

The Chilton County Historical Society met April 18, 1982, at the Clanton Public Library. Mike Wells, past president of the Alabama Archaeological Society, presented an interesting program on Indian artifacts. Mr. Wells displayed many Indian arrowheads, and tools.

During the spring festival, of the Downtown Merchants Association of Clanton, Mary Jones, Winnie Calloway, Bertha Dennis, Linda and Jeffrey Klinner sold approximately 150 Pepsis. The Pepsis were donated to the society by Mr. Willie Johnson. The electricity for the machine was donated by Tiffin International. A cemetery census was sold, and a new member joined.

In May, eight students completed a six week Geneology class, taught by Betty Collins.

Johnny Mack Hay has agreed to serve as chairman of the Museum comittee. If you have suggestions, or would like to help, please call Johnny Mack at 755-7010.

On June 15, 1982, Indiana Henry, Barbara Ray, Linda Klinner, Serena Foshee, Betty Collins, and Morris Moatts, did spring cleaning of the courthouse basement. When visiting the basement, please help to maintain what little order has been restored.

Chilton County Cemetery Census Vol. 1 may be obtained from Linda Klinner, Rt. 2, Box 215, Maplesville, Al 36750, 755-7306. The price is \$15.00. The money is donated to the society.

Please plan to attend the July 11th meeting at the Clanton Public Library. How to take an oral history, will be the topic discussed. Mr. Ernest Groom, a 94 year old resident of the Isabella community will be interviewed. The meeting begins at 2 p.m.

Lonie Allison Wilson is a 76 year old black lady that lives in the New Convert community of western Chilton County. Mrs. Wilson is known to all neighbors, and kinfolk as the woman with the book. Any time there is a dispute among friends, as to when Uncle John died, or when Cousin Henry went off to war, or even when Jake had his wreck, a visit to Lonie Wilson settles the argument.

You see, since about 1930, Mrs. Wilson has been collecting and recording data of any significant event that touched her life. The death of President Ike has been recorded on the calendar of that year. The deaths of friends, relatives and neighbors are recorded. The dates the church called a new pastor are recorded. Page after page of recorded history in Mrs. Wilson's handwriting, tells the story of many events.

Mrs. Wilson is a warm, sensitive woman who has taken the time and effort to record history for her descendants and her community. Her efforts are an excellent example of histic preservation.