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NEWS AND NOTES

Removal of Society Headquarters

As authorized by the annual meeting of the Society on May 4, 1962, the library and headquarters of the Florida Historical Society have been removed from the University of Florida and located in the new library of the University of South Florida at Tampa. Miss Margaret Chapman, who was elected executive secretary of the Society, is the Special Collections Librarian at South Florida and will be in direct control of the Society holdings. The Society's books and property remain a separate and distinct entity and are not incorporated into the University's collections. Special quarters have been provided in the library building for the Society. The arduous task of removal was completed during the summer under the personal direction of Miss Chapman. Members are invited to drop in at the new headquarters when they are in the vicinity.

All business correspondence should now be addressed to Miss Chapman at University of South Florida Library, Tampa, Florida.

Local Societies and Commissions

Historical Association of Southern Florida: Wayne E. Withers was re-elected to a fourth term as president of the Association at the annual meeting last April. Other officers include Charlton W. Tebeau, 1st vice president and editor of *Tequesta*; Roland A. Saye, Jr., 2nd vice president; Justin Havee, executive secretary; Virginia Wilson, recording and corresponding secretary; and J. Floyd Monk, treasurer,

District vice presidents include Karl A. Bickel, James R. Knott, James W. Covington, David M. Fee, Mrs. James T. Hancock, Norman A. Herren, Charles T. Thrift, Jr., and Louise V. White. The Association also elected twenty-one directors.

Martin County Historical Society: The Society announced recently the appointment of Mrs. Mildred L. Spring of Port Salerno as the new secretary for the Martin County Museums. Originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, Mrs. Spring has resided in Martin County for more than five years and has been an active

member of the Society. She replaces Mrs. Cornelia Abbott who recently moved to St. Petersburg.

Through the summer and fall, the Society held a weekly film classics series at the Elliott Museum which presented a number of outstanding films of cultural interest. The House of Refuge Museum continues to feature special monthly exhibits.

Palm Beach County Historical Society: At the March meeting in the Flagler Museum, the Society in cooperation with the Florida Chapter of the Ziegfield Club presented a gala spectacular, "A Ziegfield Night." Featuring two dozen former Ziegfield beauties and a male chorus, and presided over by Society president, Judge James R. Knott, the event drew wide publicity and was the talk of the town.

At the May meeting, Dr. Samuel Proctor of the University of Florida spoke on Napoleon Bonaparte Broward's filibustering operations. The Society continues its project of tape recording the reminiscences of senior citizens with special knowledge of early days in the area. More than forty persons have thus far contributed.

Pensacola Historical Society: The Society has been impressed and gratified by the discovery in May of the site of the third location of the city of Pensacola. An amateur archaeologist, Norman Simons, made the discovery on Santa Rosa Island. Dr. William H. Sears of the Florida State Museum after inspecting the site termed it the most "important archaeology discovery in the history of the Southeast United States." Sears was reported as saying, "There is unmistakable evidence that remains of complete buildings and/or their foundations are buried in the sand." T. T. Wentworth declared that Floridians in the area had been trying to find the site for over forty years.

Protection and preservation of the area is now a major concern. Sears stated, "Nothing like this has ever been discovered before in America and I cannot overemphasize the importance of preserving the area."

Southern Historical Association

The 1962 annual meeting will be held at Miami Beach, November 8-10 at the Fontainebleau Hotel. More than twenty programs are planned, covering virtually every field of historical

interest. Non-members are welcome to attend these sessions. One session will feature papers on the Florida land boom of the 1920's Of special interest to Floridians will be the presidential address of Rembert W. Patrick of the University of Florida, former editor of this *Quarterly*. An informant closest to the mind of Dr. Patrick informs us that his address "will be recognized as the greatest presidential address ever delivered by the executive officer of any professional organization!" The convention will mark the end of Dr. Patrick's term as president of the Association.