

ECHOES
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THE NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 28 23, 2003; **Time:** 3:00 p. m.; **Place:** Turtle Point Environmental Center in Flomaton; **Program:** A picnic and nature outing which will include a board walk stroll through the big Escambia Creek Swamps.

ECHS MEETINGS FOR 2003

- **November** – No meeting planned.
- **December 13, 2003** – A Christmas Party. Meeting time and place to be announced

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Society members and guests (over 25 in attendance), enjoyed the presentation by Bob Pasquill on the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). Several former members of the CCC from the Brewton Camp (and other camps in the area), attended and told of their experiences with the CCC.

President Darryl Searcy presented Ann Biggs-Williams with a gift and award for outstanding service to the Society. Ann planned and organized the program on the CCC.

Doris Bruner and Louise Stone served delicious refreshments after the program.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Newspaper Transcriptions from the Conecuh-Escambia Star
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February 24, 1876:

- **J.V. McMILLAN vs. John JOHNSON; W.L. WITHERINGTON, Garnishee**

In this cause it appearing to the Court by the affidavit of the plaintiff that the

defendant, John JOHNSON, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and resides at or near Lanier, Cass County, Texas. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the *Conecuh-Escambia Star*, a newspaper published in the town of Evergreen, Conecuh County, Alabama, for four successive weeks requiring the said JOHNSON to answer the complaint in this cause, in default of which judgment will be rendered thereon against him.

–W.D. TOMLINSON, Notary Public, Evergreen, Ala., Feb. 2, 1876

- Died, in Evergreen, on the evening of the 17th instant, Austill Hunter, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. COOPER.
- Died, in Conecuh County, on the 13th instant, Mrs. Jane S. KINDALL.

July 17, 1879:

- Died, in this county, on the 13th instant, Mrs. Hannah VARNER, consort of Mr. J.N. VARNER.
- Mr. J.J. DARBY, a gentleman who married a Miss TURK of Conecuh, died at his home in Troy, Alabama the 12th.
- Married, in this county, recently, Edmond L. ETHERIDGE to Miss Mary S. HAMMONDS.
- In Escambia County recently, Mr. Tom OWENS was badly cut by Riley WILLIAMSON with a drawing knife, inflicting dangerous wounds.
- Mr. J.E. SPOON has bought the FARNHAM lot near Mrs. ROBINSONS' residence and will begin the erection of a dwelling house thereon at an early day.
- Mrs. Amanda ASHLEY sends us a large cabbage for which we return thanks. The cabbage weighed 5 ¼ pounds and measured 3 ¼ inches in circumference.

July 24, 1879:

- Mr. S.M. PARKER is agent for the *Conecuh-Escambia Star* at Lewis' Station, Escambia County, Alabama.

- The wife of Hon. Augustus W. JONES, formerly of Conecuh County, died in Florida on the 24th of June last.
- Friday before the third Sunday in August next, a protracted meeting will begin at Arkadelphia Baptist Church, Conecuh County.
- At Sepulga Baptist Church on Saturday, before the first Sunday in August next, a protracted meeting will commence.
- Evergreen is one of the healthiest places in Alabama. Since January 1879 only three persons (white) have died in this place; Mrs. THOMAS, a child of Dr. LEE, and a child of Robert J. McCREARY. Evergreen has a population of six or seven hundred.
- Died, at Monroeville, at the residence of Capt. W.S. WIGGINS, July 14, 1879, Mrs. Mary Jane HENDERSON; she was a daughter of Mrs. Betsy WIGGINS, a sister of Capt. W.S. WIGGINS, and mother-in-law of Dr. H.P. SMITH of Buena Vista. She was born in Conecuh County, July 17, 1827.
- Married, in this county recently, Mr. James H. HAYS to Miss Lanveah WATSON.
- Croquet parties by lamplight are a new feature in Evergreen life. They are enjoyed by the young ladies and gentlemen.
- The Courthouse would present a much better appearance if it was repainted and recovered. Cannot the Commissioners have it done?
- **NOTICE!**
It is with pleasure that we call the attention of our readers to the advertiser of the Evergreen Academy. This is a first-class institution, and we trust that the citizens of Conecuh and adjoining counties will patronize it liberally.

Brewton, Ala., July 15, 1879

Editor:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of the improvements that are being erected in the town of Brewton and vicinity. By the energy and benevolence of our esteemed citizens we are erecting two chapels, one of which will be used by the Methodists and the other by the Baptists... Our esteemed citizen, Mr. C.L. SOWELL, is having erected a large saw mill situated on Big Juniper Creek five miles from this place; the erection of said mill, with other improvements, will furnish employment for about thirty or forty hands, which at this dull season of the year is an important consideration to the bread-eaters... Mr. SOWELL is one of our most enterprising citizens, and we have plenty of room for as many such as will come. By the way, Mr. Editor, I must not forget to inform you that we have a brickyard in the course of erection, under the efficient management of our townsman, Mr. James McMILLAN; said brickyard is located about a half mile below this place... There is talk of Messrs. G.G. HAROLD & Bros. building a large brick storehouse in this place... *[No author listed]*

JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY (Leigh Library on the Brewton Campus) HOURS/ALABAMA ROOM HOURS - FALL 2003

Leigh Library will be closed on

- Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Monday – Friday, November 24-28, for State Professional Development Meetings and Thanksgiving Holidays
- Monday, December 15 – Tuesday, January 6 for end of fall semester and Christmas/New Years Holidays.

Regular hours for the library are:

- 7:30 AM – 8:30 PM - Monday – Thursday
- 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM - Friday
- The library is not open on weekends.

For more information concerning the library and the Alabama Room, please call **251-809-1584** or e-mail at **<library@jdcc.edu>**.

<u>Books for Sale</u>	Mailed	Regular Price
<u>A History of Escambia County</u>	\$55.00	\$50.00
<u>Headstones and Heritage</u>	\$40.00	\$35.00
<u>Escambia Historical Society Cookbook</u>	\$10.00	\$ 5.00

Get in Touch with Us

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Membership: \$10.00. Clip the following form and send to Treasurer: Peggy Bracken, 602 Edgewood Drive, Brewton, AL 36426.

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