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## HISTORICAL NEWS

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society will begin at Friday noon, May 3, in Key West. Dr. Charles S. Tebeau, Chairman of the Program Committee, is instituting several changes. One of these involves the agenda of the Saturday business luncheon. Heretofore, local historical societies and county historical commissions have made reports on their activities and programs. The number of these organizations has grown so abundantly over the last few years that we will no longer be able to have all these reports given orally.

We do want to know what the local groups are doing, however; and so if reports can be submitted to Dr. William S. Rogers, Editor of the *Newsletter*, Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, he will see that they are included in a *Newsletter* to be distributed at the annual meeting. Dr. Rogers should be in receipt of these reports no later than April 10.

Former Governor LeRoy Collins will be the speaker at the annual banquet on Saturday evening, at which time this year's recipient of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History will be announced. Further details on the meeting will be furnished the members shortly.

### FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF COLLEGE TEACHERS OF HISTORY

The Florida Conference of College Teachers of History will hold its annual meeting at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, on March 3 and 4, 1967. The theme of the opening session on Friday evening, March 3, is "Teaching of History." The speaker will be Earl R. Beck, of Florida State University and author of *On Teaching History in Colleges and Universities*. Papers on the teaching of Far Eastern and Russian history will be presented Saturday morning, and the afternoon panel will be devoted to Negro history. Dr. Merlin Cox of the University of Florida is president of the Florida Conference, Dr. Samuel Portney, chairman of the Department of History at Florida Atlantic

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University, is vice-president, and John Bunch of Broward Junior College is secretary-treasurer.

#### ORMOND GARAGE HISTORICAL MARKER

Through the efforts of the Birthplace of Speed Association, an historical marker was dedicated at the Ormond Garage on November 25, 1966. C. C. Baldwin, chairman of the Birthplace of Speed Association, which annually sponsors an antique car meet, was chairman of the event. William M. Goza represented the Florida Historical Society. Mrs. Eileen Butts of Ormond Beach and Mrs. Alice Strickland of Astor prepared the text for the marker and were instrumental in getting the Ormond Garage designated as an historical memorial.

#### LOCAL AND AREA SOCIETIES AND COMMISSIONS

*Appalachicola Historical Society:* With the cooperation of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, the Appalachian Historical Society will erect an historical marker at Trinity Episcopal Church, noting the creation of the parish in 1836 and the establishment of the church building three years later.

*Florida Genealogical Society:* According to the recent *Florida Genealogist's Newsletter*, officers are William Earl Hall, president; Theodore Lesley, vice-president; Mrs. William E. King, recording secretary; Mrs. Elmer M. McLeod, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Don S. Evans, treasurer; and Virginia Sloane, librarian. A recent speaker was Harris H. Mullen, a director of the University of Tampa Foundation, Inc., who showed pictures of Plant Park and the University of Tampa, Dr. James W. Covington, professor of history at the University of Tampa and former director of the Florida Historical Society, spoke on early Florida Indians at another meeting.

*Fort Lauderdale Historical Society:* The Historical Society of Fort Lauderdale continues its active program. Over the summer many researchers and tourists visited and used the Society's library, and photographs were loaned to local newspapers to illustrate historical articles. A number of new books, photographs,

pictures, and historical artifacts were recently received by the library. The Society in cooperation with the University of Florida Press published *Checkered Sunshine: The Story of Fort Lauderdale, 1793-1955* by Philip Weidling and August Burghard. In cooperation with the University of Florida Foundation, Inc., an autograph party honoring the authors was held on Sunday afternoon, December 4, at the Garden Center in Birch State Park.

Officers of the Society are Mrs. William G. Hardy, president; George W. English, vice-president; and Mrs. Alfred J. Beck, secretary. Members of the Board of Directors are August Burghard, N. B. Cheaney, R. M. Gardner, James S. Hunt, Sr., Mrs. Frank Stranhan, and C. P. Weidling, Jr. The Society publishes the *New River News* which includes short articles and biographical sketches relating to the Fort Lauderdale area. According to its last report, the Society has a membership of approximately 375.

*Jacksonville Historical Society:* Dave Rawls, managing director of the Jacksonville Port Authority, was the speaker at the meeting on November 9, 1966. His topic was "Jacksonville's Port, the Foundation of the City." All of the programs to be presented this year will deal with the theme "Jacksonville, the Port City." Under the auspices of the Society, the City of Jacksonville on June 15, 1965, observed the 144th anniversary of its founding. The day was designated as Isaiah D. Hart Day, in honor of the city's founder. The Society is also spearheading a move to name one of the new St. Johns River bridges for Hart.

J. Courtenay Hunt has been commissioned to paint Andrew Jackson's portrait to be presented to the City of Jacksonville by the Society. Mrs. Inman Crutchfield, Sr. is the Society's representative to the Florida Arts Council, and she, Mrs. John P. L'Engle, Sr., and the Rev. Mr. Frank Dearing prepared a special booth at the Jacksonville Arts Festival in October. Officers of the Jacksonville Historical Society are Colonel O. Z. Tyler, president; Henry D. Rogers, first vice-president; Robert P. Smith, Sr., second vice-president; John B. Turner, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Robert B. Eleazer, corresponding secretary; Martha Lee Segui, recording secretary; Audrey Broward, archivist; and James C. Craig, historian.

*Madison County Historical Society:* In October 1966, members of the Society arranged a field trip to historical landmarks in the

Madison area, including Oakland Cemetery, the graves of Judge and Mrs. John C. McGehee, the site of "Chulieta" which contains the ruins of the McGehee home, and Old San Pedro, where the first Madison County Court House stood. Efforts are being made to mark the latter site with a permanent monument. Afterwards the group was entertained at the "Anchorage," home of Society President Richard M. Scrubbs. Other officers are Mrs. Mann H. Priest, social vice-president; Edwin B. Browning, program vice-president; and Mrs. L. C. Brunern, secretary-treasurer. At the November 18 meeting, William M. Goza, president of the Florida Historical Society, was guest speaker.

*Manatee County Historical Society:* In cooperation with the Judah P. Benjamin Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Manatee Historical Society has erected two historical markers. One notes the Manatee Burying Ground, one of the oldest cemeteries on the Gulf coast of Florida; the other marks the Major Adams Cemetery, established in 1892. Two additional markers, showing the site of the first court house in Manatee County and the site of the Manatee Methodist Church, the oldest church of any denomination south of Tampa, will be placed in the near future.

*Orange County Historical Commission:* The *Orange County Historical News* reveals that the Commission is continuing its active program of collecting pictures, books, newspaper articles, manuscripts, and historical artifacts relating to the history of Orlando and Orange County. Commission members include Donald Cheney, chairman; Arthur W. Newell, treasurer; Rolland Dean, editor; and Jenkins Dolive, Dorothy I. Pratt, Mrs. Juanita Tucker, Mrs. Donald S. Evans, Henry A. Porter, Mrs. E. L. Mathews, and Harry P. Witherington.

*Peace River Valley Historical Society:* At the first fall meeting of the Society, held in Arcadia on September 27, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hutchinson of Port Salerne, Florida, described their recent encampment at the Seminole Indian reservation and displayed several of their paintings. At the October 25 meeting in Fort Meade, the eulogy to Father Jerome delivered by Father Michael B. Gannon at the requiem mass at the Church of St. Lee Abbey at the time of Father Jerome's recent death was read. The

November meeting was held at Bowling Green, and Lawrence E. Will of Palm Beach County was guest speaker.

The Society has established a Florida History Award to recognize major contributions to the writing, preservation, and interpreting of Florida history. The first award was presented to Father Jerome on September 7, 1966, just nine days prior to his death. The special ceremony, recognizing Father Jerome's distinguished service to Florida history, was held at his bedside in St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. Dr. Gordon H. McSwain, president of the Society, Colonel Reed B. Harding, secretary, Miss Margaret Chapman, executive secretary of the Florida Historical Society, and William M. Goza were present at the award presentation. Father Jerome's citation described him as a "horticulturist, scholar, poet, researcher, and author," and described his outstanding achievements to Florida history through his writings, and his collections.

On September 27, the second Florida History Award was presented to Albert DeVane of Lake Placid for his many important contributions to Florida history, particularly for his valuable interpretation of the Florida Seminole Indians.

*Peninsular Archaeological Society:* This new archaeological society was organized in August 1966, in St. Augustine. Its purpose is to study Florida history by excavating old forts, missions, plantations, ghost towns, and Indian mounds. The Society is forming chapters in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Bradenton, New Port Richey, and Pensacola. A St. Petersburg chapter has been organized, and at its September meeting on the campus of Florida Presbyterian College, the film, "An Archaeologist and How He Works," was shown. Officers are Gordon R. Prescott, president; David F. Robinson, vice-president; L. Frank Hudson, executive secretary; Mary Jungwirth, recording secretary; H. Warren Robinson, corresponding secretary; and Jan Olsen, equipment director. Board members are Dudley DeGroot, Richard Duncan, Ray Johnson, and Bella W. Jenks.

*Pensacola Historical Society:* Miss Lelia Abercrombie, long-time curator of the Pensacola Historical Museum, retired from her position on September 20, 1966. She was named honorary curator for life, and the museum library has been designated the "Lelia Abercrombie Historical Library." Officers of the Society are

T. T. Wentworth, Jr., president emeritus; Mrs. Daniel B. Smith, president; W. B. Skinner, first vice-president; Reinhardt Holm, second vice-president; A. O. Mortenson, third vice-president; Gordon N. Simons, secretary; and Mrs. Wilton B. Hayes, treasurer. The directors are A. E. Forster, Frederick Gillmore, III, Lindsay House, and Admiral William Sinton (Ret.).

*Pinellas County Historical Commission:* At its September 1966 meeting, the Commission adopted a resolution deploring the death of Father Jerome and noting his many contributions to the study of Florida history. Ralph Reed, executive director, reported that a number of gifts have been received by the museum, including several valuable Indian artifacts. Mr. Reed has made several talks recently on Pinellas County history. The *Tampa Tribune* and the *St. Petersburg Times* have published stories on the Pinellas County Historical Museum, and programs describing the museum and its activities have been broadcast over television channels 8 and 13.

Harvey Wells reported on his map of armed occupation settlers in Volusia County at the October meeting and presented the map to the Society. It shows the location of homesteads, Indian trails, and military roads. It will be displayed in the corridor of the County Court House.

*Putnam County Historical Society:* Reactivated during the spring of 1966, the Putnam County Historical Society has as its primary goal the restoration of the ante-bellum home of Judge Isaac Bronson. At the September 29 meeting, Professor Al Swanson of St. Johns River College gave a talk on Palatka history, basing it on research that he has been doing in national and Florida archives. At its October meeting, the Society heard Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., chairman of the Social Sciences Department of the University of Florida and vice-president of the Florida Historical Society, describe ante-bellum Florida politics. Officers of the Society are Arthur Nichols, president; J. H. Millican, vice-president; Herb Young, historian; Lorraine Simmons, secretary; and Harold Williams, treasurer.

*Safety Harbor Area Historical Society:* Together with Searchers, Inc., members of the Society have recently completed excavation and restoration of the Bay View Indian Burial Mound. It plans

to continue excavation in the Phillipi Park area, particularly at the Village Site located north and northeast of Large Mound at the southern end of the park. At the September 1966 meeting, Ralph D. Reed, of the Pinellas County Historical Commission, was guest speaker. He used a detailed map of the area to show why Safety Harbor is called the "cradle of history" for the Pinellas peninsula. A permanent marker has been placed at Safety Harbor, noting that it was the site of a Tocobage Indian village visited by Pedro Menendez d'Aviles in 1567. Archaeological observations and excavations place the Safety Harbor Period from approximately 1400 A.D. to 1700.

*St. Augustine Historical Society:* The Society held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 1966, at the Art Association Building. Mrs. C. E. Walker, program chairman, presented Father Michael V. Gannon, who discussed his recently published book, *The Cross in the Sand*. It was announced that workmen have replaced the balcony on the Fernandez Llambias House on St. Francis Street. Restoration of this property was completed in 1954, with funds supplied by the St. Augustine Restoration and Preservation Association and the St. Augustine Historical Society. Title to the property is held by the City of St. Augustine, but the Society is responsible for preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of the house and grounds. The annual meeting of the society was held January 10, 1967.

*St. Johns County Historical Commission:* The St. Johns County Historical Commission will erect two historical markers, the sites for which were donated by Rayonier, Inc. for use as public parks. One marker designates the site of Fort Peyton, established in 1837 by Major General Thomas S. Jesup, on a branch of Moultrie Creek, about seven miles southeast of St. Augustine. The other marks the encampment where Osceola was taken into custody by General Hernandez on October 21, 1837.

*St. Lucie County Historical Commission:* Expanding city needs have forced the local Treasure Museum, officially sponsored by the St. Lucie County Historical Commission, to move to a new location in the Arcade Building at U.S. 1 and Avenue A. The museum was established in Fort Pierce February 1965 to display historical artifacts, documents, paintings, and photographs. More



than 12,000 visitors have registered at the museum since its opening.

*St. Lucie County Historical Society:* The new officers of the St. Lucie County Historical Society are Charles S. Cogburn, president; John Almond, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Emerson, secretary; and Mrs. Lennie May Hoskins, treasurer. The first fall meeting was held on September 22, and Mrs. Mable Perkins gave a paper on the origin, history, and development of various churches in St. Lucie County. On October 20, Dr. Adrian M. Sample was the speaker. D. H. Saunders, a director and former president of the Society is serving as program chairman for the year. Members of the Society work as attendants at the Treasure Museum in Fort Pierce.

*The Searchers, Inc.:* Members of this organization recently cleared away debris that had accumulated in the Bayview Burial Mound, fenced off the area, planted seed, and permanently placed an engraved marker on the site. The organization also arranged a display of materials found in the mound for Oldsmar Days and for the Clearwater meeting of the Florida Historical Society in May 1966. At the August 1966 meeting a discussion covering the proper techniques and procedure for recording, excavating, identifying, and preservation of sites and artifacts was held.

*Tarpon Springs Historical Society:* Colonel H. M. Salley was named chairman of the organizational meeting of the Tarpon Springs Historical Society in October 1966. Gustave Nelson, president of the Safety Harbor Historical Society, and John White, president of Searchers, Inc. were present at this meeting and are assisting in drawing up by-laws and a charter for the group. The Society plans to tape interviews with pioneer residents in the area and to collect manuscripts, documents, and artifacts relating to the history of Tarpon Springs.

#### COLLEGE NEWS

*Barry College:* Sister Marie Carolyn, O.P., professor of history at Barry College, was one of the contributors to *Historians and History*, the *Festschrift* honoring of Dr. Charlton Tebeau of the

University of Miami. Her essay is entitled "Clio: Muse or Mynion."

*Central Florida Junior College:* Professor Ira Holmes, formerly associated with the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, is visiting instructor of history at Nottingham College of Education in England this year, on an exchange arrangement with Miss Stella Wild of Nottingham. John R. Todd is at the University of Florida completing his doctorate study in political science. In October 1966 Mrs. Helen King Corpeno, who replaced Mr. Todd on the staff, addressed the Latin American Colloquium at the University of Florida. Dr. Ernest H. Jernigan, chairman of the Social Sciences Department, and Professor Edward P. Simmons are working on books dealing with Florida, and Miss Elaine Steinberg is continuing her studies of Florida geography.

Professor Jernigan spoke on "The Economic History of Florida," at the first fall meeting of the Florida History Club. Alec Robertson, British Information Officer, spoke on "Britain, Florida, and International Trade," at the November meeting. Officers are Jessica Haymaker, president; Nanci Heard, first vice-president; Marsha Rou, second vice-president; William Rumbaugh, secretary; and Chic Hinton, treasurer.

*Daytona Beach Junior College:* Dr. Miles S. Malone taught the Problems of American History course in the NDEA Institute for Advanced Studies at Stetson University's summer session. Henry B. Watson, chairman of the Social Sciences Department at Daytona Beach Junior College, attended the Junior College Articulation Institute at the University of Florida last summer. Erma L. Rodrigues, who formerly taught at Volusia Center (Volusia County Community College), is a new addition to the Social Science faculty.

*Edison Junior College:* Dr. Charles C. Fishburne, Jr. recently published an article, "Why Two Houses?" in *National Civics Review*.

*Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University:* Professor James N. Eaton was retired from the history faculty in June 1966. For the past two years he has been studying at Duke University under a Danforth Teacher Study Grant. Professor Joseph A. Jones

served as assistant director for the 1966 summer institute in American history at Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama. Professor Albert S. Parks, associate professor of history, announced his retirement in August 1966, after thirty years on the University faculty. Dr. Leedell W. Neyland, professor of history, is continuing his research and writing of a history of the Negro in Florida since 1845, and is gathering data for a booklet entitled *Twenty Notable Negroes in Florida*.

*Florida Atlantic University:* Dr. Samuel A. Portnoy, chairman of the Department of History, read a paper, "The Jewish Labor Bund, 1897-1914," at the October 1966 meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies. He read another paper, "The Peace Question in German Politics, December 1916-July 1917," at the Southern Historical Association meeting in November. Professor Charles J. Kolinski delivered a paper on "Francisco Solano Lopez," at the thirteenth annual conference of the Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies held at the University of Miami last spring.

Two articles by Dr. Donald Curl were published in the April and July numbers of the *Bulletin of the Cincinnati Historical Society*, and his article on Murat Halstead appears in *Ohio Civil War Leaders*. He is also editing the Charles Pierce manuscript on early Palm Beach, and has begun research on a history of the Palm Beaches for the Palm Beach Historical Society. Professor William Marina contributed an essay "Turner, the Safety-Valve and Social Revolution" to the Charlton Tebeau *Festschrift*. Dean Benjamin Rogers, formerly a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, accepted a teaching position in the Department of History at Parsons College.

*Florida Southern College:* Professor Robert H. Akerman, chairman of the History Department and Social Sciences Division is completing his study of race relations in Florida politics during the 1950s. Miss G. S. Saraswathi was exchange professor from India at the college last year, and Abraham Erally is the exchange professor this academic year. Nelson Hoffman of the history faculty was named Dean of the College. Professors Harold E. Albert and Joseph T. Millington are new members of the history department.

*Jacksonville University:* New appointments to the Jacksonville University history faculty are Dr. Theodore E. Wyly and Charles Kimbrel. Dr. Lawrence E. Breeze has resigned from the University to take a position at Southeastern Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Dr. Ralph Bald, chairman of the Division of the Social Sciences, attended the Southern Historical Association meeting in November.

*Miami-Dade Junior College:* Paul Conover, chairman of the History Department on North Campus, and Professors Leon Prior, Marie L. Richmond, and A. C. Taft, contributed material to the recently published *Florida: From Indian Trail to Space Age*. Professor Prior also gave two guest lectures during the summer of 1966 at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, on the history and activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

*Stetson University:* A new addition to the history faculty at Stetson University is Professor Frank P. West. Dr. William R. Carden has been promoted to the position of Director of Special Projects. Professor Sergea Zenkovsky spent the academic year of 1965-66 on a Guggenheim Fellowship in Europe, and while abroad he was visiting professor at the University of Heidelberg.

*University of Florida:* John K. Mahon, member of the board of editors of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, was named chairman of the Department of History. Bemrose's *Reminiscences of the Second Seminole War*, edited by Dr. Mahon, was released by the University of Florida Press in October 1966. Dr. Mahon also served as chairman of one of the panel discussions at the Spanish Colonial History Symposium held in St. Augustine in October. Dr. Rembert W. Patrick, former editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, retired after twenty-six years of service to the University of Florida, and is a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Georgia. New additions to the history faculty include Professors Ernest George Schweiebert, Frances Childs, Paul H. Smith, Richard T. Chang, Antonio Oliverira Marques, Neill W. Macaulay, Jr., and Harry W. Paul. Dr. David M. Chalmers, author of *Hooded Americanism*, has rejoined the faculty after a year's absence on a Fulbright Professorship in Japan.

Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., chairman of the Social Sciences Department and professor of history, was guest speaker at the August meeting of the Putnam County Historical Society. He also spoke to the Palatka Rotary Club in October. Dr. George C. Osborn of the Department of Social Sciences and Dr. Irene Zimmerman of the University of Florida Library presented papers at the recent Southern Historical Association meeting. Attending the meeting were Professors Mahon, Smith, Marvin Entner, Seldon Henry, Merlin Cox, Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., E. Ashby Hammond, and Samuel Proctor. Professor Hammond was recognized by Florida Blue Key at its Homecoming Banquet in October for his outstanding work as a scholar and teacher. Dr. Merlin Cox, formerly dean of Arts and Sciences at Daytona Beach Junior College, joined the social sciences faculty of the University in September. Dr. Catesby Jones is also a new member of the faculty from the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico.

*University of Tampa:* Donald Lester, a graduate of George Peabody College, has been appointed instructor of history. Dr. James W. Covington, former member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, spent the summer of 1966 in England doing historical research.

#### FLORIDA SOCIETY OF GEOGRAPHERS

The 1966 fall meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers was held October 14-15, at Wakulla Springs. A panel discussion "The goals, functions and research needs of selected state agencies in Florida," was moderated by Dr. James Anderson, chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of Florida. The panelists included representatives of the Florida Board of Conservation, the Florida Development Commission, the State Road Department, and the Outdoor Recreational Planning Committee. The Florida Society of Geographers is three years old and has more than a hundred members. Its president is Dr. James Latham.

#### NATHAN MAYO PORTRAIT UNVEILED

A photographic portrait of Nathan Mayo, former State Commissioner of Agriculture, was unveiled at the new Marion County

Court House in Ocala on Sunday, October 16. Commissioner Mayo served for nearly thirty-seven years until his death in 1960. During the period he maintained his residence "Mayonia" at Summerfield, Florida. Dr. Eugene Peak, Sr., longtime friend of the commissioner, told how Commissioner Mayo first entered politics. He served as a representative from Marion County and was appointed commissioner in 1923 by Governor Carey Hardee.

#### ULYSSES S. GRANT PAPERS

Southern Illinois University Press announces the planned publication of the Ulysses S. Grant Papers. Volume I, covering the pre-war years from 1837 to 1861, will be available on April 27, 1967, which marks the 140th anniversary of President Grant's birth. This work, expected to fill fifteen volumes, will be published over a period of ten years. The Grant Papers are being prepared by the Ulysses S. Grant Association, whose executive director and editor of the volume is John Y. Simon, associate professor of history at Southern Illinois University. The volumes will be published in a chronological series: pre-war period, Civil War, presidential, and post-presidential. Grant's personal memoirs, with the hitherto unpublished portions added, will be included in the set as an unnumbered supplement.