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NOTICE OF MEETING - Tuesday, May 27, 1980 7:00 p.m. at

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

Program - "Conservation Cookbook"

Speaker - John T. Powell, Museum Curator

Rather than give a talk for his program, and because so many people have asked about how to preserve specific items, John has decided to give a live demonstration on cleaning and preserving artifacts--brass, paper, metallic items, etc. Be sure to bring a tablet so that you can start a recipe book on how to do-it-yourself if you have some of these items that you want to keep from deteriorating with time. Those of you who have visited the museum know what a fine job John has done with the exhibits and in preserving the items in the exhibits. At the time of this meeting John will have been with us for a year. We're never too old to learn a new "wrinkle". Bring a friend who might benefit from this program.

NEW MEMBERS:

Wayne M. Brown, Box 22474, Wellshire Station, Denver, Colo. 80222

Mrs. Sylvia Snow, 32 36th Ave. N.W., Birmingham, Al. 35215

Dr. Clifton B. Cox, 405 Lincoln Hills, 3500 E. Lincoln Dr., Phoenix,
Arizona, 85018

Mrs. Hazel H. Stokes, 600 Rankin St., Andalusia, 36420

Mrs. Jean Burson, 105 Camelia Dr., Dothan, Al. 36301

We appreciate all of these new members and hope that our Society will continue to grow at this fast pace.

RENEWALS: (Paid in since last newsletter was published)

Agnes J. Watson	Gladys Chavers	George M. Eddins
F. Mooney Nalty	Corrie E. Mullins	Mrs. A. H. Riley
Bessie M. Harold	W. W. Ruhlen	Miss Elizabeth Riley

BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT: Agreements were approved at the April meeting and have been fully executed to have Roger D. Anderson as author and Mrs. Annie Crook Waters as co-author to begin the writing of the Escambia County History manuscript on June 1st. Most of you know Roger Anderson well. He was the first Curator for the Thomas E. McMillan Museum and an avid historian and genealogist. Mrs. Annie Crook Waters has been a life long resident of Brewton, teaching in the school systems until her retirement, and is a charter member and historian for this Society. Although Roger has to finish this quarter's schooling at Auburn where he is working on his Master's Degree this month before beginning his work on the history. Mrs. Waters has already gotten down to business gathering needed information. If any of you have any genealogical information, history items etc. that we have not published before be sure to send it to Mrs. Waters, Route 5, Box 417, Brewton, Al. 36426. There will be an Early Pioneers section in the book and you don't want your ancestors to be left out. Historians can only write about things that they have knowledge or information about. We want our history to be as complete as possible.

1979 INCOME TAX FORM 990 for Tax Exempt Organizations has been prepared by McDowell & Neese, C.P.A., and has been filed with the IRS. The McDowell and Neese firm has been preparing this return for us since we first became a non-profit organization in 1976 at no charge to the Society. James E. McDowell also did the necessary work for having the Society declared a non-profit organization. A simple expression of appreciation seems so inadequate, and hopefully other members will thank them for looking out for us so well.

ACCESSIONS TO MUSEUM -

Printing Press 1899, donated by Moye's Printing & Office Supply, Hugo and Mary Moye, owners, with 4 sets of wood and metal type. Still works beautifully.

Indian Projectile Points, 9, from this area, by Jessie Davis
36 caliber pistol bullet mold, shoe last, iron beam splitting wedge, given in Memory of Barnes Floid Parker by Mrs. B. F. Parker

3 handmade children's garments about 1900, given by Mrs. Margaret Gillis Figh

Shoe last and stand used in Neal Mercantile Store, given by Mrs. Marjorie Davison

Tin snips, about 1900, given by Lula Pearl Neal. They were owned by her maternal Grandfather Morman who ran a tin shop.

Civil War pick and shovel and other metallic artifacts from Pollard given by Dr. David Gunn

War of 1812 infantry button, pewter, from Alco Hill site, given by Dr. George McCormick

Assortment of Pollard artifacts, given by Kenrick Minges

Civil War artifacts from Confederate campsites at Pollard--
1 button, several bullets and other miscellaneous items given by Randolph Jernigan

Exhibits in Museum June 12-23 only, Local artist John Kemp of Atmore will exhibit local landscapes, historic Indian scenes, portraits, etc. This is an outstanding local artist and some of the paintings will be for sale to help Mr. Kemp get back into painting after being disabled for three years. No other exhibits will be in the museum until September because of the summer schedule. Several special local exhibits are being planned for September and will be announced later.

We have a firm offer of \$50.00 for our old mimeograph machine which will no longer work electrically, but can be handcranked. A vote will be taken at the May meeting regarding this. A total of \$625.00 was raised from advertisements in the quarterly to go toward the purchase price for the new mimeograph machine, printing of the ads cost \$147.00.

MEMORIALS - remember your loved ones on our Memorial Plaque
Balance in Account as of May 15, 1980 - \$852.27. This account is earmarked for additions to the museum and reference section of the museum.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN PATRICK GILLIS, died June 11, 1934, at age 35, was a promising young man, friendly, outgoing and well-known throughout this county, a Presbyterian and a Mason. He served in the Rainbow Division in World War I, 123 Infantry in France. After getting his degree in Civil Engineer at the University of Alabama he went with the State Highway Department, then became Logging Superintendent of T.R. Miller Mill Co. and Surveyor for the Company until his death as a result of an accident on a truck after 8 years with the company.

By: Mrs. J.P. (Eunice) Gillis, his widow
James Gordon Gillis, his son

IN MEMORY OF BARNES FLOID PARKER, Son of Allen Parker and Sarah Jane McGowin Parker, he served his country for 16 years and 4 months in the U.S. Navy, had attained the title of Chief Barnes Floid Parker U.S.N.. He served in the Battle of Pearl Harbor and for the rest of the war escorting one naval vessel after another in the Pacific, the greater part of his service being on the Destroyer Cecil.

By: Mrs. B.F. (Edna K.) Parker, his widow

IN MEMORY OF MRS. B.D. (Mabel Bethea Parker) DOZIER, who was a housewife and was extremely good in the culinary field until the death of her first husband, then she took the position of the first cafeteria manager for W.S. Neal School, was well loved by all who came in contact with her.

By: Miss Rita Jane Boykin

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT EDWARD KELLY, prominent Brewton banker, who died April 22, 1980. At the time of his death he was president of the Bank of Brewton and Chairman of the Board of Union Bank. A lifelong resident of

Escambia County, he was a member of a pioneer family of this area. He was a trustee of the Brewton First United Methodist Church where he was also past chairman of the Board of Stewards. Kelly was also past president of Brewton Rotary Club and past president of the Escambia County Board of Education. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1930 with a B.S. degree. He was 73 at the time of his death. His widow is a charter member of this Society and Mr. Kelly always stood ready to aid this Society financially whenever he was approached.

LISTING OF BOOKS NEEDED for the genealogical and reference section of the museum. If any of you would like to contribute a book in memory of a loved one we would be happy to place an order for it and put a memorial label in the book before it is placed on the shelves. We want to make our reference section as outstanding as the exhibit section in the museum. This was our plan from the beginning as a means to keep a steady stream of historians, genealogists and students coming into the museum to do research. A good many history and genealogy books have been bought by the Society over the years and many members have given their files, books, periodicals and historical/genealogical quarterlies. The Society's extensive history files are also in the museum and has been indexed for research purposes:

Besson: The History of Eufaula, Ala., The Bluff City of the
Chattahoochee - \$10.00
Brant & Fuller: Memorial Record of Ala. Vol. 1 - \$37.50, Vol. II - \$37.50
DuBose: Notable Men of Alabama: Personal and Genealogical with
Portraits, Vol. I - \$22.50, Vol. II - \$22.50
Fleming: Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama - \$30.00
Hodgson: The Cradle of the Confederacy; Or, the Times of Troup,
Quitman and Yancey - \$25.00
Jack: Sectionalism and Party Politics in Alabama 1819-1842 - \$12.50
McMillan: Constitutional Development in Alabama, 1798-1901 - \$20.00
Owen: History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography -
4 volumes at \$37.50 each
Pickett: History of Alabama and Incidentally of Georgia and
Mississippi - \$27.00
Smith: The History and Debates of the Convention of the People of
Alabama - \$22.50
Claiborne: Mississippi as a Province, Territory and State - \$27.50
Claiborn: Life and Times of Gen. Sam Dale, The Mississippi
Partisan - \$15.00
Hall: A brief History of the Mississippi Territory - \$12.00
Lowry & McCardle: A History of Mississippi - \$32.50
Rietti: Military Annals of Mississippi - \$15.00

For the total price of \$803.38 we could get through the Alabama Library Association, \$1606.75 worth of Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia Reprints for \$803.38, all of which would be worthy additions to the Reference Section of the Museum.

"Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well."