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Florida Bicentennial Symposium

The Florida Bicentennial Commission will hold its third annual Bicentennial Symposium at Florida Technological University, Orlando, March 22-23, 1974. The theme for the conference is "Eighteenth-Century Florida: Her People and Their Activities." Participants include Dr. Geraldine M. Meroney, Agnes Scott College; Dr. Robert M. Calhoun, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Dr. Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University; Dr. Roland C. McConnell, Murray State College; Dr. James H. O'Donnell, Marietta College; Dr. David Z. Kushner, University of Florida; Dr. David D. Mays, Florida Technological University; and Ms. Rebecca Kushner.

The sessions will deal with Loyalism during the American Revolution, southern Indians during the American Revolution, the status of blacks on the eighteenth-century Gulf coast, the southern colonial theatre, and eighteenth-century southern colonial music. On Friday evening, March 22, *The Beau Stratagem*, a Restoration comedy, will be performed by members of Florida Technological University's Theatre Department under the direction of Dr. David D. Mays. This play was performed March 3, 1783, in St. Augustine by a troop of amateurs for the benefit of the distressed Loyalist refugees who had moved into East Florida from Georgia and the Carolinas. The Symposium was arranged by the Florida Bicentennial Commission's Research and Publications Committee. All sessions will be open to the public. For information and programs, write Dr. Ronald A. Newell, Community Services, Florida Technological University, Box 25000, Orlando, Florida 32816.

Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference

The fifth annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, February 7-9, 1974. The theme is "Indians of the Lower South: Past and Present." "Teaching

the Indian Past in History Courses" will be the subject for discussion Thursday, February 7, and participating are Harriet Deissler, Woodham High School, Pensacola; Professor Samuel Proctor, University of Florida; and James A. Servies, University of West Florida. Professor John K. Mahon, University of Florida, will serve as moderator for a panel discussion on "The White-man's Image of the Indian: A Rebuttal." Participating will be professor Adolph L. Dial, a Lumbee Indian and a member of the history faculty, Pembroke State College; Buffalo Tiger, chairman, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida; Buford Rolin, secretary, Creek Nation East of the Mississippi; Mary Frances Johns, Seminole Tribe of Florida; and Phillip Martin, chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Wayne L. Perkins, Escambia County Board of Education; Robert Ferguson, Southeastern Institute of Anthropological Studies, Nashville; Professor Jack Gregory, University of West Florida; Professor John Peterson, Mississippi State University; and Thomas Loguidice, Booker T. Washington High School, Pensacola, will also present papers on Thursday. Participating at the Friday session will be Professors Charles H. Fairbanks, University of Florida; Adolph L. Dial, Pembroke State College; J. Anthony Paredes, Florida State University; Harry Kersey, Florida Atlantic University; C. B. Clark, University of Oklahoma; and Mary Young, University of Rochester.

Dr. Angie Debo, professor emeritus, University of Oklahoma, will speak on "Apaches Indians of the Southeast," at the banquet Friday evening. James W. Moody, Jr., director, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, will preside at the Friday evening session. A special caravan tour of the historic sights of the Pensacola area is planned for Saturday. Sponsors of the Conference are the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, Pensacola Junior College, University of West Florida, and the Escambia County School Board. Mr. Moody is general chairman of the conference, Grace Earnest is business manager, and Professor John K. Mahon is program chairman. The sessions are open to the public. The published proceedings of the earlier conferences are available from the John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola 32504.

Florida College Teachers of History

The Florida College Teachers of History Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida, March 29-30, 1974. Program and local arrangements chairman is Dr. Richard Bartlett, Department of History, Florida State University. Professor T. Harry Williams of Louisiana State University will be the banquet speaker, March 29, and his topic is "Huey Long and the Problem of Our Time." "Minorities in the Progressive Era" and "Problems of the White Man's Burden in the Far East" are among the topics to be discussed at the Saturday sessions. Dr. J. Ryan Beiser, Department of History, University of Tampa, is president of the Florida College Teachers of History; Dr. Bartlett is vice-president; and Professor Claude Sturgill, University of Florida, is secretary-treasurer. Members of the advisory board are Professors Fred Aldridge, Jacksonville University; Ted Carageorge, Pensacola Junior College; William A. Dunn, Bethune-Cookman College; Gerald Critoph, Stetson University; and Maurice Vance, Florida State University.

Preservation Workshop

"Preservation and Local Politics" is the theme for the fourth Preservation Workshop being sponsored by the Department of Architecture and Fine Arts, University of Florida. The conference will be held at the University, February 22-23. Robert L. Williams, director, Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, Florida Department of State, will be the keynote speaker, and nationally recognized authorities in the field of preservation and restoration will participate in the meeting. For information, write Professor F. Blair Reeves, Department of Architecture and Fine Arts, University of Florida, Gainesville 32601.

State and Local History Awards

The American Association for State and Local History at its annual meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, recognized state and local history projects, agencies, and publications throughout the United States and Canada which revealed superior achievement and quality. Five of these awards were received by Floridians and Florida projects. Dr. Dorothy Dodd of Tallahassee re-

ceived an Award of Merit for her many years of devotion to the cause of Florida history while serving as assistant state librarian and then as Director of the Florida State Library. Dr. Wayne Flynt of Samford University, Birmingham, was recognized for his biography *Duncan Upshaw Fletcher: Dixie's Reluctant Progressive*, published by Florida State University Press. Certificates of Commendation were awarded to the Junior League of Miami, Inc., for its production of a film and a teaching manual on the history of Dade County; to former Secretary of State Robert Andrew Gray of Tallahassee, for his "devotion to and support of the collection and dissemination of Florida history;" and to Ms. Marjory Bartlett Sanger of Winter Park for her biography *Billy Bartram and His Green World*, published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux. Dr. Flynt had earlier received the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award from the Florida Historical Society for his biography of Senator Fletcher, and Ms. Sanger received the Junior Book Award from the Society for the Bartram study.

Presentations of the State and Local History Awards will be made at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Tallahassee, May 3-4, 1974. Dr. Samuel Proctor is awards chairman for the State of Florida, and James W. Moody, Jr., is a member of the national awards committee.

Announcements and Activities

The executive committee of the Florida Anthropological Society met at the Florida State Museum, University of Florida, September 25, 1973, to review and approve its proposed new constitution and by-laws. The next annual meeting of the Society will be held March 15-17, 1974, at the Jacksonville Hilton Hotel. The Northeast Florida Chapter will host the meeting, and Dr. Tom Couchnour will serve as chairman. For information, write G. H. Magruder, 201 Harbor City Parkway, Apartment 235B, Indian Harbor Beach, Florida 32937.

The first report of the Florida Inventory of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Program was published by the National Park Service, September 1973. Professor John Paul Hartman, Florida Technological University, is in charge of the Florida project which seeks to locate such engineering

achievements as bridges, canals, waterworks, transportation or industrial complexes, etc., which are associated with the technological or engineering progress of Florida. The HAER program was created in 1969, and the Florida survey began in 1972. Professor Hartman's report lists a variety of facilities: sites of Confederate salt works, lighthouses, railroad stations, phosphate loading facilities, and other engineering and industrial sites. They are located by county. The project is a continuing one, and Professor Hartman is interested in uncovering any remains of works associated with lumber, fishing, mining, or other Florida-based operations. Anyone having information about existing engineering works in whatever condition, is asked to contact Professor Hartman, College of Engineering, Florida Technological University, Box 25000, Orlando 32816.

The Florida Department of the Council on Abandoned Military Posts held a one-day assembly in Ocala, October 6, 1973. The sites of Fort King and Fort King Cemetery were inspected, and Dr. John K. Mahon of the University of Florida and a director of the Florida Historical Society spoke at the luncheon. His topic was "Forts Established in Marion and Adjacent Counties during the Second Seminole War." During the afternoon session, the participants visited the site of Fort Drane and drove to Yankeetown to examine the Holloman Blockhouse area. Tom Knotts described the sites and military operations along the Withlacoochee River. *Headquarters Heliogram*, the organization's monthly publication, includes news items on Florida's historic military sites. Applications for membership to CAMP may be directed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 171, Arlington, Virginia 22210.

The Oral History Association has launched a new annual publication. *The Oral History Review* will carry articles and news dealing with all aspects of oral history. The first *Review* includes an article by Ms. Barbara Gallant of Gainesville, Florida, describing the utilization of oral history as a teaching method in Gainesville High School. The *Review* is sent to members of the Oral History Association. Address membership inquiries to Dr. Knox Mellon, Oral History Project, Immaculate Heart Col-

lege, Los Angeles, California 90020. Individual copies of *The Oral History Review* may be ordered from the Oral History Association, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05401, at \$3.00 per copy.

The University of Alabama will hold the second annual General W. S. Brown Memorial Military History Conference, February 2, 1974, in the University of Alabama Continuing Education Center, Martha Parham Hall, West. Speakers will be Colonel Roger Willock (U.S.N. ret.); and Professors Bill I. Wiley, Emory University; Stephen Ambrose, Louisiana State University; and D. Clayton James, Mississippi State University. For information contact George M. Faulk, P. O. Box 2967, University of Alabama 35486.

Local Societies and Commissions

Alachua County Historical Society: Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Austin, nationally-known ornithologists, talked on "Birds and People" at the November 20, 1973, program meeting of the Society. Dr. Austin is curator emeritus at the Florida State Museum, and Mrs. Austin is a Florida State Museum research associate. Both are widely known for their books and reports on birds.

Bradford County Historical Board of Trustees: The Bradford County Court House, a seventy-one year old structure, has been deeded by the school board to the newly-created Bradford County Historical Board of Trustees. Eugene L. Matthews of the *Bradford County Telegraph* is president of the seven-member board appointed by Governor Reubin Askew. Serving with Mr. Matthews are County Judge L. Zelzie Sanders, James F. Bloodworth, Charles Schafer, Mrs. A.C. Knight, and Mrs. Fremont Tolles. Efforts are being made to restore the building and convert it into a county historical museum.

Collier County Historical Society: The first issue of *The Timepiece*, the quarterly publication of the Collier County Historical Society, includes a tribute to Captain W. T. Collier, considered the originator of the first townsite on Marco Island. There is also a book review section which will announce pub-

lications dealing with the history of southwest Florida and Collier County. John G. Beriault, Naples, is editor of *The Time-piece*. George G. Huntoon is president of the Society.

Columbia County Historical Society: General Bob Harkness, speaker at the program meeting October 12, 1973, described Columbia County's activities during the Civil War. A charter for the new Society has been adopted, and a committee was appointed to draw up by-laws. Mrs. Charles Ozaki is president, and Freda D. Pickens is secretary.

Dunedin Historical Society: At its September meeting the Society approved the reprinting of two Dunedin histories, one written by W. M. Moore and the other by the fifth grade class of the Dunedin Elementary School. The Society held its regular meeting in November at the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society: The October 1973 number of *New River News* reprints the address given by Mrs. George B. Secrist, May 1965, at the dedication of the Thomas Jefferson Newbill Botanical Research Collection in Fort Lauderdale. The publication also lists books, photographs, maps, and artifacts which the Society has received in recent weeks.

Jacksonville Historical Society: Mrs. Marian Conner presented a monodrama of Irving Stone's novel, *Those Who Love*, at the November meeting of the Society. The Society's archives, under the supervision of Miss Audrey Broward, have been relocated in new facilities at Jacksonville University's Swisher Library. The collection is also being catalogued. The Society will publish a book on Florida's historic King's Road as part of its observance of the Bicentennial Celebration. The book will be based on a series of articles on the King's Road written by James R. Ward, which appeared in the *Florida Times-Union*. Miss Dena Snodgrass, the Society's historian, is working with Mr. Ward in completing additional historical research for the publication.

Key West Art and Historical Society: The Society opened its

annual Juried Art Exhibition at East Martello Tower, November 20, 1973.

Oviedo Historical Society: Dr. Jerrell Shofner, of Florida Technological University and a director of the Florida Historical Society, was the guest speaker at the organizational meeting of the Society in November 1973. He described the Bicentennial activities in Central Florida. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution. Mrs. Donna M. Neely is president of the Society.

Pensacola Historical Society: "A New Look at Old Pensacola" was the subject for the slide show narrated by Mrs. Dolores Moore at the October 15, 1973, meeting of the Society in the Pensacola Historical Museum. Ms. Linda Ellsworth, historian for the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, at the November 19 meeting, described her two-month study this past summer of seven urban inner-city preservation programs. Ms. Ellsworth examined activities in Savannah, Charleston, New Orleans, Annapolis, Richmond, Washington, and Pittsburgh. Her findings provided a basis for some of her recommendations and suggestions for the preservation work in the Seville Historical District and the North Hill Preservation District in Pensacola. A special Christmas exhibit of toys and dolls was on display at the Historical Museum in December.

Pinellas County Historical Commission: The Junior League of Clearwater is compiling a history of the community with the assistance of the Historical Commission. The Commission also exhibited many of its historic items at the fiftieth-annual banquet of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. The Commission's annual Christmas reception was held December 11, 1973.

Safety Harbor Area Historical Society: The annual picnic, October 28, 1973, was designated John Ware Day, and Captain John Ware of Tampa received the Society's Historian of the Year Award. Paul Cato was the featured speaker at the meeting. Rene Futch, senior marine biologist of Florida's Marine Research Laboratory, spoke at the November 28 meeting.

St. Joseph Historical Society: Mrs. Elizabeth Ehrbar of Tallahassee was the speaker at the November 6 meeting of the Society. Mrs. Ehrbar is supervisor of Museum Exhibits, Division of Natural Resources. Assisting with her presentation were Jennie Dyer and Jim Lottinville. Mrs. Zola Maddox, a charter member of the Society, displayed several bricks found at the site of the Confederate salt works near old St. Joseph. It was announced that Bobby Hurst of Panama City would be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Society.

St. Lucie Historical Society: Judge Alto Adams, former justice of the Florida Supreme Court was the speaker at the November 20, 1973, meeting of the Society. His topic was "Our American Heritage in Law." Recent acquisitions of the St. Lucie County Museum include a portrait of the late Edwin Binney painted by Michael Sitaras.

Tampa Historical Society: The second annual D. B. McKay History Award was presented to State Senator David McClain of Tampa at the Society's annual meeting in the Fletcher Lounge of the University of Tampa, November 14, 1973. Senator McClain was recognized for his efforts to save the State Capitol. State Representative Ed Blackburn made the presentation. General Sumter L. Lowry, chairman of the Society's Sesquicentennial Committee, announced plans for the 1974 celebration of the founding of Fort Brooke. Dr. James W. Covington of the University of Tampa is serving as professional consultant to the Society and the city-wide Sesquicentennial Committee. Gloria Jahoda, author of *River of the Golden Ibis*, was the guest speaker for the evening, and she was introduced by B. G. Smith. The Society's historical marker committee, under the direction of vice-president Tony Pizzo, placed a marker at the site of the old Hillsborough County Court House and dedicated one which recognized Radio Station WDAE, Florida's pioneer station. Hampton Dunn is president of the Society.

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society: A historical calendar for 1974 has been issued by the Society. Each page, sponsored by a local business establishment, shows historic scenes of Tarpon Springs.

OBITUARY

Walter Pliny Fuller

Walter P. Fuller, one of Florida's most enthusiastic supporters of state and local history, died at a St. Petersburg hospital, October 14, 1973. He was buried at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park. Born in Bradenton, April 6, 1894, Mr. Fuller attended the University of North Carolina, and then returned to Florida in 1915 to join his father in a series of ventures that were significant in the early progress of St. Petersburg. He owned large tracts of land in Pinellas County, and constructed some 1,400 houses and many of the major buildings in the area. He was involved in the organization of St. Petersburg's first electric power plant, its first street car line, a passenger steamship line, citrus groves, hotels, and real estate companies. He helped develop Pasadena, Pass-A-Grille, and St. Petersburg Beach.

If Mr. Fuller's major economic activity was real estate, his real love was Florida history. He was a reporter, editor, and editorial writer for the *St. Petersburg Times*, and he lectured on Florida history at St. Petersburg Junior College. He was a recognized authority on the history of the Tampa Bay area, and his book *St. Petersburg and Its People* was published in 1972. He also wrote *This Was Florida's Boom*. At the time of his death, he was gathering material for a biography of Hamilton Disston.

Mr. Fuller had been active in Florida and national politics. He managed the 1936 Presidential campaign of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma, and was a member of Pinellas and Florida Democratic committees for many years. He was actively involved in President Lyndon Johnson's 1964 campaign in Pinellas County, and was recognized as "Mr. Democrat" of the area. He served in the Florida Legislature in 1937 and 1939.

Mr. Fuller was an active member of various area historical societies as well as the Florida Historical Society. He had served a term as a director of the Florida Historical Society, and had been a member of the Pinellas County Historical Commission. His many friends throughout Florida will feel his death as a deep personal loss.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

1974

Jan. 18	Confederation of Local and Regional Florida Historical Societies	Orlando
Feb. 7-9	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola
Feb. 22-23	Fourth Preservation Workshop- "Preservation and Local Politics"	University of Florida Gainesville
March 1-2	Phi Alpha Theta History Conference	University of Florida Gainesville
March 22-23	Third Annual Florida Bicentennial Symposium	Florida Technolog- ical University Orlando
March 29-30	Florida College Teachers of History	Florida State University Tallahassee
April 17-20	Organization of American Historians	Denver, Colorado
May 3-4	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 72nd ANNUAL MEETING	Tallahassee