

The Washington County Historical Society will observe the county's 125th anniversary on October 17, 1958. The main event will be an antique show, and there will be enough other attractions to compete with the football game scheduled for that day.

WCHS has recently begun publication of a Bulletin Series, attractively bound mimeographed booklets containing material which is too lengthy to be included in FLASHBACK. The first three have already appeared, and are being sold for 75¢ each. Bulletin No. 1 is "Markers and Monuments of Washington County, Arkansas", which gives the locations and inscriptions of all the markers in the county. Bulletin No. 2 is "The War-Time Letters of Captain T. C. DuPree, C.S.A." These letters were written to Captain DuPree's wife, Isabella Smith DuPree, then living in Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Bulletin No. 3 is "Thirty Years in Arkansas", by Rev. J. H. Rhea. It was originally one of a series of lectures given by Rhea in the old lyceum-chatauqua days, and was published in book form in 1896. All three of the bulletins were edited by W. J. Lemke.

When the Postmaster-General announced that all fourth class post offices would be discontinued the first of the year, WCHS wrote to postmasters of every fourth class post office in Washington County. They enclosed stamped envelopes addressed to the society, and asked the postmaster to give them a good, clear cancellation and mail the envelope back to the society. To complete the collection, WCHS members contributed old envelopes bearing cancellations from Washington County post offices that long ago became extinct.

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The Arkansas Baptist Historical Society, which is sponsored by the Baptist State Convention, has a couple of projects in the making which will be of interest to Pulaski County historians. The society owns a large collection of Baptist historical material, now in storage at Ouachita College. In the near future the collection will be moved to Little Rock, where it will be housed in the Baptist Building on West Capitol Avenue. It will be made available to all serious students on request.

The society also plans to erect two markers. One of these will be placed on the site of our city's first church building, which was built by the Baptists in 1824 on Third Street, between Main and Scott Streets. The second marker will be placed on the site of the oldest Baptist church in Arkansas, in Randolph County. The Rev. L. C. Tedford of North Little Rock is president of the society.

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The Arkansas Valley Historical Society has recently appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of a publication which will be the official organ of that group. We have heard no more about the project, and hope that this organization will soon provide the state of Arkansas with its third county historical publication.