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FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OUR DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Realizing the imperative need for an increase in the membership of the Society if we are to go forward, or even hold our own, President Boyd has planned and inaugurated a state-wide drive through the regional directors and the members of the Society in all parts of Florida. The directors are appointing county chairmen, but our individual members constitute the local committees—hence every member of the Society is a member of his or her county committee, and each one is urged to bring in at least one new member.

Some of the county chairmen and committees are already at work, others are beginning their campaigns. First to get underway was Alachua county with Samuel C. Proctor of the University of Florida as chairman. First he aroused the latent interest in local history which undoubtedly exists everywhere, and which when cultivated frequently leads to a real interest in State history. Obtaining the use of two large show-windows in different locations on the busiest street of Gainesville, he found and borrowed costumes worn during the past century in that section, which made an unusual exhibit. The other window held numerous items of Gainesville's past, as well as books and documents and maps relating to Florida in general. Both windows attracted a lively and continuous interest throughout a week. Evidently of most appeal were the costumes and a number of early photographs of groups of various organizations in which many passers-by discovered themselves as they were years ago.

Perhaps the descriptions of these windows will suggest similar ones to other chairmen. But it should be noted that personal solicitation for membership is usually necessary after interest has been aroused.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

New members are a most valued asset to any organization, but more especially to the Florida Historical Society, and it is with a very real sense of satisfaction that

we include a good list of new members in this issue of the *Quarterly*. I express to them a hearty welcome into fellowship with the Society and the hope that each and every one will become active participants in our organization.

To the older members may I say that the campaign for an enlarged membership has not yet attained real momentum. While this list of new members would be most gratifying if a campaign for new members were not underway, yet from the standpoint of a campaign it leaves much to be desired. As mentioned elsewhere it does not seem unreasonable to believe that somewhere near one-tenth of one per cent of the population of our state should be potentially interested in the history of Florida, or from 2,500 to 3,000 persons, which would treble our membership, yet we are making progress slowly towards this goal. The inertia which is impeding the attainment of the desired momentum is widespread, extending from a few directors who have not as yet submitted nominations of county chairmen, to persons nominated for such chairmanships who have either declined the responsibility, or if accepting have not as yet organized their county committees. Fortunately the picture is not uniformly gray, as a few-and one especially as you will note-to whom we are grateful, have been active and successful.

The importance of this effort to the welfare of the Society is so great, that I feel I should be remiss in my responsibility as president were I to overlook this situation or fail to call again for the active participation of all.

MARK F. BOYD

NEW MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

ALACHUA COUNTY

SAMUEL C. PROCTOR, *Chairman.*

Ancil N. Payne	University of Florida	<i>Nominated by</i>
Bevode C. McCall	" " "	Samuel C. Proctor
Wm. E. Barringer	" " "	" "
Woodson C. Tucker, Jr.	" " "	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Hanford		
O. Enwall	Gainesville	" "

Harriet C. Skofield	University of Florida	"	"
Donald E. Worcester	" " "	"	"
Herbert J. Doherty, Jr.	" " "	"	"
Freeman H. Hart	" " "	"	"
W. E. Baker	Gainesville	"	"
Richard V. Rickenbach	"	"	"
Seldon F. Waldo	University of Florida	"	"
Adelaide Yon	" " "	"	"
Manning J. Dauer	" " "	"	"
Roland Cutler	" " "	"	"
Mrs. W. H. Latour	" " "	"	"
Mrs. R. L. Watkins	Gainesville	"	"
Samuel W. Getzen	"	"	"
Edith P. Pitts	University of Florida	"	"
Vivian Prince	" " "	"	"
Orville F. Quackenbush	" " "	"	"
Alfred A. Ring	" " "	"	"
Mrs. Robert C. Blake	" " "	"	"
Margaret Starke Perry	Gainesville	"	"
Mrs. Frank Lee	"	"	"

DUVAL COUNTY

FRANK H. ELMORE JR., *Chairman*

Albert E. Barrs	Jacksonville	<i>Nominated by</i>
Peyton J. Watson Sr.	"	Herbert Lamson
Ruth German	"	Russell Frink
Mrs. E. H. Oliver	(for Catholic Council)	"
Mrs. W. R. Harney	Jacksonville	Mark F. Boyd
Jesse Robinson Fritot	"	Mrs. H. H. Buckman
Wm. J. Rodgers	"	Mrs. Harman
Bronson E. Lamb Sr.	"	Mrs. H. M. Corse
Evalyn I. Daniel	Jacksonville	
Mrs. W. R. Harney	Jacksonville	
Mrs. James R. Stockton	"	Dena Snodgrass
Byron Thompson	"	"
Rabbi Sydney Lefkowitz	"	Samuel C. Proctor
Wesley W. VanMalsen	"	"

DADE COUNTY

GAINES R. WILSON, *Chairman*

Robert Mitchell Davidson	Miami Beach	<i>Nominated by</i>
R. V. Waters	Miami	F. W. Cason
Mrs. Ralph H. Sartor	Coral Gables	"
Claire D. Whitehurst	" "	Ruby Leach Carson
Floyd Monk	" "	"
Mrs. Richard H. Rice	Kendall	Mrs. R. V. Ott

COLLIER COUNTY

SAM C. COLLIER, *Chairman*

Sam C. Collier	Everglades
Barron Collier Jr.	"
Miles Collier	"

PINELLAS COUNTY

JOHN C. BLOCKER, *Chairman*

Louis Henry Zinsser (Fellows member)	Safety Harbor
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Edward H. Beckett (Fellows member) Tarpon Springs
Lucius S. Ruder Clearwater

POLK COUNTY

Henry Fuller	Lakeland	<i>Nominated by</i>
Jere W. Annis	"	Webster Merritt
Donald A. Thompson	"	" "
E. T. Roux Library	Florida Southern College	
Elizabeth L. Brown	Davenport	

BROWARD COUNTY

MRS. FRANK STRANAHAN, *Chairman*

L. E. Moore	Ft. Lauderdale	<i>Nominated by</i>
Robert L. Zabriskie	"	William Pierce
Elinor B. Ford	"	" "
Philip Dressler	"	" "

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Mrs. F. S. VAILL, *Chairman*

Milton E. Bacon St. Augustine
Mrs. F. J. Buchanan "

Nominated by
H. Maddox

C. L. Sowell	Quincy, Gadsden County	
Mabel K. Laird	Tampa	
Arline Risdon Mansfield	Madison	
Melvin H. Tennis	Valpariso	
Marvin H. Sears	Arcadia	
Hattie Allen	Sorrento	
Mrs. J. T. Hancock	Okeechobee	W. T. Cash
Wyndham Hayward	Winter Park	
Juanita DeVette	Fernandina	J. Wm. Decker
R. V. Rickford	Sarasota	
R. W. Birdsell Jr.	Osprey, Sarasota County	
Mrs. Harold T. Butts	Ormond Beach	
Mrs. C. A. Lock	Dade City	Mrs. H. H. Buckman

DECEASED MEMBERS

Mrs. Albert A. Taylor, Cocoa
Mrs. J. F. Dodge, St. Augustine.
T. A. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Summer Haven, Florida.
Barton F. Turnbull, Summit, New Jersey and Monticello, Florida.
George W. Monroe, Quincy.

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