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HISTORICAL NEWS

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society is scheduled to begin Friday, May 9, 1969, at Pensacola. Pat Dodson, newly appointed member of the State Board of Regents and immediate past chairman of the Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, is general chairman of the meeting. He and his committee are arranging a special program which will include an extensive tour of Pensacola's historical area. The recipients of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History and the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Prizes will be announced at the banquet on Saturday night.

Professor William Warren Rogers of the Department of History, Florida State University, is chairman of the program committee and anyone interested in reading a paper is invited to write to him. Dr. James A. Services, chairman of local arrangements, announces that the meeting will be held at the new Downtown Ramada.

Florida Conference of College Teachers of History

The Florida Conference of College Teachers of History will hold its seventh annual meeting this year in Gainesville on March 28 and 29, 1969. Headquarters will be the Ramada Inn. Professor John B. Towers, editor of the *Catholic History Review* and professor of history at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, will speak at the breakfast session on "The Medieval Empire: A Plea For 'Realistic' Appraisal." A. K. Johnson, regional director of the National Archives and Record Center at Atlanta will be the luncheon speaker, and his topic will be "The Sources for Historical Research." Professor Duane Koenig, University of Miami, is president of the conference and will preside at the sessions. Professor George C. Osborn, University of Florida, is vice president and program chairman. Other officers of the conference are Theodore Carageorge, Pensacola Junior College; Sister Elizabeth Ann, O. P., Barry College; and Leedell Neyland, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

State and Local History Merit Awards

The American Association for State and Local History, at its annual convention held in Washington, September 1968, recognized the Florida State Museum for its important contributions to Florida history by developing the interpretive museums which are administered by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, Professor John K. Mahon, chairman of the department of history at the University of Florida, for his *History of the Second Seminole War, 1835-1842*, which was published by the University of Florida Press, Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, chairman of the department of history at the University of Miami, for his contributions as an inspiring teacher, writer, and organizational worker in Florida history, and the St. Augustine Historical Society for upholding standards of excellence in the local history program of the St. Augustine community.

"Frontier Florida"

N. E. Bill Miller, director of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, announces the availability of a twenty-minute color movie on Florida covering the period from discovery through the Civil War. It is available in sixteen millimeter prints for showing to clubs, organizations, schools, and on television. Free loan may be arranged by writing the Park Board office, Gaines Street at Monroe, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304. The only cost will be return postage.

Theodore Pratt Collection

A unique collection of the working papers and records of Theodore Pratt, member of the board of editors of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, has been established at Florida Atlantic University Library, Boca Raton. Mr. Pratt is the author of thirty-five books, fourteen of which deal with Florida. The collection contains first editions of the author's books together with foreign editions and anthologies. The original manuscripts include his Florida trilogy - *The Barefoot Mailman*, *The Flame Tree*, and *The Big Bubble* - as well as the *Seminole*, *The Money*, *Mercy Island*, and his collection of short stories, *Florida Round About*. The collection also contains voluminous notes, outlines, research

material, galley proofs, and business correspondence. Many of the original jacket cover paintings hang in the room. The University of South Florida Library has obtained a sixteen-millimeter color print of the motion picture made from *The Barefoot Mailman*. There is a catalog file of the collection, and it is listed in the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts of Collections in the Library of Congress.

T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Library

The University of West Florida has established the T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Library of the University of West Florida. It will be a depository for Mr. Wentworth's voluminous collection of books, manuscripts, deeds, grants, wills, bill of sales, pamphlets, pictures, programs, hand bills, invitations, brochures, monographs, newspapers, magazines, rosters, city directories, maps, documents, broadsides, telephone directories, first day historic covers pertaining to local and state events, and related material pertaining to Florida and West Florida history.

Kingsley Plantation House

The historic Zephaniah Kingsley plantation house on Fort George Island was opened to the public for the first time on Sunday, November 10, 1968. The house, which dates to the early nineteenth century, was acquired by the State of Florida in 1955. Mrs. Elizabeth Ehrbar, chief of exhibits for the department of interpretation of the Florida State Museum, supervised the re-furnishing and refurbishing of the house. It is under supervision of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials.

Traveling History Museum

In cooperation with St. Johns County, the Florida State Museum has equipped a forty-five foot trailer with Florida history artifacts which will tour schools in north-central Florida. Funded by a grant from the U. S. Office of Education, this is the second phase of the traveling museum program. The first unit featured five glassless exhibits on Florida's Indian inhabitants, covering the period from 10,000 B.C. to 1,500 A.D. The second unit contains the replica of a captain's quarters on an early sail-

ing ship enroute to Florida and a Florida frontiersman's cabin. A teacher's guide, prepared by Mrs. Marilyn Maple, traces the history of Florida from its discovery to statehood (1845).

Activities and Events

Architectural Preservation Workshop: The Committee on Historic Buildings of the American Institute of Architects, in cooperation with the Florida Development Commission and the University of Florida's College of Architecture and Fine Arts, presented an architectural preservation workshop at the University on October 29-30, 1968. The program was arranged by Professor F. Blair Reeves of the University's College of Architecture and Fine Arts and chairman of the Florida A.I.A. Committee on Historic Buildings. Orin M. Bullock, Jr., author of the *Preservation Manual* and chairman of the advisory council of the Historic American Building Survey, spoke at the opening session on "The New Role of the Preservationists." Others participating in the program were James C. Massey, chief of the Historic American Building Survey, Robert Williams, director of the Florida Board of Archives and History, and William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Registrar. Restoration and preservation representatives from Key West, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Madison, Tallahassee, and Jacksonville met with Florida architects, University of Florida faculty and students, and representatives of the Florida Development Commission, the Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, the Florida Board of Archives and History, and the Florida Historical Society.

St. Lucie County Museum: In cooperation with the St. Lucie County Commission and the city of Ft. Pierce, the St. Lucie County Historical Commission and the St. Lucie Historical Society opened a new history museum in September. It contains a valuable collection of silver and gold coins recovered from Spanish ships sunk off the coast and photographs and mementos detailing the early history of the Ft. Pierce area. A Seminole Indian village exhibit is nearing completion. The St. Lucie Historical Society has also been active in developing an oral history program among the pioneer families of the area, and these tapes are in its library.

Fort Gardner Marker: The Polk County Historical Commission unveiled a historical marker showing the site of Fort Gardner on the Kissimmee River, near Lake Wales, on October 14, 1968. Established by Colonel Zachary Taylor in 1837 on his march to the battle of Okeechobee, the fort memorialized Captain George Washington Gardner who died in the Dade massacre in December 1835. The Polk County Historical Commission has already erected markers at the sites of Forts Meade, Clinch, Arbuckle, Fraser, Carroll, and Cummings.

Grayton Beach State Park: The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials and the Walton County Board of County Commissioners dedicated Grayton Beach State Park (state road 283, south of US 98) on Thursday afternoon, October 24, 1968.

Barry College History Forum: Under the leadership of Sister Elizabeth Ann, O. P., chairman of the department of history of Barry College, a history forum was held on Saturday, November 16, 1968. The one-day session featured talks by Dr. John G. Stoessinger, acting director of the Political Affairs Division of the United Nations.

Conference of Southern Historical Societies: The fourth annual Conference of Southern Historical Societies which is sponsored by the American Association for State and Local History will meet this year on April 17-19, 1969, at Natural Bridge, Virginia. James W. Moody, Jr., director of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, is in charge of arrangements. Information on the meeting can be secured from the AASLH office, 132 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.