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HISTORICAL NEWS

Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference

The University of West Florida, Pensacola Junior College, Escarosa, and the Pensacola Historical and Preservation Commission are sponsoring the first annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference in Pensacola on December 5-6, 1969. The Conference will be devoted to the colonial Gulf coast (Florida to Louisiana), and will explore depository and other resources and research opportunities of the area. Dr. Jack D. L. Holmes, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Dr. Robert R. Rea, Auburn University; Milo Howard, Alabama Department of Archives and History; Dr. Samuel Proctor, University of Florida; Dr. Walter Rundell, Jr., Iowa State University; Dr. Charles Summersell, University of Alabama; Dr. John J. Tepaske, Duke University; Jo Ann Carrigan, journal of the Louisiana Historical Association; James Servies, University of West Florida; Dr. Ted Carageorge, Pensacola Junior College; and Earle W. Newton, Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, are among those who will present papers and participate in the roundtable discussions.

The Conference will be of special importance to all those interested in local, state, and regional history. Dr. Ernest F. Dibble, chairman of the Faculty of History, University of West Florida, is general chairman. Sessions will be held on the University of West Florida campus and at the Escarosa Humanities Center in Pensacola.

Activities and Events

Museum of Science: Muse News is published monthly by the Miami Museum of Science, for its members, volunteers, and affiliate groups. Biological science, archaeology, anthropology, marine life, photography, and history are the wide range of topics which are covered in its articles. The July 1969 number carried an article, "Biological Tools for the Historian," which examines the impact of bacterial and viral contamination, which the early Spanish brought with them from Europe, upon the

Indians. The Museum of Science is located at 3280 Miami Avenue, Miami. Copies of *Muse News* sell for thirty-five cents.

Florida in films and film strips: The Florida State Department of Education has prepared a list of non-print film materials about Florida. Both sixteen and eight-milometer films are included, covering a wide range of topics: history, Indians, Everglades, sports, hurricanes, Stephen Foster, flowers, politics, birds, turtles and snakes, wild life, and government. Film sources and information relative to rentals are also included in this guide.

Safety Harbor Area Historical Society: An archaeological excavation license was issued in July allowing the Society to work a 250-foot Indian ceremonial or burial mound on the Anclote River. The Society completed a successful series of digs recently at Philippe Park which revealed that the area had once been a Timucuan village site.

St. Augustine Historical Society: Dr. Carleton I. Calkin, curator of the St. Augustine Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, spoke to the membership in July. His illustrated lecture showed how art objects and historic artifacts in Government House, the PanAmerican Building, and Tovar House have a significant relationship to the history of the city. Miss Ruth Kent of St. Augustine has been appointed as administrative librarian for the Society.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society: *New River News* is the quarterly publication of the Society, and a history section is added to each issue. According to the annual report appearing in the July 1969 number, the Society renders a variety of services to researchers, scholars, and the general community. More than 800 people visited the Society's headquarters this past year, and many used its library and large collection of maps, photographs, documents, and newspapers. Mrs. William G. Hardy, president, is the organization's representative on the Fort Lauderdale Preservation Council.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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| Oct. 17-18 | Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society Workshop | Jacksonville |
| Oct. 29-31 | Southern Historical Association | Washington, D. C. |
| Nov. 7-10 | National Colloquim on Oral History | Warrenton, Va. |
| Dec. 5-6 | Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference | Pensacola |
| Dec. 13 | Board of Directors, Florida Historical Society | Orlando |
| Dec. 28-30 | American Historical Association | Washington, D. C. |
| January 1970 | Historical Architecture Preservation Workshop | Univ. of Florida Gainesville |
| Mar. 27-28 | Florida Conference of College Teachers of History | Pensacola |
| May 7-9 | Florida Historical Society Sixty-eighth Annual Meeting | Manger Hotel Tampa |