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## HISTORY NEWS

### *1978 Annual Meeting*

Dr. J. Leitch Wright, Jr., Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, and Dr. Lucius Ellsworth, Faculty of History, University of West Florida, Pensacola, are program chairmen for the seventy-sixth meeting of the Florida Historical Society to be held in Pensacola, May 4-6, 1978. They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately. Papers dealing with any aspect of the political, economic, social, intellectual, and military history of Florida will be considered.

The Pensacola Sheraton has been selected as the convention hotel. Ms. Linda Ellsworth of the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board is in charge of local arrangements. The Pensacola Historical Society, the University of West Florida, the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, and other local and area historical and preservation organizations will be hosts for the meeting. The Florida Confederation of Historical Societies will be holding a workshop on Thursday, May 4, at the time of the annual meeting.

### *Awards*

The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1976-1977 was given to Dr. Jerrell H. Shofner, professor of history and chairman of the Department of History, Florida Technological University, for his article, "Custom, Law, and History: The Enduring Influence of Florida's 'Black Code'." It appeared in the January 1977 number of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The Thompson Prize is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*. Dr. Shofner, who is president-elect of the Florida Historical Society, also received the Thompson Prize in 1967 and again in 1969. The judges for this year's award were Dr. Paul W. Wehr, Department of History, Florida Technological University; Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., Chancellor, Florida Southern College; and Dr. George Pozzetta, departments of Social Sciences and History, University of Florida. The award honors the late Dr. Arthur W. Thompson who for many years was professor of history at the

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University of Florida and was a recognized scholar in Florida, Southern, and American history. The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award was also received by Dr. Jerrell Shofner for his *History of Jefferson County, Florida*, which was published under the auspices of the Jefferson County Historical Association. An earlier book by Dr. Shofner, *Nor Is It Over Yet: Florida in the Era of Reconstruction* (University of Florida Press, 1974) won the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award in 1975. Dr. Shofner is an authority on Florida and Southern history, and his writings have appeared in many scholarly publications, including the *Journal of Southern History* and the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The judges for the Patrick Award were Dr. James W. Covington, Dana Professor of History, University of Tampa; Dr. Thomas Graham, Department of History, Flagler College; and Dr. Thelma Peters, former Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences of Miami-Dade Community College, and president of the Florida Historical Society. The Patrick Award memorializes Professor Patrick who served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and secretary of the Florida Historical Society. He was also professor of history and chairman of the Department of History at the University of Florida.

#### *Wentworth Foundation Grant*

The trustees of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., presented a check for \$1,000 to the Florida Historical Society at its annual meeting in St. Augustine, May 7, 1977. This is the fifth successive year that the Foundation has made a gift to the Society and directed that it be used for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The gifts from the Wentworth Foundation have enabled the *Quarterly* to use additional graphic material. The late Fillmore Wentworth of Clearwater established the foundation to help educate worthy young people and to support philanthropic and educational activities. There are a number of Wentworth Scholars studying at the University of Florida, The Florida State University, and other

Florida universities and community colleges. The Foundation has made grants to the Florida Anthropological Society, the Florida State Museum, and it has established a revolving publication fund for the Florida Historical Society.

#### *Florida Historical Quarterly Index*

The Index to Volumes XXXVI-LIII of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* has been published and is available for sale from the Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, Florida 33620. The price is \$12.50. Positive and negative microfilm of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Volumes I-LIII are also available from the Florida Historical Society. The price for Volumes I-XXIII is \$38.60, and Volumes XIV-LIII, is \$55.00.

#### *Announcements and Activities*

The University of Florida Social Science Publication Award winners for 1977 were Arch Fredric Blakey and Dr. David Colburn. Dr. Blakey was recognized for his book, *Parade of Memories: A History of Clay County, Florida*. Professor Blakey is also author of *The Florida Phosphate Industry: A History of the Development and Use of a Vital Mineral*. Dr. David Colburn's award was for his article, "Governor Alfred E. Smith and Penal Reform," which was published in the *Political Science Quarterly*. Dr. Colburn's articles on twentieth century Florida political history have appeared in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The Peace River Valley Historical Society honored Dr. Frank G. Slaughter of Jacksonville at its thirteenth annual Florida History Award banquet, in Bartow, on April 29, 1977. The Society recognized Dr. Slaughter for his many contributions to the writing and interpretation of Florida history. Many of his most popular novels describe important aspects of Florida's past. One of these is *The Golden Isle*, which has sold some 2,000,000 hard and paperback copies. It concerns events in Fernandina and on Amelia Island in 1817. At the banquet Dr. Slaughter read a paper entitled "Cow Cavalry: Florida's Role in the Civil War," taken from his book *Storm Haven*. Dr. Slaughter presented a paper, "Fernandina and the Buccaneers," to the Jacksonville Historical Society at its May 14 meeting.

The Florida Anthropological Society held its twenty-ninth annual meeting in Tampa, March 19, 1977. Several of the papers described archeological surveys and excavations at the Maximo Park Beach site (St. Petersburg); Fort Chokonikla; Warm Mineral Springs; Utina Mission Station in North Florida; Mound Three; Lake Jackson (Leon County); the Zabski Site in Sarasota County; and the Shell Mound on the Upper St. Johns River. The "Effects of the Agreement of 1842 upon the Florida Seminoles," "A Temple Style Shelter for a Temple Mound," and "The Use of Stone, Bone, Shell, and Clay in Aboriginal Florida" were the titles of other papers delivered at the conference. J. T. Milanich, Burt Mowers, Irving Eyster, George Percy, and Charles H. Fairbanks participated in a symposium on sand tempered pottery in south Florida. The banquet speaker was Carl Clausen who discussed "The Cultural and Ecological Significance of Little Salt Spring."

The Newberry Library of Chicago will hold its second national Conference on College Teaching of State and Community History, January 12-15, 1978. Panels and workshops will deal with historiography, teaching problems, oral history, family and demography, ethno-cultural politics, multi-media, urban geographical development, and museums and archives. Applications are invited from teachers of state and community history. There is an \$80.00 registration fee for the conference, which a participant's institution would be expected to pay to signify its support for innovative curriculum development. Participants will be provided with lodging. Those who cannot obtain funds for air fare will also be reimbursed for this expense. Deadline for completed applications is October 15, 1977, and participants will be notified in mid-November. For information, write to Richard Jensen, director, Family and Community History Center, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

The United States Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, is sponsoring an advanced research program in military history as a means of stimulating research and study at the army's major depository for materials in the history of military activities. Awards will be made to cover expenses while conducting research and writing at the Institute. Applica-

tions are due by December 1, 1977, and must include a written proposal describing the subject, scope, and character of the project; time estimated for residence at MHI; how MHI facilities, personnel, and materials will aid in the project; and an estimate of expenses. Inter-disciplinary projects are encouraged, and both civilian and military scholars in the field of military history are invited to apply to the Director of the History Institute.

## OBITUARY

*Baynard H. Kendrick*

Baynard H. Kendrick, a long-time member and a former director of the Florida Historical Society and a former member of the editorial board of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, died on March 22, 1977. He was living in Leesburg at the time of his death. Mr. Kendrick was considered the dean of American mystery writers, and had received the Edgar Allen Poe Award for his writing. He was the creator of the blind detective Duncan MacLain, who became the hero of his mystery stories. MacLain became Mike Longstreet in the ABC television series which starred James Franciscus. Mr. Kendrick had received national recognition for his work in behalf of blinded war veterans. One of his stories became the celebrated motion picture *Bright Victory*. He was founder and first president of Mystery Writers of America.

He was the author of some twenty-nine books, including *Flames of Time*, a historical novel about East Florida during the British and Second Spanish periods. His first published work was a tale of Florida fishing, "The Captain's Lost Lake," in 1926. Many of his later novelettes and books had a Florida background. For more than three years he wrote a weekly historical column, "Florida's Fabulous Past," for the Sunday *Tampa Tribune*. He was also the author of *Florida Trails to Turnpikes, 1914-1964*, and *Orlando, a Century Plus* which was published as a community Bicentennial project.

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Sept. 27-30 American Association for Charleston,  
State and Local History South Carolina

Oct. 4-7 Society of American Salt Lake City,  
Archivists Utah

Oct. 20-23 Oral History Association San Diego, California

Nov. 9-12 Southern Historical New Orleans,  
Association Louisiana

Dec. 28-30 American Historical Dallas  
Association Meeting

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May 4 Florida Confederation of Pensacola  
Historical Societies-  
Workshop

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