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HISTORY NEWS

Frederick C. Cubberly Award

Mrs. Helen Cubberly Ellerbe of Gainesville has established an endowment for the Florida Historical Society to create a prize for Florida high school students writing and researching Florida history and their teachers. Mrs. Ellerbe's father, Frederick C. Cubberly, was involved actively in the Florida Historical Society and served as its president in 1932. The prize will be awarded annually, based upon a state-wide competition. A plaque and a stipend of \$250 will be presented to the winning student, and a plaque and \$250 to the teacher whose assignment produces the winning entry. Students in any Florida public or private school, grades eight through twelve, are eligible. Entries must be between 1,500-3,000 words in length and deal with some era, event, or person directly relating to the history of Florida. Papers should be typed double-spaced and include a bibliography. Each school and each county are allowed one entry. The deadline for submitting entries to the county historical society for the first judging is January 30. If there is no county historical society, arrangements can be made through a neighboring county historical society or through the local school board. County entries are due in the Florida Historical Society office by March 1. For additional information, write the Florida Historical Society, P. O. Box 290197, Tampa, FL 33687 (813/974-3815).

Prizes and Awards

The Tampa Historical Society presented its 1990 D. B. McKay Award to Joan W. Jennewein of Tampa for her contributions to the field of historical preservation. Mrs. Jennewein has served as chair of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was founding president of the Florida Trust, and chairs the board of the Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale. She was instrumental in establishing the Ybor City Museum Society and the support group for the Ybor City State Museum, and she serves as president of the Ybor City Trolley Society and as a trustee of the Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board.

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Professor Michael Gannon of the University of Florida was awarded the Knight Commander of the Order of Isabel la Catolica by King Juan Carlos I of Spain. The award is Spain's highest civilian award given to a non-Spanish scholar and was presented in recognition of Dr. Gannon's work in Spanish Borderland studies and historical preservation, and his service as director of the University of Florida's Institute for Early Contact Studies. Dr. Gannon's latest most recent book, *Operation Drumbeat*, is reviewed in this issue of the *Quarterly*, pp. 362.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation at its annual meeting in Jacksonville, September 1990, announced the following preservation awards: (1) Non-Residential Restoration/ Rehabilitation Honor Awards— Dauer Hall, University of Florida, the Dillard School (Fort Lauderdale), and the Old Lee County Courthouse; Merit Awards— Epping Forest Yacht Club (Jacksonville), 1913 Delray Beach Elementary School, and the Studebaker Building (St. Petersburg). (2) Residential Restoration/Rehabilitation Honor Award— Miami River Inn; Merit Awards— Chesley House (Tallahassee), Quick House (Key West), and Tobar House (St. Augustine). (3) Historic Landscape/Archaeology Honor Award— Jungle Trail (Vero Beach); Merit Award— Year of the Indian (Lee County Archaeology History). (4) Preservation Education/Media Honor Awards— *Landmark for the Future* by Wayne Wood and the Historic Landmarks Commission, and *Reflections of a Legacy* by Jane Rice; Merit Awards— "Self-Guided Tours of Miami," Junior League of Florida, and "Teach the Teachers," Tampa Preservation, Inc. (5) Organizational Achievement, Honor Award— Art Deco Devitalization, Miami Beach; Merit Awards— Amelia Island, Museum of History, Main Street (Quincy), and Florida Southern College (Lakeland). Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Congressman Charles E. Bennett; David Ferro, head of the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Architectural Preservation Service Section, Tallahassee; and to Nancy Powell Dobson, former director of the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society's Benjamin H. Levy Prize is awarded for the outstanding paper submitted by a graduate student on any aspect of southern Jewish history. The 1990 prize was awarded in November at the Society's meeting

in Jackson, Mississippi, to Canter Brown, Jr., a doctoral student in history at the University of Florida. The winning essay, "Philip and Morris Dzialynski: Jewish Contributions to the Rebuilding of the South," will be published in the *American Jewish Archives*.

In honor of Lynwood Montell, the *Southern Folklorist* is establishing an annual prize for the outstanding article published in the journal. The Montell Folklore Prize recipient will be announced at the American Folklore Society annual meeting each October.

The Forest History Society's John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism for 1989 was presented to Gary Faulkner of Montgomery, Alabama, for his article, "Alabama's Treasured Forest," which appeared in the Alabama Forestry Commission's Quarterly publication. Dr. Susan R. Schrepfer, Rutgers University, won the Society's Theodore C. Blagen Award for her article, "Establishing Administrative Standing: The Sierra Club and the Forest Service, 1897-1956," which appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*. Richard A. Rajala, a graduate student at York University, Downesview, Ontario, received the Ralph W. Hidy Award for his article, "Bill and the Boss: Labor Protest, Technological Change, and the Transformation of the West Coast Logging Camp," which was published in *Forest & Conservation History*. The Forest History Society is a non-profit educational institution affiliated with Duke University. Its quarterly journal, *Forest & Conservation History*, is published under the auspices of Duke University Press.

The Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park of the Second World War was dedicated on November 25, 1990. Major General Robert F. Ensslin, Jr., adjutant general of Florida, served as master of ceremonies and Lieutenant General Robert Arter (Ret.), special consultant to the secretary of the army, made the major address. General Arter is the coordinator for the department of the army's fiftieth anniversary commemoration of World War II. The Camp Blanding celebration was one of the first in the nation launching the commemoration activities. The Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park is on a thirteen-acre site adjacent to the main entrance to Camp Blanding on State Road 16, between Jacksonville and Starke. A

World War II era building is being converted to a museum complex. The site also includes a Florida Regiments Memorial commemorating the men and units of the Florida National Guard that were mobilized in 1940, a Memorial Garden with displays honoring each of the nine divisions that were activated at Camp Blanding, the Infantry Replacement Training Center, and Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients. Phase two of the project will include a library, archives, and movie theater.

Announcements and Activities

W. J. Cash's *The Mind of the South* was published in 1941. Wake Forest University, Cash's alma mater, will sponsor a conference February 8-10, 1991, to reexamine Cash's work; to assess the progress, in the several scholarly disciplines, that has taken place since Cash wrote his text; and to encourage a reorientation of scholarly energies toward a new synthesis and interpretation of the South. Historians participating in the conference include Dr. Bertram Wyatt-Brown and Dr. Samuel S. Hill of the University of Florida. For information write to the symposium coordinators, 104 Tribble Hall, Box 7806, Reynolds Station, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

The annual Georgia Archives Institute is scheduled for Atlanta, Georgia, June 10-21, 1991. It is designed for beginning archivists, librarians, and museum curators, and will offer instruction in the practices of archival administration and the management of traditional and modern documentary materials. The two-week program will feature lectures and demonstrations, a supervised practicum, and field trips to local archives. Topics will include records appraisal, arrangement and description of official and private papers, conservation, legal issues, and reference service. Tuition is \$400. Enrollment is limited, and the deadline for receipt of application and resume is April 1, 1991. For more information and an application write Dr. Don Oehlerts, School of Librarian Information Studies, Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA 30314.

The Biographical Guide to Alabama Literature Project will produce a reference volume about belletristic works by Alabamians or about Alabama from the late eighteenth century until the present. It is modeled upon such reference books as the *Dictionary of Literary Biography and Southern Writers: A Biographical*

Dictionary. It will include an introductory essay on Alabama literature; biographical, bibliographical, critical-descriptive entries on approximately 500 writers; and indexes based on titles of literary works, literary genre or type, and geographical regions and political subdivisions of the state. Bert Hitchcock of Auburn University and Elaine Hughes of the University of Montevallo will be ABGTAL co-editors. They seek qualified contributors who will write one or more entries on individual writers. Please contact either Professor Hitchcock (Department of English, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5203/(205) 844-4947) or Professor Hughes (Station 6501, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL 35115-6000/(205) 665-6504).

Marshal University, Huntington, WV, invites applications for the annual \$5,000 Rosanna A. Blake and Fred E. Hulse Scholarship in Confederate History for Graduate Students. Applicants for this one-year, renewable, scholarship must have an interest in Confederate history, an aptitude for research and writing, and a record of scholarship. The recipient may research in the Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History. The recipient must enroll as a graduate student in the university's Department of History. Applicants are asked to submit a 250-500 word statement explaining their interest in the scholarship and in the study of Confederate history. The statement, college transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a written example of the applicant's work in history (a term paper) should be submitted to the Blake-Hulse Scholarship Committee, Confederate Bibliographer, Marshal University Libraries, Huntington, WV 25755, by February 1, 1991.

Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, sponsored a conference in 1988, and the University of Illinois Press published the papers in a volume titled, *The Future South: A Historical Perspective for the Twenty-first Century*. The college is planning a gathering of the scholars who were participants in the original event. It will include a public symposium on May 4, 1991, when a panel will discuss with the scholars issues of the South's future. For additional information contact Dean Joe Ann Lever, College of Arts and Sciences, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC 29301 (803/596-9091).

The Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University is

compiling a database to accompany its project to recover the history of African-American life in the South during the Jim Crow era. It will locate and disseminate research on this topic. The Center seeks information on what already has been collected—depositories containing archival and documentary material, existing databases, published bibliographies, photographs, and other collections related to the segregated South. It also seeks names and addresses of individuals (professionals and non-professionals) working on this topic, contemporary journal accounts, and other pertinent information or material. Contact Dr William H. Chafe at the Center, Snow Building, Suite 511, 311 West Main Street, Durham, NC 27701 (919/687-0486).

Obituaries

Dr. Edward N. Akin, professor of history and political science at Mississippi College, died of complications from a brain tumor September 13, 1990. He had been an instructor in the history department since 1977 and received the Distinguished Professor Award from the College in 1986. Dr. Akin received his bachelor's degree from Samford University and his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. His dissertation, "Southern Reflection of the Gilded Age: Henry M. Flagler's System, 1885-1913," became the basis for his book, *Flagler: Rockefeller Partner and Florida Baron*. It received the Phi Alpha Theta manuscript award in 1985. Dr. Akin also was the author of *Mississippi: An Illustrated History*. His articles and book reviews appeared in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and he presented papers at the annual meetings of the Florida Historical Society, the Southern Historical Association, and other scholarly meetings.

Jack D. L. Holmes died at his home in Birmingham, Alabama, November 6, 1990. He was known for his many contributions to the historical scholarship of Spanish Borderlands in the southeastern United States. Several of his books and many of his articles dealt with the Spanish periods in Florida history. His articles and book reviews were published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and in other Florida, southern, and national journals. Dr. Holmes received his degrees in history from Florida State University, the University of Florida, and the University of Texas. His volume, *Gayoso: The Life of a Spanish Governor in the Mississippi Valley, 1789-1799*, was recognized with

awards from the Louisiana Library Association and the Alabama Writers' Conclave. Dr. Holmes was honored in 1979 by the Spanish government with the Cruz de Caballero in the Royal Spanish Order of Isabel la Catolica.

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| Jan. 21- Mar. 3 | “Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida” (traveling exhibit) | Sarasota, FL |
| Mar. 8-9 | Florida College Teachers of History | Tallahassee, FL |
| Mar. 8- 11 | Florida Anthropological Society | Pensacola, FL |
| Mar. 17- May 31 | “Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida” | Jacksonville, FL |
| Apr. 11-13 | Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference | Jacksonville, FL |
| Apr. 18-19 | Society of Florida Archivists | Miami, FL |
| May 9-11 | FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY– 89th MEETING | Orlando, FL |
| May 9 | FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION | Orlando, FL |
| Aug. 21-24 | American Association for State and Local History | Dearborn, MI |
| Oct. 3-5 | Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference | Pensacola, FL |
| Oct. 10-13 | Oral History Association | Salt Lake City, UT |
| Oct. 25-27 | Southern Jewish Historical Society | Alexandria, VA |

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