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HISTORY NEWS

Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award

By unanimous action of the board of directors and the membership of the Florida Historical Society at the annual meeting in May 1970 the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award was established. This award will replace the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Prizes for Junior Historians, and the Society will no longer sponsor an essay contest. The book award will be given annually for the best monograph or book published in Florida history. Fiction, poetry, drama, and promotion material will not be considered. Three judges selected by the editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* will decide on the winner, and the author will receive a check for \$100. The presentation will be made at the annual banquet. The book prize will memorialize Dr. Patrick who for many years served as an officer and director of the Society and as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History

Dr. Harry P. Owens, associate professor of history at the University of Mississippi, is the 1969-1970 recipient of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for his article, "Port of Apalachicola," which appeared in the April 1969 number of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society on May 9, 1970, in Tampa. The prize of \$100 is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*. Dr. Owens, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, did his undergraduate work at Auburn University and received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1966. This dissertation was a study of antebellum Apalachicola. This past academic year he was a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of Southern History, The Johns Hopkins University. The judges making the selection were Dr. Robert L. Gold, University of Southern Illinois; Dr. Joe M. Richardson, Florida State University; and Professor Julian I. Weinkle, University of Miami. The award honoring the late Dr. Arthur W. Thompson, formerly a member of the Department of History, University of Florida, was made possible by an endowment by

Mrs. Thompson of Gainesville and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Siegel of New York City.

Florida History Award

The Peace River Valley Historical Society has presented its 1969 Florida History Award for Distinguished Service in Florida History to Dr. James W. Covington of Tampa, Florida. Dr. Covington is professor of history at the University of Tampa. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, he is a specialist on the Indians of the South, and is completing a study of the Third Seminole War. Dr. Covington is the author of four books and monographs and a number of articles which have appeared in scholarly and professional journals.

Announcements and Activities

The Florida chapters of Phi Alpha Theta, national honorary history fraternity, held a regional convention at the University of Florida on April 10 - 11. Among the papers was one on "Captain James Franklin Jaudon, Miami Pioneer: A Versatile Man" by Barbara Souza of Barry College. Professor Donald E. Worcester, chairman of the Department of History at Texas Christian University and former national president of Phi Alpha Theta, was the banquet speaker.

The first Rembert W. Patrick History Lecture was delivered by Dr. Fletcher M. Green, Kenan Professor Emeritus of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on April 9, 1970, at Guilford College, South Carolina. Dr. Green's topic was "Yankee Contributions to Education in the Old South." The Patrick lectureship, endowed by Mrs. Rembert W. Patrick as a memorial to her husband, provides for a lecture each year by some distinguished historian qualified to speak in the areas of Negro history, black culture, southern history, or current problems in the South. Dr. Patrick was for many years professor of history at the University of Florida and was intimately associated with the activities of the Florida Historical Society and the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Dr. Green was Dr. Patrick's major professor at the University of North Carolina. He edited and wrote the introduction to the facsimile edition of William

Watson Davis' *The Civil War and Reconstruction in Florida* (University of Florida Press, 1964). Dr. Patrick was the editor of this series.

The Florida Anthropological Society held its annual meeting in Daytona Beach on March 28. The following officers were elected: James W. Covington, president; Carl A. Benson, first vice-president; William M. Goza, second vice-president; and Sara B. Benson, secretary-treasurer. Thomas H. Gouchnour and Cliff E. Mattox were elected to the executive committee. Ripley P. Bullen was named editor of *The Florida Anthropologist*, succeeding David S. Phelps. The following papers were read at the one-day session: "A New Concept for the *Busycon* Shell Receptacle," by William J. Webster; "Preliminary Report on the Peach Camp Site, Broward County, Florida," by Wilma B. Williams; "Current Archaeological Work at the Canton Street Site, St. Petersburg," by Walter Askew; "Charcoal Tempering in Aboriginal West Indian Pottery," by Charles A. Hoffman, Jr.; "Regionalism in Florida during the Christian Era." by Ripley P. Bullen; "An Illustrated Presentation of Certain Heretofore Unclassified Florida Projectile Points," by Jarl Malwin; "The Old Fort King Site, Ocala," by Ben I. Waller; "Brief Comments on Florida and West Indian Skeletal Material," by Adelaide K. Bullen; and "Pre-Columbian Florida-West Indian Connections: A Reappraisal of the Archaeological Situation," by Ripley P. Bullen. The Society has chartered the West Florida Chapter which encompasses the Panama City, Fort Walton Beach, and Pensacola area, and the Pinellas County Chapter.

The Florida Federation of Art held an exhibit of Florida art and historical artifacts at its state headquarters, the DeBary Mansion, in DeBary, Florida, in May. Hampton Dunn of Tampa was the featured speaker at the reception marking the opening of the "Re-Discover Florida" exhibit on May 10. The exhibit included Florida books published by the University of Florida Press, and maps, prints, and lithographs from the collections of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida.

The historical musical drama "Cross and Sword" began its sixth season in St. Augustine on June 26, and is planning an

eight-week run. The play will be shown nightly, beginning at 8:30 p.m., with the exception of Sundays and Mondays. The production is directed by Tom Rahner of St. Augustine, and includes a cast of some seventy players.

The 1970 conference of the Florida College Teachers of History was held April 3-4 in Pensacola. Among the papers read were the following dealing with Florida: "Secretary of State Seward's Fort Pickens Policy" by Ernest F. Dibble, University of West Florida; "Florida, 1763 - 1775: Bastion of the Empire?" by Claude C. Sturgill, University of Florida; and "Pensacola and the Southern Frontier" by Otis W. Shahan, St. Johns River Junior College. Pat Dodson, formerly a member of the State Board of Regents and formerly secretary of the Florida Historical Society, spoke on "The Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Society: A Challenge Met." Dr. Ted Carageorge of Pensacola Junior College was elected president, succeeding Dr. George C. Osborn, University of Florida. Dr. Gerald E. Critoph of Stetson University is vice-president and Dr. Frederick Aldridge of Jacksonville University is secretary-treasurer. The name of the organization has been changed from Florida Conference of College Teachers of History to Florida College Teachers of History. The 1971 meeting will be held at Stetson University. For further information write Dr. Critoph, Department of History, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

Dr. Robert H. Spiro, president of Jacksonville University and a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, has been named chairman of the Jacksonville Sesquicentennial Commission. Jacksonville will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1972, and a number of professional and scholarly organizations, including the Florida Historical Society and the Florida College Teachers of History, are planning to hold their meetings in the city that year. Working with the commission is a Sesquicentennial Executive Committee which includes Hans Tanzler, John F. Lanahan, Harold Clark, J. J. Daniel, Robert R. Reagin, Russell Hicken, Earl Johnson, George M. Linville, Richard A. Martin, Gert H. Schmidt, Dena Snodgrass, and Mrs. Lyle Vernier.

The South Carolina Tricentennial Commission and the University of South Carolina sponsored a symposium in Columbia, South Carolina, March 19-21, 1970, on "The Place of the Southern Colonies in the Atlantic World." The papers and panel discussions examined "The Expanding Southern Frontier," "The Legal Institutions in the Southern Colonies," "The Old British Empire in the South," "The Slave Trade and the Atlantic Community," "Three Eighteenth-Century Mercantile Communities," "The Quakers and the Southern Colonies," "Recent Archaeological Work: South Carolina and Jamaica," "The Southern 'World' in the Atlantic Economy," and "South Carolina and the Iberian World."

A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities has been made to the American Association for State and Local History for the continuation of its educational seminar programs. It will fund training sessions in historical administration, management, and interpretation of historical museums and historical publications. The Seminar on the Administration of Historical Societies and Museums will be held in October at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with the co-operation of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The session will provide professional directors of small historical societies and museums with a course in the administration of such institutions. The Kansas State Historical Society will co-sponsor the two-weeks Seminar on the Management and Interpretation of History Museums in November at Topeka, Kansas. Emphasis will be on effective ways small and large history museums can preserve, interpret, and communicate their special interest. Any person engaged in the museum program of a historical society or history museum will be eligible to apply for this seminar. A Seminar on Historical Agency and Historical Museum Publications will be held again, with the cooperation of Vanderbilt University, during the summer of 1971 in Nashville, Tennessee. Thirty-five participants will be invited to attend this one-week session. Full scholarships to cover travel and living expenses during all the seminars are awarded to the selected participants. Applications can be obtained by writing AASLH headquarters, 1315 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Local Historical Societies and Commissions

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society: In the April number of "New River News" there is an article on Dr. Odet Philippe by William M. Straight, reprinted from *The Journal of the Florida Medical Association* (August 1966). There is also a listing of books, photographs, and artifacts acquisitions by the Society.

Jacksonville Historical Society: Herschel Shepard and Robert C. Broward addressed the Society at its May 13 meeting. Their topic was historical building restoration and preservation with particular reference to the Jacksonville area. John B. Turner, Jr., was elected president of the Society. Other officers are Stoyte Ross and John Tillman, vice-presidents; William M. Bliss, treasurer; Mrs. Carl Sasnett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edward McCarthy, recording secretary; Audrey Broward, archivist; and, Dena Snodgrass, historian. The Society has received a gift of seventy-one lithograph stones which depict significant historic Jacksonville sites and buildings. Karen Thomas, Ken Grant, Deborah Roberts, Victor Lamar Smith, Jeanne F. Pyle, and Robert McAloon were announced as winners in the essay contest sponsored by the Society.

Madison County Historical Society: William M. Goza, former president of the Florida Historical Society and a member of its board of directors, was the speaker at the annual reunion of the Madison County Historical Society in Madison on April 19.

Orange County Historical Commission: The March 1970 number of the "Orange County Historical Quarterly" carried a short article on Pogey Bill Collins and a photograph of downtown Orlando in 1911. The Commission is placing historical markers at the sites of Fort McNeil and the Council Oak. It has also added a number of city and county directories and land and insurance maps to its historical collection.

Palm Beach County Historical Society: The March meeting of the Society featured Will McLean, Florida balladeer, who sang some of the music which he has composed and which is included in his booklet, *Florida Sand*. Miss Thelma A. Boltin, director of the annual Folk Festival at Stephen Foster Memorial, White

Springs, was also on the program. Fred Dickson, Jr., spoke at the April 16 meeting on "Recovering the Santa Maria, Flagship of Columbus."

Peace River Valley Historical Society: Dr. James W. Covington of the University of Tampa and Professor David A. Forshay of the Palm Beach Junior College have spoken recently to the membership of the Society. Dr. Covington was the guest of honor at the March dinner meeting of the Society at which time he received the Florida History Award for Distinguished Service in Florida History for 1969. This presentation was made by Joe Dan Osceola, president of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Colonel Read B. Harding is secretary of the Society.

Pensacola Historical Society: The following officers were elected and installed at the April meeting of the Society: Charles C. Sherrill, president; William Sinton, Mrs. Dan B. Smith, and Henry H. Cary, vice-presidents; Lucia Tryon, recording secretary; Mrs. Oscar P. Pickett, corresponding secretary; Joe Skinner, treasurer; and Woody Skinner, historian. Jack Gregroy described "Creek and Seminole Myths and Legends" at the March meeting, and Dian Shelley spoke at the May meeting. Her topic was "Nineteenth Century Pensacola Theater and the Tivoli." A monthly listing of acquisitions by the Society's library and museum appears in its "Newsletter."

Safety Harbor Area Historical Society: "Saga of Juan Ortiz," the Society's annual historic pageant, was presented April 18 and 19 in Bayshore City Park, Safety Harbor. The pageant is part of the annual festival sponsored by the city of Safety Harbor. In addition, the Society exhibited historical and archaeological artifacts during the festival activities. Charles Knight of Tampa, chairman of the State Commission on Indian Affairs, was the speaker at the May meeting of the Society. In the March 1970 number of "Tocobaga," the Society's newsletter, there is an interesting excerpt from a booklet entitled *Espiratu Santo Springs*, published in 1910.

St. Augustine Historical Society: A color movie, *The Story of St. Augustine: 400 Years of America's Heritage*, was shown at

the April meeting of the Society in the Art Association Gallery. Produced by the St. Augustine Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, the film summarizes the history of St. Augustine from 1565 to 1959. The April 1970 number of *El Escribano*, the Society's quarterly magazine, carries an article, "British Regiments in St. Augustine, 1763-1784," and a translated document, "Pedro Menendez's Commission as Governor of Florida."

St. Lucie Historical Society: The following officers were elected at a meeting on April 21: Reuben Carlton, president; W. F. Richards and Sam Lauder, vice-presidents; Mrs. Addie Emerson, secretary; and Mrs. Ora Cox, treasurer. L. B. Halbe, organizer of the Society and its first president, was the speaker for the evening. Walter R. Hellier, county historian, is responsible for the Society's monthly newsletter, and each number carries the "St. Lucie Historical Notes" written by Mr. Hellier.

Notes

The National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Florida is compiling a list of portraits painted prior to 1870 which are in Florida. The Society is interested in portraits in any medium or size. The list will be deposited in Gunston Hall, the Washington headquarters of the National Society, and a copy will be retained in the Florida Society's library at Ximenez-Fatio House, St. Augustine. Communications should be addressed to Mrs. W. E. Perkins, 1617 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

Dr. Charles Gauld of Miami-Dade Junior College, South Campus, is accumulating material for a *Florida Encyclopedia* to be published in 1971. Dr. Gauld invites anyone interested to contribute articles dealing with any aspect of Florida. For further information write to Professor Gault, Department of History and Geography, Miami-Dade Junior College, South Campus, Miami, Florida 33156.

An Ohio firm, Presidential Art Medals, is issuing a series of medals commemorating the states of the Union. The Florida

Statehood Art Medal is the twenty-eighth in the series. The New York Sculptor, Ralph J. Menconi, has produced a portrait of Osceola from a painting made shortly before the latter's death at Fort Moultrie in 1838. The reverse side of the medal portrays the Great Seal of Florida. The medal is available in bronze, silver, and platinum. Those interested should write to Presidential Art Medals, Inc., 10 West National Road, Englewood, Ohio 45322.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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| Sept. 23-26 | American Association for
State and Local History | Kansas City, Mo. |
| Sept. 30-
Oct. 2 | Society of American
Archivists | Washington, D. C. |
| Nov. 11-14 | Southern Historical
Association | Louisville, Ky. |
| Nov. 13-16 | National Colloquium on
Oral History | "Asilomar"
Carmel, Calif. |
| Dec. 4-5 | 2nd Annual Gulf Coast
History and Human-
ities Conference | Pensacola |
| Dec. 12 | Board of Directors
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