

Sept. 3, 1979

ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the By-Laws of the society, our annual meeting will be held the first Saturday in October, October, 6, at 3 P.M. It will be held in the beautifully restored auditorium of the Bartow County Agricultural Center on School street. Later in October, this auditorium will be dedicated to the memory of Robert M. Stiles by the Bartow County chapter of the Georgia Farm Bureau. Mr. Stiles was the first president of our society.

The board of directors for 1979-80 will be elected by those present at this meeting.

The present board will meet at 2 P.M. on October 6 in the conference room of the Agricultural Services Center.

"THEY SURVIVED SHERMAN, STORMS, AND THE SWEEP OF TIME."

Lizette Conner and her Publications Committee will proudly present at our annual meeting a slide show depicting structures in the county built during or prior to the Civil War. Henry Tumlin will narrate the program; Sydney Jolly wrote the script; under the direction of Mrs. Conner, Certel Monroe, Lonnie Howell, Walter Burton, Clyde Jolley, Sydney Jolly and Bob White took the pictures. Some slides were furnished by Coosa Valley Planning and Development Commission and others came from the Rome Preservation Trust.

PROGRESS AT THE MUNFORD HOUSE

Jimmie Davis reports that front and back porches have been completely refloored and that sheetrock has been installed in the middle and back rooms. She expects that interior painting and replastering the front rooms will be underway by the time you receive this letter. Unsightly electric control boxes have been moved into closets.

Leon Lewis has provided wide pine boards needed to repair floors and is turning out a decorative torch to replace one that fell from atop the center gable.

Our thanks to Commissioner Olin Tatum for bush-hogging the grounds at Munford House. In a few days he expects to have our water turned on.

MUNFORD HOUSE TO BE COVER FEATURE

A photo of the Munford House will grace the cover of the Northwest Georgia Genealogical Quarterly, published by Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Dyar of Cedartown. The picture, plus a bit of history about the house, will appear in the autumn issue.

WE VISIT CEDARTOWN

Fourteen of our members enjoyed a visit with the Folk County Historical Society in Cedartown on August 21. Their home, in the Neel Reid-designed, former Hawkes Children's Library, is a beautiful building.

MAPS AVAILABLE

We are in the black in the sale of Civil War maps, but we still have plenty left. They will be available for sale at our October 6 meeting.

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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MRS. GARRETT WRITES

A letter from Mrs. Franklin (Frances) Garrett reads, in part:
"I have all kinds of plans for the use of the lovely gravy bowl you gave us. It will see a lot of use in the many years to come. Mr. Gordy is quite an artist with his pottery and we are so thrilled to be a recipient of one of his very popular items.
"Please express to your fine members how much we both appreciate your thoughtfulness. We'd love to come back any time we get an invitation."

LIZETTE, MILLIE AND TAVE ENTERTAIN

Lizette Conner, Millie Fierce and Tave Harvey entertained their committees at an informal dinner at Lizette's beautiful home on August 25. Attendees report a delightful evening.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GETS GOING

Millie and Tave and their committee are sending out 500 attractive invitations to join our society to special individuals and businesses. The top of the invitation is a nice line drawing of the Munford House, rendered by our talented Dot Myers.

ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE

Annual dues will be payable on October 6. However, those who have joined the society since June 12 will not owe additional dues until October, 1980. (This provision was authorized by the Board of Directors in special session on June 12, 1979.)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Miss Patricia Mansfield is appointed chairperson of our Committee on Beautification. With her will serve Harold Lowry, Jr., Miss Julia Quillian, Clayton Myers, Mrs. Leonard Pickard, Ms. Marylyn Moore and Mrs. Carl White. The duties of the committee will include inspection of visually polluted areas and meeting with city and county officials and civic organizations to study and devise ways and means to improve these areas.

FIRST PURCHASE FOR MUSEUM

Authorized by the Board of Directors, a beautiful antique, beveled-glass-topped show case has been purchased by Emmie Nelson and her Museum Committee.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS APPLIED FOR

James W. Noble, C.P.A., is handling our request for Tax-exempt status with the IRS. In connection with this effort, the IRS has advised that our charter must be amended to show how assets would be distributed in the event of our dissolution. Our own Ron Davis is taking care of getting the charter amended.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee that will present a slate of directors for the coming fiscal year consists of Mrs. Joe Myers, chairperson, Clyde W. Jolley, Miss Dorris McCormick, Mrs. Clarence Ivey and Mrs. Leon Lewis.