

Local Genealogical Society Will Buy Microfilm Reader

The Walker County Genealogical Society met Saturday morning, March 15, with Mrs. J. Rush Stewart at Echo Villa Motel.

Presiding at the meeting was

the president, Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, who welcomed a guest, Mrs. Donna Warner of New Waverly.

Mrs. Humphrey stated that the genealogical magazines at the public library have now been sorted and will be sent to the bindery. She also announced that the accession books ordered for the society and for individual members who had requested them have been received.

Mrs. J. Rush Stewart was appointed to record, in the accession book, all books, magazines and microfilm now owned by the society and any that will be purchased in the future.

Announcement was made that the annual genealogical workshop in Lufkin will be held on March 29. A number of members of the local genealogical society expressed a desire to attend.

The president said that three members of the local society had made a recent trip to Houston to look at microfilm readers for the society. They were Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Malvin Stewart and Mrs. J. Rush Stewart.

The reader selected will be placed in the Huntsville Public Library for the use of members and any other patrons of the library who desire to use it. Mrs. Humphrey showed a picture of the upright reader, which was thought to be the one best suited to the needs of all who would use it.

This reader will take 35 mm and 16 mm microfilm and aper-

ture cards. It will be especially beneficial to high school students who need magazines and newspapers for reports. These are usually on 16 mm microfilm.

After much discussion as to the best means of raising the money, the members present voted to purchase the reader from the Eastman Kodak Company in Houston, and to ask each member to contribute what he can toward the purchase price. Former members of the society and other interested Huntsville and Walker County citizens will be invited to make contributions.

The president said that any contribution toward the purchase of the microfilm reader will be greatly appreciated by the Walker County Genealogical Society and the Huntsville Public Library.

Mrs. Clyde Hall was in charge of the Saturday program. She led the group in a discussion of the problems which she had run into in searching for two of her ancestors and asked each member to name in 1-2-3-4 order a possible solution to her problem, asking where else she might find the information needed. This method of presentation was helpful to the entire group.

The president announced that the April meeting will be held at the Huntsville Public Library on April 26 instead of the usual meeting date, because of the Huntsville Garden Club Flower Show in which several members will participate.