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OUR NEW OFFICERS

Some of our new members may not know that President Hanna has long been active in the Society, having served several terms both as director and as vice president. His ancestors have lived in Florida for a century and he is a native of Tampa. A graduate of Rollins College, he has remained there except for service in the World War and graduate work at the University of Madrid. Upon graduation from Rollins he became registrar and instructor in history, assistant treasurer, Alumni secretary and editor of the Alumni Record, and is now professor of history. His interest in the Spanish period of Florida's history and in the Spanish atmosphere of a part of his native city led to a deep interest in Spanish culture, which in turn led him to Madrid. After his return he organized the Spanish Institute of Florida, of which he is president. He is a director of the Florida Audubon Society and Officer d'Academie, Palmes Universitaires (France). His recent historical work, *Flight Into Oblivion*, was reviewed in the last issue of the *Quarterly*.

Mrs. Henry Kohl of Palm Beach, our new vice president, is treasurer of the (Florida) Daughters of the American Revolution, and past regent of Seminole Chapter of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Albert C. Manucy of St. Augustine has been elected recording secretary by the directors upon the resignation of Mr. Herbert Kahler who is leaving the State. The ancestors of few if any Floridians antedate those of Mr. Manucy in Florida, his having come with Dr. Turnbull in 1767. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, has been staff historian of the St. Augustine Historical Program and is now Junior Research Technician, National Park Service at Fort Marion and Fort Matanzas National Monuments.

Professor C. L. Crow (Ph.D. Gottingen, 1892; College Colonial, Paris, 1901; Centro de Estudios Historicas, Madrid, 1933) has been professor of modern languages, University of Florida, since 1905 and now is professor emeritus. He has been elected a director to represent the second district and to serve until 1941.

Mr. Edward C. Romfh has been elected a director to represent the fourth district. He is a native of Arkansas but has been a banker of Miami since 1898. In 1902 he organized the First National Bank, of which he has been president since 1912. He is Chairman of the Board of the First Trust and Savings Bank, was a member of the City Council of Miami, 1921-1923 and mayor, 1923-1927.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

To broaden interest in Florida's history throughout the State and to further the work of the Society, President Hanna plans to attend regional meetings of the Society and address other local meetings during the coming months. In the first of these latter he spoke before the annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Association on February third.

BRADENTON - SARASOTA MEETING

A regional meeting of the Society in our First District (coextensive with the Congressional) was held at Bradenton and Sarasota on March 10-11 with President Hanna presiding. Members and guests met at the historic Gamble mansion near Bradenton on the afternoon of the tenth where an exhibit of memorabilia had been arranged under the chairmanship of Colonel J. Ben Fuqua. Tea was served to members and guests by the Judah P. Benjamin chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Eva M. Gates, chairman of the Memorial Commission, extended the welcome, and the response was by Mrs. M. F. McKay of Tampa. A dinner followed at the John Ringling hotel, Sarasota, with Mr. E. A. Smith as toastmaster. Mrs. Nina Oliver Dean told of Florida historical exhibits at the New York World's Fair. A meeting of the board of directors of the Society with a discussion of our program and activities was then held.

On the next morning sessions opened at ten o'clock in the John Ringling hotel with an exhibit of Floridiana under the chairmanship of Mr. George L. Thacker. Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, director of the Society in that district, presided. Welcome was given by Mr. Verman Kimbrough, mayor of Sarasota, and the response was by Mrs. Henry Kohl, vice president of the Society. Miss Marian Hobson spoke on the settlement of Sarasota, and Mr. Albert C. Manucy, our new recording secretary, told of historic sites in Florida and the National Park Service. At luncheon Mr. Gordon B. Knowles of Bradenton was toastmaster.

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JACKSONVILLE - FERNANDINA MEETING

A joint meeting of the Jacksonville Historical Society and the Florida Historical Society will be held at Jacksonville and Fernandina on May 2-3. This will begin with a luncheon meeting of our board of directors on Tuesday, followed by a visit to Fort George Island. In the afternoon and evening a collection of Floridiana will be exhibited in the Florida room of the Jacksonville Public Library. A dinner with addresses will follow at the Roosevelt hotel. The evening session with addresses will begin at the Roosevelt hotel at 8:15.

The Fernandina meeting on Wednesday morning will include an exhibit of Floridiana, the program session beginning at ten o'clock, with a luncheon at one o'clock.

Members, their friends, and any one interested in Florida's history are welcome at all sessions at both places, the exhibits, the visit to Fort George Island, the dinner, and the luncheon at Fernandina.

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The two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Bartram, botanist, whose *Travels . . . in East and West Florida . . .* (1791) has become a classic, was commemorated on February 9 at Rollins College with a program of addresses, papers, and an exhibit of materials relating to the scientist.

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In the Irving Bacheller Essay Contest in Florida history, told of in the last issue of the Quarterly, the winners were: Shirley Anne Bowstead of Pinecastle, who wrote on General Edmund Kirby Smith, and Sara Norman of Orlando, who wrote on Andrew Jackson.

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Satisfactory progress continues in building the Union Catalog of Floridiana established more than a year ago at Rollins College, the plans for which were described in the *Quarterly*, the issue of October 1937. These plans have been broadened in order to make the Catalog of greater service; and these, with an account of the progress made, will be told of in an early number. Listing has progressed so steadily that parts of the Catalog are already in use.

The Council has announced that the Federal Writers' Project, in cooperation, has supplied 9,000 titles and 22,000 locations of books on Florida in public libraries of the State.