

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER NEWSLETTER

1983-1984

IN MEMORIAM

DR. WARREN AKIN IV
Feb. 17, 1947 - Nov. 26, 1983

Our community, our historical society and educational circles throughout North Georgia were deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden and untimely death of our treasurer and devoted member, Dr. Warren Akin, IV.

In the field of education Dr. Akin was widely known as a gifted teacher, one who with untiring patience and enthusiasm delighted in indoctrinating his pupils with his love for the English language. His influence will long be felt among those fortunate to have been enrolled in his classes.

Dr. Akin served well at whatever job he undertook. Members of our society were universal in their praise of the way he handled our finances during his term as treasurer in 1982-1983. He had a great love for local history, manifested in part by his willingness to serve our society in any way he was asked to do so.

We in the Etawah Valley Historical Society join the faculty and students of Floyd Junior College in extending our deep sympathy to the family of Dr. Akin in their great loss.

WINTER MEETING SET

The Winter meeting of our society will take place at Wofford-Hall-White House at 3 P.M. Saturday, January 28. The house will be open at one o'clock for those who want to come early and browse over papers, etc., lately placed in a display case in the library.

These papers, obtained by President Lonnie from the Georgia Room of Rome's Carnegie Library, include a City of Cartersville directory for 1883, excerpts from the two-volume "Memoirs of Georgia" published in 1895. Many will want to tour the upstairs museum.

DUES ARE DUE

A reminder that many of our members have not paid their 1984 dues. Single memberships for a year are \$10; for couples, \$15. Corporate memberships are from \$50 to \$150, and the status of "patron" is accorded those individuals who contribute from \$100 to \$500. Won't you please get your check in the mail to Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, treasurer, 7 Boatner Avenue, Cartersville, Ga. 30120, right away. Thank you for your promptness.

The following have been accorded "Patron" status by virtue of their gifts during the winter of 1983-1984:

Mr. Lex Jolley \$100 gift
Mrs. Ted Duncan \$100 gift
Mr. Jim Dellinger \$500 gift

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Famous novelist Miss Eugenia Price and her equally noted friend, Miss Joyce Blackburn, best known for her biographies written for young people, paid a working visit to Northwest Georgia in October. While in Cartersville, Miss Price contributed \$200 to our society, an expression of appreciation for the courtesies shown her by Julia Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jolley and Elizabeth Clark. Do not be surprized if the next novel in Miss Price's "Savannah" trilogy contains scenes laid in Cass County !

GIFTS AND LOANS

The New Riverside Ochre Company contributed gravel for our driveway and the City of Cartersville provided the machinery for spreading it. Lamar Pendley, the heating and air conditioning man, fixed our furnace TWICE !

Rilla Reagan gave us a beautiful sideboard for our diningroom. She also provided a cash contribution to pay for Post Office box rental.

Jody Brandon presented us with a flag (obtained through a U.S. congressman) that once flew over the U.S. Capitol.

Rebecca Champion placed on loan a nice display case; it is being used in the library to show the papers obtained from Rome's Carnegie Library and other material. Mayor Dave Tillman put on loan valuable papers from the extinct Braban Hotel. (Earlier the Braban had had at least four other names: Ricks House, St. James, Shellman Hotel and Park Hotel).

Our thanks to all these public-spirited citizens and organizations.

If you wish to give something or put something on loan to our society please contact Millie Pierce, 382-0788; Bob White, 382-4366; or Lonnie Howell, 382-3061.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Mrs. J.N. Weems the following have made contributions to our society: Jimmy C. Hill; Rilla Reagan; Mr. and Mrs. John Dent, Mrs. F.T. Meiere, Mrs. J.W. Stanford, Millie Pierce and Fern Jobe.

In memory of Dr. Warren Akin, IV, Mr. and Mrs. John Dent have made a contribution to the society.

THANKS TO TOUR HOSTS

Jimmie Davis, tour chairperson, and all the society, wishes to extend special thanks to those gracious persons who opened their home to our successful tour of antebellum structures on October 23. These include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Entwisle, Mr. Joe Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Norton, Miss Doris McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Taylor, Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall. Also, many thanks to the dozens of others who helped make the tour a success.

YOUR 1984 OFFICERS

Bob White, chairman of the board; Alonna Howell, president; Millie Pierce, vice president; Sally Barrett, secretary; Elizabeth Howell, treasurer. New board members: Guy Farmenter, Evelyn Martin and Lizette Entwisle.

ACTIVITY AT WOFFORD-HALL-WHITE HOUSE

With the Thanksgiving party of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Christmas party of the First Atlanta Bank Fan Club held at our state-ly home, we are gratified at the public usage of the facility. Also, our gift shop was open each Friday from October through December 16.