Welcome to the 12th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —
In any month that this newsletter is sent out, the postcard notices of the meetings will not be sent to avoid duplication of effort.
Since issuing newsletter monthly or near monthly will increase postage costs, it is important that members give feedback on whether they prefer issues this frequently. Please let this editor know your thoughts on this (see e-mail and mail addresses elsewhere in this issue).
Thank you.

Next meeting:
The next meeting will be a regular 2nd Thursday nighttime meeting:
Location: Courtroom in the Amite County Courthouse in Liberty.
Date: May 10, 2007 Time: 7:00 pm

Special Note: The slate of candidates for the next fiscal year will be formally announced by the Nominating Committee and an additional explanation will be provided on how voting will be conducted (see draft minutes herein for additional info on elections).

Future Meeting Schedule
Thursday, May 10, 2006, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 9, 2006, 10:00 am

Thursday meetings will be in the courtroom of the Amite County Courthouse. The location and time of Saturday meetings will be determined by the activities planned. Members will be given ample prior notice of changes.

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mail outside the forum operation. Anyone wanting to join can send an e-mail to site-
manager@achgs.org with a sufficient amount of information to identify who they are and
why they wish to join the forum and will be
given instructions on how to proceed.
The time for the annual meeting is approach-
ing and this marks the time of the year when
officers are elected. This year's annual meet-
ing will be the June quarterly meeting to as-
sure the society complies with the specified
annual meeting month in the Constitution and
By-Laws.
Pursuant to the decision of the Executive
Board, the election of officers will be made a
more formal procedure this time. It will be
done in a manner to give all members every-
where an opportunity to vote whether they
can attend meetings in person or not. The
Executive Board has appointed a Nominations
and Elections Committee to propose a slate of
candidates and to perform the formal fun c-
tions of registering votes cast and counting
votes after polling closes. All members will be
sent written ballots to cast either by return
mail or in person. This mailing will also in-
clude a full set of directions for assuring a
properly cast vote and the envelopes nece s-
ary to cast a vote by mail. Ballots and in-
structions will be sent out immediately after
the May meeting when the slate of candidates
and the ballot are finalized. Voting will con-
clude at the close of the business meeting at
the 9 June 2007 meeting and votes will be
counted after lunch is concluded or at such
other time as the committee deems necessary
and announces at the meeting.

In addition to the election of officers, the an-
nual balloting will also contain a proposal to
change the Constitution and By-Laws to elimi-
nate unworkable aspects, add capability for
periodic full-member voting as a permanent
procedure, clarify intent of some existing se c-
tions and bring the society's operating rules
and procedures more in line with what the
members appear to want while preserving the
society's non-profit organization status. The
ballot mailing will contain more explanation.

Committee Reports:

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• WPA Book Reprint – Pres. Oma Gordon reported that 3 more sets of the books have been sold. She also showed some examples of how information in the books has prompted others to send in information that complements some of the WPA information.

• Little Red Schoolhouse – Pres. Oma Gordon described the recent visit by Mr. Wicks and others from Pearl River County and their research on author Pearl Rivers who attended the girls’ school (which included the LRSH) for a time.

• Little Red Schoolhouse – Pres. Oma Gordon reported that Mrs. Vera Prestridge has suggested that the LRSH be opened for visitors on Heritage Day (May 5) whether or not any members wanted to operate a table at the Vance Park area where the bulk of activities would be occurring. No members indicated a willingness to volunteer for the duty at Vance Park, so the society will limit its activity to the LRSH.

• Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that three families called for arranged LRSH visits last month so the word of it being available for visitation is getting out.

• Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Lessie McCarstle was not present for the meeting.

• Bicentennial Committee – Pres Gordon reported that she had heard that the Amite Co. Board of Supervisors has approved a total of $45,000 to be allocated over the three years 2007-2009 for planning and executing the Bicentennial observance activities.

Old business: Pres. Oma Gordon reported that the banner that she had sought to have manufactured locally will not be done. The maker of the banner does not appear able to follow through with his proposal so other possible sources will be looked into.

New business: Mrs. Mildred Morgan reported that a new lawyer has opened up an office in the old hardware store building and has indicated that he and his wife are interested in joining the society. His secretary has also expressed an interest.

After a call for any additional business, Pres. Gordon asked Gay Blalock to close the meeting with prayer. The society adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

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**ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons**

These chairpersons will pick a committee to assist them. Feel free to offer your help.

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