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## THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

It was at the joint invitation of the Historical Association of Southern Florida and the University of Miami that the annual meeting of the Society was held this year in Miami. The meeting extended over parts of three days, March 26-28, and all sessions, luncheons, and the annual dinner were at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

During its journeyings into every section of the State the annual meeting has never been more fortunate in its hosts, the Association and the University, with their cordial greetings, their unusually interesting programs, the careful planning of the luncheons and the annual dinner, the notable exhibit of Floridiana, and the sight of the unique Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Mr. John G. McKay was general chairman, and the committee on arrangements were: Miss Pauline Corley, Mrs. James M. Carson, Mr. George E. Merrick, Mr. Thomas P. Caldwell, Mrs. William L. Freeland, Mr. Watt Marchman, Mrs. Thomas P. Caldwell, Mr. Lewis Leary, Mr. Gaines R. Wilson, Mrs. John E. Norman.

Mr. Gaines R. Wilson was chairman of the program committee. The complete program of all sessions follows. Miss Pauline Corley headed the publicity committee, and Mrs. Thomas P. Caldwell was chairman of the reception committee.

The exhibit of Floridiana was under the direction of Mrs. James M. Carson assisted by the librarians of the public and semipublic libraries of the Miami region and others. Mrs. Carson had long been at work gathering rare historical material and historical objects of popular appeal for the loan exhibit, which has become the most interesting feature of our annual meetings. These

came from every part of Florida, from Key West, from Pensacola, and represented all periods of the State's history. Noteworthy were the maps, from the earliest to the present. There were rare books relating to Florida in Spanish and French and early English, copies of newspapers of all eras, governmental and private documents, relics, pictures, letters and papers of the pioneers-all with the feel of another age ; so that with no effort you were carried back into other times and saw something of what Florida was in the past-and beyond our past, for there were relics too of the pre-historic native dug from their mounds.

**THE PROGRAM**

March 26, evening-

Meeting of the Board of Directors, and standing and special committees

March 27, morning session-

Addresses of welcome: Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, president, University of Miami ; and Mr. George E. Merrick, president, Historical Association of Southern Florida

Presidential address, Mr. Calvin Horace Curry  
*Ceremonial Practices of the Modern Seminoles*, with phonograph recordings, Mr. Robert F. Greenlee

Comments on exhibit of Floridiana, Mrs. James M. Carson, chairman

Annual business meeting of the Society

Luncheon meeting. Mr. John G. McKay, vice president, presiding

*Old Fort Lauderdale*, Mrs. Frank Stranahan

Afternoon session-

Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, formerly director of the Society, presiding

*Famous Floridians on United States Stamps*,

Mr. Irvin F. Duddleson

*Tequesta, A Miami of the Sixteenth Century*, Dr. Robert E. McNicoll. (This paper is summarized elsewhere in this number)

*Norton Gallery and School of Art*, Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire

*History of Palm Beach County*, Mr. James M. Owens, Jr., President, Palm Beach County Historical Society

*Prehistoric Flora and Fauna of Florida*, Mr. Charles R. Knight

Trip to Fairchild Tropical Garden. *History of the Garden*, Mrs. Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
*Plant Introductions in Southern Florida*, Dr. David Fairchild.

Refreshments and tour of the Garden.

Annual dinner-Mr. Philip S. May, formerly director of the Society, toastmaster

*Middle America*, a colored moving picture with sound track, Mr. Maurice Ries, Middle American Research Institute of Tulane University

March 28, morning session-

*Frederick Delius*, composer, Mr. Gerard Tetley. (Paper read by Miss Wanda MacDowell)

*History of the Koreshan Unity*, A. H. Andrews. (Paper read by Mrs. Thomas P. Caldwell)

Comments on Exhibit of Floridiana, Mrs. James M. Carson, chairman

*Spanish Land Grants in Florida*, Dr. Louise B. Hill

Luncheon meeting - Mr. Richard Danielson presiding

*An Early Settler*, Mrs. William R. Catlow

*Old Coconut Grove*, Dr. John C. Gifford