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## HISTORY NEWS

### *The Annual Meeting*

A workshop on Thursday, May 1, 1980, arranged by the Florida Historical Confederation, will precede the convening of the seventy-eighth meeting of the Florida Historical Society. The workshop director will be Margaret Anne Lane, Curator of Education for the Museum of Florida History of Tallahassee, an agency of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Florida Department of State. The speakers, members of the Museum of Florida History staff, include Mark Driscoll, Andy Brian, Kermit N. Brown, Ed Jones, and John LoCastro. There will be discussions on museum methods and techniques appropriate to historical society and agency museums and for interpretative exhibits.

Dr. Thomas Graham, Flagler College, and Dr. Glenn Westfall, Hillsborough Community College, are program chairmen for the Florida Historical Society meeting. Both the Florida Historical Confederation and the Florida Historical Society will hold their sessions at the Howard Johnson's Convention Center at I-4 and Lee Road in Orlando. Hosts for the meetings are the Orange County Historical Society, Henry S. Sanford Museum-Library, Apopka Historical Society, University of Central Florida, Rollins College, Valencia Community College, and Seminole Community College. The Society's board of directors will hold its business meeting on Thursday evening.

Registration begins at the Convention Center on Friday at 8:00 a.m., May 2. Dr. Jerrell Shofner, president of the Society, will open the meeting and will present Judge Donald A. Cheney, who will welcome the participants. The theme for the first morning session will be "Florida Tourism." Papers will be delivered by Hampton Dunn of Tampa and Dr. Paul S. George of Atlanta Junior College. William M. Goza will serve as chairman for this program, and Madeline Carr of the Florida Department of Tourism will be the commentator. The afternoon session, "Red and Black Floridians," will include papers by Dr. Jack D. L. Holmes of Birmingham, Dr. Lucius Ellsworth and Dr. Jane

Dysart of the University of West Florida, and Dr. Harry A. Kersey of Florida Atlantic University. The commentator for this session is Dr. George Pozzetta of the University of Florida; Miss Dena Snodgrass of Jacksonville will serve as chairwoman. The panel discussion on Saturday morning will deal with "Historic Preservation in Florida." Milton Jones of Clearwater is chairman, and the panelists are Dr. William Adams of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, Joan Jennewein of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, and Dr. Lee Warner of the Florida Department of State. Arva Moore Parks will be the moderator for this session. At the business meeting following the noon luncheon, new officers will be elected, and there will be reports from all appropriate committees.

The annual literary awards of the Florida Historical Society will be presented at the banquet on Saturday evening. Linda Ellsworth, on behalf of the American Association for State and Local History, will recognize August Burghard of Fort Lauderdale with a Certificate of Commendation for his outstanding contributions to the research and writing of Florida and Broward County history. The City of Gainesville will also be recognized with a Certificate of Commendation for its efforts to preserve and restore the Thomas Hotel and to convert it into the Thomas Cultural Center. Dr. John Mahon will present the Arthur W. Thompson Prize in Florida History, Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Jr., the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award, and Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, the Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award. Dr. Wayne Flynt, Department of History, Auburn University, will be the banquet speaker. The title of his talk is "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Publisher."

On Friday evening, officers and members of the Orange County Historical Society will welcome members and guests of the Florida Historical Society at a reception at the Orange County Museum. On Saturday afternoon, Jean Yothers will present a talk/slide show, "The Way We Were," which relates the history of Orlando and Orange County. A boat tour of the Winter Park lakes is planned, and walking tours of the Park Avenue in Winter Park have been arranged. There will also be an exhibit of Florida books by the University Presses of Florida. All programs are open

to the public. Dr. Paul Wehr, University of Central Florida, and Jean Yothers of the Orange County Historical Museum are in charge of local arrangements.

*National Register of Historic Places*

The Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Florida Department of State, reports the following Florida sites added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1979: First Baptist Church, Madison (Madison County); Crooked River Lighthouse in the Carrabelle vicinity (Franklin County); Markland, and Grace United Methodist Church (St. Johns County); Egmont Key (Hillsborough County); Josslyn Island Site in the Pineland vicinity, and the Charlotte Harbor and Northern Railway Depot (Lee County); Platt Island, the Turner River Site, the C. J. Ostl Site, the Sugar Pot Site, and the Hinson Mounds in the Miles City vicinity (Collier County); Yon Mound and Village Site in the vicinity of Bristol (Liberty County); the Henry J. Klutho House, the John S. Sammis House, and the Morocco Temple (Duval County); Haulover Canal (Brevard County); Old City Waterworks, the Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, II, House, the Johnson-Caldwell House, the Calhoun Street Historic District, and the Park Avenue Historic District (Leon County); Hialeah Park Racetrack, the Miami Beach Architectural District, Freedom Tower, and Miami City Hospital-Building Number One (Dade County); Boynton Woman's Club (Palm Beach County); the Sidney J. Catts House (Walton County); Southward School, the J. O. Douglas House, the Donald Roebling Estate, and the Belleview-Biltmore Hotel (Pinellas County); the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station at Pompano Beach (Broward County); Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, and Mount Zion A.M.E. Church (Marion County); Louisville and Nashville Passenger Station and Express Building, St. Joseph's Church complex, and the Thiesen Building (Escambia County); the Turbull-Ritter House in the vicinity of Lamont, and the Palmer-Perkins House (Jefferson County); Overseas Highway and Railway Bridges (Monroe County); Little Salt Springs (Sarasota County); Kimball Island Midden Archaeological Site (Lake County); the Dr. P. Phillips House (Orange County); and the Old United States Post Office (Alachua County). The following buildings on the

University of Florida campus were also added to the Register in 1979; the Women's Gymnasium, Peabody Hall, Flint Hall, Library East, Bryant Hall, Floyd Hall, Anderson Hall, and Newell Hall.

*Announcements and Activities*

The Lock Haven Art Center, Orlando, in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution, held a seminar on February 20-22, 1980, for museum personnel from ten southeastern states. The title was "Fundamentals of Museum Management." Other seminars scheduled are "Museum Membership Programs," April 2-4, Kentucky Museum, Bowling Green; "Public Information and Publications," April 8-9, New Orleans Museum of Art; "The Words You Exhibit," April 15-17, Tennessee State Museum, Nashville; "Soliciting and Administering Grants," April 22-24, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia; "Museum Registration Methods," April 28-30, Gibbes Art Gallery, Charleston, South Carolina; and "Reaching A New Audience, Museum Programs For Disabled Visitors," May 12-13, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh.

"Reaching and Touching," a film produced with a grant from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Resources, has been viewed in nearly 2,000,000 homes throughout the nation during the past two and one-half years according to a recent state of Florida survey. Using a documentary format to present an overview of cultural life in Florida, it features the Ringling Museum of Art, the Osolo Theater, and a variety of orchestras and visual and expansion arts in Florida. To obtain a print of the film, write to the Division of Tourism Film Library, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

The summer/fall 1979 issue of *New River News*, published by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, included an article on the "Troubled Green Industry: Commercial Agriculture in Broward County" by Daniel T. Hobby, assistant director of the Society. On November 2, 1979, the Society assumed formal control of the Stranahan property in Fort Lauderdale. Research is proceeding to provide data for the restoration of the house which

has already been added to the National Register of Historic Places. William J. Burke, a trustee of the Society, is chairman of the Stranahan House Committee. Herschel F. Shepard of Jacksonville is directing the restoration. The Society is also supporting the research of Dr. Harry Kersey, Florida Atlantic University, who is writing a book on Frank and Ivy Stranahan. Their home, built in 1901, has continued to play an important role in Fort Lauderdale.

The summer issue (1979) of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County's Journal contains records of marriages, cemeteries, and family histories relating to Santa Rose, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For information, write to the Society, Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549. The Florida Genealogical Society's recently published Journal also contains a listing of marriages performed in Tampa as they were entered in the journal kept by Thomas A. Carruth. The Florida Genealogical Society's address is Box 18624, Tampa, Florida 33679.

The Georgia Association of Historians and the American Historical Association are co-sponsoring a regional teaching conference, May 2-3, 1980, in Marietta, Georgia. "Frontiers in History Education" will include workshops, demonstrations, and formal sessions on the teaching of history to special studies students; history and pre-professionals; hands-on approaches in high schools and colleges; recent events in history; and the city historian and historical society as educational resources. Participants in the twelve sessions will represent every level of instruction and will come from six different states. For further information, contact Mark K. Bauman, Social Science Division, Atlanta Junior College, Atlanta, Georgia 30310.

The Southern Labor Studies Association will hold its 1980 Southern Labor Conference on April 24-26, 1980, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. There will be sessions on Phillip Taft and the Alabama Labor Movement, workers in the rural South, women workers in the South, methodologies for the historians, study of southern working women, and international perspectives on southern labor. Trade unionists and scholars will jointly relate their experiences and views. For information write

Dr. Les Hough, Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

*Obituary*

With the death of Gloria Jahoda in Tallahassee, January 14, 1980, Florida lost one of its most creative and colorful writers. Mrs. Jahoda was a frequent contributor to the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Her review of *Time of the Turtle* appeared in the January 1980 number of the journal. A native of Chicago, Mrs. Jahoda received her degrees from Northwestern University and taught anthropology at that institution. She moved to Tallahassee in 1963 when her husband, Dr. Gerald Jahoda, who survives her, was appointed to the faculty of Florida State University. She was the author of two novels, *Annie* and *Deliliah's Mountain*, and poetry, but Mrs. Jahoda is best known for she several books that she wrote on Florida: *The Other Florida*, *The Road to Samarkind: Frederick Delius and His Music*, *River of the Golden Ibis*, *The Trail of Tears*, and *Florida, A Bicentennial History*. The Society of Midland Authors named her *River of the Golden Ibis* as the Best History Book in 1973. Gloria Jahoda also was the author of many articles on Florida which appeared in national and regional journals.