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MEETING INFORMATION

The Escambia County Historical Society meeting for the month of August will be held at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum on the campus of Jefferson Davis Junior College at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 1981.

The program will be a show-and-tell with each member bringing something of historical, local, or antique interest. The history of each article will also be presented. Those who do not have anything of this nature to present are asked to bring an old recipe, an old-fashioned household hint, or an old remedy from your mother or grandmother to share with the Society

"Grow old along with me:
The best is yet to be--
The last of life for which the first
was made."--Browning

Museum News

The IBM Corporation's exhibit of the working models of Leonardo da Vinci will be showing at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum until Wednesday, September 2. Each of the 22 models of the exhibition, which are based on designs and sketches of this 15th-century genius, is fully operational by manual manipulation and is accompanied by a test panel describing its use and historic value. This is particularly good for young people, who are welcome to visit and operate some of the models which are designed for such use.

Students and other volunteers from Jefferson Davis College and the Museum have been working with the University of South Alabama in doing archaeological excavations at the site of Fort Mims, where several hundred men, women, and children were massacred by Red Stick Indians on August 30, 1813. Such field operations are a part of the museum's ongoing program of research and historically-related training projects.

Biographies and Memorials

The Society has recently been receiving memorial biographies of Escambia County natives that have been unattended by contributions to the memorial fund. Such material is valuable for the Society's records, and will be placed on file in the Alabama History Room research files until the materials can be compiled for the purpose of publishing a Memorial Book.

Since the memorial biographies published in the newsletter and quarterly publications of the ECHS are those which were provided by individuals or families who contributed as a part of their memorial remembrance, a memorial gift to that fund of the Society, biographies that are sent without such accompaniment will be kept as valued reference sources but will not be published as are regular memorial biographies.

My name, and my place, and my tomb, all forgotten,
The brief race of time well and patiently run,
So let me pass away, peacefully, silently,
Only remembered by what I have done.--Bonar

Quarterly Addendum

The article about the Franklin and Harold Families of Escambia County which appeared in the last issue of the Society Quarterly was contributed for publication by Dr. David L. Payne, Professor and Director of Library Services at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus.

Query

Marie Fregia, P.O. Box 11, Daisetta, Texas 77533, has written our Society asking for any information on Stapleton, Blacksher, Wilson, Byrd, May, and Bracken families in this area. Anyone who can supply this information, please write to her.

As You Like It

As we meet to compile, arrange, and prepare material for publication in our newsletters and quarterlies, we try to keep in mind the interest of our publications' readers. Many of our members live far away, and we hope that these individuals, as well as those that live in this immediate area, will find what is offered in the Historical Society's publications interesting and enjoyable.

If it our hope to present information that is what YOU want to see. It would help us tremendously if you, the members at home and far away, would write to us to let us know what you want to see in these publications. This having been done, we will make every effort to provide you with the kind of material that you will look forward to receiving, and it will keep the Society's membership active and healthy.

Let us know what you want, and if you can offer some material that would be appropriate for publications, we would welcome these contributions. Thank you.

A Personal Note

The longer I live, the more I am certain that the great difference between men--between the feeble and the powerful, the great and the insignificant--is energy, invincible determination--a purpose once fixed, and then death or victory. That quality will do anything that can be done in this world, and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make a two-legged creature a man without it. There are hindrances without and within, but the outer hindrances could effect nothing if there were no inner surrender to them. Fear of opinion, timidity, dread of change, love of ease, indolence, unfaithfulness, are the great hindrances. Optimism is believing that you can eat the rooster that scratches over your grave.

--Sam Jones

No great work is ever done in a hurry. To develop a great scientific discovery, to paint a great picture, to write an immortal poem, to become a minister, or a famous general--to do anything great requires time, patience, and perseverance. These things are done by degrees--"Little by Little." Milton did not write "Paradise Lost" at a sitting, nor did Shakespear compose "Hamlet" in a day. The most famous musicians once picked out their notes laboriously; a child must learn to draw a straight line before he can develop into a Titian or a Michael Angelo.

--W. J. Wilmont Buxton