

Museums seek artifacts for Prohibition exhibit

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) is seeking artifacts to help tell the unique story of Prohibition in Mississippi for a new special exhibition—Mississippi Distilled: Prohibition, Piety, and Politics. The exhibit will open in March 2020 at the Two Mississippi Museums—the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

As staff at the Two Mississippi Museums work to build this immersive exhibition exploring the state's tumultuous relationship with alcohol, the department is particularly interested in collecting items connected to Prohibition enforcement, such as a uniform or badge from a law enforcement officer involved in a raid.

"We need the public's help to find objects and photographs that will enhance the exhibit," said Nan Prince, director of collections for MDAH. "We are interested in hearing about anything related to alcohol consumption and production in Mis-

issippi." While Prohibition lasted in Mississippi from 1907 until 1966, Mississippi Distilled will engage with content far beyond this period. The exhibit will include stories from prehistory and European colonialism to women's suffrage, the Civil Rights Movement, and more.

"The women's suffrage movement played a huge role in temperance and prohibition. We would love to talk to anyone with artifacts related to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union or other temperance activists," Prince said. "We are also interested in photographs or depictions of Mississippi taverns, saloons, and bars from all time periods."

If there is a related artifact that someone is not ready to donate, the department will discuss temporarily borrowing it for the exhibit.

Through the wide reach of the Two Mississippi Museums, people across the state and the globe will experience Mississippi Distilled. Donations of artifacts, documents, and information will

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BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



There have been several members of our community that have passed recently. Mrs. Evelena Lloyd's husband, Mr. Oscar Moore, Jr., Mr. H.B. Talbert, third Sunday weekend, and Ms. Charlena Walden passed last week. Let's keep these bereaved families up-lifted in prayer.

Fred Horton of Tchula went to the doctor recently. His checkup had a good report.

This writer's brother came through his skull surgery pretty good. The doctors told him he would be weak for a week to 10 days. His surgery was on June 13. On Tuesday morning, June 18, he slipped and fell taking a shower. The fall and the surgery combined is making him feel week. Keep him in prayer. He goes to dialysis three times a week.

The little children enrolled in the Life Help program in the school system, goes on a trip each Friday during sum-

mer school. It's part of the set up of the program. I hope the boys and girls are enjoying every trip.

help bring the story to life. To contribute, call 601-576-6930 or email collections@mdah.ms.gov.

Help the public libraries Then go to the library and out with their summer programs. You can do this by giving a donation to help purchase food for snack time. If two or three people would work together, you all can buy food and prepare it. serve it. Check with your local librarian to get a date set up to do this. A memorial was held for Mildred Jean Davis at Elder Redmond's Church in Goodman on June 21.

Tchula welcomes new fire engine



The town of Tchula is now the proud owner of a 2006 E-1 International Pumper Fire Engine. After a May 9 board approval, Tchula purchased the \$100,000 truck using \$25,000 trade-in, and the remaining \$75,000 through a fire rebate through the state, according to Tchula Mayor General Vann. The 750 gallon capacity truck was purchased from Deep South Fire Trucks based in Seminary, Mississippi. Pictured above (from left): Public Work Supervisor Calvin Wilson and Fire Chief Alphonzo Greer.

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