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**DE SOTO QUADRICENTENNIAL**

***The year 1939 marks the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Hernando de Soto and his notable expedition for the exploration and conquest of Florida. So 1539 is one of the important dates in Florida's history, as well as a noteworthy one in the history of the country. To commemorate the event President Roosevelt appointed The United States De Soto Expedition Commission with Dr. John R. Swanton as chairman and with members from the several states traversed by the explorer. Mr. W. G. Brorein\* of Tampa is the member from Florida. After research and investigation the Commission made a report to the last session of the Congress and a bill was passed authorizing Federal participation to the extent of \$100,000 in a celebration to be held at Tampa. Plans for that event, which are being made by a Tampa committee, will be told of in an early issue of the***  
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\*Deceased.