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The McComb City Enterprise December 1917

The only mention of a local celebration of the 100th anniversary of statehood in 1917 was a under 'School Notes.' Keep in mind that the U.S. entered World War I in April 1917.

"The program given Monday in celebration of the one hundredth birthday of our state was well attended by the people of the town. The program was interesting to all who are interested in this state and the talk made by Fred Lotterhos was so logical and to the point that many who were indifferent awakened to the duty of our state in this present crisis. Our part consists in furnishing lumber for ships, producing and conserving food, sending our boys and men to the army and navy and giving our money.

Very interesting talks were made by Mrs. Alford and Mrs. Denman. Mrs. Alford announced the lecture to be given in the City Hall Saturday at 2:30 by Mrs. Daisey McLaurine Stevens on the subject of Y.W.C.A. work.

Mrs. Denman made an appeal to the boys and girls to join the Red Cross and help McComb to secure 750 new members before Christmas and help the cause of Christianity and humanity at the same time.

These remarks were highly endorsed by Dr. Robertson, who sincerely urged the continuance of Red Cross endeavor."

Centennial Celebration Held Monument to Women of Confederacy Unveiled at Capitol

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 10 - The Centennial anniversary of Mississippi's admission to the Union, and the unveiling of a monument to the women of the Confederacy were celebrations calling for two programs at Representatives Hall in the state capitol there this afternoon. Major 'Pat' Henry of Brandon and Colonel W. A. Montgomery of Edwards were jointly master of ceremonies.

Bishop Bratton offered prayer and the band played 'Dixie' after which....pulled the ropes that lifted the covering of the handsome bronze figures representing the manhood and womanhood of the Confederacy. General Webb presented the monument to the women of the state, paying them a

beautiful tribute. Mrs. Daisey McLaurine Stevens of Brandon made the speech of acceptance.....The ceremony closed with benediction by Bishop Bratton.

Following immediately came the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the state's admission into the Union, beginning with prayer by Rev. William Mercer Green and music by Professor Pitard's orchestra.

S. J. Taylor, president of the Board of Trade, introduced R. S. Henry as master of ceremonies and as the one to whom the credit is due. Mr. Henry spoke briefly paying a handsome tribute to the women and the confederate veterans and telling of the important parts they had played in making Mississippi a great state as well as how Mississippians have ranked high in the affairs of the nation.

Governor Bilbo was the first on the program for speech and gave his hearers a great deal of Mississippi history worth remembering (the rest of his speech content was unreadable).

Dr. Dunbar Rowland was presented as state historian and made clear his title to that distinction in review of the state's accomplishments during the

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November Meeting

November 14, 2017
at 6 PM at

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
(Use 3rd Street entrance)

This meeting is our annual fall potluck. The Society will provide baked ham and members should bring side dishes. Please let Sue know if you plan to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.

President's Corner

Our speaker at the September meeting, Clinton Bagley was really good, and we learned a lot of interesting information on the history of Natchez and the truth behind various legends. As always, we had a great group of members attending and some really delicious food.

Please note that the November meeting will be earlier in the month due to Thanksgiving and make plans to attend on the 14th. Sue is ordering that wonderful ham for us again.



Update on the Holmesville Courthouse

As you can see from the photo above provided by Sylvia Johnson, the county has completed their work on the building to stabilize the foundation and have painted it. The Courthouse Restoration Committee had the posts installed between it and the road to prevent cars from running into it and is arranging for the installation of a flag pole which will fly the Twenty-Star flag for the Bicentennial Celebration. The Pike County Master Gardeners are going to landscape the courthouse with period appropriate plantings.

The Bicentennial Committee is planning a ribbon-cutting for the restored courthouse at the 200th Birthday Party for the State to be held at Holmesville from 2 -5 on December 9. Birthday cake and punch will be served. More information will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized, but be sure and put December 9 on your calendar.

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past 218 (sic) years, and reminded his hearers of how much they were indebted to France and England in the making of Mississippi.

Former Governors Longino and Noel made short but interesting speeches, the former telling of the construction of the capitol during his administration; the latter confining himself almost exclusively to the present war and the duty of patriotic Mississippians.

Prior to the beginning of the centennial celebration the Masonic grand officers placed a tablet in one of the front columns of the old capitol commemorating the celebration of the hundredth anniversary and bearing an inscription to that effect.

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