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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Fall as much as I have, particularly the weather and the football season. I think I've stated in previous messages that October is my favorite time of the year. (Happy birthday Dad, Lorraine and me!)

I have certainly enjoyed serving three years as the president of the PHA and five years as the treasurer. But now time must be cleared for my new job, as well as the wedding of our daughter, Tyler.

It is hard to believe that in less than six months that little girl we saw go off to pre-kindergarten just yesterday will be married! There are so many special memories: When she was six or seven, she ran off our hill on her bicycle, right into the barbed wire fence. And she was so proud of her new sister, Susanna! When she was born, Tyler got to baby-sit. She started Pee Wee Cheerleading in the 4th grade and cheered for nine more years. I am so grateful that SMCA had such a winning football team her last year - she said it sure made cheering a lot easier! I remember, too, how upset she got when there was a third McLaney girl (Kate) on the way. She is over that, now! Teaching Tyler to drive was quite an experience, as was meeting all those boy friends along the way until "Mr. Right" came along. (And I have that to look forward to twice more!) Hearing her give the

valedictory last May, I realized that she was becoming quite a young lady. Lorraine deserves most (if not all) of the credit for all of our daughters turning out so well. Thank you. Lord!

And thank you members for allowing me to serve as your president. I hope that our association will continue to grow. Volunteer, be active, get involved - and, just as I have been reminiscing about our daughter, remember to share all those special stories with future generations!

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND TIME

PHA will move the date of its October meeting to the 26th of October at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be a special private tour of Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery. Mary Ann Neely, Director of Old Alabama Town, has graciously volunteered to do this program for us. There is a \$5.00 per person charge, which PHA will pay for members. If you would like to bring visitors, their admission fee should be paid. The money goes to the landmarks Foundation, which is certainly a worthy cause.

Oakwood is the oldest cemetery in Montgomery, rich in history and unique monuments. Not old but unique, is Hank Williams' grave. The cemetery is located at 1304 Upper Wetumpka Road across from the City Police Department. We have been asked to park at the Police Department parking lot and walk across the street to Oakwood. We will gather at the front gate and conduct our business meeting at 2:00 PM. Our tour will begin at 2:30. This is a walking tour, so wear comfortable shoes. Transportation, including the Pintlala Baptist Church van, will be available. Those who would like a ride should meet at the church parking lot at 1:15. In case of rain, we will meet at the Pintlala Baptist Church at 2:00 PM.

Make special plans to attend this interesting tour - and bring friends! Let's enjoy the day, and show Mary Ann Neely our appreciation for devoting her Sunday afternoon to us.

HISTORY BEING MADE

A large crowd was present August 24, 1997 to celebrate the Grand Opening of the beautiful Pintlala Volunteer Fire Department (Harold M. Newell Station). We were honored to have Mrs. Harold Newell cut the ribbon to begin the festivities. Frank Lassiter, President of the PVFD, described the construction project and thanked the many participants and supporters. Sheriff Dan Jones offered words of appreciation and congratulations.

The Fire Department had outgrown its other building that was constructed in 1980 and the Newell's were very kind in donating the property to build a larger facility. Mrs. Mary Meadows donated the dirt to build the foundation and several others donated their time and

services. Mr. Sammy Hester with HCH Construction supervised the construction of the building.

The celebration continued with refreshments and a tour of the facility. Photo Albums showing our old and new fire departments were displayed and are now available for viewing at the Pintlala Library.

The new fire station is a great asset to our community. We especially appreciate all the volunteer firemen and medical rescue personnel whose tireless efforts make it possible to operate this facility. The Pintlala Community has a lot to be proud of!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MR. FRED W. HOOPER, SR! Special birthday wishes to Mr. Hooper, former Hope Hull resident, renowned horseman and longtime friend of our community, who celebrated his 100th birthday October 6, 1997 in Ocala, Florida. He was honored with several celebrations and received special congratulations from Willard Scott.

WELCOME: Geraldine Echols Blair, 979 Colonial Road, Memphis, TN 38117, has joined PHA since our last Newsletter. Also, she asks for information from persons who are researching the McGehee Family, and states "My line from Micajah is through Abner, his son James, his daughter Harriette Lorena, who married Dr. James Walker Brand, his daughter Catherine Virginia Brand, she married Sidney Lee Campbell Echols, and my father, William Allen Echols. I hope you can put me in touch with members working on any of these lines."

INQUIRIES:

Will anyone who has this information, please provide it to Bobbi H. Chase, 2805 N. 47th St., #807, Philadelphia, PA 19131, telephone 215 877-8712, who asks "Who were the parents of Eliza Dean who married James W. Bonham, II? When and where was she born, married and died?"

Margaret Turk, 78 Paddock Drive, Fairhope, AL 36532, seeks information on SUSAN AMELIA MOSELEY and WILKERSON JAMES BEACH. (She sent copy of photo, but we were unable to duplicate it satisfactorily.)

Sandra Lassiter, 284-5322, asks for information about JOHN A. LASSITER, who died in 1910. His widow, Ann K. Lassiter, is buried at Bethel Cemetery.

OOOOOPS! The July 1997 newsletter, which read "VOLUME XI, NUMBER 1," *should* have read "VOLUME XI, NUMBER 3." Please make that correction on your copy.

NEW CEMETERY SIGNS PLACED: Robert and Jamie Sharpe have been instrumental in getting signs placed to designate the Sharpe Cemetery and the Durden-Suggs Cemetery and

in getting drives repaired. To visit the Durden-Suggs Cemetery, get the key from Jamie Sharpe, 288-4763.

BETHEL CEMETERY QUITCLAIM DEED: Special thanks to Frank H. Hawthorne, who was instrumental in recording the deed to the Trustees of the Pintlala Baptist Church in the Montgomery County Courthouse. Frank Hawthorne grew up in Pintlala and for years was the only practicing attorney born and reared in southwest Montgomery County.

IN MEMORIAM

SILAS GARRETT was born and raised in Pintlala, the son of Ernest and Lottie Meritt Garrett, and died August 9, 1997. He attended Pintlala and Lanier and was the first man to attend and graduate from Huntingdon College. A scholarship at Huntingdon has been established in his name. He was a retired naval officer, a lifelong educator, serving for years as the Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools, and was very active in community service organizations. He was married to Elaine ~~Bowman~~ ^{Bowen} Garrett and had two children and four grandchildren.

JOHNNY GANN, son of Green Booth and Nora Jane Morrison Gann, died September 27, 1997 at age 95. When he was two years old, his family moved by wagon back to the Sellers Community from Georgia. He lived in Sellers for the remainder of his life, opening the only garage in 1923 and continuously operating it until only a few years ago. While Mr. Gann faithfully maintained the cars and trucks, his shop provided a memorable neighborhood meeting place. His wife was Nellie Cauthen Gann, who taught school at Ramer for over 40 years. Mr. Gann is buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

MYRTIE NOLAN SCAIFE, daughter of William Virgil Nolan and Nettie Watson Nolan, and a lifelong resident of the Mt. Carmel community, passed away October 4, 1997. Active in church and community affairs, she quietly but continuously cheered, comforted and supported those around her. Probably, she could be best described as a "world class encourager!" She was married to Shack Scaife, and had two children, six grandchildren, and ~~5~~ ⁶ great-grandchildren. She is buried in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Langdon Christopher Parker gave an endowed scholarship for the College of Arts and Sciences to the University of Alabama in the name of his mother, the late Susan Evelyn Sanderson Parker. (October 7, 1902 - July 27, 1992) She attended Montgomery County High School and was named Class Poet. She married Langdon Christopher Parker, Sr., July 31, 1927. Her father was Dr. Francis Lynn Sanderson and her mother was Rachel C. Niblett Sanderson. Dr. Sanderson was the son of Thomas Lindsey and Sue Morrison Sanderson; both are buried in Tabernacle Cemetery. Thomas Lindsey Sanderson was the son of Almon and Elizabeth Stewart Sanderson.

ARTICLE FROM LANDMARK LETTER ON MCGEHEE CEMETERY: The Fall issue of "Landmark Letter," a quarterly publication of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society, has a very nice story by Nancy (Mrs. Nicholas) Holmes of Mobile: "Hope Hull Burying

REMINDER, 1997 DUES: If you have not yet paid your 1997 dues (\$10.00) please do so as soon as possible. The 1998 dues will be payable in January.

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