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LOCAL AND REGIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Number Seven of the *News Letter* series of The Jacksonville Historical Society which tells of their recent activities, contains a note of especial interest: that the third issue of their publication, *Papers*, is in the making and will appear later this year. The last issue (Vol. II) will long be remembered for its several portraits of Osceola in color and others in black and white, as well as for other articles on the area's history.

At a recent Program Meeting Dr. Charles T. Thrift Jr., vice president of the Florida Historical Society, was guest speaker, his subject being "Religion in the Development of Florida Culture, 1845-1860."

The Society is gathering a Reminiscence File, and several papers of historical interest have recently been added.

The *News Letter*, issued by a Committee with Miss Dena Snodgrass as Chairman, also includes notes of historical interest outside of Jacksonville.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

This Association has been active, as usual.

At the January Program Meeting President John C. Blocker of The Florida Historical Society read a paper on *Piracy in Southern Waters*, an especially interesting subject about which little is generally known, and one upon which Mr. Blocker has made much research.

Continuing its program of marking historic sites in the area, a marker has been placed and dedicated at Miami International Airport commemorating fifty years of powered flight, as well as the first regularly scheduled air mail flight between North and South America which began from that airport.

Another marker was dedicated with an extensive program on March 7 on the site of the *Biscayne House of Refuge* in Miami Beach. There were five of these rescue stations estab-

lished along the East Coast in the last century by the United States Government for shipwrecked mariners.

The Association was co-host with the University of Miami, Dr. Charlton Tebeau, Chairman, to The Florida Anthropological Society at their Annual Meeting on February 20.

PENSACOLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pensacola Historical Society has been active during the winter. At a recent program meeting Judge Ernest E. Mason spoke on "Interpretation of Pensacola's Charter," his address being based on the first charter adopted under the administration of General Andrew Jackson, Provisional Governor, and the numerous changes made in the charter since that time.