

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Picnic Pavilion

### Agenda

- I. Supper Served from 6 - 7:00 p.m.
  - II. Swearing-In Ceremony
  - III. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
  - IV. Ordinances and Resolutions
  - V. Citizens' Forum
  - VI. Social Hour / Food Served 'til Gone
- Indian Springs Village Telephone Directory  
Number is 982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations please call  
Patricia Crapet Voice Mail 802-2753

### Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

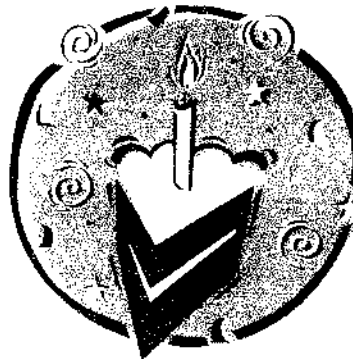
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### Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

## HAPPY TENTH BIRTHDAY INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE



*Founders' Day Celebration*  
*Tuesday, October 17, 2000*

**FREE**

*Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks  
and Home-Made Desserts*

Join your Mayor and Council Members as they are  
sworn in for their next term of office.  
Oath of Office administered by Indian Springs Village  
resident, Judge Patricia M. Smith.

*Come and celebrate the founding of your town  
with friends, family, and neighbors!*

*Food served from 6:00 p.m.  
Town Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.*

**\*\* Bring a dessert to share \*\***

## Recent Election Results

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

### INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

- Indian Springs Mayor - Gene Weingarten (2nd term)
- Town Council Place # 1 - Herb Robins (2nd term)
- Town Council Place # 2 - Patricia Crapet (4th term\*)
- Town Council Place # 3 - Brian Stauss (1st term)
- Town Council Place # 4 - Art Johnson (3rd term)
- Town Council Place # 5 - Stewart Dudley (4th term\*)

\*Have served since the town's incorporation in 1990.

Brian Stauss is the new member of the town council. All candidates ran unopposed; by Alabama state law all are declared elected with service beginning Oct. 2. Judge Patricia M. Smith will swear in the new officials Oct. 17 at the 10th annual Founders' Day celebration.

### NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY

To increase library fees annually from \$15 to \$75 per year per household and fees for commercial property owners from 1.75 to 2 mills of assessed value. **Defeated.** For: 211; against: 2,500.

### NORTH SHELBY FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISTRICT

To increase service fees annually \$30 per year from \$130 per year to \$160. **Passed.** For: 1,013; against: 485.

### NSFD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the NSFD Board of Trustees are as follows: Dan Wyatt, president; Charles Waldrop, Martha Geyer, Sally Cox, and Pete Clemens. Only Martha Geyer, Sally Cox and Pete Clemens were up for re-election. There was no opposition to the qualifying candidates. Therefore they are certified as elected by the Shelby County Probate Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister.

### SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lindsey Allison, District 7 (north of Highway 119) and Don Armstrong, District 9 (south of 119) were unopposed in the recent election.

## A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingartner

The following article was prepared by Deb Taylor. Deb is on the Board of the Summit Foundation, the fund-raising arm and planning center which has produced the magnificent facility known as Heardmont Park. Her untiring efforts cannot receive enough kudos and thank you's! When you see Deb, or talk to her at the Ken Taylor State Farm Agency, express your appreciation.

"If you have not yet visited Heardmont, strap on your walking shoes and get to it. There is just as much park on the backside of the creek as there is on the front. This nearly 80-acre property is crisscrossed with walking, biking, and blading trails, wetlands area, youth league baseball, softball, and soccer fields, a wonderful playground, the OMHS stadium and public track, the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center, and with law enforcement provided by our own Shelby County Sheriff's Office at the heart of the park. Other cities and states are already calling to hear the story of this unique "sandbox for seniors" park plan, plus the county-community partnership that fostered its success.

"Seniors, please visit the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center. Activities such as art, stained glass, and computer classes are now enrolling. Meals on Wheels has begun serving nutritious lunches to the homebound within our area from the center as well. The Mary Ellen Estes Community Center is still new and evolving--**get involved.** We need your help and want your ideas for an ever-improved array of programs and services within the center. Need to call us?

Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center: 991-5742  
Shelby County Park and Recreation: 991-2015

"As we have now officially opened the park, I want to say thank you to this community for supporting me in the role of campaign chairman. Many of you played parts so much bigger than my own. And just how do you properly thank founders, donors, and sponsors who came forward with more than \$2 million dollars? These guys are the real heroes. While I treasure the stories, memories, and friendships, you just go enjoy the park."

--Deb Taylor

## Christmas in October Fair

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

On Saturday, October 14, the third annual Christmas in October Craft and Vendor Fair will be held by the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Family Life Center at 5514 Double Oak Lane.

The fair will feature more than 20 different vendors of ladies' clothing, toys, baskets, cosmetics, and jewelry. Crafts include nativity sets, cross stitch, wood signs, silver and beaded jewelry, floral designs, candles, picture frames, home accessories, and holiday gift items. Information on career opportunities for home party representatives will be offered. A bake sale and raffle will also be held.

Susan Wilkens, chairperson of the event, said that the fund raiser benefits the guild's outreach programs in the community. These programs include a Christmas "giving tree" and the Department of Human Resources "back to school" programs for foster children and families in North Shelby County. The children are referred by the Department of Human Resources and identified by Chelsea and Vincent elementary schools. The fund-raiser also contributes to the general maintenance of OLV Church.

# Town Council Highlights

## September 19, 2000

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson present. The minutes of the August meeting were adopted as corrected.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens gave the financial report as follows: beer taxes, \$811; vehicle licenses, \$329; engineering fees, \$750; building permits, \$87.50; state, \$4; and road finds, \$813. The balance in the general fund was \$99,970, with the road fund balance being \$99,933.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the next ISV event would be the town's annual birthday party. The tenth Founders' Day Celebration will be held under the ISV Picnic Pavilion on Tuesday, October 17, 2000. All council members and the mayor will take the oath of office for the next four year term. The oath will be administered by Judge Patricia M. Smith, Shelby County Juvenile Court Judge and Indian Springs Village citizen.

Councilwoman Crapet also reminded Villagers that Christmas is just around the corner. The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund will once again work with counselors from the Oak Mountain schools to provide Christmas to needy children in our area. Early donations were encouraged. Mrs. Crapet also noted that the annual gift show and open house will be held on October 20th and 21st at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall once again. This is an excellent time to buy holiday gifts.

Councilman Art Johnson announced that volunteers are still needed to assist in the aluminum can recycling program. Especially in need are volunteers with pickup trucks for collecting the cans. This is only once a month for about an hour, is a great service to the community, and the proceeds pays for the printing of *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that road paving crews will begin working in our area in the next few weeks. Approximately 1.4 miles of ISV's roads are scheduled to be paved. Streets included are Wildwood, Pawnee, Mallard, Indian Forest, and a portion of McGuire Road.

Councilman Gary Dennis continued the discussion on an automatic fire alarm service for the 100+ year old town hall. Cost figures were discussed and a final decision will be made regarding service provider at the next council meeting.

Councilman-elect Brian Stauss is readying the new Indian Springs Village website. Brian will be taking over the website project from outgoing Councilman Gary Dennis. The website address is now registered as [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org).

## ISV Recycling - October 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, October 18. Please place your recycling on your driveway, opposite your normal trash pickup, before 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags with each top tied with a knot. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Your recycling volunteers in September were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Wayne Jones and daughter Allie (short for Alexandria), Warren Jones and son Benjamin, and Mary and Russ Favorite. Thanks again to Bob Durbin for picking up the aluminum recycling trailer.

If you have not started recycling, please help protect the environment. Proceeds from recycling help support the publishing costs of *The Village Voice*.

## America Recycles Day - Nov. 15

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling saves energy, resources, and landfill space. November 15 is America Recycles Day, and some habits being promoted are:

*Commit* to "Buy Recycled" at home and at work.

*Think* before you buy or throw away.

*Encourage* the use of recycled content products at work and at home.

*Leave* mulched grass clippings on the lawn as fertilizer.

*Start* a compost pile, using yard trimmings and food scraps.

In summary, **Reduce-Reuse-Recycle**.

Goto <http://www.americarecyclesday.org/> on the world wide web for more information.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

### In Sympathy

Villagers extend sympathy to Guy and Judy Dill of Star Trek Dr. in the death of a daughter, Jeannie Dill McLendon, age 51, of Helena; also to a brother, Butch Dill of Star Trek.

Ms. McLendon was a member of the Indian Springs First Baptist Church and employed by the city of Hoover.

Visitation was Thursday evening, October 5, at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel with funeral services the next day. Burial was in the Southern Heritage Cemetery.

### Newcomers

We welcome Lisa and Rick Robinson and three children, 1251 Spring Garden St. Rick is a general surgeon at Baptist Medical Center, Montclair, and Lisa is a lawyer currently on leave of absence to take care of Evan, age 3, Eric, age 2, and Luke, 14 weeks. Birmingham area residents since 1985, the Robinsons moved here from Meadowbrook.

## Water Conservation Advised

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Fortunate are Villagers who have maintained their wells since water was brought to this area in 1974-75. Signs of a drought appeared in late May.

There is no need for these residents to erect "We Use Well Water" lawn signs yet, as they water their shrubs and attend their swimming pools.

While there are no moratoriums on use from the Pelham Water Works at this time, "We always encourage people to be conservative voluntarily," said Greg Underwood, Supervisor of Pelham Water Works.

Pelham does not use surface water, but ground water. "If your water bill comes from Pelham, your water comes from a 300 ft. deep well," Underwood said.

The well which furnishes Indian Springs water is located in the Indian Highlands subdivision and pumps 1,750 gallons per minute. It feeds into the 750,000 gallon tank atop Indian Crest Drive and the 500,000 gallon tank on Triple W Lane, Eagle Point subdivision, east of Indian Springs Village.

Pelham has four deep wells. Additionally, "Everything is tied together," the supervisor explained. The flow can be changed, and one tank can feed from another well in case a change is needed.

An agreement with Pelham for water was sought in 1974 by the then-active Indian Springs Civic Association, and area residents signed individual water user agreements. The movement was spearheaded by Jack Van Pelt of Indian Crest Dr., who donated land for the tank located adjacent to his property.

We read and hear everyday about continuing drought conditions in the area and the low water level at Lake Purdy, which supplies Birmingham and surrounding cities. We cannot help but be uneasy as we watch the sky and hope, pray, for more rain.

## CAR Presents U. S. Flag

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The Children of the American Revolution (CAR) has presented Indian Springs Village with a new flag that flew over the White House in Washington, D. C.

The presentation was during the flag retirement ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 17, when worn or soiled flags were destroyed according to prescribed rules. The event took place at ISV's Town Hall Pavilion. The military personnel conducting the ceremony placed the new flag on our flag pole. The Village also received a plaque authenticating that our flag had flown over Washington.

Bob and Jo Thomas and son, Benjy, made the arrangements. Mrs. Thomas is the senior president of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Princes Sehay Chapter, the sponsor of CAR. The event was covered by ABC 33/40.

## Changes at Charter

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Charter Communications has announced that changes in products and services have been, or will be accomplished this year. The main focus has been to upgrade the existing coaxial plant and the deployment of fiber.

Charter Pipeline, a high-speed, two-way cable modem service, has been launched. With Charter Pipeline, customers are always connected to the Internet, do not need a second phone line, and experience download speeds many times faster than that of a standard dial-up modem. For this service you must have a cable modem hooked through your cable lines. According to a Charter spokesperson, the service costs \$24.95 per month. You may rent or purchase the modem.

In addition, Charter Digital Cable, a new video and audio platform, allows for hundreds of channels of programming. These include 40 digital music channels, multiple premium service screens, pay-per-view options, as well as additional family, news, informational, and variety programs. It also offers interactive on-screen guide, a tool that is like having *TV Guide* on your screen. For this service a digital converter is needed for your regular TV. The digital converter rents for \$6.95 per month, according to a Charter spokesperson.

Some of the new networks added to the expanded basic service are the Travel Channel, Fox News, the Health Network, Soap Net, and Turner Classic Movies.

Effective this November 1 the rate for customers in areas where the upgrade is complete will be \$30.25, excluding taxes and franchise fees. In areas where the upgrade will soon be complete the charges will be \$31.21 per month, excluding taxes and franchise fees.

All ISV customers receiving basic and expanded basic services will have the same total rate of \$38.95, excluding taxes and franchise fees. According to Charter Communications, the new rate structure meets federal price guidelines and remains consistent with regulations established by the Federal Communications Commission, as well as with the terms of the local franchise agreement.

## Grief Support Service Offered

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Evelyn Harper of Indian Forest Road is a volunteer for the Community Grief Support Service for newly-widowed persons. The groups are informal and are mostly a sharing of information and support. Materials used are those written by experts in the field or by those who have personally experienced the grieving process. Evelyn's husband, Earl, passed away in March 1999. After one year in the Support Group, Evelyn is now a member of the Friendship Group, which meets the first Thursday of each month. Her group met at our town hall on October 5, and Evelyn reported that everyone was complimentary about the facility and our Village.

If you or someone you know needs assistance in coping with grief, call Evelyn at 988-0864, or call 870-8667.



***HOLIDAY  
HAPPENINGS***

**4th Annual  
Gift Open House**

**Friday, October 20th -- 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 21st -- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Personal Items for You or for Your Home**

**Gifts for Others or for Yourself**

**Central Cashier Will Collect at the Exit**

***Location:***

***Indian Springs Village Town Hall  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road***

**\*\* Join us and bring your friends! \*\***

## Library District Public Meeting

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The public is invited to attend the 12th annual meeting of the North Shelby Library District on Thursday, October 26. The meeting will be held at the library, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Business will include the introduction of the Board of Trustees and officers, a financial report, the Friends of the Library report, and plans for creating committees to help the Board of Trustees in the year ahead.

The library outlook for the coming year will be the main focus, according to Michael Jones, director since August 1. District voters overwhelmingly defeated a fee increase proposal on Sept. 7.

Because of that defeat, the library had to make changes to reduce operational costs. Hours the library is open have been cut. "We knew we had to cut out either Saturday or Sunday, and we had more visitors on Sunday," Jones said, adding that the library keeps accounts of usage, circulation of books and materials, and other activities. These records are considered in making decisions. The new hours, as of Sept. 27, are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Thursday Noon - 8 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday - Closed  
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

The one new trustee to be introduced is Rachel Polhill of a section of Inverness that is in Hoover. She served three years as president of the Friends of the Library organization and has always been an active supporter of the library.

Ms. Polhill ended a 20-year career as a professional librarian Sept. 1 when she retired at the University of Montevallo Library, where she was employed for 12 years. She replaces Michael Gravois on the Board.

Trustee Alain Gallet was appointed for another four-year term; other trustees are Ann Tharpe, president, Hub Harrington of Indian Springs, and Pat Jehle.

If you have questions concerning this important meeting you may call Director Michael Jones at the library, 439-5500.

## Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

The following building permit requests for September have been approved:

Oak Mountain High School, J&L Electric, poles, lights, electrical;

466 Wildwood Lane, Jeff Lee, house addition;

5510 Double Oak Lane, Fluorescent Lighting, light fixtures, electrical.

## A Letter to Villagers

Hello Villagers!

The Indian Springs Garden Club has received quite a lot of donations from area business for the Founders' Day Raffle to be held Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:00 p.m. We are excited about the positive response we have received from our friends and neighbors. We are offering four raffle packages. Each raffle ticket is \$2.00. You may enter as many times as you like, and you do not have to be at the Founders' Day event to win.

**Package No. 1:** Excalibur Limosine Service, 3 hours, with dinner for two at Arman's in Mountain Brook. Also, 5 hours of babysitting from Joy's Day and Night Care in Pelham.

**Package No. 2:** Eagle Point Golf for two, including cart.

**Package No. 3:** Wayne's Environmental Services, 4 free lawn treatments and Top Notch Cleaning Service--a "Maid for a Day."

**Package No. 4:** Body Work on 280, 30-minute massage; complete facial at Medstone Aesthetic Center, plus 5 hours of babysitting from Joy's Day and Night Care.

As you can see, we have worked really hard and appreciate your support of our community in advance! If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please call me at 987-8665. All money received goes toward beautification efforts of our community and to the Welcome Committee. I would personally like to thank Pat Zerkis for her unofficial support of our raffle! Thank you, James Melton, DMD, for your support of our welcome baskets. If you would like more information concerning the welcome baskets, please call Mary Hearn, chairman, at 995-2166.

We have already started painting on the Christmas Bells lawn decorations. We will be doing a lot of painting! If you would like to order a Christmas Bell, please call Jean Jenkins, 987-2050. Our next meeting will be October 26th. Please plan to be there.

Sincerely,

Phelan Webb, president

Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee

## Help Needed for Family

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The family in Alabaster that Terry, Paul and Lola Stephens' daughter, and her husband have befriended are in need again. Specifically they need a washer & dryer and clothes. *The Village Voice* first ran an appeal for a refrigerator for the family two years ago, and an appeal last year for housing. Villagers responded generously to both appeals.

Lola Stephens says the family is now living in a trailer. The father suffered two heart attacks over the summer; the mother is severely diabetic. Neither is able to work. Their two children are in need of regular school clothing. The girl's size is 14-16; the boy's size 10-12; and the very petite mother wears size 4-6. If you can help, call Lola at 988-4672. She will pick up items of clothing.

## Senior Center to Sponsor Dance

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center in Heardmont Park is sponsoring a Halloween dance Friday, October 27, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Notables, an "oldies and goldies" band will be playing from an outside patio, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this "seniors only" event.

A senior is one 55 years old or older, as defined by Susan Tedford, Director. The Center, open from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, is available for any senior from North Shelby County.

Beginning Tuesday, October 17, the Center will be serving lunch at 12:00 noon for those who make reservations one day ahead by calling 991-5742. The beginning day's menu is 2% milk, beef stew, coleslaw, tomato juice, cornbread and margarine, with a brownie for dessert. There is no set charge for a meal; diners are asked to give a donation. The donations will be used to pay for food to serve for lunch the next day, according to employee Rita Scales.

The kitchen manager is Pat Frye, who always has cookies for visitors and a pot of fresh coffee. She is responsible for putting food (prepared in Columbiana) into containers for meals-on-wheels distribution. The Heardmont Park Center is one of five such centers in Shelby County, and 107 meals leave the center for delivery in North Shelby, all the way to Riverchase and Meadowbrook. This is the Heardmont area for deliveries by volunteers to senior citizens who otherwise would not have a hot noon meal.

The center has been busy since grand opening day, which included Governor and Mrs. Don Siegelman participating in the ceremonies. A monthly calendar is available the first day of the month, as well as menus for the noon meal each day. Classes for computer basics, stained glass making, woodcarving, bridge, and oil painting are being conducted this month, with book reviews scheduled each Friday. The center will offer flu shots when the vaccine is available. Blood pressure checks can be done when requested on any Tuesday. (For additional information, see also "A Message from the Mayor," p. 2.)

## Village Personals

### Participates in Fund-Raiser

Christina Zerkis, daughter of Pat and Steve Zerkis, 5300 Mountain Park Dr., came home October 6-8 to assist Susan Spicer, executive chef of the Bayona Restaurant in New Orleans, in preparing and serving a dinner benefiting "Magic Moments." This organization provides fulfillment of wishes for seriously ill children in Alabama. The charity fund-raiser featured a seven course dinner, with all food items brought with them from the Bayona restaurant and prepared on site in Liberty Park. Chris is a 1998 graduate of Cornell College and works for Ms. Spicer as a chef at Bayona.

## SCHS Meeting Set for Nov. 5

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Shelby County Historical Society's fall meeting will be November 5 beginning at 2:30 p.m., Old 1854 Court-house (archives and museum building), Columbiana.

Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, recording secretary, reports that on the program will be Tom Walker of Montevallo, who will share information about the American Village. Dr. Dewey A. White of Birmingham, chairman of the Chapel Committee, will discuss future plans for the chapel to be built on land donated by T. M. Burgin, original owner of the property on which the American Village was built. Land was set aside for the chapel in the planning stages of the American Village. It will be modeled after the oldest church at Williamsburg, Virginia.

President James Madison will be portrayed by Mark Spruill, an interpreter at the American Village. In proper costume he will take the audience back to the realism of 1776. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

### Christmas Parade of Homes

The Shelby County Historical Society has been invited this year to participate in the Christmas Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Beautification Board of Columbiana. This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Historical Society will follow the theme of "A Victorian Christmas in Columbiana." Bobby Joe Seales, president of the society, has been working with teachers and elementary students who will participate.

Children will be making Victorian Christmas decorations for the various trees in the museum rooms. One of the teachers at Montevallo, with a team of three students who are members of the architecture and decorating group, have been helping to clean and renovate some of the displays in the museum. This group presented an outline of possible ways of decorating for the event and how to involve students in the preparation.

Children's choirs will sing during the afternoon, and Christmas music and hymns on the old restored pump organ will be part of the afternoon's entertainment at the archives & museum building. Tickets will be available.

## Genealogical Society Meeting

The Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc., will hold its all-day fall seminar at Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Saturday, October 21.

Featured speaker will be Jimmy B. Parker, nationally known speaker on genealogical subjects.