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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

My how time flies:

1985 has been a year of great progress and satisfaction for our Curators, Librarians and Staff Members, also all of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

My sincere thanks to the Officers and Directors for their untiring support and cooperation in the past three years that I served as President.

To the incoming Officers and Directors, my best wishes for a better and greater 1986 and I pledge my continued support to our great Museum and Historical Society.

Alex Acey, President

LIBRARY

The first recorded history of New Port Richey was written by Dr. Elroy Avery in 1922. It is the basis of our local history. Our library is fortunate to have a copy. Because of the generosity and kindness of Mrs. Robert Foskett we now have four copies. One copy is for our Library, one for the Public Library, one for the Genealogical Society and one for Louise Meichner of our Genealogical department. The original, which is irreplaceable, will be put in the safe deposit box.

Added to our Library is a copy of "My Pioneer Days in West Pasco" by Julie Oberreder; an autobiographical history of her days as a nurse-midwife, dating from 1945 to 1975. It documents the lack of many modern conveniences such as sand roads, no electricity in some areas, no Hospital, experiences at the Pinehill black community, etc. The book is available in soft cover.

The library would welcome any information about early towns or settlements, like Ghost towns of Pasco County or nearby.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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GENEALOGY

The Genealogical department is progressing very nicely.

We are now having the New Port Richey Press newspapers, dating 1918 through 1947, copied by the L.D.S. Mormon Church in St. Petersburg. In return they are willing to give the WPHS a copy of the micro-film.

A genealogical search is in progress for names of New Port Richey pioneers. I will welcome information you may have to share; name of person - birth date, birth place - date and place of marriage - date and place of death and interment.

This information can be found in the home and from members of the family. Another source is old newspaper clippings, Bible records or letters. Searching for your genealogical records can be fun by placing the pieces of the puzzle in the right place. Happy hunting.

Louise Meichner, Genealogical Chairman

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1986-87

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Howard Chenoweth and Alex Acey - Ex-Officio

INSTALLATION BANQUET

The installation dinner will be held on Thursday, May 15th at the SPARTAN MANOR Restaurant, 614 Massachusetts Ave. - time: 6:00 P.M.
Price per person is \$8.00 - for reservations call

Ellen Kleckner - 847-0166 or
NPR Museum - - - 847-0680 on Thurs, Fri, or Sat.
from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 12th

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Our annual Spring Fashion Show was a great success due to the hard work of our two chairman, B. Lewis and Jean Sniffen, their committee and all the models at the Seven Springs Country Club.

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Pasco County will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary in 1987. Our Society is making plans to take part in this event. Several projects are under consideration. One of these is to sponsor a HISTORY FAIR for the students. It would involve researching their favorite historical subjects and making a model for display. Prizes will be offered in various catagories.

Watch for further news of the Centennial.

EDITORIAL

One of the top priorities in the coming months must be a concerted effort to encourage some young adults and students to become interested in our society and join in our activities.

We have much to offer our members. It is a way for newcomers to our area to become acquainted, to enjoy our social get-togethers, to learn about our history, arts and crafts, and to be entitled to borrow books from our library.

Our main objective is to preserve and protect our history. This means our programs are diversified, ranging from early Indian history, through our present day research on the environment, ecology, and genealogy. This year we had slide presentations, demonstrations on china painting, miniature arts, oil painting, wood carving, model railroads, quilting, weaving and spinning, Florida flowers, the Seminole Indians, and more.

Our schedule of events included bus trips to visit nearby museums, many social affairs during the year with pot luck suppers including a Christmas party.

New Port Richey Day in February was a smashing Success. It is celebrated annually to honor those who were instrumental in establishing the Museum, those who are working hard to maintain it and for the public to come and enjoy it.

Julie Obenreder

CURATOR

We now have the start of several nice collections of buttons, snuff boxes, gloves, evening bags, typewriters, miniature china and silhouettes, just to name a few.

Thanks to all who have donated or lent articles for sharing in the Museum during the past year. We must change the displays periodically to maintain interest for the public. Do you have any antique or collectible which you would like to share?

Also, we are always in need of ladies or gentlemen to host the Museum once in a while. It is a very pleasant and rewarding way to spend an afternoon. How about taking a turn once every month or two? You meet the nicest people this way.

Adele Gregos, Curator

MEMBERSHIP

The fiscal year for the Historical Society ends May 31st. Your membership card will list the year. If your card shows 1986, Your dues will expire in May. An application and envelope have been enclosed for your convenience.

Ida Brunner, Treasurer

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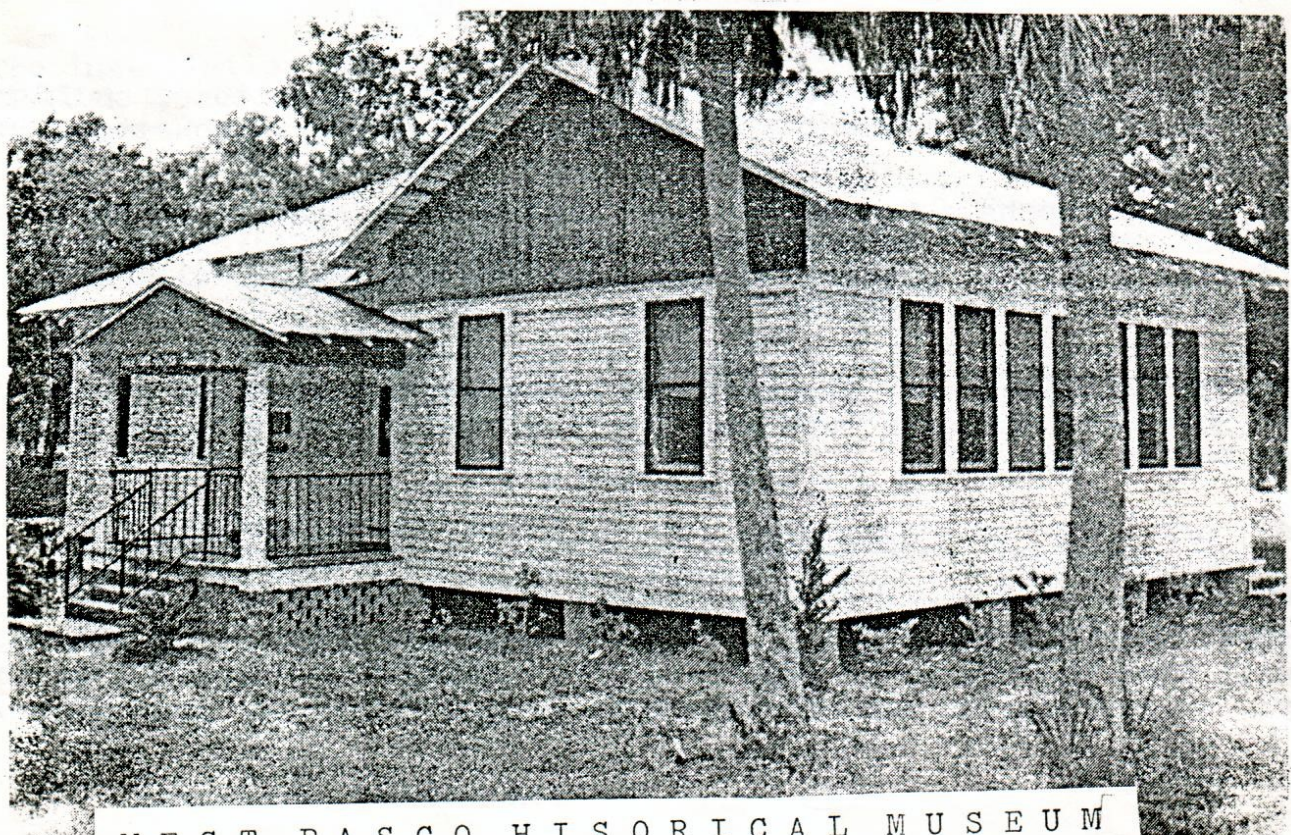
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