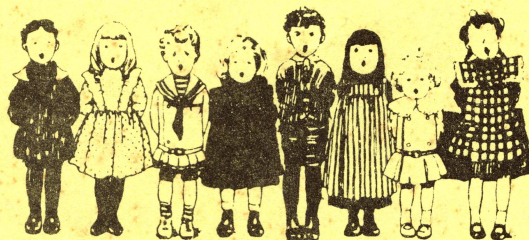
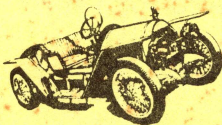




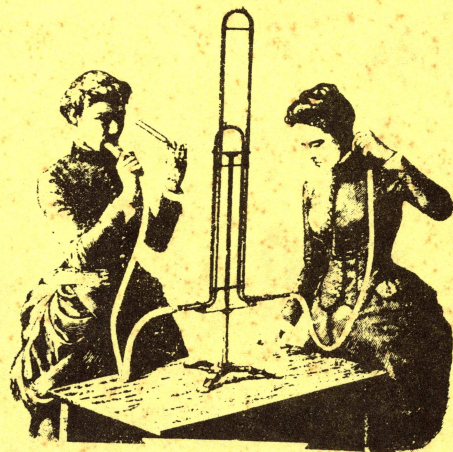
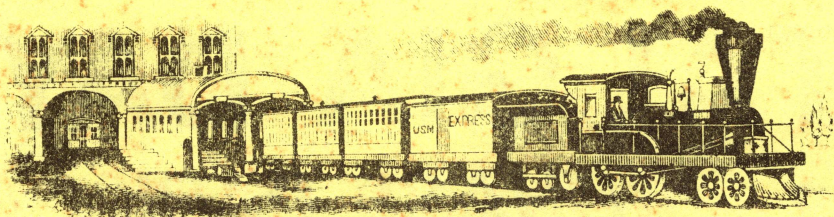
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TAKE A NOSTALGIC TRIP
TO THE PAST!



NOSTALGIA DAY



THE GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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...At the Annual Meeting you will be asked to vote for new leadership for our Society.

---NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT---

The nominating committee for the Gulfport Historical Society submits the following slate of officers for 1989:

President: Frances Purdy
Vice President: Erni Perrone
Secretary: Frances Osgood
Treasurer: Johanna Schneidt



Nominations may be made from the floor if the people are present and agree to serve if elected. Submitted by,
Betty Belting Kate Higgins Catherine Hickman

...At the Annual Meeting you will get a sneak preview of the Nostalgia Day happenings.

8TH

ANNUAL

NOSTALGIA DAY

SAT. APRIL 8, 1989

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CHASE PARK

53RD ST. AND 28TH AVE.



COME IN OLD-FASHIONED COSTUME



See and talk with old friends, that's what NOSTALGIA DAY is all about. Our 8th annual day promises to be a good one, with the ever popular Flea and Craft market, and of course our very own TROLLEY making the rounds to places of historic interest. The Methodist ladies will serve spaghetti from 12:00 --3:00 at the church. Their Youth Group will sell hot dogs and soft drinks behind the Museum. We do so appreciate our good neighbors across 53th St. The strolling musicians will again entertain us and we hope to have Elsie Miskovic at the piano. Last year the Shuffleboard tournament proved to be such a success that the SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB will repeat this fun event. Now this year will be the BIG BAND SOUND of the "RIFFRAFFS". They will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure on the handball court next to the Museum. Many things are still in the planning stage -----so

COME AND SEE AND BE SURPRISED

Guaranteed... Bigger and
Better Than Ever!

Catherine Hickman & Johanna Schneidt
1989 Nostalgia Day Chairpersons



MUCH ADO ABOUT : OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

We had a grand meeting February 2. Forty-two people were present (we were pleased to have guests from the cold out-reaches of Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey). The Treasurer assured us that we were living well within our budget and that Treasury Secretary Brady had contacted her about ideas for revenue enhancements. Frances Purdy, Membership Wizard, provided us with another tally. We have 31 life members, 18 family, 48 individual and 1 organizational member for a grand total of 98. Betty Belting answered the plea for a nominating committee member and George Payne played the wonderful gramophone that he contributed to the Museum. That eerie, entrancing sound provided the overture for our outstanding speaker who took us back in time to July 1-3, 1863 and the canon (600 of them) rumblings at the Battle of Gettysburg. Attorney Paul Hitchens, a devotee of Gettysburg lore, participated in the Battle's 125th Anniversary Re-enactment. He told us the history of the re-enactments (President Wilson and 55,000 civilians dressed as Civil War soldiers attended the 50th anniversary celebration) and spoke of Jeb Stuart as "General Lee's eyes". We learned that George Patton's grandfather fought with Jubal Early and that Confederate General Reynolds had a young sweetheart at Mt. St. Mary's Catholic School in Gettysburg. The myth that the South headed into Gettysburg to obtain shoes for its soldiers was dispelled. We conclusively learned of the enormous southern disaster (25,000 of the South's soldiers became casualties; the Confederacy's best officers were among the fatalities) that occurred amid the lush green hills of a once sleepy Pennsylvania city. A salute to Allean Davis for the informative programs she arranges.

Mr. Hitchens provided us with much to discuss as we gathered around the punch bowl, enjoying the goodies provided by Kate Higgins and Company.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS : MARCH, 1989

The cleaning/painting crew hired by the Society were worth their weight in gold. That was the concensus of the Board as members inspected the clear, streak-free windows, dazzling (not hyperbole) floors, and painted (caulked also) window frames.

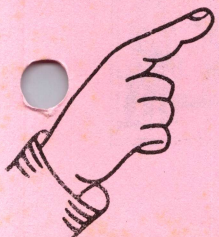
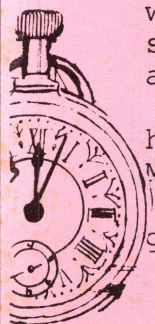
Work on the City of Gulfport Clock is continuing. The neon tube has been "crafted" (perfect word offered by L. Cordasco, Caretaker). Mounting and "empowering" are tasks now at hand.

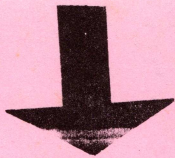
The two benches have been prepped and painted green. They now grace our front porch.

Repair/replacement of the front porch is being pursued.

Painting of the Museum via city funds is also being explored.

Come to the Annual Business Meeting on April 6 to find out more about the Board's hopes, dreams, and antics.





...At the Annual Meeting you will have a chance to enjoy the many changes at the Museum.

CURATOR COOK'S REPORT

Along with the Spring cleaning of the building/Museum, Keith and Lum have been in and out accomplishing various projects/tasks----replacing light bulbs; moving heavy furniture; installing a timer for/on the porch light; etc. etc.

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With Nostalgia Day just **2.5** weeks away, Lois C (C is for Caretaker) has the park benches scraped and painted and ready for settin'/sitting!

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Frances Osgood has done sewing and some washing and pressing, using TLC on several very old articles of clothing which are on display now.

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An antique child's rocker has been painstakingly re-upholstered by Dr. Rautman.



When you drop in on Nostalgia Day test your memory, or knowledge, or just guess at the *WHAT IS IT?* board. Items will be displayed to challenge you!

...At the Annual Meeting you will be able to meet with friends and neighbors and enjoy conversation around the refreshment table.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting April 6 at 7:30p.m.

Coming next Newsletter: A Special Museum Column

