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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Florida Historical Society held at the Lakeside Inn, Mt. Dora, was called to order at 2:10 P.M., Friday, April 8, 1960, by President Albert C. Manucy.

The Treasurer's report from the period 1 March 1959 to 31 March, 1960 was read by President Manucy. The balance on March 1, 1959, was \$7,259.97, receipts \$8,123.74, making a total of receipts and balance on March 31, 1960, of \$15,383.71. Expenditures for the same period amounted to \$8,168.95 which left a balance on hand of \$7,214.76 or a net loss of \$45.21 over the thirteen-month period.

In the absence of Mr. Rembert W. Patrick who was lecturing at Winthrop and Guilford Colleges, Mr. Manucy read a letter from him in which he reported on Publications. The Editor extended his appreciation to Frank Sessa, book review editor; Dena Snodgrass, editor of News and Notes; to Frank Haber and Charles Arnade, associate editors; and to the editorial board. As one possibility of raising additional income Mr. Patrick suggested that individuals and business firms might be led to contribute substantial sums by listing in the *Quarterly* as Patrons those contributing \$1,000 per year, as sustaining members, those contributing \$500, and as contributing members, those giving \$100. Writing in Florida history could be encouraged by giving a \$50 bond for the best article published in the *Quarterly* in the past year and a \$100 bond for the best book in Florida history published in the same period. He noted, too, that the Society was indebted to the University of Florida for providing the salary of Mrs. Lois Sette, Executive Secretary, housing the Society's library, providing light, heat and airconditioning, and to its History Department for a considerable portion of the postage expense of the editor's office.

Mr. Manucy noted that in the Lincoln Memorial Essay Contest, sponsored by The American Association of State and Local History and Broadcast Music Incorporated, Florida had some 50 Florida entries. Of these, two, one by a professional historian and one by a non-professional, were forwarded to compete with others nationally.

Mr. Beiser reported the winners of the annual Florida History Essay Contest after thanking members of the University of Tampa History Department who helped screen the 125 entries.

Judge Knott, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee offered the following resolutions all of which were unanimously adopted:

Resolution No. 1. WHEREAS, Mrs. James T. Hancock, of Okeechobee, Florida, a devoted and loyal member of this Society, lately suffered the death of her husband, James T. Hancock, and WHEREAS, Mrs. Hancock served this Society for years faithfully and well as its Secretary and has been a generous donor to our Society, and whereas she has otherwise contributed greatly to the cultural advancement of the people of the State of Florida; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Florida Historical Society, on the occasion of this their annual meeting, on April 8, 1960, do record their profound regret at the passing of Mr. Hancock, and extend their condolence and deepest sympathy to

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their fellow member, Mrs. Hancock. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a separate page be set aside in the minutes of our Society in order that this record may be preserved, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to Mrs. Hancock.

Resolution No. 2. WHEREAS, Charles Howel Schaeffer, of Tallahassee, Florida, lately departed this life, and WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer, as Chief, Information and Education, Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials always actively demonstrated a generous spirit of cooperation in the fulfillment of the aims and purposes of the Florida Historical Society and rendered invaluable services to the Society in many different projects concerned with the recognition and preservation of Florida's historic sites and buildings, and otherwise contributed greatly to the advancement of the cultural interests of the people of the State of Florida; and WHEREAS, the officers of our Society who had the privilege of working with Mr. Schaeffer cherish the memory of his quiet steadfastness of purpose, his keen awareness of historical values and his outstanding personal qualities as an individual; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Florida Historical Society, on the occasion of this their annual meeting, on April 8, 1960, do record their profound regret at the passing of Mr. Schaeffer, and extend their condolences and deepest sympathy to the surviving members of his family. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a page be set aside in the minutes of our Society in order that this record may be preserved, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to Mr. Schaeffer's family.

Resolution No. 3. WHEREAS, Julien C. Yonge has throughout a long lifetime devoted his talents and energies to the service of the people of Florida in the field of history, and in addition to creating a great historical library for public use and editing the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, has recently made another outstanding contribution to our knowledge of Florida History in producing the monumental Pensacola issue of the *Quarterly*, thus meriting the appreciation of lovers of history everywhere; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Historical Society, at this its annual meeting on April 8, 1960, does record its sincere gratitude and obligation to Mr. Yonge, for his achievements in and contribution to the field of Florida History. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a page be set aside in the minutes of our Society in order that this record may be served, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to Mr. Yonge.

Resolution No. 4. WHEREAS, Colonel Duncan Lamont Clinch, of Miami, Florida, has provided the Florida Historical Society with a research grant furthering the preparation of a biography of one of Florida's most distinguished soldiers, General Duncan Lamont Clinch, and has indicated a continuing interest in that important project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Historical Society, at this their annual meeting on April 8, 1960, does record its sense of profound appreciation to Colonel Clinch for his outstanding contribution to the study of Florida history. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a page be set aside in the minutes of our Society in order that this record may be served, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to Colonel Clinch.

Resolution No. 5. By this resolution the Officers and Members of the Florida Historical Society express their gratitude to the Mt. Dora Historical Society, the Committee on Local Arrangements and to all who have

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devoted themselves to making this a memorable meeting with an outstanding program. We express, too, our appreciation to the management of the Lakeside Inn and Mt. Dora Chamber of Commerce for their gracious hospitality. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a page be set aside in the minutes of our Society in order that this record may be served, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to the Mt. Dora Historical Society, the Committee on Local Arrangements, the management of the Lakeside Inn, and the Mt. Dora Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Knott also offered a motion that Julien C. Yonge in view of his many contributions to the Society be given an honorary life membership. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rogers reported for the Nominating Committee the following slate of officers and the Nominating Committee offered a motion that the secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The motion was unanimously adopted: President, Gilbert C. Lycan; 1st Vice President, Frank B. Sessa; 2nd Vice President, Lucius S. Ruder; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Latour; Directors, Thelma Peters, Jesse Keene, Carver Harris, Margaret Chapman, T. T. Wentworth, Jr., John Tapers; Nominating Committee, 1961, C. W. Tebeau, Chairman, Albert C. Manucy, and Dena Snodgrass.

The members gave President Manucy a rising vote of thanks for his fine leadership of the Society during the past two years.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.