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THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter  
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SHOW AND TELL MEETING - Our June 18th meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m.  
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in the Jefferson Davis Junior College Student Center, will be a  
SHOW AND TELL meeting. Members who have something historic or old or  
just plain interesting to show to the Society are urged to bring it  
to the meeting. There will be plenty of display room and tables.  
For those who are shy or would prefer not to do their own "telling,"  
our President, Floyd Currie, has offered to read your notes regarding  
the displayed item for you. This has all the ear-marks of being one  
of our most interesting meetings. (I have heard several people telling  
about the items they plan to bring.) Be sure to come whether you  
bring anything to Show & Tell or not. Bring a friend. Refreshments  
are being furnished for the meeting by Mrs. Bert M. Campbell, Jr.

JUNE QUARTERLY - will soon be ready. Mr. Dan Robertson, our 25 year-  
old assistant to our secretary, Miss Helen Robertson, has been busy  
getting the envelopes ready for mailing the quarterlies. This issue  
will contain History of the Atmore Methodist Church; the Millard P.  
Brooks family; Magilbra Findley, veteran of the Indian Wars; Story of  
the Three Notch Road and Henley Ferry; Roster of Capt. Littleberry  
Rogers Company of Mounted Infantry, 1837 Indian Defenses; and others.

NEW MEMBERS - Brewton - Mrs. Clara M. Thames, Miss Lula Pearl Neal,  
Mrs. D. P. Liles, Brook G. Garrett, Jr., Rick Butler (Ramada Inn);  
Out-of-Town: Mrs. Lois S. Bell, Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. A. Jeff Kemp,  
Houston, Texas; Red Kirkland, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama (two years);  
M. Brooks Hayes, Jr., Blountstown, Fla. (two years). Total now 274.  
We will be dropping unpaid members this month, so the total will be  
slightly lower next month.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -

Miss Lula Pearl Neal has contributed for our library a double  
postcard picture of the old Cedar Creek Mill Company's Lumber  
Plant at Brewton--made when it only cost 1¢ to mail a postcard!

Bert M. Campbell, Jr. has completed, typed and bound the  
INDEX TO A COPY OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS, BOOK A,  
1879-1892. The copy of the Marriage Record was contributed by  
Mrs. Lennis Elliott Shelton some time ago. Mrs. Paula Jay began  
the task of indexing it, but had to give it up. We were fortunate  
to have Bert take over the work and do a marvelous job! With  
material like this we will be better able to help researchers and  
genealogists looking for their ancestors.

NEWLY-FORMED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATIONS IN ALABAMA - Auburn Heritage Association, Cleburne County Historical Society, and Shelby County Historical Society. The Shelby County group now has 400 members enrolled!

GARDEN PARTY REMARKS - By now most of you know that we had another delightfully successful Garden Party. In appreciation and to commemorate the occasion, the Society is presenting Mr. and Mrs. John David Finlay with a set of 36 color photos made during the festivities. These photos will be displayed at the June meeting and orders may be placed for any copies you might want for \$1.50 each. As in all our undertakings, we were amazed at the way people so willingly gave of their time and efforts to make the party a success. Mrs. Jonathan (Harriett) Miller who was in charge of the Garden Party--making all the plans and executing them with flare--tells us that all the responses to her requests for the party were most gracious and some even delighted expressions. Mrs. Hal (Paula) Jay assisted Mrs. Miller with many of the arrangements. These two young expectant mothers (both of their babies are due this month) carried the whole affair off with what seemed to be the greatest of ease--even helped haul chairs.

Others who helped are: Worth P. Smith, hauling tables and chairs; Mrs. Worth P. Smith, donated flowers; Mrs. F. A. Luttrell, Sr. and Mrs. W. S. West, Sr. prepared relish trays; Mrs. Winifred Williamson (chairman) and the following prepared potato salads; Mrs. James H. Elliott, Mrs. Jack Peavy, Mrs. Ethel Bothea, Mrs. Fred Mitchell, Miss Mary Larkin, Mrs. Hal Jay, Mrs. Jonathan Miller, Mrs. Ralph Barbour, Mrs. Helen Hildreth, and Mrs. E.D. Rosemore; Mrs. Bert M. Campbell, Jr. (chairman) and the following brought cakes; Miss Bonnie Ruth Barrow, Mrs. Frank Norworthy, Mrs. J. C. Bagwell, Miss Rita Jane Boykin, Mrs. Floyd Currie, and Mrs. Woodfin Patterson; Mrs. E.T. Archer and Mrs. Jack Bruner (chairman) brought and served tea and ice and the following also brought tea; Mrs. Alice Till Beall, Mrs. Bertha Barron, Mrs. Gladys Mashburn, and Miss Mary Holladay, lemon for tea; Joe M. Jackson sprayed for insects; Tom Smith and Mrs. Pauline Duke acted as tour guides in John David Finlay, Jr.'s home; Universalist Church (Rev. W.P. Parker) use of tables and chairs; National Guard Armory (Sgt. Fuqua) use of chairs and table; Mrs. June Holland, Secretary of First Baptist Church arranged for the chicken and its preparation, with Julia Nixon (First Baptist Church Day Care Center Cook) irying the chicken. Mrs. Bert Campbell, Jr. assisted with the reservations, and our Treasurer, Dr. Ernest D. Rosemore, paid the bills. If we have missed anyone, we hope you will pardon us--we had so much help! For those of you who attended, I don't have to tell you how "altogether lovely" it was.

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#### A TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Copied from The Pine Belt News  
Tuesday, May 14, 1895

A telephone exchange for Brewton is now almost a certainty. Lawyer Davison, who is prime mover in the matter, has called upon many of our business and professional men and succeeded in getting between twenty and thirty subscriptions to the project--enough to cause the company to begin shaping their plans for construction of the system. The central station will be at the depot, for convenience of patrons at night and to curtail expense of a person to manipulate it during the hours when the moon and stars are in their glory. It is said that a popular young lady will be "boss" of the central office. The 'phones will be an improved kind and, no doubt, our people will patronize the enterprising company liberally.

A BATH HOUSE

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Tuesday, May 14, 1895

Mr. James McMillan has erected a large bath house near his home, which will be quite a convenience to our people during the summer. He has bath tickets for sale at very reasonable figures.

(Editor's Note: For the younger generation, a bath house is nothing more than a swimming pool with a shed over it.)

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FROM ESCAMBIA'S OLD CAPITAL

Pollard, May 20, 1894  
Copied from The Pine Belt News

Armory Hall on Friday night was ablaze with brilliant lights in honor of a ball given by the young men of Pollard, complimentary to their many lady friends. The number present enjoyed the dance and the music was unusually good, and the evening was voted by all a success in every way.

In mentioning the names of the city fathers in my last communication, I unintentionally omitted the name of Mr. J.L.Jernigan and also Mr.C.Y.Mayo, Jr., is city clerk.

Pollard is becoming famous for her fishing and sporting facilities. Parties from Evergreen and Montgomery spent several days here last week and returned well laden with spoils.

Delightful moonlight party at Mr.Geo.G.Egg's on Tuesday evening. Everyone enjoyed themselves to their hearts content.

Mr. E.S.McMillan of Brewton, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Julia Castleberry is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. N.P.Park are visiting Brewton.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdory is visiting Mobile

Mrs.Mary Park has charge of Hotel Florentine. It is with sincere regret we learned that Mr. and Mrs. Ney Park would no longer manage the hotel, but in securing Mrs. M. Park to fill the vacancy, will in a great measure keep up the popularity of the hotel.

May 22, 1894, The Pine Belt News  
CLOSING EXERCISES OF SCHOOL

The closing exercises of Miss Nannie Granberry's school came off Friday in the presence of the delighted patrons. The number of scholars was limited to twenty-five at the beginning of the session, thus insuring the attention necessary to cause them to rapidly advance in the different branches of study. The pupils ranged in age from 6 to 15 years, and since it was announced sometime ago that a gold medal would be given the one making the best showing at commencement, a lively contest for the prize has been on. The advancement made in penmanship was to decide who should be entitled to the honors. Accordingly, impartial judges (the institute's corp of teachers) were called to determine between the contestants. It was ascertained that Lucile Hairston was winner. On our examination of the different specimens of penmanship exhibited, we find that she was closely followed by Morse Brooks, Bessie Slay, Navalou Martin, Pearl Henderson, Elmo Anderson and Jesse Thompson. The teacher certainly deserves much credit for the satisfactory manner in which her school has been conducted the past session. Parents and pupils alike are loud in their praises of her efficient tutorage.