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### *Florida History Fair*

Final competition for the fourth annual Florida History Fair was May 2-3, 1985, at the Florida Historical Society's annual meeting in Tallahassee. Eight winners from county history/social science fairs participated in the state contest. The first prize winner was Adri Spain of Washington High School, Pensacola. Her project was "Poverty to Power," and her teacher was Karen Moore. Leigh Eubanks, of Ferry Past Middle School, Pensacola, was runner-up. His project was "Simon de Monteford: English Baronial Reform," and his teacher was Marietta Clark. Michael Faughn, of Bellevue Middle School, Leon County, was the third winner with his project, "Triumph at Natural Bridge." His teacher was Janice Inzer. Other winners included Steve Carlin, Mainland High School, Daytona Beach (Susan Preston, teacher); David McGrath, Sugarmill Elementary School, Daytona Beach (Barbara Shaffer and Charles Bradford, teachers); Lisa Stevenson, Griffin Middle School, Leon County (Debra Rice, teacher); Michelle Enfinger, Rocklake Middle School, Seminole County (Carol Elliott and John Rafferty, teachers); and Holly Howard, Pinemeadows Elementary School, Escambia County (Marion Woods, teacher). Olive Peterson, Owen North, Chris LaRoche, and Gerald McSwiggan served as judges for the Florida History Fair Competition.

Adri Spain, Leigh Eubanks, and Michael Faughn entered their projects in the National History Fair in Washington, D. C., from June 11-14. All their projects received "superior ratings" at the national level.

The Florida History Fair was sponsored by the Florida Historical Society with generous support from Gerald McSwiggan. Dr. Paul S. George, University of Miami, served as chairman of the Florida History Fair.

### *Announcements and Activities*

The eleventh Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held in Pensacola, Florida, March 6-8, 1986. The theme of the 1986 Conference is "Civil War and Reconstruction

on the Gulf Coast." The proceedings of this conference will be published. For information, contact Dr. Grace Earnest, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, FL 32504.

The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has acquired the official and personal papers, documents, photographs, recordings, books, and memorabilia of Claude Pepper. It also includes the papers, memorabilia, and paintings of Mildred Irene Webster Pepper, the congressman's late wife. The papers cover Pepper's politically active life from his years as Florida legislator in the late 1920s as United States Senator during the 1930s and 1940s to his career as Congressman from the 1960s to the present. They also include correspondence and speeches relating to senior citizens, his major topic of concern. The papers of Claude and Mildred Pepper, currently over 475 cubic feet, are in the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library in Dodd Hall. The collection is open for research purposes.

The Bureau of Florida Folklife has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support a comprehensive folk arts survey of the Metro-Dade County area. The project is co-sponsored by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida and the Metro-Dade Council of Arts and Sciences. Professional folklorists will identify and document the Miami area's traditional arts and folk artists who are associated with significant ethnic population groups: Cuban, Haitian, Jamaican, Yiddish, Greek, Polish, Conch, Chinese, and Mexican. The results of the survey will be presented at a folk arts exhibition at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami (March 22-23, 1986) and at the annual Florida Folk Festival at White Springs (May 24-26, 1986). For information on the project, contact the Florida Folklife Programs, Box 265, White Springs, FL 32096.

A conference, entitled the "Sunbelt: A Region and Regionalism in the Making?" will be held in downtown Miami at the University of Miami's Knight Conference Center, November 4-8, 1985. This is the first national multidisciplinary research conference dealing with all aspects of the Sunbelt region. Leading scholars from the social sciences and humanities will present papers and lead discussions dealing with the region's signifi-

cance in contemporary America. They will also try to set research agendas for disciplinary and multidisciplinary study in the 1980s and the 1990s. For information on the conference contact Dr. Stanley Brunn, Chairman of the Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506.

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida is sponsoring two special exhibits this fall. One, "Powder Horns in the Southern Tradition," cosponsored with the Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, will be on display through October 31, 1985. The other exhibit, "Wings Over Miami," emphasizes the role that Miami and South Florida has played in the history of aviation from 1911, the date of the first local flight, to 1940 when the Miami area became recognized as a major center for international aviation. The exhibit will open November 8, 1985, and continue through February 13, 1986. Through the generosity of the Knight Foundation, the Historical Association is also reprinting *The Commodore's Story* by Ralph Middleton Munroe and Vincent Gilpin, and *They All Called It Tropical* by Charles M. Brookfield and Oliver Griswold.

"Winter Park Documentary," a special photographic exhibition, will be showing from November 15 through December 20, 1985, at Crealde School of Art in Winter Park. It is a result of a photographic survey directed by Peter Schreyer, Crealde faculty member and program coordinator. Some seventy-five black and white photographs of the history of Winter Park are included in the documentary which will be part of a travelling museum to other Florida cities. For information, call (305) 671-1886.

The Florida Genealogical Society will hold its ninth annual conference at the Holiday Inn Northeast in Tampa on November 8-9, 1985. For information on the conference, contact Dorothy Gardat, 22502 North Glen Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607. The Society is also planning a series of volumes on Hillsborough County cemeteries. The first volume will list names "A through F." For information on the publication, contact the Society, Box 18624, Tampa, FL 33679.

A genealogical survey seminar is being presented by the Everton Publishers, November 2, 1985, at the Orange Park Lions Club, 324 Stowe Avenue, Orange Park, Florida. For information, contact Mrs. Iris Siques, Branch Genealogical Library, Box 943, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 272-1150 or 781-5985.

In July 1985 the Dade Heritage Trust announced the recipients of its annual Preservation Awards in the areas of restoration, preservation, and distinguished service. Awards for restoration of historic structures were given to the Magic City Restoration Company for the restoration of the Warner Place in Miami; Les Beilinson, architect, for his efforts on the Flagler House facade in Miami; Thomas Henry for Anderson's Corner in the Redlands; and Mr. and Mrs. Huber R. Parsons, Jr., for the restoration of their Coral Gables home. Winners of awards for outstanding preservation programs were the city of Miami for its adaptive reuse of historic Fire Station No. 4; Borrelli & Associates for their feasibility study of the redevelopment of the Gusman Cultural Center/Olympia Building; and Borrelli, Frankel, Blitstein Architects for the rehabilitation of the old Miami Beach City Hall. Receiving an award for distinguished service to the field of preservation was Les Beilinson, member of the Board of Trustees for Dade Heritage Trust. The Trust is a non-profit Florida corporation dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and use of historic properties in Dade County.

The Kentucky Historical Society has presented its Richard H. Collins Award for 1985 to Professor Frank F. Mathias, University of Dayton, and William J. Marshall, University of Kentucky Library. The award recognizes outstanding research and writing. The winning essays were published in 1984 in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.

Ronald Hase, under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, is conducting research on Florida Cracker architecture. He is seeking information on older properties (construction dates from the Civil War to World War I) in North Florida and the Panhandle— farm houses, plantation homes, townhouses, industrial buildings, and commercial and resort structures. Contact Mr. Hase at 607 S.W. 27 Street, Gainesville, FL 32607.

Dave Kingman, 608 May Flower Avenue, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 is seeking information about current Florida aviation museums and aircraft displays. This data will be published in the Florida Aviation Historical Society *Newsletter*.