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HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS UPDATE

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BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY (*Mary Smith, President*)

Society members are making plans to renovate and convert the Clarence Walker Elementary School at 1001 Northwest Fourth Street in Fort Lauderdale into a museum and cultural center. Walker Elementary School, once known as Dillard High, was the first school building for blacks in Fort Lauderdale and was named in honor of principal Clarence Walker, a prominent black educator.

BROWARD COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (*Joan Lynn, President*)

Sixteen members of the Broward County Archaeological Society attended the annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society in Tampa on Saturday, March 19, 1977. Two Broward members will serve as officers of the Florida Anthropological Society for the coming year. Nedra Lexow has been elected Secretary and Norcott Henriquez has been re-elected Treasurer.

The Everglades Museum at Flamingo Gardens has furnished the Broward County Archaeological Society with a glass case to be used for an exhibit of the aboriginal indians. This exhibit will be free-standing in the center of the main display room at the Museum. Nedra Lexow and Wilma Williams have selected the artifacts and written the text for the exhibit.

An in-service class for Broward County teachers has been designed by Dr. James Rogers, supervisor of social sciences for Broward County schools, together with dig master Wilma Williams. This course gives the teachers credit for 18 hours toward their re-certification. The teachers participate in lectures and field work, and learn how to clean and classify artifacts.

BROWARD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (*Harry L. Young, Jr., President*)

With genealogical interest stimulated by *Roots*, the Broward Genealogical Society has concentrated on a publicity program to inform area

residents of the Society and its aim to assist others in researching and preserving family records. As a result of the leadership of publicity chairwoman Ann Slagle, the membership has sharply increased.

The Broward Genealogical Society meets in room 353, Broward County Courthouse, 201 Southeast Sixth Street, Fort Lauderdale. In recent sessions, vice president and program chairman Joseph Frakes has emphasized basics in genealogical research. Speakers have discussed beginning research, courthouse research, and library research.

CORAL SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (*James Miller, President*)

Coral Springs Historical Society members have helped the Broward County Parks and Recreation Department restore the home of William and Marguerite McLean located in the 91-acre Tradewinds Park. The farmhouse was built in the 1920s on the beach, but was moved to its present location just north of Sample Road between Florida's Turnpike and Lyons Road in 1960.

The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at the Civic Center in Mullins Park on Northwest 29th Street in Coral Springs on Wednesday, May 4, 1977. Plans for *PIONEER DAYS 1977* are to be discussed.

DANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (*Mrs. James McMillan, President*)

Members of the Dania Historical Society are participating in a campaign with members of the South Broward High Alumni Association, now being formed by Pat Smith and Cliff Patsons, to save and restore Dania Elementary School at 301 South Federal Highway. The school, also known as Dania High and South Broward High, was originally built 64 years ago and rebuilt after the September 1926 hurricane. In 1971, ground was bro-

ken for a new Dania elementary school and that year marked the closing of the building.

The Dania Historical Society is also researching the history of the school with the hope of placing it on the national register as a historical building. According to Mrs. McMillan's records, the two story school originally had four classrooms on the first floor and a large room used as an auditorium on the second floor.

A kick-off tea to recruit volunteers will be held at the school on Sunday, April 24, 1977.

DAVIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (J. Kenneth King, President)

Society members continue to collect photographs and artifacts to document the history of Davie.

DEERFIELD BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Juli Brugnoni, President)

Thanks to a surprise inheritance, the Deerfield Beach Historical Society has received the home, contents, and grounds of the late Mrs. J. D. Butler, also known as "Aunt Alice" to local children and adults who knew her. The home is located at 380 East Hillsboro Boulevard and was built in 1923. The grounds cover four city lots — 172 feet along the boulevard and 150 feet deep. The wicker living room furniture was bought in Palm Beach by Mrs. Butler when the house was built.

Ray Collier, executor of the estate and a member of the historical society and Broward County Historical Commission, said the home will become a museum for Deerfield historical artifacts. The home is not expected to be open to the public until after the will has been probated.

FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (Russell Gardner, President)

The inventory of the Society's artifacts and resource materials has been completed. A staggering total of 101,165 items was the tally.

Over 500 people attended the showing of "The Idol Dancer" at the Gateway Theater on Friday, December 17, 1976. Plans to show the film at the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the Public Library, 1300 East Sunrise Boulevard, were made and by the end of January the requests for tickets were so great that extra showings were scheduled.

Society member Patsy West, curator and preparator for the historical museum in Miami, conducted a museum workshop on Wednesday, March 2, 1977, from 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society held an open house on Sunday afternoon, March 20,

1977. Two examples of the style of the display equipment planned for the new museum were exhibited.

HALLANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (Betty Jo Moffit Cunningham, President)

Hallandale Historical Society members are serving on Hallandale's Fiftieth Anniversary Committee and have enlisted city-wide support for Hallandale's Golden Anniversary Celebration. The festival takes place from Wednesday, May 11, 1977, through Saturday, May 21, 1977.

The first book published on the history of Hallandale is now on sale at the Bank of Hallandale and Trust Company, 801 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; Barnett Hardware, 100 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; Hallandale Chamber of Commerce, 2100 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; House of Books in the Diplomat Mall; Hallandale City Hall, 308 South Dixie Highway; and the Hallandale Historical Society at 485-0505. The book, written by Bill McGoun, is 147 pages long and costs \$6.24.

HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Kenneth J. Spry, President)

The annual business meeting of the Hollywood Historical Society was held Wednesday, April 13, 1977 at the Washington Federal Savings and Loan Building, Park Road, Hollywood. President Kenneth J. Spry, Vice President John Kellner, Secretary Pat Smith, Treasurer Myrtle Gray, and Membership Chairwoman Micki Aderhold have been re-appointed to serve until August. Plans for the renovation of the Historical Society Room at the Art and Culture Center, 1301 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood were discussed. Currently, a montage of 115 historical photographs arranged by Pat Smith and Micki Aderhold is on exhibit.

The historical society will co-sponsor a reception for Don Cuddy, author of *Tales Of Old Hollywood*, an anecdotal history, in May at the Art and Culture Center, 1301 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood. Mr. Cuddy's book is available in three editions (paperback \$5.95; hardcover \$7.95; and deluxe \$9.95) at TownDrugs, Hillwood Chemists, Post Haste Pharmacy, and Plaza Book Store, 124 South State Road 7.

OAKLAND PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Edward Bailey, President)

Society members have remodeled and refurbished the house once occupied by the city's first mayor, Joseph Dewey Hawkins, and the city's first paid fire chief, Edward Bailey, as a historical museum. The house has been moved from its

original location at Northeast 39th Street and Northeast 8th Avenue to 3876 Northeast Sixth Avenue. A \$10,000 grant from the City of Oakland Park and proceeds from a rummage sale sponsored by the Women's Club of Oakland Park helped to defray expenses.

PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dorothy O'Hare, President)

On March 1, 1977, the City of Plantation donated a room formerly used by the municipal court in the Plantation City Hall at 400 Northwest 73rd Avenue to the Plantation Historical Society. Society members have created a museum documenting the history and growth of Plantation in this space. The museum is open every Wednesday afternoon from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. At the annual meeting in May, a slide show of historic Plantation was presented to the public.

POMPANO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Thomas W. Johnston, President)

The Pompano Beach Historical Society, the City of Pompano Beach, and the Broward County Historical Commission, with the assistance of the Port Everglades Authority, will sponsor PIONEER DAYS 1977. The fifth annual exposition will be

held on Saturday, October 1, 1977 and Sunday, October 2, 1977, in Building 22-24 at Port Everglades. The theme of this year's program is agriculture.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dr. Leonard A. Tomasello, advisor)

A coloring book based on historic sites in Broward County dating back to 1915 has been produced by the junior historical society members. The young artists drew their pictures from old photographs. Landmarks featured in the publication include the Davie General Store, Fort Lauderdale High School, Dresden Apartments, Broward County Courthouse, and Dixie Highway Bridge. Copies of the 60-page coloring book are two dollars and may be ordered from The University School, 7500 Southwest 36 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33314 or by calling 583-6185.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dianne Thompson, President)

The oral history of Wilton Manors continues to be accumulated. Society members are in the process of selecting pioneers to be honored during the upcoming PIONEER DAYS exposition at Port Everglades.

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Port Everglades October 1 & 2

Documents, photographs, art works, and other artifacts of a historical nature are solicited from the public. They should be mailed or delivered to: Broward County Historical Commission, Room 800, Courthouse, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Unless restricted by the donor, all gifts shall become the public property of Broward County, Florida, and will repose in the archives of the Historical Commission.

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