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Steve Perdue Editor of the Salt Shaker.



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New Business Partners with Saline County History & Heritage Society Inc.

Saline County History & Heritage Society continues to add to its business membership. Recently Finley Pharmacy and the Bank of Ozarks joined Saline County History and Heritage Society with business memberships. These Saline County Businesses along with Smith Caldwell Drug Store, the Benton Courier, and Saline Audiology have become business members of our society and we encourage more Saline County businesses to join us in preserving the history of Saline County, Arkansas. For only \$50.00 a year a business or organization can become a member of our society and we urge our members to seek out business memberships for our society each year. Our

membership this year is approaching 220 and we need our membership to continue to grow. This is where a major part of our funding comes from each year and we depend on it to keep our society growing.

In addition to receiving our newsletter each quarter you will also receive our award winning journal the *Saline*. With many in depth stories of people and places in Saline County history.

Thank you to those of you who continue to support our society and continue to urge other friends, family members, and businesses to join.



Wilson DuVall presents History of the Civitan School in Benton, Arkansas.

On February 16, 2nd Vice President Wilson DuVall presented an interesting program on the History of the Benton Civitan School. Wilson serves on the board of directories

for this wonderful organization which helps handicapped individuals to succeed in our society. The school serves many members of our community and is a vital part of ser-

vice. A large crowd attended the program and everyone enjoyed the presentation.

To Can the Kaiser: Arkansas and the Great War to be presented as an Arkansas Heritage Month Event Thursday, May 18th with Mike Polston

Mike Polston a former teacher at Cabot High School and the historian for the Encyclopedia of Arkansas wrote book on Arkansas in World War I. Your editor has known Mike for over thirty five years and he has been collecting World War I artifacts at least that long. He also began interviewing World War I veterans back in the 1980's and even interviewed my grandfather Jack Harvey Hogue in 1986.

He began a history museum at Cabot High School when he was teaching there and now that museum is one of the best in the state of Arkansas.

With his vast knowledge of World War I it was inevitable that he would put his knowledge in a book

about World War I in Arkansas. In 2015 the book was published and he called it *To Can the Kaiser: Arkansas and the Great War*.

On Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 pm, Mike Polston will present his presentation at the Archives and Family Research Center located at 123 North Market Street in Downtown Benton.

May is Arkansas Heritage Month and the theme for this year is Arkansas in World War I.

Mike will have copies of his book for sale. It was edited by Mike and Guy Lancaster and published by Butler Center books.

I know you will want to attend the

Program. For more information you may call the society at 778-3770. If you have any artifacts in your family from World War I please bring them to the May 18th program. We will have a table to display your treasures.



Shirley Parsons Coppock presents March program on Saline County War Memorials

Shirley Parsons Coppock 1st Vice President of the Saline County History & Heritage Society presented a program on March 16th on Saline County War Memorials. In her presentation she mentioned the Revolutionary war soldiers buried in Saline County Asher Bagley in Old Union cemetery and Benjamin Bryant who is buried in Collegeville cemetery. She also talked about the different war memorials on the courthouse lawn. There are memorials to

World War I dead, World War II dead, Korean War, Vietnam, Kuwait, Persian Gulf and Afghanistan -Iraq. The pavers list several thousand Saline County Veterans. Also Civil War markers were discussed, The program was well attended and many favorable remarks were made about the presentation. We thank Mrs. Coppock for a very interesting program.



Marlo Bush Krueger wins Walter Brown award for Best Family History in a county or local journal from the Arkansas Historical Association

Marlo Bush Krueger, former editor of the Saline, recently learned that her article on the Storch—Maertens family history and Congo Store: Part I won the prestigious Walter L. Brown Award for Best Family History in a county or local journal from the Arkansas Historical Association.

She will be awarded the award at the seventy-sixth annual Arkansas Historical Association annual meeting to be held in Pocahontas,

Arkansas on April 20—22. The awards banquet will be held on Friday, April 21st at the historic courthouse in Pocahontas.

The Arkansas Historical Association is one of the oldest historical associations in the state. It promotes and encourages historical writing and preservation of the state's history.

The society congratulates Marlo on this outstanding achievement. She

and her husband Jim will attend the banquet.



The Camden Expedition Senic By Ways Trail Group visits Benton, Arkansas



The Camden Expedition Senic Trail Committee from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Department visited Benton on February 25. For the past year the committee has been visiting sites of the 1864 Camden expedition commanded by Union General Frederick Steele. The committee is developing a tour map for tourists for the Historic Preservation Department. The group has toured Malvern and Rockport, Prairie De'Anne, Poison Springs, Camden, Marks Mill, Jenkins Ferry, Elkins Ferry, and other places along the route. Representatives are from Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Hot Spring, Clark, Nevada, Hempstead, Ouachita, and Cleveland counties. Steve Perdue serves on the committee from Saline County.

L-R, Mark Christ, Steve Perdue, Clay Burnett bus driver, Kathy Boyette, Brenda Stuckey, Dr. George and Diann Betts, Paul Riddell, Johnnie and Bob Thompson, Roger and Patricia McClellan, Danny and Melissa Phillips and President Peggy Lloyd. The group toured the Andrew Hunter home in Bryant, the Rowland Lenz house, the Shoppach house, and the courthouse.

April program to be on the Sardis Community Hurricane Township and World War I soldiers



PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

On Thursday, April 20th, Steve Perdue will present a program on the Sardis Community and Hurricane Township. The community of Sardis revolved around the two churches that were in the community. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and Sardis Methodist Church were the two churches. Sardis had also at one time had a campground and many people in the area would come and camp out on the grounds and near a spring while a Revival meeting was held at the church. Baptist were also invited to attend the services and Methodist attended the services at the Baptist Church. Many young Sardis boys enlisted in World War I, Arle Hogue, Calvin Williams, and Paul Mashburn were among those who served. Yancy Hogue joined the army and was killed in World War I and was buried in France. Jack Hogue who was raised in the community also served in the army in World War I. Students attended the Sardis school and later the Bryant and Bauxite school districts took in many Sardis students.

The program begins at 7:00 pm. Make plans to attend.

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Scenes of Saline County, Arkansas



Haskell Depot c. 1910. This photo is courtesy of Emaline Stroud, President of the Haskell Historical Society.

Our June 15, 2017 program will be Mr. Rob Roedel and the History of First Electric Cooperative. Mr Roedel is a Bryant Alderman and he serves as Manager of Corporate Communications for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.

Spotlight on Volunteers– George Akins

What would we do without George Akins? George is the man for SCHHS. He does so many things we could not begin to list all of them. He truly loves being involved with SCHHS. He serves as the Treasurer of SCHHS and he therefore takes care of the funds coming in and going out. He has a deep sense of dedication to his work and keeps all of it organized.

George is always the go to man for any situation and he is always happy to help

with any problem that we have.

He handles all the membership applications and sends renewals when it is time to renew your membership. He also handles all the financial matters of the society.

George also has published many of our books in the society on marriage records and other books.

He also has made many of our picture frames and in the past shelves. We appreciate you George!!



George and Margie Akins