and worn by John David Finlay, Sr. who served in the war

HOUSEWARES (x) - from Caroline Porch McMillan's collection

NEEDLES AND THREAD (x)

BOTTLES (y) - from Ralph Barbour's collection

MEDICINE AND PHARMACY - some of Dr. Tippins old surgical and pharmasodical tools. (y)

TO BE DONE - "LAW AND ORDER" (Railroad Bill, etc.), will soon need artifacts to work up this exhibit

x - indicates permanent exhibits

y - indicates exhibits to be remodeled

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT - to be set up by March 24th, the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit "Story of a Goblet", how to make glass and bottles.

CONTAINER CORPORATION OF AMERICA "Great Ideas" EXHIBIT to be set up in the Museum in May.

USED TOOLS NEEDED FOR MUSEUM - The following is a list of used tools and supplies needed in the museum for preparation of exhibits, preservation of artifacts, etc. A tax deductible receipt will be given to the donors of the tools etc. Tools are so expensive now. Scrounge around your tool shed and see what you might have that you no longer need and give John Powell a call at the college 867-4832 Extension 69, or at his home 867-7035. We want to keep John happy and his enthusiasm at a peak, let's help him gather these needed work items:

- Chisels
- Hammers (small and medium for hammering and woodcarving)
- Band saw
- Router with bits
- Hand saws
- Miter box
- Jeweler's drills, saws, gravers, picks, engravers tools
- Dental picks and drill set, any dental tools
- Sandblasting unit
- Jig saw
- Precision Pliers
- Woodworking and miter clamps, "C" clamps - all sizes
- Screwdrivers--all types
- Files
- Tool cabinet
- Wrenches
- Sander
- Planers
- Ruling devices
- Printing plates
- Drills/drill bits (metal or wood)
- Bench grinder
- Cutting tools (precision knives, etc.)
- Storage (artifact/map) cabinets
- Lumber (4' or greater lengths of scrap 2x4's, 2x6's, 1x4's, 1x6's, picture frame molding, etc.)
- Old, unusual tools
- Blacksmithing tools - for exhibit
- Antique cabinet makers tools
- Squares and levels
- Transit and leveling rod--surveying equipment needed for archaeology
- Compass

A GIFT TO THE SOCIETY from Samuel S. Foshee, 3843 Merrick Drive, Houston, Texas 77025 was received this week. The book, "My Heritage, My History and My Life--I Remember...I Remember" by J.C. Foshee, M.D. who was born 11/21/1892 to Charles Doster Foshee and Irena Popwell Foshee of West Chilton County, Alabama. We appreciate this fine addition to our growing reference and genealogical section in the museum.

USED MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE PURCHASED for \$600.00 with a new machine guarantee from Walker Business Machines, Andalusia, Al. It is an A.B. Dick and the R.S.V.P. workers say it is working beautifully. Advertisements for the 1980 quarterlies are being sold to cover the cost of the machine.

SEPTEMBER/DECEMBER, 1979 QUARTERLY was placed with the post office on Saturday, March 15. The R.S.V.P. workers are to be commended for another job well done. They mimeograph, assemble and put mailing labels on all our publications.

MUSEUM SCIENCES COURSE at Jefferson Davis State Junior College which was to be taught by John T. Powell, Museum Curator, is not available this quarter because there were not enough people to sign up for it. Hopefully it will be offered again next quarter and the Society can help to secure the necessary enrollment by making calls encouraging students and adults to take the course. The more people who become interested in this, the better the museum will be, and more material available for exhibit from the diggings.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING - 305 members, new members this month: Mrs. Ann Strain, 205 E. Jackson St., Brewton, Al.
Mr. B. F. Lovelace, Box 616, Brewton, Al.
Mr. J. R. Boles, 1300 Belleville, Apt. 3, Brewton, Al.
Mrs. Kathleen Manasco, 124 Rosemary Avenue, Brewton, Al.

RENEWALS PAID since last newsletter - no receipts or membership cards are being sent out to save postage:

Mrs. Melbourn J. Catha
Mrs. June W. Martin
Cyril Welch
Standley Barnhart
Tilmon Fulmore
Bessie M. Harold
Mrs. Richard M. Kennedy
Rankin P. Brewton
Jerry Wood
Mrs. Gwynn McDaniel
Mrs. J. W. Adkisson, Jr.
Mrs. J. C. Bagwell
A. T. Douglas
John Brewton
Hazel B. Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beckham
Mrs. Euvica B. Mills
Joseph R. Murphy
Mrs. Margaret Gaston
Mrs. A. L. Davis
Mrs. Henrietta C. Till
Mrs. Helen M. Hildreth
James N. Tedder
Jewel Williamson
John R. Campbell
Mrs. W. B. Cariker
Mrs. Dumas Jennings

Mrs. Rosalie DeRieux
Mrs. Esther Y. Shellenberger
Mrs. Fred Gainer
Frank P. Currie
Bryars Byrd
Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Byrne
Mrs. Gertrude J. Stephens
William H. Blacksher
Dr. J. W. Douglas
Mrs. Lennis E. Shelton
Mrs. Helen R. Kelly
Tilmon H. Fulmore, Jr.
Mrs. Rochelle L. Garrett
Miss Mary Larkin
Miss Bernice Larkin
Mrs. W. J. McCreary
Miss Lula Pearl Neal
Miss Mary Brantley
Brewton Chamber of Commerce
J. Vernon Brantley
Mrs. Catherine L. Byrd

CENSUS '80 - Be sure to be counted on April 1st, send in your questionnaire. The information will help insure a fair apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. It will be used also in the distribution of billions of dollars of Federal funds for schools, highways, parks, and other programs. Personal information on the census form is confidential. Let's support it.

QUERY - From David L. Sanddrs, 21 South Julia St., Mobile, Al. 36604, phone (205) 433-5097. I am interested in exchanging information on the family of Daniel Jefferson Saltsman (1812-1879) and his wife, Haney Tempey Kennedy Saltsman (1825-1877), early Escambia County pioneers who are buried in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery near Brewton. At least two children of this couple lived in the Brewton area. They were Sally Saltsman who married David N. Nicholson in 1871 and had at least one son named Walter David Nicholson, and also Harriet Saltsman

who married J.L.Sowell in 1886 and had at least one daughter named Lillian Sowell. I am also interested in these Kennedy descendants who were living near Brewton in its early days: Mary B.Kennedy and Nancy Anne Kennedy who both married a Dr.Locke, Frances Amelia Kennedy who married James Fountain, Henry Thomas Kennedy who married Martha Donald, Matilda Ann Kennedy who married Joe Haigler and Laura Henderson Kennedy who married Joe McGowin. Any help will be appreciated.

PILGRIMAGES, TOURS AND ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRS:

MOBILE JUBILEE TIME, March 14-23, call or write Historic Mobile Tours, Inc., P.O.Box 2187, Mobile, Al. 36601

HISTORIC SELMA PILGRIMAGE AND ANTIQUE SHOW, March 28, 29, 30, contact Chamber of Commerce, 513 Lauderdale St., Selma, Al. 36701, 875-7241, hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HERITAGE '80 "REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST", Tuscaloosa, Ala. contact Heritage Homes Tour, P.O.Box 1134, Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401, or call 752-3850 or 345-4239

9TH ANNUAL CALICO FORT ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, April 12 & 13, Fort Deposit, Alabama, contact Susan Haigler, Box 17, Fort Deposit, Al. 36032, 250 top artists and craftsmen, many performances during two day show.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE
MAYFLOWER?

By: Ruth Warren

From Titles and Tales, Press Register, Mobile, Jan. 20, 1980:

For those who wondered what became of the Mayflower, after her many trips bringing the pilgrims to this country, the Tri-State Trader, Jan. 12, 1980, issue, tells the fate of this ship. The Mayflower made several trips and then disappeared for more than three centuries. It was noted that generations of residents of the small town of Jordons, England, have believed that a barn owned by the Society of Friends, was built from the Mayflower. Researchers were amazed to find this little barn was indeed the ship that helped found a nation!

A bill of sale dated 1624 verified the sale of the Mayflower for salvage to a Buckinghamshire farmer named William Russell. At the current rate of exchange, he paid \$384 for the hull of the ship, which was erected up-side down on a foundation, and has served her ensuing occupants as well as she served the pilgrims.

We do things better,
We produce more and
We live better by
helping each other.

Anonymous