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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NO HOME FOR THE SOCIETY IN TALLAHASSEE

The governments of many states provide homes for and give other aid to their State historical societies.

At the annual meeting of the Society in 1947 the question of asking for space in some State owned building in Tallahassee was discussed and a resolution was adopted requesting the Society's Legislative Committee to draft such a bill and endeavor to secure its passage, but no agreement was to be made that the Society would accept the space that might be offered.

This was accomplished, and we were much heartened. Under the leadership of past-president Boyd, who registered as a lobbyist for the Society, and through the able and continuous efforts of Mr. John C. Blocker and Mr. Velma Keen of our Legislative Committee, and the indispensable work of our friends in the Legislature, a bill was passed against seemingly insurmountable difficulties on the next to the last day of that unusual session.

It was thought that a permanent home for the Society might in time be the result, but after adjournment Governor Warren vetoed the bill.

While the location in St. Augustine is desirable because of its large part in Florida's long history, and our rooms are satisfactory, these quarters, might be unavailable at short notice, and the increased rent and other expenses there are steadily using up our treasury balance.

It would seem that Florida, with a history longer than any other state and quite as interesting and important as any, might well provide a home for her State historical society.