

Historical Group Moving In Pitt

GREENVILLE, June 25—At a meeting Monday night of the Pitt County Historical Society it was announced that the membership has increased to 73 members.

Organized here November 19, 1950, the society has as its purpose to arouse and maintain more interest in the history of Pitt County—its economics, political and social development.

Dr. Howard Clay of the history department of East Carolina College, presided over the meeting for the president Judge Dink James, who is ill, and outlined to the group five objectives:

To bring to light records and manuscripts bearing upon the county's history; to encourage setting down in writing the recollections of any facts relating to Pitt County's history; to cause accumulated records and manuscripts of an historical nature to be deposited in Sheppard Memorial Library in Greenville; to encourage any who have interest in the history of Pitt County to produce historical papers of merit to be presented at the meetings of the society and such historical papers as shall be presented from time to time shall be duly recorded in the official records of the society to the end that encouragement and inspiration shall be furnished to others to produce works of a like nature.

J. L. Jackson of Raleigh, one of the prime movers in organizing the society, proposed three additional objectives and they were adopted. They were—to accumulate registration of births and deaths from family Bibles and to cause them to become permanent records in the county courthouse; to accumulate old relics and to work toward establishing a museum containing such materials of historical value; and to encourage correlation of Pitt County, state and national history in the schools.

The members at the meeting informally discussed the society's objectives. Some explained how personal work of individuals interested in Pitt County's history may contribute much to the success of the undertaking.