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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the invitation of the members at Daytona Beach, New Smyrna and St. Augustine, the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society will be held at those places on January 24-25. The opening session will be in the Clarendon Hotel, Daytona Beach, at ten o'clock on Tuesday the twenty-fourth, with the annual business meeting there at four o'clock that afternoon. Other sessions will be at half-past two and half-past eight, together with a luncheon and the annual dinner. Everyone is invited to the program sessions, and members may bring their friends to the business meeting.

On Wednesday there will be a tour of historic sites from Daytona Beach to New Smyrna, where a picnic luncheon will bring together the members and guests; then in the afternoon to St. Augustine and its historic sites, with a dinner at the Ponce de Leon hotel and an evening session as guests of the St. Augustine Historical Society.

A loan assemblage of Floridana will be on exhibit before the morning meeting on Tuesday and throughout the day. Varied and unusually interesting historical programs have been arranged, and a large attendance of members and guests from all parts of the State is desired and expected.

JOSHUA C. CHASE, *President*

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Is it not possible for you to come to the annual meeting of the Society? One or two days of historical and social enjoyment and profit will be your reward—an experience different from any you may have had, and one which will make a place for itself in your memory. To the East Coast in January, will be added three programs of addresses and papers

by those who can tell you of our State's history, a luncheon and dinner, and a historical tour.

The meeting is held at the invitation of Mrs. C. M. Wilder, chairman, and other members of the Society at Daytona Beach. Luncheon, sponsored by members who are also members of the Daytona Beach Bath and Tennis Club, will be at that club-house, and the annual dinner at the Clarendon will be historical and interesting.

A committee under Miss Henri May Eddy—who is acting-librarian of the University of Florida and president of the Florida Library Association—is assembling a noteworthy loan collection of Floridiana which will be on view all day on Tuesday at the Society's headquarters in the Clarendon Hotel. Miss Eddy asks that each member or guest who attends the meeting will try to bring something of historical interest for the exhibit. These need not go out of their possession.

Addresses will be made or papers read at the several programs by Colonel Samuel H. Fisher, Mr. Edwin Granberry, Mr. Holman Hamilton, Mr. Leon Huhner, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Mrs. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Dr. A. F. Wilson, and others.

Would you not do well to come?

On the following day a special session of the Society will be held at New Smyrna, followed by a picnic luncheon at which the members and guests from over the State will come to know each other. A tour of historic sites in the vicinity of Daytona Beach and New Smyrna is planned ending at St. Augustine and its historic sites. Dinner will follow at the Ponce de Leon hotel and in the evening the Society will be guests of President D. R. Dunham, Mr. X. L. Pellicer, Mrs. E. W. Lawson and the other officers and members of the St. Augustine Historical Society. * * *

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held with President Chase in Winter Park on December 3. In attendance were President Chase, Vice President Kathryn T. Abbey of Tallahassee, Secretary Herbert Lamson of Jacksonville, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian Watt Marchman of Winter Park, Treasurer Dorothy Dodd of Jacksonville, Director C. H. Curry of Quincy, Professor A. J. Hanna of Rollins College, Professor W. G. Winters of Stetson University, Miss Henri May Eddy of the University of Florida, who is chairman of the committee assembling an exhibit of Floridiana for the annual meeting, Miss Serena C. Bailey, librarian of the Lakeland Public Library, of the Program Committee for the annual meeting, and Mr. Herbert E. Kahler of St. Augustine of that Committee.

Details of the program for the annual meeting were presented by Mr. Marchman, chairman, and were approved.

Miss Eddy reported on plans for the exhibit of Floridiana and asked aid of all sections of the State.

Plans were discussed for regional meetings of the Society at Miami, Palm Beach, Mountain Lake, Fernandina, Lakeland, and Sarasota-Bradenton.

Mr. Lamson spoke on a plan for affiliation of the Society with local historical societies, and he will present such a plan in detail for a round-table discussion at the annual meeting.

The treasurer, Dr. Dodd, made a report.

Mr. Marchman, chairman of the Membership Committee reported seven hundred twenty-five enrolled.

Dr. Abbey, Chairman of the Manuscript Committee reported on the papers of Governor Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase entertained at luncheon those attending the meeting.

Mr. Kahler lead a discussion on micro-photography as an aid to historical research, and a committee was appointed (Mr. Kahler, Dr. Abbey, Mr. Marchman) to draw up proposals for its use by the Society.

Plans were discussed for State aid in the publication of a series of historical documents and similar material. A committee was appointed (Mr. Curry, chairman, Vice President Holland, and Mr. Marchman) to investigate and report at the annual meeting.

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Mrs. Geraldine B. Buckman of Jacksonville, through the Library Project, Works Progress Administration, of which Mrs. Richard Reed is state director, has been assisting the librarian in the Society's library during the past several months.

Miss Jennie Morrill, librarian of the Daytona Beach Public Library, has been appointed chairman of the membership committee of Volusia county and has been active in bringing in new members in that section of the State.

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Among recent donations to the Society's library are:
Volusia County, Past and Present, by T. E. Fitzgerald. Gift of the author.

Orlando in the Long, Long Ago, by Kena Fries. Gift of the author.

The Florida Audubon Society, 1900-1935, by Lucy Worthington Blackman. Copies presented by C. Russell Mason and Mrs. Blackman.

Inventory of the County Archives of Florida, Hendry County. Gift of Historical Records Survey.

David L. Yulee. Three autograph letters, signed. Gift of A. J. Hanna.

Map of Florida. Bradford, 1838.

Map of Florida. Morse. New York, 1836.

Genealogy. 4 vols. Gift of C. H. Cory, Jr.

LaFitte. (N. Y. 1828.) Gift of Rilla S. Bradley.

First Annual, 1937-1938 of Madison County Historical Society. Gift of Carleton Smith.

Some Account of Belair, also the City of Sanford (1889). Gift of Dorothy McMakin.

Guide to the Diplomatic History of the United States, 1775-1921, By Bemis and Griffin. Gift of Dorothy McMakin.

Brinton, ***Notes on the Floridian Peninsula*** (Philadelphia, 1859). Gift of Dr. William H. Fox of Winter Park and Germantown, Pa. (This rare volume was presented at the last directors' meeting by Professor A. J. Hanna.)

While the Florida Historical Society is a public institution, it has always been maintained without assistance from public funds, the annual dues of its members (\$2) being its support. Additional funds are earnestly solicited, so that a permanent library and museum building might be provided, so that its library might be increased and made more useful, and a publication program, supplementary to the *Quarterly*, might be begun. More immediate needs are a manuscript cabinet (\$100), the binding of periodicals (\$250), and modern equipment for research and the preservation of records (\$500).
