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## HISTORY NEWS

### *Announcements and Activities*

The second annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, Florida, on December 4-5, 1970. The theme of the conference this year will be "The Gulf Coast: Spain and Her Rivals." Professors John J. TePaske, Duke University; Alfred D. Thomas, University of West Florida; Hale Smith, Florida State University; and Mr. Sam Wilson, New Orleans, will deliver papers. Other scholars representing universities throughout the South and Southwest are also scheduled to be present and will participate in the roundtable discussions. The conference is being sponsored by the University of West Florida, Pensacola Junior College, Escalosa Humanities Center of Pensacola, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, and the American Association for State and Local History. The proceedings of the first conference, held in Pensacola in December 1969, have been published under the title *In Search of Gulf Coast Colonial History*. The price is \$3.00, and it may be ordered from Dr. Ernest F. Dibble, Faculty of History, University of West Florida, Pensacola, 32504.

St. Augustine has been designated by the United States Department of Interior as a historic site and it is now included in the National Register of Historic Places. A formal presentation was made in August 1970, to Lawrence Lewis, Jr., chairman of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, and to Bradley G. Brewer, its director. The Arrivas House, 46 St. George Street, was the scene of the presentation. This is the first historic district in Florida to be so designated by the interior department. In addition the Cathedral, the Llambias House, and the Oldest House, all in St. Augustine, were also designated as National Historic Landmarks. St. Catherine's Island, Georgia, whose sixteenth and seventeenth century history is closely related to Spanish Florida, was also placed on the National Register.

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*Local Historical Societies and Commissions*

*Halifax Historical Society:* Founders Day on November 1, 1970, will mark the settlement of Mathias Day in the Halifax River area a century ago. The Volusia County Historical Society is in charge of the program which will take place at the southwest corner of Loomis and Beach streets, site of the original Palmetto House. Speakers at recent program meetings included Mrs. Eileen Butts, Gordon Kipp, Mrs. Susann Frierson, Mrs. Alice Strickland, and Miss Natalie Lamb. Harley Freeman is president of the Society, and Mrs. Hazelle L. Fenty is chairman of the program committee.

*Orange County Historical Commission:* The June 1970 number of the "Orange County Historical Quarterly" carried short articles on "Orlando's First Boom" by Rolland Dean and the "South Florida Railroad." Donald Cheney, chairman, reports that several associate members have joined the organization this year and the Museum has acquired furniture, maps, the first guest register book of the New Seminole Hotel of Winter Park, and an assortment of other memorabilia.

*Central Florida Society for Historical Preservation:* This group was organized in 1969 in an effort to help protect the architectural and historic heritage of central Florida. Officers are Robert G. Petree, president; Dr. Edwin S. Burdell, vice-president; and Arthur D. White, project director. The restoration of the original town of Longwood in Seminole County is the major project of the Society. Restoration of the Longwood Hotel and one of the old Longwood homes on Warren Avenue has begun. Plans are under way to restore the McIntire home at Altamonte Springs. Longwood was founded about 1800, and was named after a Boston, Massachusetts, district by one of its earliest residents.

*Penial Historical Society:* This group was organized to help preserve the history of Putnam County, and particularly the community of Penial. Dr. Billy Graham preached what was possibly his first evangelistic sermon in the East Palatka area in 1938, and the next year he was ordained as a minister in the

St. Johns Baptist Church at Penial. The Society is planning to restore the structure and to rededicate the church.

*Pinellas County Historical Commission:* Dr. J. C. Dickinson, director of the Florida State Museum, University of Florida, reported on the progress of the new state museum at the September meeting. Executive Director Ralph Reed reports that the Historical Museum has acquired a number of new items, antique weapons and tools, and a variety of household goods.

*Safety Harbor Area Historical Society:* Charles Knight, chairman of the Florida Commission on Indian Affairs, and Dr. Marvin Moore of the St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater campus, were speakers at recent meetings of the Society. The following officers will serve for the year 1970-1971: Charles H. Lister, president; Hayes L. Kennedy, vice-president; Alva L. Jones, secretary; and Gustave A. Nelson, treasurer. Eleanor Diehl, William Edson, Alva Jones, Teama Pedigo, and Restaituo Rios are members of the board. Sam Prentice is museum director, and Edna Nelson is in charge of publicity.

*St. Augustine Historical Society:* Dr. Gordon E. Bigelow, professor of English at the University of Florida and author of *Frontier Eden*, discussed his book and the literary career of the Florida author, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, at the quarterly meeting of the Society in July. The movie, *The Sounds and Sights of Cross Creek*, was also shown. The Society has financed an archaeological investigation of the lot at 76 Marine Street. The work was directed by Robert Steinbach of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board who will report on his findings at a later date. The July 1970 number of *El Escribano* carried an article, "A Synopsis of Restoration," by Bradley G. Brewer, director of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board.

*St. Lucie Historical Society:* Harry Schultz, former editor of the *Vero Beach Press-Journal*, and Ernest Lyons, editor of the *Stuart News* and author of *My Florida*, were recent speakers at the monthly supper meetings. "St. Lucie County Historical Notes" have carried short articles by Walter Hellier on the

Ashley gang, Mrs. Emily Lagow Bell, an early pioneer of the area, and the founder of Ft. Pierce.

*St. Petersburg Historical Society:* To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Society and its museum, the week of July 19-25 was proclaimed St. Petersburg Historical Museum Week. A special parade featuring a number of antique automobiles was held on July 19, and historical exhibits were featured in all of the local banking establishments. There were also a number of special exhibits at the St. Petersburg Historical Museum. The Society has received as a gift an antebellum house originally built in Anona near Indian Rocks. The plan is to move the house to museum property, restore it, and open it to the public.

*Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society:* The Craig Swamp Cemetery on Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville has been acquired by the Society, and plans are under way to clean up the area, restore the grave sites, and record all of the marked graves. The Society holds its monthly program meetings at the Haydon Burns Public Library. Officers are James R. Boone, president; James M. Arnsdorff and Mildred P. Tomlinson, vice-presidents; Artis Kent, treasurer; Tania Ham and Helene Linberger, secretaries; and Inez McCormick, historian.

*Southwest Florida Historical Society:* The Society's newsletter lists a number of activities, including a trip to Koreshan State Park at Estero. It has also offered assistance to people in Hendry County in establishing an historical society there.

#### Notes

Dr. Robert E. Ward, Youngstown (Ohio) State University, is compiling an encyclopedia of German writers in the United States since 1675. He defines a German writer as anyone, regardless of nationality, who writes imaginative literature in the German language while residing in the United States. Information or data that might be useful to Professor Ward should be directed to him in care of the Department of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State University, Youngstown 44503.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . . . .

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| Nov. 11-14       | Southern Historical Association                         | Louisville, Ky.         |
| Nov. 13-16       | National Colloquium on Oral History                     | Carmel, Calif.          |
| Dec. 4-5         | 2nd Annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference | Pensacola               |
| Dec. 12          | Board of Directors Florida Historical Society           | Jacksonville University |
| March 25-27 1971 | Conference of Southern Historical Societies             | Mobile, Ala.            |
| March 1971       | Florida College Teachers of History                     | Stetson University      |
| May 1971         | FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 69TH ANNUAL MEETING        | Punta Gorda, Fla.       |

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROGRAM

*THURSDAY, MAY 7*

REGISTRATION: Manger Motor Inn, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
MEETING OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:  
Manger Motor Inn, 8:00 p.m.

*FRIDAY, MAY 8*

Morning Session: Manger Motor Inn, ballroom, 10:00 a.m.  
Presiding: Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., *president of the Society*  
Invocation: Rabbi David L. Zielonka, Schaarai Zedek Temple  
and University of Tampa  
Welcome: Honorable Dick A. Greco, Jr., *mayor of Tampa*

USES AND ABUSES OF ARCHIVES

Presiding: William M. Goza, *past president of the Society*  
Edward N. Johnson, *State Division of Archives, His-  
tory and Records Management, Tallahassee*  
Audrey Broward, *Jacksonville University Library*  
Frank Laumer, *Dade City*  
Clifton L. Paisley, *Florida State University*

Afternoon Session: Manger Motor Inn, 2:00 p.m.

MEN OF THREE CENTURIES

Presiding: Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., *president of the Society*  
Chairman: Margaret L. Chapman, *University of South Florida*  
"A Man of the Eighteenth Century: Jesse Fish"  
Robert L. Gold, Southern Illinois University,  
Carbondale, Illinois  
"A Man of the Nineteenth Century: Jonathan Gibbs"  
Bonnie Fennelly, Florida State University  
"A Man of the Twentieth Century: Sidney J. Catts"  
Wayne Flynt, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama  
Commentator: Dr. James W. Covington, *University of Tampa*

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SATURDAY, MAY 9

Morning Session: Manger Motor Inn, ballroom, 10:00 a.m.

TAMPA BAY AREA HISTORY

Presiding: John E. Johns, *vice-president of the Society*

Chairman: J. Ryan Beiser, *University of Tampa*

*"Tampa During the 1930s"*

Durward Long, *University of Wisconsin*

*"Tampa Bay Through Three Centuries: A Brief Chronology"*

John D. Ware, *Tampa*

Commentator: Hampton Dunn, *Tampa, Florida*

Unveiling of historical marker in Ybor City: 12:30 p.m.

Annual luncheon and business meeting: Columbia Restaurant,

Ybor City, 1:00 p.m.

Presiding: Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., *president of the Society*

*"An Introduction to Ybor City"*

Anthony Pizzo, *Tampa*

Visits to Historic Sites: 3:00 p.m.

Reception: Manger Motor Inn, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet: Manger Motor Inn, ballroom, 8:00 p.m.

Presiding: Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., *president of the Society*

Invocation: Reverend Michael English, S. J., *Sacred Heart*

*Parish, Tampa*

Presentations:

*Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History*

Presented to Dr. Harry P. Owens, *University of Mississippi*, by Samuel Proctor, *editor of the Quarterly*

*Award in Excellence for Presentation of Florida history in the News Media*

Presented to Hampton Dunn, *Tampa*, Milton D. Jones, *Clearwater*

*Address*

*"History the Hard Way"*

Gloria Jahoda, *Tallahassee*

Installation of James C. Craig as president of the Society

Recognition of past presidents of the Society