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Fifteen photographs of artifacts from Sebastian Inlet. Presented by Mr. Higgs.

Numerous newspaper clippings pertaining to Jacksonville, Middleburg, and Duval County, several photographs and a copy of *Acres of Ashes*, by Benjamin Harrison, presented by Mrs. I. F. Parmenter, Orange Park.

The St. Augustine Record, July 4, 1937. Historical Restoration issue. Presented by Dr. Verne E. Chatelain.

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A CORRECTION

In Mrs. Stone's paper, *Mexican Resemblances in the Southeastern Area of the United States*, in the October issue of the QUARTERLY on page 170, two lines were inadvertently transposed, which altered the sense. This should read : "These association traits, as a whole, do not belong to any single group among the higher nations of Mexico. They appear to have their roots in what is usually considered three distinct cultures: Playa de los Muertos, "Q", and Archaic, and to continue in two of the higher groups, the Maua and the Aztec. Figurines practically identical

"The Maya, whose civilization was on the decline at the time of the Spanish arrival in the New World, have a host of culture traits many of which we find picked up by the Aztec, contemporaneous with late Maya culture. A number of these traits seem somehow to have reached the Southeastern area."

Mr. Charles B. Reynolds died at his home in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, on November 10. For more than half a century he had been a student of the history of St. Augustine and during all that time his eager interest and his writings had their part in making that history better known and in broadening an interest in it. This began with the publication of his *Old St. Augustine* in 1884, and it was in the present year that his account of the

Ponce de Leon Hotel appeared. He was one of the oldest members of the Florida Historical Society and Chairman of the Society's James A. Robertson Memorial Committee, as well as a director of the Florida State Historical Society.

TALLAHASSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the season of the Tallahassee Historical Society was on October 10, in commemoration of Judge George P. Raney. Judge James B. Whitfield presided over the program and Judge Ben Meginniss read a paper on Judge Raney. Attendance was about sixty including President Curry who came from Quincy because Judge Raney was one of the founders of our Society.

The first volume of the *Williamsburg Historical Restoration Studies* has appeared. It is a reprint of *The Present State of Virginia, and the College*, first published in London in 1727, and has been edited with a critical introduction by Hunter D. Farris, general editor of the series and Director of the Department of Research and Record of Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated.

Mr. Charles D. Higgs of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and Vero Beach, Florida, former official of the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory at Lake Geneva, has been making a study of the lower Florida east coast to determine the location of the old Indian town of Ays.

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