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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Since our January meeting, a couple of real good articles about the Butler's Mill site have appeared in the newspaper. Thanks for a good job, David Earl!

On a recent visit to the Pike Pioneer Museum, our attention was drawn to their nice millstone display. Any suggestions on where and how these finds in our area should be displayed would be appreciated.

For those of you who are served by Alabama Power Company, you missed a good article that appeared in the Rural Electric Cooperative Magazine that is highlighted as follows:

### Ah, Spring

"There is a beauty in spring that no other time in the whole year can equal. .... Spring is a time of awakening, a time of the stirring of unseen forces, recreating life in the world--a season of love, peace, happiness, joy and harmony for all.

"Spring is a time of getting outdoors, exploring every colorful and changing mood of nature and enjoying these fleeting moments--capturing all the joys, emotions; and memories that can be kept forever--a little bit of Heaven on earth that is supremely grand and exquisitely designed.

"Spring brings life and life brings love. How perfectly God planned it all!"

John Cummings, Jr.

Lord, let it rain to rid us of this awful pollen.

Ricky McLaney

## PROGRAM FOR APRIL:

Our April program will be presented by Bud Harris, Publisher and Chief Editor of Rural Communique, a quarterly magazine featuring stories & articles about people and places outside the city limits. His subject will be "The Old Cuts: Forgotten Ways to Forgotten Places" which includes the old dirt roads that go back a long way. Be sure to join us for this most interesting presentation which includes slides and pictures.

INFORMATION ON HOPE HULL CONTINUED

In this issue of the PHA Newsletter we are including more information on the historic community of Hope Hull. We would like to hear from people in that area who might have old newspaper clippings or stories to tell about the "olden" days. Please let us hear from you. (ETT)

HOPE HULL CIRCLE CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY --

The Woman's Club of Hope Hull celebrated with an Independence Day Program at their last meeting.

Patriotic colors and flags were used to decorate the club house and a part of the program suggested by the General Federation of Clubs for Fourth of July meetings was given.

After the patriotic part of the program, two talented little girls, Earnestine Hill, of Auburn and Sarah Clare Lurton, of Montgomery, highly entertained the club and guests, the former with two well rendered piano solos and the latter with some of her inimitable impersonations and a graceful solo dance.

Miss Eunice Ward, county health nurse, was presented to the club and made a brief talk telling of her work and her readiness to cooperate with individuals and organizations in promoting better health for Montgomery county.

Mrs. Kate McLean Stewart was hostess for the occasion and was charmingly assisted by Miss Frances Gibson and Miss Nell Bomand of Raleigh, N.C. who is spending the summer at "McLean Home."

Other guests were Mrs. Milton Gibson and Milton, Jr. of Raleigh, N.C., Mrs. Plank, and Mrs. Will Hale of Montgomery.

Meetings of a recreational and social nature will extend through the summer. The next is anticipated with great pleasure when the club president Mrs. White will be hostess and Mrs. Wm. Tankersley, assisted by Misses Tankersley and Garrett will give a musical program.



#### HOPE HULL WOMAN'S CLUB TO GIVE BIG BARBECUE --

The Woman's Club of Hope Hull will give a benefit barbecue on Wednesday August first, at the beautiful grove opposite the club house, near McGehee's.

Entertainment features will be announced later.

The Hope Hull Club is one of the first in the whole south to establish a rural community house and the experiment is being watched with a good deal of interest.

The members desire to improve their building to make it adequate to meet the needs of a social center for young and old.

A liberal patronage on this occasion will greatly encourage and aid them in their effort.

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#### HOPE HULL BARBECUE ENJOYABLE OCCASION --

HOPE HULL, ALA. August 5.-- The barbecue, given on Wednesday by the Woman's Club of Hope Hull, was a success from every standpoint and unique in many ways.

The setting was idyllic in a grove of magnificent oaks, where one could easily fancy oneself in the Forest of Arden. The different booths, cake, ice cream, pop and lemonade, were artistically decorated in pine branches and Spanish moss enhanced the sylvan loveliness of the scene.

Two large flags on each side of the speaker's platform, and on the other side of the grounds the tables with white cloths and bright flowers added the right touch of color.

Senator Oscar W. Underwood was the distinguished guest of honor, and the speaker of the day. In spite of the threatening forenoon, a great crowd came to do honor to Alabama's favorite son and gave him a rousing welcome and an ovation when he was introduced by Jesse B. Hearin of Montgomery.

The club president, Mrs. Mary McLean White acted as chairman of the day.

Ed Pettus, famous barbecue expert, and always ready to aid the people of his old home community, surpassed even his best efforts on this occasion.

A substantial sum was realized for the club house fund and the day was one of great pleasure for the community, the club members and their friends.

## SENATOR IS GUEST OF HONOR FOR DAY

He Shows How Home-Folksy He Really Is,  
A Trait Not Often Seen

By Frank Willis Barnett  
Staff Correspondent, The Birmingham News

This has been a strenuous week in Birmingham, and with the legislature in session and Senator Underwood being feted, it has kept the newspapermen on the jump.

This is to be just a section out of the map, or one corner of the picture, map and picture being too big to spread on a single page. Then, it's just a little different, not only subject but stage-setting. The greater part of the play has been set in town--now for a breath of country air.

Now, Will Black is to Montgomery what O. L. Bunn is to Birmingham and then some, for he covers a wide range of territory and has multiple duties. He is more than an individual so far as the Capital City is concerned, for he is an institution and out to be chartered and endowed.

But at the very beginning another useful citizen whose time and ability are given to public service must be brought into this story, and he is none other than Jesse Hearin, a Demopolite who, having been transplanted in Montgomery County, has taken root and is flourishing like a green bay tree.

These two are the writers' "buddies" and they never fail to tip him off to anything of worth which is taking place in the city or county; and so when he was put wise to the big barbecue to be pulled off at Hope Hull under the auspices of the Woman's Club, which is one of the liveliest women's organizations in the state, he made his arrangements to be there.

There is nothing like having friends. Will and Jesse invited the writer to go out with them, but having business at the capitol, it was easier to get a ride with P.W. Hodges, of the department of education; and so at the appointed time we entered his car and soon were happy on our way towards the speaking and the eats. We struck out the Mobile road and twisted and turned until we reached the place of the 'cue. The fields on either side were good to look at. There were the usual farm crops and then great pastures upon which beef and milk cattle ranged.

### Real Barbecue

There is more to a barbecue than merely the roasted meats, and that is why a 'cue out under God's blue tastes so much better than any which can be had from stands in the city. It takes trees and singing birds and streams winding through valleys and the tang of outdoors to give one just the proper appetite to do justice to the savory beef, pork, lamb and Brushwick stew.

The ladies of Hope Hull had arranged for their guests in the midst of a virgin forest.



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The hour was 11, but before the clock ticked it off automobiles were seen approaching from every road and when Senator Underwood and his party drove up, there were just acres of cars lined up beneath the trees or parked on the roadside. Of course, the first place visited by the writer was the "pit," for, being an expert, he wished to see how the meats were getting along. He soon found out that those in charge knew their business, for it takes the Black Belt to furnish the best barbecue and Brunswick stew to be had in the state.

Not only was there to be a genuine barbecue, but three artistic stands had been erected, one for cakes and it was a sight to see the number of them and to know that every one had been baked by a good housewife who knew the art of cake making, it having been handed down from generation to generation. There are no better cake makers anywhere than in Middle and South Alabama, and those in North Alabama are no slouches. Then there was an ice cream booth and a soft drink stand.

Bear in mind that the barbecue was arranged in order to raise money so that the Woman's Club could have a fund not merely for the community house and its two acres, but to buy the natural park in which the 'cue was given for a community park, a splendid idea, for with it no similar club in the state would have such an attractive setting for its various activities.

The Community Club

The Hope Hull Community Club is only about two years old, yet it has 35 active women, and they come from more than a dozen states. It isn't a very thickly settled section, but there is a civic spirit abroad which is going to make it one of the most desirable places of residence in the entire country. One good woman behind a cause will make it move, two will push it faster, but when a score or more get in behind it, you can just watch out for sure enough speed.

You can put your money on a handful of women who are backing a religious or civic enterprise. This the writer learned when he was a student at the University of Vienna. His chum was the son of a Chicago multi-millionaire, who with his wife came to pay their son a visit. He wasn't at all religious, but said that as a large property owner he was always ready to give a lot to any church which cared to erect a house of worship on it, as it was good business.

But the thing which impressed the writer most was the story of how his agent for one of his big office buildings came to him saying:

"There are half a dozen women who want to rent an office, but they can't give any security." The owner queried, "Are they church women?" The reply being "yes," he answered, "Let them have it." It wasn't long before they wanted two rooms, and the agent was worried and sought advice. He was instructed to let them have a couple of offices. To make a long story short, before the year was out, they wanted a whole floor and got it and before

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several years were renting the entire building. The owner was right; he believed that Christian women could be trusted. The half a dozen women were the seed which grew into the great W.C.T.U. organization in the Windy City which eventually built the great W.C.T.U. Building.

Better Watch Them

So you had been keep your eye on the Hope Hull Community Club, for they are planting seed which will not only reap a rich harvest of neighborliness in the Hope Hull Community, but will spread throughout the adjoining counties and the state, for what they are doing can be done in many sections if only some one will take the leadership. Women are coming into their own in many ways, and here is a chance for real service. If you who read this are without a community club, think it over and start one.

Mrs. Sam White is the president, and she is a mighty good one, and, what is more, she is backed by a hard-working committee who together with her have the loyal support of the entire membership. When the women from 12 or more states can't think of something worth while to do, there is small use for any one to try. The club is continually seeking new fields to enter and its activities keep the community's interest at fever heat.

The Hope Hull Community House is an attractive one and is well located. The nearby grove would add much to its usefulness.

Senator Underwood had a lovely setting for a speech. A platform had been placed under the towering oaks. On the platform were Mrs. Sam White, the president of the Hope Hull Community Club; Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, county home demonstration agent; Miss Jessie Bruce, and Mesdames Hart Mason, Edwin Chesnut, Ed Marxer, Noah Norman, and Lem A. Edmondson, county farm demonstration agent; W. W. Brower, president of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, and Jesse Hearin.

A good deal was said about the meats, cakes and drinks, and the writer felt honored when Will Black, the secretary of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, requested that he take Senator Underwood over to the pits and, cane in hand, point out to him the fine points of the barbecuing. Another scene will show that Alabama's offering as the Democratic candidate for the presidency needs no help when it comes to eating the well-cooked meats.

No Profiteering

It might be well to state here that the Woman's Club of Hope Hull will never be prosecuted for profiteering, for all that was asked for a ticket to the 'cue and stew was the small sum of half a dollar. Think of it! All that one could eat for 50 cents! Montgomery could eat for 50 cents! Montgomery cannot be accused of holding up its banquetters, as the banquet tendered Senator Underwood at the Country Club, where chicken in large portions was the piece de resistance, was only \$1.50 per plate.



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Small wonder that there was a scramble for the 250 seats, when a fellow could get a sure enough meal at cost and besides hear Senator Underwood, John Durr and Malcolme Carmichael. If the writer is not misinformed the Rotary lunch served at the Gay-Teague was only 75 cents per person. These three feeds are fresh in his mind, as he was at them all on Wednesday, a veritable field day for eating.

There was a representative crowd at the 'cue at Hope Hull, and statesmen rubbed up against politicians and they in turn got close to the voters. City man and country man were brothers and the women of town and country fraternized, while the children had a rollicking good time, and they were out in numbers, as can be seen from the group around Senator Underwood. He is a real candidate now, and no mistake. He is no professional "mixer," but he is natural and friendly, which is much better.

The welcome on the part of Mrs. Sam White, president of the Woman's Club of Hope Hull, to the senator was charmingly delivered despite the fact that in the audience were a half dozen brothers and sisters who had promised to "heckle" her. Her picture while engaged in serving the meats at dinner, is given, but it is impossible to reflect in words the heartiness of tones as she welcomed the distinguished guest and told him what the Woman's Club stood for. Here it is:

Mrs. White's Address

"The Hope Hull Woman's Club probably enjoys the distinction of being the only club of its kind in the South, and certainly the only one of its kind in Alabama.

"First, it is made up entirely of rural women, women interested in every phase of rural life; second, it is regular in that it is federated with the other clubs of the state and nation, and, therefore, has opportunity for a broad vision for its membership; third, it is a real community club, and affords every member an opportunity for social touch in its bi-monthly meetings; fourth, it is thoroughly democratic in that the spirit of the club is one of unity and equality.

"The club owns its own home and the particular object of today's barbecue is to secure additional money for beautifying and improving the clubhouse and grounds.

"This is desired because we make this club a 'home' for our members. We have a number of most desirable members, splendid women, who would financially and otherwise be unable to entertain their friends in their homes, but who can come to the club, which is furnished and equipped so fully that here on common grounds our friends can be entertained at a minimum expense and with the least possible trouble.

"Under the advanced and broadening development of our splendid rural school system, local schools have been closed and our children transported to great centralized or consolidated schools. This has been a great thing for education and the development of our county, but has had a tendency to

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break up community spirit and the close relations heretofore existing between neighbors. Our club preserves the local tie, binds our community more closely in social touch and keeps alive a neighborhood spirit that is to be desired.

"One other thing, our club makes it impossible for persons moving into our section to be strangers. It is our club, their club as well as the club of the older citizens, and we meet on common grounds.

"Today the club is honored as never before in its history, for as our honor guest we have a man whose official and private life has demonstrated his friendship for men and women who carry on and the laws that have been written in his name have been safeguards for those who live on the farm and who are most interested in rural affairs.

"And now the Hope Hull Club through me as its president wants to welcome you all on this occasion and I am going to call on one of our friends who is deeply interested in us and all rural problems to present to you the 'Man of the Hour,' our honored guest."

Senator Underwood has been introduced thousands of times and will be introduced hundreds of times more, but any "introducer" will have to think much and talk short to improve on the introduction of Alabama's "favorite son" by Jesse Hearin. It is easy for those who know his denominational proclivities to tell from the following, "A great man, a man set apart and predestined to great service," that Jesse is an old-time "blue-stocking" Presbyterian. Here are his remarks in full, or rather in short:

Mr. Hearin's Address

"There has never been a time since I came to live in this good old county when I more appreciated an opportunity than I do this privilege which permits us to share with a nation this great honor that comes to us as Alabamians. In this splendid historic old county much history has been made, but probably never before have we been privileged to welcome a man whose fore-ordained leadership means so much to an anxious and expectant nation and world.

"Certainly we count it one of the most inspiring experiences of a lifetime when we today welcome a really great leader of men - a Southern man whose vision is great and broad enough to include our own domestic problems and at the same time encompass the spirit and needs of a great nation and a great world of which this nation is such an important and necessary part and influence.

"Not since the safe leadership of the thoughtful, honest and matchless Grover Cleveland has the hope of our people rested upon a man so sure and dependable as the man whom we honor today.

"It is a great thing for Alabama to be able to offer to the nation a man who stands for the cleansing of politics, the honest and fearless enforcement of all laws, the reduction of a ruthless dishonest tariff; a man who stands for a foreign



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policy which, without degenerating into truculence, manfully upholds the rights of American citizens and at the same time recognizes we cannot successfully and with good conscience isolate America and escape conscience isolate America and fairs of a world in which our trade, our conscience and our lives demand an active participation.

"It is a great thing to be able to offer a man whose determination is to wisely lead so as to guide the nation away from the slough of socialism and the spoilation and despondency of the red-eyed radical; a man who still proclaims the doctrine that the government is something to serve and not something to be paternalized, something to be served and not something to be plundered.

"I present to you, as Alabama and the South present to the nation, a manly man, gently bred, high-minded, physically fit, God-fearing, intellectually cultivated, splendidly patriotic--a true son of the South--the Old South and the New South--a great American, a man set apart and predestined to great service for his people--the next president of these United States--Senator Oscar W. Underwood."

Mr. Underwood's Speech

The writer has recently seen and heard Senator Underwood under varying circumstances. He was present at the great homecoming demonstration at East Lake Park on Underwood Day, at the joint session of the legislature, at the banquet at the Country Club tendered him by the Civic Clubs of the Capitol City, but he unhesitatingly says that at no time was his great simplicity of soul shown to better advantage than at the barbecue at Hope Hull. And seeming coldness or aloofness was shed like a mantle and the great statesman whose name is a household word in America and known far and wide broad, stood forth merely as a neighborly man.

His talk was from the heart, and it was an entirely new one, save the famous Jerusalem story about the great Masonic Hall hundreds of feet below the Mosque of Omar; yet he told that with more variations and frills than ever before and it was easy to see that many knew all about Hiram of Biff and King Solomon's Temple and drank in every historic word about the various temples which had adorned the temple site, while the uninitiated as well as the children enjoyed the dog and rabbit part of the tale.

The writer had never seen the senator so "home folksy." He just gathered them all up, figuratively speaking, into his embrace and was one with them. There was no smell of the midnight oil in what he said, there was no excursion in domestic or international politics, nor did he try to elucidate, as he is so able to do, the sorry scheme of tariff taxation which is burdening down the farmers of the West. For the time being, his role as statesman was cast aside and he was just a man, interested in the every-day affairs of community life.

He had a good text, community life; and what's more, a good example of it. The Woman's Club of Hope Hull was engaged in

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the doing of worth while things in the community, giving to the county an illustration of neighborliness, a concrete Twentieth-Century application of the Savior's ideal for mankind, love of God and love of brother. What every community needs more than anything else is just an old-fashioned revival of neighborliness. The senator clearly pierced beneath the simple setting in which he was placed to the heart of the movement and in homely, but eloquent words, bade the good women God-speed in their endeavor to make their community a better place in which to live and make a living while rearing a family.

Community Life

He was most happy in bringing before them the communist life, not only of Biblical times, but in Europe. Starting back with the Pilgrim Fathers some 300 years ago, he showed how at first the early settlers struggled to get a footing on the inhospitable shores of America. He then outlined how in the United States the farmers lived in villages and went to their work in the outlying district. In Galilee and Samaria the tools were loaded on an ass, an ox or camel, while in Europe on a wagon. The day was spent in the fields, but the nights in the village. He graphically pictured how insanity had seized upon the mountain women of the South on account of their sheer loneliness. He used well the illustration of how the wolf at first ran by himself but later learned from attack, the value of the pack. Man, said he, is a human animal, and if he walks alone is liable to become moody, but when he walks with others he not only learns to keep step with his fellow man but out of the companionship society with all its blessings as well as its dangers is born.

It was a pretty bit of homely word painting, his story of a visit to Nazareth, where he drank out of the well where Mary and Joseph and the infant Jesus all slaked their thirst, and how the women with their water jars on their heads, came trooping to it to get their supply. While the men worked in the fields the women did their housewifely chores and for society met about the well.

The crowd was surprised to hear that in the town of Nazareth there was not a single Jew. He then told of the Zionist colonies and what was being done by the great thinkers and leaders of the Jewish race in Europe and America to get the Jews back on the soil of the Holy Land. One of the dramatic surprises was his telling of having seen in the background a son of Israel plowing a camel to a wooden plow as in the days of Christ, while nearby a modern Jew was astride a Ford tractor. Thus does the hustling West jostle the patient East.

Senator Reveals Himself

The writer confesses that the talk of Senator Underwood opened a new side of his nature, for having him heard him discuss so ably the great topics of the hour in a statesman-like



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way, which commanded the attention not only of his own party but the party in opposition, he had almost begun to think of him as an intellectual machine, when out of a clear sky and just after as great a day as can come to any American at the hands of his state, he quietly drops the role of the "favorite son" and becomes simply "the man in the street," or, to be more accurate, just a good country neighbor who had come out to a community gathering to have a part in local affairs. No one who saw and heard him at Hope Hull will have any doubts about his being able to win the hearts of the plain people of America just as easily as in the past he has won the praise of the thinkers.

Into the Hope Hull settlement there came a pioneer settler from Virginia who was born in Prince Edward County in 1779, and who died at McGehee's Switch, Montgomery County, in 1855. His name was Abner McGehee. He purchased a large plantation on his arrival in Alabama; was owner of the famous Planter's Hotel in Montgomery, built in 1833; contributed largely to the building, and was one of the contractors of the West Point Railroad; but his memory will live longest as the founder of the Alabama Bible Society.

The society is a voluntary semi-religious organization, whose object is "to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in their common version in all ordinary ways."

Through the efforts of Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Stiles, corresponding secretary of the American Bible Society, the society was formed on March 22, 1852, and for more than 70 years has been functioning well in its business of Bible distribution. It was never more vigorous than at present under Dr. J.W. Elliott.

It was organized in the Court Street Methodist Church, Montgomery, a church which has played its part in the religious, social, business and political life of Alabama. Long before the Civil War a three-story building at No. 7 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Ala., was donated by Abner McGehee as a permanent home for the Bible House. It still owns it using the upstairs and renting the downstairs.

The state society was organized as an auxiliary of the American Bible Society, and was incorporated by act of Feb. 17, 1854. The incorporators being E.A. Holt, Henry W. Hilliard, William L. Yancy, J.H. Smith, Henry Lucas, Thomas M. Cowles, William B. Bell, Rush Jones, J. Thorington, John Whiting, J.W. Roberts, T.M. Gilmer, Jr., Benajah S. Bibb, Charles T. Pollard, E.C. Hannon, W. Pope and Abner McGehee, many of whom had fame in the city, state and nation.

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# OLIVER ADDRESSES HOPE HULL ANNUAL BARBECUE MEET

HOPE HULL, ALA. Aug. 20-- Special to The Advertiser.-- W. B. Oliver, Alabama congressman from the sixth district, and Col. Bibb Graves addressed the Hope Hull annual barbecue gathering Thursday in the grove near the community club house. The barbecue was for the benefit of the club house which has recently been remodeled.

The two speakers stressed the value of cooperation in community welfare, commending the part played by the woman's club in community life. About 500 persons were present and Mrs. Sam Fischer, past president of the Hope Hull Woman's club, under whose auspices the barbecue was given, presided. Jesse B. Hearin, president of the Montgomery county board of education, introduced the speakers.

This occasion was the formal opening to the public of the remodeled community club house, which is the center of the community's social as well as club life. The building is creditably remodeled and the cost of improvements is said to represent an expenditure of about \$1,800.

The Hope Hull club house is the only club house for women in Montgomery county and is the only rural club house in the state.



HOPE HULL'S NAME TRACED TO A PARSON  
Pioneer Preacher In This State Won Lorenzo Dow  
HONORED BY U.S.  
Community Known As McGehee's Switch  
By Joel W. Woodruff

How Hope Hull, an old community in Montgomery County, 12 miles west of the city, got its name is told by Peter Brannon in the current number of "Arrow Points" official publication of the Alabama Anthropological Society.

At first blush, it would seem that the name was chosen for alliterative reasons. The words, "hope" and "hull" have nothing in common except that they both begin with an "atch". But the place was really named for a person.

Now, Hope is generally accepted as a feminine name. The heroine was named Hope in Richard Harding Davis's novel "Soldiers of Fortune" a best seller of the "mauve decade" which the last 10 years of the 19th century is beginning to be called now, the other nickname having become rather shopworn..

But the Hope for which Hope Hull was named was a real he-man of the great open spaces; his life was spent out where the West began.

No, he wasn't a two-gun cowboy of Idaho or Montana, just a preacher in Alabama when this section of the United States was the Southwestern frontier.

Hope Hull, the article says, was born in 1763 in Worcester County, Maryland. At the age of 26, he was a Methodist circuit rider in Amelia District, Virginia. "A short while later," says the article history records him at old Petersburg in Elbert County, where one of his converts, the eccentric Lorenzo Dow, visited him in 1802.

With the Hope Hull locality was identified William Wyatt Bibb, first Governor of Alabama and Abner McGehee, man of affairs and railroad builder. The Montgomery and Mobile Railroad called the station that served the community "McGehee's Switch" but the United States Government named the postoffice in honor of the preacher.

An annotation to the article furnished by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Sturdivant, says: Hope Hull community is 12 miles West of the City of Montgomery on the old Warsden Road to Hayneville. Abner and Albert Gallatin McGehee, cousins, together with Warsden and Hutchinson were early settlers there. Isaac Langsdale, soldier of the American Revolution, and General Thomas Woodward of the War of 1812, were veterans residing there in 1830.

#### NEW LIFE FOR AN OLD HOUSE:

The Stricklands purchased the old Duncan place in Fleta the first of the year (1994). After two or three months of consideration, they decided to attempt to save the old house by replacing the badly damaged roof. The Stricklands had much difficulty finding a roofing company willing to take on the project. They were finally able to secure a roofer through a referral from the Alabama Historical Commission. The Duncan house was hit by a tornado in 1991. The roof was badly damaged as a result. The interior of the house subsequently sustained major water damage. Unfortunately the fireplace mantels, decorative wood molding and porch columns were removed from the house prior to the Strickland's purchase of the property. Much of the original character of the house has been lost as the result of the elements and salvagers. The Stricklands would like to have the house nominated for placement on the National Register for Historic Places. They hope to gradually restore the house over the next several years.

The above was submitted by Earline Strickland, who with her daughter, is now owner of the home of Thomas Duncan, beloved physician of Fleta Community. 7/6/94

#### PROGRESS MADE ON RESTORATION OF McGEHEE CEMETERY:

After more than eight years of trying we are now in position to begin work on McGehee Cemetery. We have had donations from some of the families represented and the Alabama Bible Society has given \$4000.00! We have a total of \$6000.00 for a start. We are working on bids to remove trees, stumps, undergrowth, and to spray, straighten markers, and build a new chain link fence. Now that the weather has improved the County should be able to start on the access road. If you know of anyone concerned with this cemetery that we have missed in asking for help, please let us know. We still need more funds to get this job done right and to be able to plan for a historical marker. ETT

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HORNADYS:

Chris and Jack Hornady, charter members of PHA, are justifiably proud of their son, Wallace. Wallace is Associate Music Director of the American Boys Choir. He has worked extensively with the choir as accompanist, arranger and conductor. The choir is based at Princeton University. The Washington Post ranks the group with The King's College Choir and the Vienna Boys Choir. They gave a concert at Montgomery's First Presbyterian Church on March 4. ETT

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Anything on Elijah Cumbe Anderson. Send to: Mrs. Wm P. Schellhouse, 907 Morton  
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From Jim Shackelford, 3465 Cedarbrook Circle, Trussville, AL 35173 Ph: 655-3865  
Information on the 2nd Ala Cav., CSA, Co. F which was organized in Montgomery  
primarily of men from Montgomery and Lowndes Counties. Anything on grave sites or  
family members or memorabilia.

**MEMORIES** How about sharing them

CHANGE IN DATE FOR APRIL MEETING:

DUES:

JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM:

AUTOGRAPH BOOKS:

When you were young did you have an autograph book? Recently Reminisce Magazine asked for old autograph book sayings from their readers. The response was overwhelming. One of the old sayings was: "Down in the meadow, Carved on a rock, Three little words, Forget me not." Do you remember any of these sayings or still have your autograph book? How about sharing them with us. Come on - send them in.

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McGehee Cemetery project, Waslace Hornaday. Requests for information.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Pintala Historical Association  
c/o Pintala Public Library  
175 Federal Road  
Hope Hull, AL 36043

\$5.00 registration fee + 8.00 annual dues.

Note: All members of a household are included.

Mr., Mr. and Mrs., Mrs., Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Other household members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (office) \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Areas: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in genealogy, please indicate family surnames \_\_\_\_\_

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