

The stethoscope was invented by a modest French doctor reluctant to put his ear to a female patient's bosom. Teddy Roosevelt is the father of football's forward pass."

Does Pintlala have its own flukes of history? It would be a topic worth discussing someday.

Gary Burton, President
Pintlala Historical Association

JULY PROGRAM: The Pintlala Historical Association will meet on Sunday, July 20 at 2:30 P.M. at Pintlala Baptist Church. Our program will be the unveiling of the Historical Marker for Grange Hall and Grange Hall School. This will be preceded by a business meeting and planning session. There will be a short report on some new Pintlala history as researched by one of our members.

There is currently a display of connected items in the display case at the Pintlala Library. I encourage you to stop in to view these important materials which have been lent by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Henry, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Henry. *Alice Carter, Program Chairman.*

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY: PHA members extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of our members and friends who have recently lost loved ones, including the families of Mrs. Dorothy Samuel, Mr. Joe Nelson, Mr. Slim Pelt, Mrs. Alice Stubbs Ashcraft (sister of Jean Dean), Mrs. Adele Blackwell Findley, and Mrs. Mary Boyd Lassiter.

WELL WISHES: We hope that all our members and friends who are having a rough time soon feel MUCH better! These include Scho Sellers, Thomas Ray, Leslie Williams, Tom Yarbrough, Kitty Lewis, Gayle Woodard, Scott Garrett, Ray Morgan, and Nancy Cauthen.

APRIL PHA PROGRAM: PHA members and friends enjoyed a rare treat at the April PHA meeting - a tour of the stately old Barnes home on Highway 331. The house, built in Montgomery in 1898 by Justus McDuffie Barnes, was moved around 1917-1918 to its present site. Lee Barnes graciously shared family pictures and history, childhood memories, and construction information as he showed guests through his beautifully refurbished home. *THANK YOU, LEE, FOR A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON!*

ETHEL TANKERSLY TODD HONORED FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT: Ethel Tankersly Todd, longtime Pintlala resident, schoolteacher, and reading advocate, was honored with a sculptured plaque by acclaimed area artist, Clydetta Fulmer. Mrs. Todd's great-grandson, James Carter Bonnell, unveiled the sculpture, entitled "The Joy of Reading," at a special ceremony June 22 at the Pintlala Branch Library. *(Thanks to Beverly Poole Ming for this information!)*

TEAGUE MEMORIES: Although the Hyundai Plant brings economic opportunities, the accompanying changes also bring pangs of nostalgia to those of us who cherish the beautiful pastoral landscape that is lost forever. We, as PHA members, must do our very best to preserve the rich heritage of this area. When the Montgomery County Commission announced their decision to rename the Teague Road "Hyundai Boulevard," Jack Hornady, then President of

PHA, contacted them. The Commission offered to provide a historic marker for each end of the road. The name change will become effective January 1, 2004.

We asked Mr. Philip Teague to share some of his early memories about the Teague Road area and his family for whom it was named: His grandfather, Mr. William Martin Teague, Sr., came from North Alabama to Briar Hill, where he lived until the Civil War. He moved to Greenville about 1865 before coming to Montgomery in 1875.

The Teagues bought parcels of land in the Montgomery area. Philip's uncles, William Martin Teague, Jr., (Will), and Robert Sterling Teague, bought the Snowdown land in 1918 which ran West from the railroad tracks to the property now owned by Joe Hall. There, they operated the Teague Dairy from 1918 to just before World War II, around 1940. Later, it was operated as Grant and Young Dairy. Some of that land is still owned by the Young family. Some of the Teague land in the Cantelou area, near where the "Old Alms House" was located, is currently owned by the Katechis family, famous for their delicious "Chris' Hot Dogs."

Philip, an avid outdoorsman, described the Snowdown Teague Road area as "the prettiest piece of natural prairie pasture you ever saw" and I heartily agree with him! He vividly recalled hunting with his father, Mr. Ed Teague, in hayfields that are now Normandale. There, at the age of five, he shot his first rabbit. Growing up, he had many more happy hunting experiences on land around the Hyundai plant. There were practically no ponds in that area in those days, and doves regularly drank at a ditch west of the Co-Op where water ran off from the Bellingrath Dairy (which later became the Hall Brothers Dairy). He particularly enjoyed dove hunting in that area.

Members of the Teague family were engaged in several other businesses, too. These included Teague Hardware (which served Montgomery and the surrounding area for decades) where Philip and his brothers Ed and Martin worked, and the Gay Teague Hotel which opened around 1908 on the corner of Commerce and Bibb Streets (later, the Frank Lieu Building.). Will Teague, Jr. and Will Howard Smith, with others, were instrumental in establishing the Union Stock Yards in North Montgomery in 1920. They brought in Mr. Harry Snow from Louisville, Kentucky to operate it. Another memory Philip fondly recalled was when Mr. Will Teague drove a herd of Angus cattle from Snowdown, through Montgomery, to the Union Stockyards.

We asked Philip if the Montgomery Mayor, W. M. Teague, was his uncle or his grandfather. He replied, "My grandfather - W. M. Teague, Sr." He served in the early 1900s. Philip stated that his grandfather had worked hard all his life, and wanted to give something back to the community. *(THANK YOU, PHILIP, FOR SHARING THIS INFORMATION WITH PHA!)*

MARKER FUND: Members are urged to make donations to aid in replenishing the Marker Fund. We have done well with our fund and need to be able to make repairs to existing markers or fund new ones. This is a worthy cause - please give! This is an excellent way to give honorary or memorial gifts.

SACRED HARP SINGING AT PISGAH: Lightning flashed, thunder rolled, and gales almost blew away the sumptuous "dinner on the ground," but the frightful weather didn't dampen the spirits of the ardent souls who gathered in May at the stately old Pisgah Church in South Montgomery County. Singers, young and old, formed a square at the front of the church and captivated listeners with their distinctive four part harmony. Someone whispered "Can't you just see Grandma sitting up there?"

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW BUSH! The son of PHA members, Fred and Dianne Bush, Matthew graduated on June 14 from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. His concentrator was in Environmental and Technology Studies. He was elected to Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Matthew received his BA degree, "Cum Laude", with "Distinction", in Chemistry. Matthew has accepted an offer to begin his PhD studies at the University of California, Berkeley in August.

THANKS TO ALICE CARTER for a contribution to PHA's marker fund in memory of Frank Hawthorne.

The Flag

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute actually stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

I hope you have noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times.

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that, "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in the Hebrews; eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the eyes of Christians, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the states are uppermost; that reminds us of our nation's motto, "in God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

LeGrand Civic Club

By Catherine Sellers

J. Rawdon and Mary C. Barnes deeded one acre of land located in the LeGrand Community on Highway 331, on April 4, 1956, to Scho Sellers, V. C. Martin and Hilda Smilie, trustees of the LeGrand Community, where a clubhouse was to be built.

The By-Laws of the Club stated the objectives as follows: (1) To bring into closer relation the families of this community; (2) To raise the standards of home life in this community; (3) To provide, through united efforts of the community, the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual promotion; (4) To Cooperate with the churches and civic organizations in the community when requested.

Mr. Dave Speer, Montgomery, AL, an uncle of Gloria Williams, drew the plans and Mr. G. Bernice Suggs, a local contractor, was hired to build the concrete block building. This project was made possible by many generous contributions and the dedicated efforts of the members involved in various money making projects.

On October 28, 2002, Mr. Patrick Anthony, a representative from the Department of Transportation, met at the clubhouse with members to discuss the decision to be made regarding this property. The state road construction project on Highway 331 would not actually take the building, but other factors led them to consider it a 100% loss.

This building has surely been used for the general welfare of the community since 1957, serving as a meeting place for clubs, family night suppers, a womanless wedding, showers, family reunions and other social events. However, at the present time, most of the members are senior citizens and our younger generation does not have the interest we have had. Therefore, being satisfied with the price offered, there was a unanimous decision to sell to the state.

Proceeds from this transaction were used for a lawyers fee, some labor and expense, a memorial gift in honor of Jim Black, a \$1,000 donation to the Pintlala Historical Association for the Mildred Smith Project. (Miss Smith was a member of the club during 1969-70.) Three non-profit organizations will receive a generous contribution. These are: Providence Presbyterian Church for painting and restoration; Hooper Academy for the Library Fund promoting the Accelerated Reading Program and ABEKA, a kindergarten reading program; and South Montgomery County Academy for an auditorium fund favoring the restoration of the present facility, if feasible, or construction of a new building.

The largest enrollment in the LeGrand Civic Club was 27 members in 1969-70. Today there are twelve active members: Jamie Sharp, President; Mary Raley, Vice-President; Catherine Sellers, a charter member, Secretary and Treasurer, Joyce M. Black, Gladys Suggs Cutts; Frankie Davis; Mrtie A. Mills; Betty Madison; Virginia Sellers; Hattie McLaney Smith; Gloria Williams and Janice Wolfe. It is our sincere hope that many will reap benefits from these decisions.