

# Mrs. M. Stewart

## Speaks To Society

The Walker County Genealogical Society met Saturday, February 21st, at 9:30 AM at the Huntsville Public Library, with President, Mrs. Rush Stewart presiding.

Three new members were introduced. They were: Mrs. Frank Spratt and Mrs. J. W. Faulkner of Huntsville, and Mrs. J. T. Stutts of Madisonville.

Business included the approval to purchase some Bible records. Also, members were asked to update their list of books and publications for the March meeting.

Vice-President and Program Chairman Dr. James Tarver introduced Mrs. Malvin Stewart who presented a program on the purposes of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Stewart is president of the local J. B. Gordon No. 339 Chapter. She said that the U. D. C. (and local chapter) were organized in 1889 with objectives to serve those who had served and failed; and to collect and preserve materials related to the War Between the States. In addition, the organization offers aid to the survivors (7 widows are now receiving a Confederate pension; no veterans are living) and secure scholarships for deserving Confederate descendants. Mrs. Stewart said that one's heritage is very important because it was through the triumphs and defeats of our forefathers that our wonderful country was formed. Mrs. Stewart said that the Sons of the Confederacy--whose nearest chapter is in Houston--is for men with Civil War ancestors. She discussed the qualifications for membership and ways of proving kinship and war service.

After the program the group examined genealogical books and film off the library shelves.