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## NOTES

### FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES

The Florida legislature at its last session provided for a beginning of a department of archives in connection with the State Library, and Dr. Dorothy Dodd has been selected as archivist. She entered on this important undertaking on August 1.

No one else has had the same training and experience with governmental records in Florida. She was the active director of the Survey of Federal Archives in Florida, which carried her to these records throughout the State again and again. Later she was editor of the published inventories of those archives. For several years she has been public records editor of Historical Records Survey in Florida, and the publications of the county records described elsewhere in this issue of the *Quarterly*, have been of her editing. Her historical training is extensive also. She received her A.B. and A.M. degrees from Florida State College for Women, and her Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Chicago. Much of her historical work has appeared in this *Quarterly*; and she has been treasurer of the Florida Historical Society since 1937.

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### THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CAPITOL

Miss Mary Lamar Davis of Tallahassee has sent us the following note copied from the Masonic records of Jackson Lodge No. 1 of Tallahassee:

*Masons Lay Corner-stone of Capitol, Jan. 7, 1826*

*In the stone was deposited a copper plate on one side of which was the following inscrip-*

*tion "Behold, saith "The Lord God" I have laid in Zion, a stone, a tried stone, a precious "corner stone", a sure foundation--On the 7th day of January, A. L. 5826-A.D. 1826 was laid this foundation stone for a Capitol to be erected for the use of the citizens of Florida.*

[Officers of the Lodge]

[Reverse] :

*His Excellency, Wm. P. Duval, Governor*

*Colonel George Walton, Secretary*

*Individual officers Hon. Augustus B. Woodward*

*Hon. Henry M. Brackenridge*

*Hon. Joseph L. Smith*

*There was also deposited a glass jar containing coins etc.*

*The Brothers then proceeded to the Methodist Church and Brother David B. McComb delivered before them an appropriate oration after which the brethren partook of a splendid dinner prepared by C. Pinder for the occasion.*

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### *The Tallahassee Historical Society*

The first meeting of the winter season of this active organization is to be held while this number is in press, on October ninth. The officers for this year are Dr. R. S. Cotterill, president; Mrs. John W. Henderson Sr., vice president; Miss Daisy Parker, secretary; Mrs. Harry E. Graham, treasurer. Dr. Mark F. Boyd is chairman of the program committee.

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The Dorothy Walton museum at Pensacola, established by T. T. Wentworth Jr. and sponsored by the Pensacola Historical Society, is attracting many visitors. Numerous items have been added to its collection, and Mrs. Richard Walker, hostess, is giving radio talks each week on museum pieces.

The Madison County Historical Society has prepared and is publishing an annual, the second to be issued by that Society. Among other historical material, it will include biographical sketches of outstanding pioneer settlers, and articles written by high school students of Florida history.

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The Memorial Historical Society of St. Petersburg is making an inventory of its museum with the aid of a WPA worker. During the twenty years since the founding of the Society a large collection has been brought together, and throughout the summer—as well as the winter of course—visitors are numerous. This summer they have come from twenty-eight states and Canada.

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Program meetings and most other activities have been suspended by the local historical societies during the summer, but our January issue will include an account of their winter plans.

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#### RESEARCH PROJECTS ON FLORIDA SUBJECTS

In the next number of the *Quarterly* there will be a list of unpublished books and articles relating to Florida, as well as projects in process or determined on, including theses in any of these categories.

The value of such a list is evident. Many are completed and are available for reference. The greater number of these are theses and are held in duplicate copies in the libraries of the universities of their origin, and hence can be had as a loan in certain cases. Another object in the publication of such a list is as a check on duplicate research and writing. Another is that the listing of a subject is an implied request for tips on obscure sources possibly unknown to the re-

searcher. This helpfulness among scholars is general, perhaps more so than in most pursuits, which is well, for few researchers have the opportunity for a thorough coverage of their field.

Should you know of any project on a Florida subject which perhaps is not listed, will you tell Mr. Watt Marchman, our librarian and the compiler, or the editor; for the value of the list will be in proportion to its completeness.