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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends;

Our first Newsletter was an outstanding success - and again our thanks to A.G. Edwards for making this possible.

We are delighted to announce a new program of Geneology added to our Museum Library headed by Louise Meichner.

1985 has been a year of growth and progress for the Society and Museum. With your help we can make 1986 a greater one.

The Officers and Board of Directors join me in wishing you the Blessing of this Christmas Season and may the coming year bring you Health and Happiness.

Alex Acey
President

The MINIATURE ART SOCIETY OF FLORIDA invites you to the International Art Show on January 12th thru 26th, 1986.

Your president, Alex Acey, will present the award from the West Pasco Historical Society at 1:00 P.M. on Jan. 12th at the Kapok Tree in Clearwater. Prior to the Award Ceremony, Adele Gregos will play the accordin.

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THE LIBRARY

The Museum houses the original collection of books by Dr. Elroy Avery, which was the nucleus of the New Port Richey Public Library, which opened on April 10, 1920.

Among our reference books are:

TALES OF WEST PASCO - by
Ralph Bellwood c1962

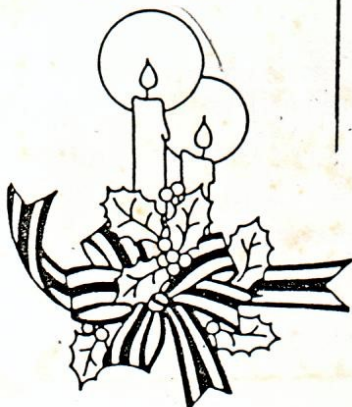
WEST PASCO HERITAGE - by the
West Pasco Historical Society
c1974

FLORIDA CRACKER DAYS IN
WEST PASCO COUNTY 1830-1982
by Pauline Stevenson Ash
c1985

Everyone is welcome to do research in our reference section in the Library. Only members of the Historical Society may draw out non-reference books.

Come on in -

Jessie Hyde
Librarian



H A P P E N I N G S

The following are the programs for the West Pasco Historical Society's regular meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Museum meeting room.

JANUARY 22 - Jack Drummond will give a slide and talk show on "Flowers of Florida."

FEBRUARY 20 - Dr. James Hollingsworth will discuss "Your County Government".

MARCH 20 - Norma Nelson will tell us about "Early Floridians - The Seminole Indians."

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On the 3rd Sunday of each month the Museum has a special program and Open House. This is from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. No admission is charged.

JANUARY 19 - The West Pasco Art Guild will demonstrate and show exhibits of paintings.

FEBRUARY 16 - NEW PORT RICHEY DAY - More information on this annual event later. Hoping everyone will turn out.

MARCH 16 - Miniature Art Show - the miniature artist will demonstrate and exhibit their work.

A lot of effort and planning goes into creating these programs for you and the public. Support your Society and give yourself a treat by attending.

REMINDER

DECEMBER 19 - CHRISTMAS PARTY 6 PM
Annual membership pot-luck Christmas dinner with old fashioned Christmas tree, carols and surprises. Bring a dish to pass and own table-service. Let's enjoy this festive season together.

NEW PORT RICHEY DAY

A GALA DAY!!!

This is a tentative schedule which needs a little finalizing. There will be flyers and news releases. WATCH FOR THEM.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1986

Sims Park at Orange Lake on the Museum grounds. Music and dances in the Gazebo.

Scandinavian Folk Dancers
(Native Costumes) 1:00 to 1:30 P.M.

School Band 1:30 to 2:00 P.M.

Ed Salmon Florida String Band and Mummers 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Meet the City and County Officials and join them in the Museum Meeting room for refreshments
3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

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The fiscal year for the W.P.H.S. ends May 31 and the new year begins on June 1. When the last newsletter was mailed, an application blank and envelope were enclosed. Though the intention was not explained, it was thought that they could be used for paying dues for those who were delinquent or for recruiting new members.

Quite a few who had already paid their dues paid them again. To those who did that, the membership card showed that dues were paid to May 31 1987. Any member who has not saved the card, may call me if there is a question (849-2674).

Application forms and envelopes are included with this newsletter for members in arrears.

Ida Brunner
Treasurer

EDITOR - - - - Ellen Kleckner

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GENEALOGY

History and historical objects are a story of time and genealogy is a story of people within that time frame.

Genealogy is the study of family relationships and the pattern they follow back through the years. Genealogy and history cannot be separated, history dictates social patterns of migration and settlements and even occupations.

Genealogical research must start at home and must progress from recent ancestor to earlier ones. One of the ways of obtaining knowledge is through the Historical Societies. We are going to have added to our Library at the Museum an area for researching genealogy.

Louise Meichner

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A memorial fund has been established in memory of James E. Grey, son of pioneer realtor F. I. Grey.

Staff members of his Real Estate offices and many personal friends have contributed generously to the fund. The purpose of the memorial is to further the plans for improvement of our Museum and Library.

Anyone wishing to donate, may send a check in the name of James E. Grey Memorial Fund to the West Pasco Historical Society, P.O. Box 1855, N.P.R. or call Ida Brunner at 849-2674.

MEMORIAL

We are grieved to hear from Arizona that Kaye Wilkis, a charter member of the W.P.H.S. died recently.

She was a past Vice-President and Secretary and served faithfully until her illness which was the reason for moving to Arizona.

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS ?

A Baldwin First Reader, copywrited in 1897 and used by the little nine year old girl in 1913, whose letter appears below. The book and the letter inside were found by Julie Obenreder, who wanted to share it with you.

A naughty girl.

Once there was a naughty girl named Doris. One day she went to school and she went to school one day. And a ragman come alone and said "Is there a naughty girl here?" And the girl answered no.

And he went to another school and asked the same question to some girls that were playing.

"They said" yes what do you want of her?" She has been ^{very} naughty.

"This winter she will get no presents in her stocking but rage."

Finally Christmas came.

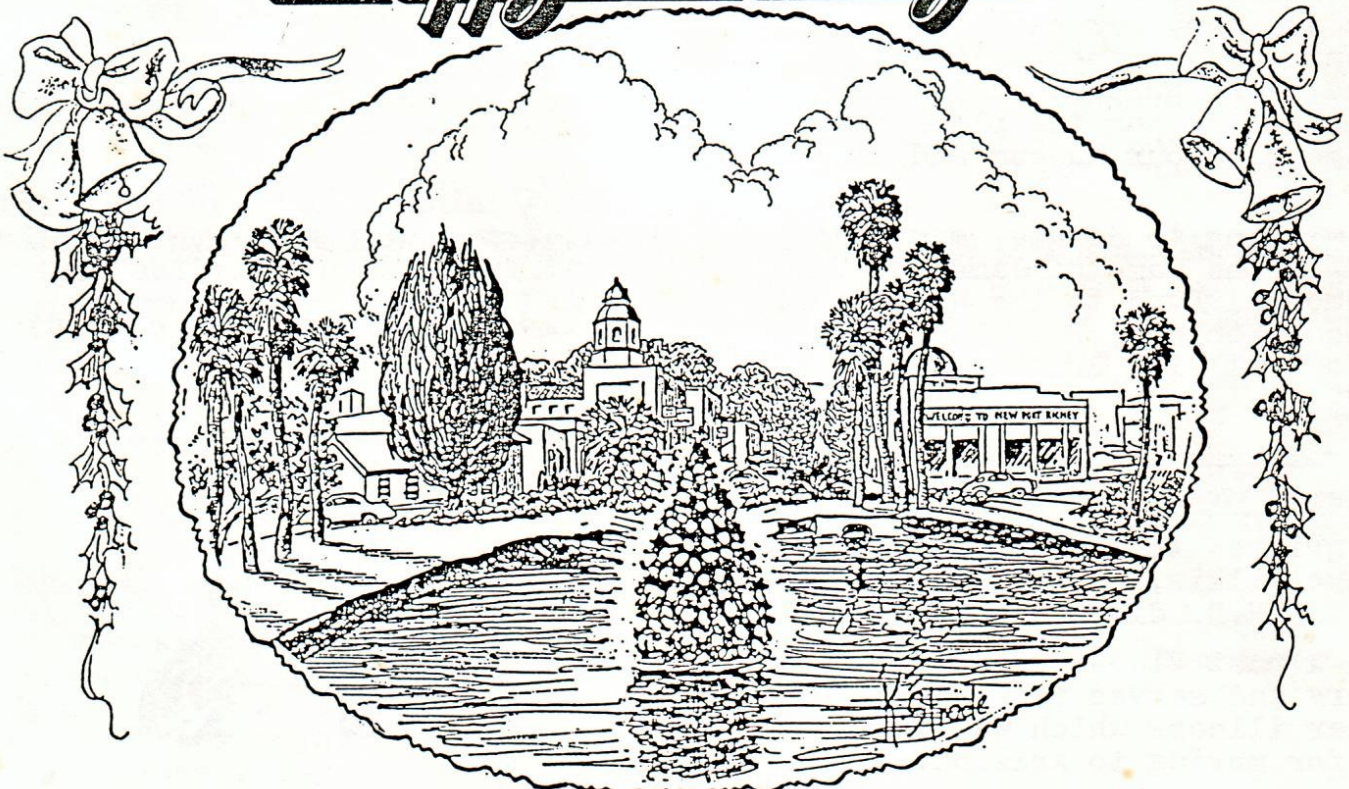
Doris got up and looked in her stocking and saw the rage. It taught her a lesson Dr. Miss Meta Johnson 1913



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Happy Holidays



In 1950 carols could be heard all day downtown as music was played from the cupula of the Pasco Hardware Building