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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A called meeting of the board of directors of the Society was held in the library on December 10. Present were President May of Jacksonville, John H. Davis Jr. of Tallahassee, Miss Dena Snodgrass of Jacksonville, X. L. Pellicer and Albert C. Manucy of St. Augustine, and Mrs. Alberta Johnson, acting librarian.

The primary purposes of the meeting were to determine what steps should be taken by the Society for commemorating the centennial of Florida's admission into the Union, and to set a time and place for the annual meeting of the Society. Other questions were considered, but no announcements can be made yet concerning them.

It was determined to hold the annual meeting in connection with a celebration of the centennial in Tallahassee on March 3.

After plans were under way, War Mobilization Director Byrnes asked that all such meetings be called off, and President May thereupon postponed the meeting until such time as it would not interfere with the war effort.

Karl A. Bickel having resigned as chairman of the Society's centennial commemoration committee, President May appointed Dr. Mark F. Boyd of Tallahassee, who appointed sub-committees and made plans with them for the observance of March 3 throughout the State by local celebrations. Mr. David E. Smiley of Tampa and his committee promoted the observance of the day through the press and the radio ; Professor A. J. Hanna headed a committee on colleges and universities ; Professor R. L. Goulding with a committee induced celebrations in the grade and high schools throughout the State; and Mr. W. T. Cash and a committee brought together and published information on the centennial.

This publication is of twelve pages with the title *Then and Now, or Florida 1845 & 1945*. It includes the proclamation of Governor Caldwell, and comparisons of the beginning and end of the one hundred years in the state government, state finances, tax sources, population of counties and cities, occupations, education, religious statistics, industries, banks, communication, post offices, and advertisements.

Nine thousand copies were printed, and they were distributed throughout the State. A copy may be had from the secretary of the Society as long as they are available.

Professor Goulding's committee compiled and wrote a pamphlet of twelve pages on "Suggestions for the Observance of the Centennial of Statehood," which was printed and distributed by the State Department of Education. This contains the Proclamation of Governor Caldwell, a Foreword by State Superintendent of Education Colin English, a list of significant dates of the one hundred years, suggestions for observance of the anniversary, and a list of certain prominent individuals in Florida's history. There is also a list of printed source material with a brief description of each suggested title. Copies may be had from the State Department of Education.

So the Society has taken the lead in promoting the observance of the centennial.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have become members of the Society recently:

Al B. Block	Tallahassee
William G. Carleton	University of Florida
Mrs. C. M. Berry	Sanford
Sgt. P. K. Yonge	Pacific area
Victor N. Sanborn	St. Augustine
Lucien Y. Dyrenforth	Jacksonville
(contributing member)	
R. H. McGinnis	Jacksonville
Olin W. Norwood USN	(Jasper)

Harold B. Wahl	Jacksonville
Harry T. Gray	Jacksonville
LaMonte Graw	Orlando
Harold Colee	Jacksonville
William Pierce	Ft. Lauderdale
Coconut Grove Library Association	
Mrs. Clarence M. Harrison	Palmetto
Mrs. Eugene Preston Carpenter	Palm Beach
(contributing member)	
P. C. Enniss	Jacksonville
Frank H. Elmore, Jr	Alexandria, Va.
John P. A. McKenna	West Palm Beach
Herbert U. Feibelman	Miami
Abraham Hurwitz	Jacksonville
(contributing member)	
Florida State Board of Health Library...	Jacksonville
Mrs. Ruth Hope Leon	Jacksonville
Rev. Charles W. Spellman	St. Augustine
Herbert Stockton Massey	Dade City
(contributing member)	
Mathew Zivoder USNR	Ft. Pierce
James A. Austin	Mandarin
Kenneth Close	Miami
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Georgia Ann Earman	Staunton, Va.
Demonstration School Library	
Florida State College for Women	Tallahassee
Mrs. G. E. Copeland	Winter Haven
Mrs. J. D. McFadden	Alachua
Mrs. James H. Lipscomb	Jacksonville
(contributing member)	
Mrs. John Stephenson	South Jacksonville

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Mrs. Ruth Danenhower Wilson, formerly a resident of Ormond, now resides in New York City. Her recent book "Jim Crow Joins Up" is a study of Negroes in the armed forces.

John M. Goggin, formerly of Miami, is working with the Department of Anthropology, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University.

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