

-Escambia Echoes-

newsletter of the
ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 276, Brewton, AL 36427
April, 1986

MEETING: Tuesday, April 22, 1986
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Thomas E. McMillan Museum on
Jefferson Davis Junior College
campus, Brewton
PROGRAM: BOB McMILLAN and MIKE ENGLISH
co-chairmen of the Brewton Centennial
Celebration



While we're still feeling the afterglow of that fantastic Brewton Centennial Celebration, the event has now become history. Bob McMillan and Mike English, co-chairmen of the celebration, will present our April program on "Brewton's Centennial - One Year Later." The celebration's overall effect and other aspects will be brought out.

Don't miss this informative program, and invite others to attend!

NEWSPAPER PROJECT

CAROLINE LILES is serving as chairman of the Newspaper Indexing Project, and these volunteers are doing a great job. If you have some time and would like to help out, telephone Caroline at 867-3389, Brewton, or just go over and report to the group at Leigh Library at Jefferson Davis Junior College.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As many of you know, our president, Nettie Parker, was hospitalized for a week at West Florida Regional Medical Center in Pensacola, but is now at home and feeling fine. She sends the following message:

"Dear Friends:

I want to tell you all how much I appreciate the cards, calls, prayers and other expressions of concern during my illness. It is good to be back home and able to assume my duties. Again, a heartfelt thanks for your concern. (signed) NETTIE PARKER."

(Editor's note: We members join in joy and thankfulness at your recovery, Nettie -- "It's so good to have you back where you belong!"

DUES

1986 membership dues of \$7.50 per year are now payable. Please mail dues in soon so that our membership list may be updated and so that you will not miss any issues of the quarterly or newsletters.

BOOKS AVAILABLE

The following books are available and may be ordered by sending the amounts indicated to The Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, AL 36427.

A HISTORY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Annie C. Waters, \$27.50.

In Memoriam

ALTON RAY BETHEA

We note, with deep regret, the death of ALTON RAY BETHEA, prominent Flomaton businessman, who was a longtime member of The Escambia County Historical Society.

Mr. Bethea died Friday, March 28, in a Pensacola hospital. Owner and operator of the Flomaton Gravel Co. for 33 years, he was a leader in numerous business, church and civic endeavors. He was a former member of the Escambia County Board of Education, the county hospital board and a trustee of the Flomaton schools for 16 years. He was a Mason, Shriner and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He had served on the Committee of 100 at Emory University in Atlanta and was a member of the Bank of Brewton board of Directors.

The Society extends condolences to the Bethea family.

M E M O R I A L S

For ALTON RAY BETHEA

By Rita Jane Boykin
Elvira McMillan

