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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE :

As we consciously seek to document and record the history of our community and region, let us not forget that consciously or unconsciously, we are making history for future generations. We are experiencing the economic development of our region as we witness the industrial movement into our area. We exercise our responsibilities to our community, state and nation as we individually seek to chart the future through our choices of leadership for local, state and national causes as we cast our ballots at the polls in November.

Although our individual choices may vary as to who we think best to lead us during the next administration, these choices, if consciously considered, will be the right ones. Collectively we chart our own future as individually we exercise our privilege and responsibility to vote.

May we all seek divine wisdom as we make these choices.

JACK HORNADY
President, PHA

OCTOBER 20, 2002 PROGRAM: Have you ever heard of the "Hope Hull culture"? Would you like to know about this American Indian group discovered through archaeological evidence in Hope Hull, Alabama?

Join the Pintlala Historical Association at its October 20 meeting when the "Hope Hull culture" will be discussed by Ned Jenkins, Programs Coordinator and Archaeologist at Fort Toulouse, Wetumpka, Alabama. We will learn what characteristics identify this culture and make it unique. Mr. Jenkins also invites those attending to bring artifacts (points, pottery shards, etc.) found locally for him to identify.

This should be an outstanding program - I urge all of you to attend and to invite those interested in Indians who once lived where we now dwell. Mark your calendar for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2002 AT 2:30 PM AT PINTLALA BAPTIST CHURCH - CHOIR ROOM. *(Thank you, Alice Carter!)*

ANNUAL HOMECOMING AT TABERNACLE CHURCH: Many family members and friends of the Tabernacle Historical Association gathered on August 4, 2002 to celebrate the annual homecoming of Tabernacle Church and Cemetery. The church was established in 1846 and in 1978 the church was closed and the Tabernacle Historical Association was formed. That organization has completely restored the church and cemetery. A short business meeting was led by the President, David B. Reed. The Treasurer gave a report of the Association's finances, stating that there are no outstanding debts for the maintenance of the church and cemetery at this time. Dr. Cecil Williamson gave an inspirational talk about the historical significance of the church and of those members who are no longer with us. All families and friends were recognized, and after the services, all enjoyed reminiscing with one another and eating the bountiful lunch prepared by the good cooks of Tabernacle who had used some of the recipes handed down from generation to generation. *(Many thanks to Mary Ann Venable for this article! And my apologies to all of you for omitting her gracious invitation to that event which should have appeared in our July PHA newsletter. My computer had suffered a "lightning jolt" while I was typing the newsletter, and I failed to realize that the Tabernacle article had been lost along with the one I was typing. Sorry. JCH)*

TWO BOOKS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE PINTLALA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE ETHEL TANKERSLEY TODD HISTORICAL SECTION:

1. "The Seas of War - The Diary of a Red Cross Worker in Vietnam," by Barbara Williamson Pomarolli. This book is about Barbara's experiences as a Red Cross Worker aboard the USS Respose, a Navy ship in Vietnam during 1965 - 67. Barbara grew up in Hope Hull on Mason Road, graduated from Hayneville High School, received a BS from Auburn University, and served with the American Red Cross for four years. She married Dick Pomarolli in May 1968 and they have two children, Kerri and Mark. The couple have recently retired to Greensboro, Georgia. Barbara is the daughter of the late Cecil and Jane Williamson.

2. "Area Postoffices," compiled by Laurie Sanders. This book includes information and listings of postoffices established, dating back to the 1800's in the Pintlala, Hope Hull, Snowdown, Sellers, Davenport, and surrounding communities. It also includes names of postmasters.

Other information recently placed in the library recently is a portion of the "Bladen County Heritage Book, North Caroline, Vol. 1, that pertains to the Davis Families. This was sent in by June Davis Handte, who was searching for some information on her great-great-great grandfather, Sampson Davis, Sr., his second wife, Ruth Bryant Davis, their son, Sampson Davis, Jr. and his wife, Rebecca Hester. There is also information on the Marmaduke David Family of Lowndes County. Other Davis families are also listed in the publication. This material will be placed in the Historical Section of the Library under Davis Families. *(Thanks to Mary Ann Venable)*

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY: PHA members extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of our members and friends who have recently lost loved ones, including Mrs. Marie Boyd Moore (Mary Lassiter's twin Sister), Mrs. Dixie Garrett Dozier, Col. Ronald Earl Sellers, Jr. and Mrs. Lucile Sanders. We are indeed thankful for the years of contributions these persons have made to our community and to the PHA.

WELL WISHES: We hope that Joan Ray, Werner Hostettler, Ruth Davis, Nolan Berger, Kim Cline, Dorothy Brooks, Katie Heisler, Sara Nix, Jean Dean, Theresa Montgomery, Amber Gill and all our other members and friends who "ain't feelin' pert" soon feel MUCH better!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Leslie and Miriam Williams who celebrated their **58TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** on September 17, 2002!

HEARTIEST THANKS TO LAURIE SANDERS FOR THE JULY PHA PROGRAM!: Do you know where "Colquitt" is? Do you know the meaning of "RFD"? Those of you who were unable to attend the July PHA program really missed a rare treat! Laurie Smilie Sanders, charter member of PHA, presented an informative and entertaining commentary on early Montgomery County Post Offices and personnel. She has done much research and prepared a notebook containing a wealth of information on these post offices, which she presented to the PHA Library. *(Thank you, Laurie!)*

NEW BUSINESS IN PINTLALA! Pintlala and surrounding communities welcome the opening of **LASSITER'S HARDWARE AND SUPPLY** on US Highway 31. This will be a great convenience for anyone needing hardware, feed, and supplies. Hours of operation will be 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday.

TOULMIN FARM HOSTS DOVE SHOOT FOR YOUNG HUNTERS: Many of us cherish our childhood memories of hunting trips with our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other adults. And the Toulmin family enabled many youngsters and their parents to enjoy the great outdoors together by providing their beautiful Hope Hull farm for youth dove shoots the first two Saturdays in September. Before the first hunt, Conservation Officer Tim Cosby offered skeet shooting, which allowed youngsters get the "feel" of their guns and helped hone their marksmanship. Conservation Officer Chris Jaworsky focused first and foremost on safety throughout the entire well-managed operation and presented a detailed safety demonstration before each hunt. With Florian Toulmin, Jr., and other officers, he assured that each youngster

on the field was suitably situated with a licensed adult hunter - in most cases, his or her father. No longer an exclusive "guy thing," it was delightful to see how many little camouflaged girls (including Florian's daughter) obviously relished an opportunity to hunt with their dads! Extension Agent Shannon Andress urged the youth to become involved with hunter safety and shooting sports programs offered by the 4-H Club. Farm/City Committee members invited them to participate in upcoming events, including poster and essay contests and the annual Farm/City Festival where they will have an opportunity to engage in hunter safety workshops. While Alabama's new "Quail Trail" may be getting more media attention, many young people surely savor memories of their experience at the "Hope Hull Dove Hunts." *Caps off to the Toulmins and those who helped them promote and preserve a great Southern tradition!*

LASSITER FAMILY REUNION: The annual reunion of the late Frank Grant Lassiter and Annie Merle (Brady) Lassiter descendants and friends met at the Liberty Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on June 29, 2002 with 55 persons attending. Guests came from Marysville, TN, Greer, SC., Niceville, FL, Augusta, Decatur and Jonesboro, GA and Birmingham, Hope Hull, Lowndesboro, Montgomery, Moundville, and Pike Road, AL.

It was nice to have our three living brothers, Clarence, Felix, and Glenn, and their families and friends, and our sister-in-law, Rose (widow of Joe Frank) from Birmingham, with her oldest son, Joe Lassiter, and his two children, Ashley, and Jonathan, from Greer, SC. Brady Dubberley, the grandson of our oldest sister, Myrtle, who passed away many years ago, came from Birmingham. We enjoyed having Patsy and Dwight Davis and their daughter, Brittany. We had missed Clarence last year, and were thankful that his health this year permitted him and Linda to come. Everyone enjoyed visiting, looking at pictures from past years, and plenty of good food, but we missed our brother, J. B., who passed away in April this year.

We are looking forward to 2003 when we meet again and enjoy a good time of fellowship. Miriam Lassiter Williams. *(Thank you, Miriam!)* ,

CLASSIFIED SECTION - HELP WANTED ADS:

1. Readers to provide additional information about Pintlala School's Sports programs. Britt Norman recalled that Mr. Scarbrough was the boys' coach. They had purple and gold uniforms, and played Cloverdale, Capitol Heights, and Catoma, their main competitor. His sister, Virgil Lee Norman Bibb, played on the girls' basketball team.
2. ANYONE to write articles or stories about area persons, places, or events of the past, or present information of historic significance for publication in the PHA newsletter.
3. Persons to write articles (and hopefully provide pictures) of interesting old structures including stores, barns, etc. (past or existing) in this area. We would like to resurrect the "This Old House" feature for our PHA newsletter.

Please provide your articles (or just your ideas, pictures, and information (we'll do the typing) to Sandra Lassiter, Federal Road, Hope Hull, Alabama, Ph. 284-5322, or Julianne Hataway, 2589 W. Hickory Grove Road, Lapine, AL, Ph. 281-4338. MANY THANKS for helping make YOUR newsletter more interesting and informative.

FARM CITY FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21: Over 40 years ago, Kiwanis International established a fall "Farm City Week" to help achieve unity among all American workers - on and off the farm. With an ongoing theme of "Partners in Progress," Farm City activities have long provided a link between our nation's rural and urban population. Last year's the Montgomery Farmer's Quality Co-Op on Teague Road graciously hosted the festival which enabled urban families to experience first-hand "the country," where they enjoyed live music, food, roping and herd dog demonstrations and activities that included a petting zoo, horseback rides, and up-close visits with tractors, rural fire department trucks, and a HUGE steer. But due to the current construction (progress) on Teague Road, there is a new location. This year's festival, which will include similar events, will be held:

**4:30 - 6:30 PM, OCTOBER 21, AT THE FIELD BETWEEN ALFA'S PARKING
LOT AND THE FOOD WORLD ON MONTGOMERY'S SOUTHERN BY-PASS**

So come out, and help encourage even greater understanding and mutual appreciation between our farm and urban residents!

Receipt For Doing The Family Wash

This is an authentic washday "receipt" in its original spelling as, it was written out for a bride four generations ago:

1. Bild a fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in your eyes.
3. Shave one hole cake lie sope in bilin water.
4. Sort thing, make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord. 1 pile work britches and rags.
5. Stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water.
6. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullord, but don't bile - just rench and starch.
7. Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then rench, blew, and starch.
8. Spred tee towels on grass.
9. Hang old rags on fence.
10. Scrub porch with hot sopey water
11. Turn tubs upside down.
12. Go put on cleen dress - smooth hair with side combs - brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins. ~Author Unknown~

(Sandra Lassiter immediately counts two "blessins": a washer and dryer!)

**HOPE YOU AND YOURS HAVE
A VERY BLESSED THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!**