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HISTORICAL NEWS

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society is scheduled to begin Friday, May 3, 1968, in Daytona Beach. The two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Dr. Andrew Turnbull's settlement at New Smyrna will be celebrated as part of the Saturday session of the meeting. Special ceremonies will be held in New Smyrna. The Daytona Plaza, Daytona Beach, is the convention hotel. Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr. is chairman of the program committee and anyone interested in reading a paper is invited to write to him at 352 Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32601. The recipient of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History will be announced at the banquet Saturday night.

While publication of the *Newsletter* has been temporarily suspended, every effort will be made to publish the annual reports of the regional, county, and local historical societies and commissions and to distribute them at the annual meeting. Please send all reports to our *Newsletter* Editor, Dr. William Warren Rogers, Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee. They should be in his hands by April 1, 1968.

Florida Conference of College Teachers of History

The Florida Conference of College Teachers of History will hold its sixth annual meeting this year at the University of Miami on March 29 and 30, 1968. Dean H. Franklin Williams, University College, University of Miami, will open the session Friday with a talk entitled "Challenge to Historians." Professors Ivan Scott of West Virginia University, George C. Osborn of the University of Florida, Chester V. Easum of the University of Nebraska, Gerald C. Critoph of John B. Stetson University, Donald Curl of Florida Atlantic University, and Warren Samuels of the University of Miami will present papers. Dean John A. Harrison of the University of Miami's Graduate School, and Dr. Charlton Tebeau, chairman of the department of history at the

University of Miami are also on the program. Dr. Samuel Portnoy, chairman of the department of history at Florida Atlantic University, is president of the Florida Conference and will preside at the Saturday morning session and the business luncheon. Dr. Duane Koenig of the University of Miami is vice-president and program chairman.

State and Local History Merit Awards

The American Association for State and Local History, at its convention held in September 1967, in Toronto, Canada, recognized Adam G. Adams of Coral Gables for his significant contributions to Florida history. Mr. Adams, a former member of the board of the Florida Historical Society, was chairman of the Florida Civil War Centennial Commission. He helped to establish the Florida State Library and Historical Commission in 1965 and served as its first chairman. The association also awarded a certificate of commendation to Judge James R. Knott of West Palm Beach, former president of the Florida Historical Society, for his significant contributions to the founding of the Palm Beach Historical Society. The Tallahassee Junior Museum was recognized for developing the Pioneer Farm, a local history program for young people that has won national recognition.

Pensacola Historical and Preservation Commission

The Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission was established by the 1967 Florida legislature with an appropriation of \$200,000. The city of Pensacola has provided an additional \$60,000. A five-member commission, with Pat Dodson, secretary of the Florida Historical Society, as acting chairman, has already begun work on a long-range plan of historical development for Pensacola.

To administer a proposed twenty-five-block historical district in the Old City area of Pensacola around Seville Square and fronting Pensacola Bay, an architectural review board has been created to study boundaries and regulations. It is planned to restore the district into a replica of nineteenth-century Pensacola with emphasis on the Spanish borderlands and Jacksonian eras, generally covering the period from 1814 to 1845. Some ante-

bellum buildings still stand, and others, for which there are extant plans, will be restored. Special lighting will illuminate the historic area.

The commission is seeking an executive director to direct its work, and applications should be addressed to Pat Dodson, Pensacola Historical Commission, Seville Square, Pensacola, Florida.

Activities and Events

Isaiah D. Hart Bridge: On November 2, 1967, the Jacksonville Expressway Authority dedicated the new Isaiah D. Hart Bridge crossing the St. Johns River. The bridge memorializes Hart, the founder and "father" of Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Historical Society launched the move to name the bridge in honor of Hart, and its members were invited as special guests for the dedication.

Library History Seminar: Florida State University's Library School, Department of History, and Strozier Library, in cooperation with the *Journal of Library History* and the American Library History Round Table are sponsoring the Third Library History Seminar at Florida State University, February 8, 9, and 10, 1968. Papers on the subjects of library history, library media, and library relations with associations, libraries, and federal, state, and local government will be presented. Travel scholarships to qualified students of accredited library schools and university departments of history, English, or American studies have been offered. Reservations for the seminar can be made by writing to the Library School, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 32306.

The Florida Quarterly: A new literary magazine, the *Florida Quarterly*, is being published at the University of Florida. Its first edition featured a previously unpublished short story by the late Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings entitled "Fish Fry And Fireworks," and an interview by Gary Libby with Florida novelist Richard Powell who lives in Fort Myers and who has used the Florida scene as locale for several of his novels. Subscriptions are \$3.50 per year - \$10.00 for three years. Inquiries may be directed to *Florida Quarterly*, 207 Anderson Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32601.

Faver-Dykes State Park: The 752-acre Faver-Dykes State Park near St. Augustine was officially dedicated on November 10, 1967. The park encompasses the southern area of St. Johns' County and is located on Pellicer Creek. It was given to the state as a memorial to Alexander Hall Faver and Flora Ellen Dykes Faver. Mr. William M. Goza, president of the Florida Historical Society, represented the society at the dedication.

Everglades Park Anniversary: The twentieth anniversary of the dedication of the Everglades National Park was observed on December 6, 1967, in special ceremonies at the Flamingo Recreation Center. Government officials, private citizens, and heads of conservation groups instrumental in the long fight to preserve this aquatic wilderness area participated. Everglades National Park, located at the southern end of Florida, is the largest subtropical wilderness park in North America. Extending farther south than any other part of the United States mainland, it is the home of rare birds, animals, and plant life.

Florida History Award: The Peace River Valley Historical Society presented its annual Florida History Award to Dr. Samuel Proctor of the University of Florida at a dinner meeting held in October at the new civic center in Bartow. Previous recipients of the award were the late Father Jerome of St. Leo's Abbey and Albert DeVane of Lake Placid. Dr. Proctor's award was for the year 1966.

College News

Broward County Junior College: Professor Chester Handleman has returned to the college after a two-year absence at Duke University. Last summer Wayne E. Barton travelled in northern Europe.

Central Florida Junior College: Ira Holmes has returned after a year as exchange professor at Nottingham College of Education, Nottingham, England. Ernest H. Jernigan has a grant allowing him to study political science and history at the University of Florida. Leroy C. Reed attended the University of Missouri this

past summer as a participant in its summer institute in data processing for social science college teachers. Joel C. Tate, a national teaching fellow, is a new addition to the social sciences staff of the college.

Daytona Beach Junior College: New staff members are Jay R. Bushnell and LeRoy L. Stefen. Dr. Miles Malone has retired from full-time teaching and teaches extension courses for the University of Florida and a part-time American history course at the college.

Florida Atlantic University: New faculty include Dr. Tsung I. Dow and Mrs. Leigh Gall. Professor Samuel A. Portnoy, chairman of the department and president of the Florida Conference of College Teachers of History, served as visiting professor this past summer at the University of Wisconsin's Center in Marathon County.

Florida Presbyterian College: Dr. William C. Wilbur, chairman of history and social sciences, has returned from a sabbatical leave in England. Dr. Burr C. Brundage will spend his sabbatical researching Aztec history. This past summer he was in Mexico on a joint grant from the Presbyterian Church and Florida Presbyterian College. Dr. William F. McKee is a new addition to the faculty.

Florida Southern College: New members of the history faculty are James Campbell and Joe Dutton. Robert H. Akerman, a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, is chairman of the department of history.

Florida State University: Dr. Earl Beck, a member of the faculty since 1949, is the new chairman of the department of history, replacing Dr. Victor S. Mamatey who accepted a teaching position at the University of Georgia.

Miami-Dade Junior College (North Campus): Thomas Hartzel and Mercedes Sandoval are new members of the history faculty.

Palm Beach Junior College: David A. Forshay is the author of the recently published *Lure of the Sun: A Story of Palm Beach County*, which was reviewed in the October 1967 number of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Professor Forshay is a former member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society.

Stetson University: John L. Evans is a new member of the history faculty. Professor Harold J. Schultz has returned from a nine-week study and travel tour of Africa under a Fulbright-Hayes grant. Dr. Evans C. Johnson spent the summer studying in Yucatan, and Dr. Malcolm M. Wynn was in Paris. Professor Gerald L. Critoph attended the National Colloquium on Oral History, sponsored by Columbia University, in November 1967.

University of Florida: New appointments to the social science faculty include Wallace M. Nelson, Augustus M. Burns, Charles A. Hoffman, Jerrell H. Shofner, and Walter H. Robinton. Dr. Shofner was the recipient of the Florida Historical Society's Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History for 1967. Harold A. Wilson was promoted to associate professor; John E. Walker and Robert F. Smylie were named assistant professor; George C. Osborn is chairman of the division of social sciences of the Florida Academy of Science, and Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., vice-president of the Florida Historical Society, is a director of the Alachua County Historical Society and a member of the Charles S. Sydnor Award Committee of the Southern Historical Association. New members of the history faculty are Cornelis Gosslinga, John Mugar, and Hunt Davis, Jr. Professor David Bushnell is on leave in Argentina. Professor David Chalmers directed the fourth annual American Studies Seminar in the Philippines last June; Professor Richard Chang attended the twenty-seventh International Congress of Orientalists at Ann Arbor, Michigan; Professor E. Ashby Hammond was the recipient of a grant from the National Institute of Health for work on medieval doctors and medicine in England; and Professor John K. Mahon was the recipient of an American Philosophical Society grant and spent the summer researching the British records relevant to the War of 1812 in the British Museum.

University of Miami: Duane Koenig is program chairman of the Florida Conference of College Teachers of History and is planning the 1968 convention which will be held at the university. He is also program chairman for the Society for Italian Historical Studies and served as a discussant on a panel at the American Historical Association meeting in Toronto in December. His article, "Teaching the Freshman Civilization Section," appeared in the April 1968 number of *The Social Studies*. Harvey Polster is a new addition to the faculty. Michael Davis was named assistant professor, Dr. Christos Patsavos spent this past summer visiting archaeological and historic sites in Greece; he is working on a new edition of his book *The Unification of the Greeks Under Macedonian Hegemony*. Professor Gerald G. Govorchin visited libraries in New York, Washington, Spain, Yugoslavia, and the Netherlands during the summer. Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, former president of the Florida Historical Society, is editor of *The Carrell*, a magazine published by the Friends of the Library at the University of Miami. He will chair one of the sessions at the forthcoming Florida Conference of College Teachers of History. Dr. Iones Wright, president of the Southeast Conference on Latin American Studies, was chairman of the Latin American sessions of the Southern Historical Association convention in November.

University of South Florida: Robert B. Hilliard has been named acting chairman of the department. Appointments to the faculty include Edward B. Billingsley, Joseph A. DellaGrotte, Cecil B. Currey, and John W. Rollins.

University of Tampa: Dr. J. Ryan Beiser participated in a NDEA History Institute at Chaldron State College, Chaldron, Nebraska. New additions to the faculty include Samuel Rampello, Mrs. Sue McCord, and Douglas Smith. James W. Covington read a paper at the last annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory at Lexington, Kentucky.

OBITUARIES

REMBERT W. PATRICK

A heart attack claimed the life of Rembert W. Patrick, one of Florida's and the nation's outstanding historians, in Athens, Georgia on November 16, 1967. For more than a quarter-century Dr. Patrick was a member of the history faculty at the University of Florida and served as its chairman for five years. At the time of his death Professor Patrick was graduate professor of history at the University of Georgia. He was a recognized authority on Florida and Southern History and on the Civil War and Reconstruction era. His books, articles, and textbooks received national recognition, and he was the recipient of a number of prizes and awards. His books included *Florida Under Five Flags*, *Florida Fiasco*, *Aristocrat in Uniform: General Duncan L. Clinch*, *The Story of Florida*, *Opinions of the Confederate Attorney General*, *The Fall of Richmond*, and *Jefferson Davis and His Cabinet*. His last book, *The Reconstruction of the Nation*, is reviewed in this issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. He served as editor of the University of Florida Press's Floridiana Facsimile and Reprint Series and edited two volumes in this series: Roman's *A Concise Natural History of East and West Florida* and Rambler's *Guide to Florida*.

Dr. Patrick was past president of the Southern Historical Association, vice-president of the American Association for State and Local History, and had served as vice-president of the Florida Library Association and secretary-treasurer of the Southern Political Science Association. He was a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Southern History*. Dr. Patrick was closely associated with the Florida Historical Society for many years, serving as a member of the board of directors and as recording secretary. He was associate editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and became editor of the *Quarterly* after Julien C. Yonge retired. Dr. Patrick played a major role in bringing the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History to the University of Florida and for more than twenty-five years he was its advisor. Under his tutelage at the University of Florida many important studies in Florida and Southern history were written, and several of these have been published as books and monographs.

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OLIVER GRISWOLD

Oliver Griswold, a prominent Florida historian, naturalist, and a member of the staff of the University of Miami, died in September 1967. He was co-author of *They All Called It Tropical*, a history of South Florida, and author of *The Florida Keys and the Coral Reef*. He was founding president of the Monroe County Audobon Society and later president of the Tropical Audobon Society of Dade County. As chairman of the historic sites and markers committee of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, he launched a program for marking many of the historic locations in the area. He was a founding member of the board of governors of the Florida Zoological Society, a long-time trustee of Miami's Museum of Science, and he served as radio and television coordinator for the University of Miami.

NOTICES

Anyone having papers or letters relating to the life and career of Henry Laurens Mitchell, governor of Florida from 1893-1897, is asked to contact George B. Church, Jr., 2427 Sunset Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33609. Mr. Church is gathering material for a biographical study of Mitchell who served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from Hillsborough County and as a justice of the Florida Supreme Court before being elected governor.

An attempt is being made to compile a list of trade tokens, merchant store cards, advertising tokens, or anything else that was ever used in lieu of money and was redeemable in trade or for services rendered and was issued in Florida. Over 600 items, issued from over 180 different cities and towns, are already listed, but many more exist. Anyone knowing of such material is asked to send a description, giving complete wording on both sides, size in inches or millimeters, shape and type of material, or the rubbings (obverse and reverse sides) to Harley L. Freeman, 353 South Atlantic Avenue, Ormond Beach, Florida, 32074.