



# ESCAMBIA ECHOES



September, 1995

## OLD SPARTA

This old town is listed in the dead towns of Alabama. It was located just to the east of Murder Creek, about 10 miles south of Bellville.

Sparta became the County Seat of Conecuh County in 1820. It was named for Sparta, Georgia. The Courthouse was built of pine logs and measured 20 by 30 feet, this building also served as a church for three years.

Sparta thrived and in 1856 published the first newspaper in the county. In 1858 a telegraph line was completed between Sparta and Mobile. In 1861 the railroad was completed connecting Sparta with Montgomery.

On March 23, 1865, Union raiders, under the command of Colonel A. B. Spurling struck Sparta and burned the depot, the jail, and some railroad trestles, and destroyed the rolling stock in the area.

In 1866 the County Seat was moved to Evergreen, the town of Sparta declined in importance and disappeared from maps.

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## MEETING NEWS

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday September 26, 1995

**Meeting Place:** Jefferson Davis Community College; Thomas E. McMillan Museum

**Hostesses:** Plaque Committee and others

## PROGRAM

### **The Historical Society will honor owners of four restored buildings in Escambia County at the September meeting.**

Ed Seward, president, will award plaques to Mrs. Carl Jones, president of the Flomaton Reasearch Club, for the Renfro Log House in Flomaton; to Sally Finlay, for the Martin Lindsey House, Pollard; to Bob McMillan for the Mason Drugstore Building, Brewton; and to Dwight and Betty Milligan for the Elmore Building, Brewton.

Award recipients will tell about their respective buildings in what promises to be a most interesting program.

Society members are urged to call others about this program, as we would like to have a real good turnout.

Coordinating the program are members of the Plaque Committee, comprised of Doris Atkins, Doris Bruner, and Helen Hildreth. The committee, with the assistance of other members, will be hostesses for the event.

Be sure to attend this very important meeting so that we may personally commend the recipients for their work in preservation and restoration of structures in Escambia County!

"He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself."

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