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HISTORY NEWS

Because of increased costs of operation the board of directors at its meeting on December 7, 1984 voted to increase membership fees for the Florida Historical Society effective March 1, 1984. Student membership, \$15.00 (with proof of current status); annual membership, \$22.50; family membership, \$25.00; and contributing membership, \$50.00 and above.

Announcements and Activities

The newly-restored Union Bank in Tallahassee was dedicated October 23, 1984. Built in 1841 and formerly located on Adams Street, it is believed to be the oldest bank building in Florida. Now located on the Apalachee Parkway near the Old Capitol, it will serve as a museum and learning center operated by the Museum of Florida History, Department of State. It will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The University of Florida's Department of History will hold its annual one-week workshop on June 23-28, 1985. Twenty Florida teachers of history and social sciences, selected on a competitive basis, will work with historians from the department. The workshop theme is "Ethnic and Race Relations in History." The objective is to enrich classroom teaching. For information write Dr. David Colburn, Department of History, 4131 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

The Manatee County Heritage Week will be held from March 23 through March 30, 1985. The theme will be "Early Transportation in Manatee County." The communities of Bradenton, Cortez, Ellenton, Palmetto, and Parrish will participate together with local Manatee County historical agencies and organizations. For information contact the Manatee County Historical Commission, 604 15th Street East, Bradenton, FL 33508 (813) 747-9664.

The Opa-locka Historic Preservation Board has prepared a

self-guided tour to the historic buildings in the community, several of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. Fourteen sites are listed in the brochure together with a historic tour map. Opa-locka was developed by Glenn H. Curtiss, inventor and engineer, who also developed Miami Springs and Hialeah, Florida. Bernhardt E. Muller was the architect selected by Mr. Curtiss, who directed him to create a town with an Arabian theme. For copies of the tour brochure write to Arlene Commings, 1146 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida 33054.

Southern Traditions, a periodical published in Dade City, Florida, relates to southern art, music, crafts, and folklore. In addition to interviews and feature stories, each issue includes a calendar of folklore-related activities and festivals, information on historical places and events, recipes, folktales, and words and music to old songs. It is published bi-monthly, and annual subscriptions are \$5.00. The editor is Dennis Devine. Address correspondence to *Southern Traditions*, Box 2278, Dade City, Florida 34297.

The Agricultural History Society will present its Theodore Salutos Award for 1984 to the author of the book on any aspect of the agricultural history of the United States, broadly interpreted, judged best by the award committee. To be eligible, the book must have "copyright 1984," be based on substantial primary research, and should represent a major new scholarly interpretation or reinterpretation of agricultural history scholarship. A book may be nominated by its author, publisher, or a member of the Society to the editor of *Agricultural History*, Agricultural History Center, University of California, at Davis, California 95616.

The Berkshire Conference of Women Historians will award its annual prizes for the best book and the best article in any field of history written by an American woman published during 1984. Submissions for the book award should be made to Anne Russ, Wells College, Aurora, New York 13026, and for the article award to Margaret Darrow, Department of History, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755. Two copies of the book or article are required. Deadline for submission is February 1, 1985.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation held its seventh annual conference in Sarasota in October. At the awards luncheon, an outstanding achievement recognition went to the Old Settler's House in Bradenton in the category of restoration of a residential structure. For outstanding achievement in the category of restoration of a non-residential structure, the Bedell Building (former Carnegie Public Library building) in Jacksonville was recognized. The city of Opa-locka and Michael Maxwell, Redevelopment Options, Inc., Miami, were jointly recognized for the development of a master plan for the historic restoration of the city of Opa-locka. Winning the outstanding preservation project for adaptive use award were John Howey, Dorothy Howey, and Peter Farago for the restoration of a warehouse in Tampa. The Old Tavernier Town Association was recognized for its development of a preservation organization. Professor Blair Reeves of the University of Florida's School of Architecture received the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding leadership role over many years in the Florida preservation movement.

The United States Lighthouse Society is a newly-formed organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of lighthouses throughout the country. The Society will publish a quarterly, *The Keeper's Log*. For information write United States Lighthouse Society, 130 St. Elmo Way, San Francisco, California 94127.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

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Mar. 7-9	Florida College Teachers of History	Miami, FL
Mar. 30	Florida Phi Alpha Theta Convention	Jacksonville, FL
Apr. 11-13	Fourth Citadel Confer- ence on the South	Charleston, SC
Apr. 17-20	Organization of American Historians	Minneapolis, MN
Apr. 18-20	Latin American Studies Association	Albuquerque, NM
Apr. 18-21	Florida Anthropological Society	Daytona Beach, FL
May 2	Florida Historical Confederation	Tallahassee, FL
May 2	Society of Florida Archivists	Tallahassee, FL
May 3-4	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 83rd MEETING	Tallahassee, FL
Sept. 10-13	American Association for State and Local History	Topeka, KS
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Oral History Association	Pensacola, FL

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