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ETCWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER NEWSLETTER

1982

The entire membership of our society has been greatly saddened by the passing of our first president, Judge Jefferson L. Davis, who departed this life on December 16, 1981.

Judge Davis practiced law several years before being named to the Superior Court judgeship of the Cherokee Circuit. During these years the electorate honored him by sending him to the House of Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly for two terms, and to one term in the state Senate. He was judge of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit from 1956 to 1975. From 1975 until his passing he served as Administrative Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Judge Davis was one of a small group who was instrumental in having the Etowah River District placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Out of this effort came the Etowah Valley Historical Society, an organization that benefited greatly by the wise council and diligent efforts of Judge Davis, who, throughout his distinguished career demonstrated a real and continued interestim historic preservation.

The Cartersville Bar Association, in the presence of his family and many distinguished guests, honored Judge Davis' memory in a memorial service Wednesday, February 3, at the Bartow County courthouse.

Mrs. Eloine ("Jimmie") Davis, the current president of our society, carries on the tradition of service to preservation ideals initiated by her late husband. Additional surviors are their children, Cartersville attorneys Ronald L. Davis and Jefferson L. Davis, Jr. and Miss Grace Davis. We sympathize with the family in their great loss.

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The Winter meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society will be held at Cartersville Civic Center at 3 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 20.

Professor J.B. Tate of the History Department of Kennesaw College will bring a program on the Cherokee Indians. This program will consist of a slide show and lecture describing the life of the Cherokees in this area, the hardships they endured on the Trail of Tears, and the considerable accomplishments they made in their new Oklahoma home. Frofessor Tate is a native Oklahoman with a lifelong interest in the Cherokees. Some of us have seen this program and it is truly a fine presentation. You won't want to miss it.

Elected to our Board of Directors at the Autumn, 1981 meeting were Lonnie Howell, Susan Howard, Louise Hood and Jim Agan. Additional directors are Ben Maxwell, John Dent and Emmie Nelson. The Board of Directors, Ben Maxwell, Chairman, re-elected last year's officers to another term. In addition to Eloine "Ji: mie" Davis, tresident, these are Bob White, vice president; Margaret Ragsdale, secretary; and Helen Collins, treasurer. We look forward to an interesting and progressive year under their leadership.

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About HISTORIC BARTOW COUNTY, our all-color book, the December issue of SCUTHERN LIVING said "It's a job well done, and other counties interested in such a project right contact the Etcuah editors to see how they did it." Another fine review of our book at eared in the Rome NEWS-TRIBUNE.

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Have you renewed your membership in the Society for 1982 ? If you are in doubt here's how to tell:

If there appears a check mark in the box below it means you need to get acheck for \$10 (\$15 for courles) to Mrs. M.W.H. Collins, treasurer, Box 313, Cartersville, GA. 30120 as soon as possible.

Millie Pierce and Jimmie Davis are getting things ready to open the Society's gift shop in the little schoolhouse at Rose Inwn. Killie says they will appreciate gifts of linens particularly that can be resold.

We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of a beautiful oil painting by the late Margaret Warlick rresented by Louie Warlick. Margaret studied under Ben Shute at the High Museum of Art and under Lamar Dodd at the University of Georgia.

Other much appreciated sifts include old pictures and magazines by Mrs. J.C. (Margaretta) Shaw, a set of volumes "Lee's Lieutenants" by Bill Johnson, and a typewriter chair by Dr. Norman Fox.

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Memorials honoring Judge J.I. Davis have been given the Society by the following: Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association, Haines Hargrett, chairman and chief executive officer of Fulton Federal; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMullian, Mrs. Talmadge Duncan, Mrs. M.W.H. Collins, Mrs. Mildred H. Pierce, Mrs. Bill Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxwell, Mrs. J.W. Stanford, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell, the Cartersville Service League, Mrs. Robley Jobe and Mrs. Rowland White.

Mrs. E.K. Patten of Marietta has given a memorial gift in memory of Bill Reagan, Miss Clyde Galt and Fowler Cook. Funds were used to buy a beautiful Victorian lamp for the parlor.

Mrs. Bill Reagan and Mrs. M.W.H. Collins have made contributions honoring Mrs. Geraldine Hollingsworth.

Mrs. M.W.H. Collins has made contributions in memory of Mrs. Annie T. Jackson and Mrs. J.L. Lasseter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clude Jolley made contributions in memory of Mrs. Janet Myers and Smith Mansfield.

Thanks of the Society are extended to Millie Fierce, Dot Quillian, Ionnie Howell and Frank and Lizette Entwisle for the super job they did on selling "HISTORIC BARTOW COUNTY". As of this date 988 books have been sold. After pawing the printer \$13,000 we have in the book account \$9298, of which \$2331.47 is still due on the printing account and is being withheld until the remainder of 95 books are delivered to us.

Through the efforts of our representatives in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Joe Frank Harris and Senator Nathan Laan, we received a grant of \$500 from the State Department of Nathural Assources. This grant is being administered by the City of General ville.