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REP. RICHARD MACHEK TO SPEAK ON ARTS FUNDING

Rep. Richard Machek, Florida House of Representatives, will be the featured speaker at the **Annual Meeting** of the Boynton Beach Historical Society on **Sunday, May 16, at 5:00 p.m.** to be held at the **Boynton Woman's Club**. The meeting will be a **covered-dish dinner**. Please bring a dish large enough to serve eight of salad, vegetable, or dessert. The Mizner Foundation is co-hosting the event, and the two organizations will furnish meat and beverages.

Rep. Machek, who represents the Boynton Beach area, will discuss State funding for arts and culture programs which has been seriously curtailed in recent years by the Florida Legislature. In the past State grants have helped enable the restoration of the **Woman's Club Building** and the establishment of the **1913 Schoolhouse Children's Museum**. We hope future grants will help restore the historic 1927 high school building. Additionally, the Historical Society and others have enjoyed speakers scheduled through the **Florida Humanities Council**. These are but some examples of arts and culture funding by the State.

Other business for the meeting will include installation of the new officers and Board members for the Historical Society and the election and installation of new Board members for the Mizner Foundation.

Please join us.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers, Directors, and Trustees were elected at the March meeting of the Historical Society. Newly elected officers to serve until May, 2005 are, President, **Voncile Smith**; First Vice President, Programs, **Harvey Oyer, Jr.**; Second Vice-President, Membership, **Claire Weems**; Recording Secretary, **Betty Thomas**; Corresponding Secretary, **Florida Gregory**; Treasurer, **Sue Beaman**. New Directors 2004-2007, **Curtis Weaver** and **Gloria Turner**. New Trustees 2004-2007, **Janet DeVries** and **Marion Weems**.

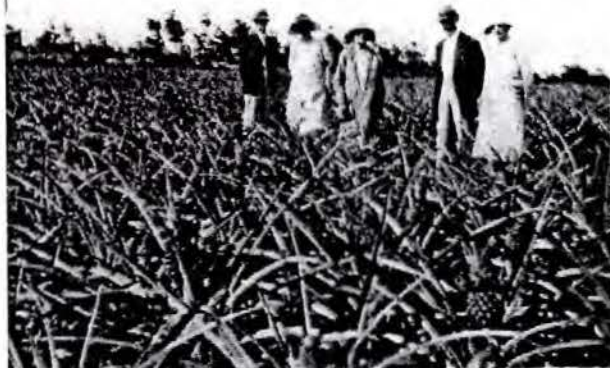
Elected in previous years, and continuing in office are, Directors: **Lucile Dickinson** and **Fain Weems** until 2005; **Helen Meisenheimer** and **Nain Weaver** until 2006; Trustees: **Harvey Oyer** and **Stanley Weaver** until 2005; **Virginia Farace** and **Jay Rowley** until 2006.



Boynton Post Office on Ocean Avenue, Circa 1940
[Photo courtesy of Sue Beaman]

The building, long since demolished, stands where the Arcade housing a men's shop is now located. The property and the 1919 building in the background are owned by Harvey Oyer.

MORE ON OUR PINEAPPLE STORY



Pineapples – Spring of 1930

This picture was printed in the April, 2004 issue of *The Historian*. The people were not identified. A special thanks to one of the current members of the Historical Society, **Ralph E. Myers**, who has graciously written the following:

"I was only seven years old when this picture was taken, but I have a fading memory of this picture being taken. The people in the picture, if my memory serves me correctly, are from left to right, my Uncle **Tom Woolbright**, my Aunt **Iona Woolbright**, my Aunt **Anna Meredith**, my father **Roy O. Myers** and my mother **Rachel Meredith Myers**.

"Uncle Tom Woolbright was a large grower of pineapples and grew them in about fifteen acres of hillside just east and north of his home on the hill that is now the Woolbright intersection of I-95. I was born March 4, 1923 and my mother told me that Uncle Tom Woolbright was growing pineapples there when I was born. I remember seeing pictures of the big packing plant building he had just east of the field with many people harvesting and packing the fruit for the northern markets."

MORE NEW MEMBERS

The following have joined or renewed their memberships in the Boynton Beach Historical Society since April. Thanks to all our members for your help and support.

Corporate Membership:

William A., Jr. and Barbara DuBois

Patron Membership:

Heather T. Frazer
Carrie Parker Hill
Ralph E. Myers.
Daniel J. OConnell

Family Membership:

Thomas C. and Rosemary Clarie
William and Nancy Earnhart
John M. and Evelyn C. Howell
Jack Tuite and Frances Tuite McKeral
Curtis E. and Myrtice E. Wright

Individual Membership:

Arthur L. James
Nancy James Jones
Gladys Baker Knuth

Individual Membership – continued:

Clare B. Kruel
Margaret S. Newton
James H. Pitts
Camilla Smith Richardson

The names of members who joined earlier are listed in the January, March, and April issues of *The Historian*.

IN MEMORIAM

The Historical Society has lost an important source of historical material with the death of one of our members, Marjorie Anne McGregor Miller. Despite her long bout with cancer, she was always an optimistic, enthusiastic supporter of many activities in the community. A native of Boynton Beach, her family connections—the Laceys and the McGregors—go back many years in the history of the City. Our sympathies are with her family.

HISTORICAL ITEMS AVAILABLE

1. The coffee-table-sized hardback book detailing the first one hundred years of Palm Beach County history, *The Palm Beach Post OUR CENTURY*, is available for those who request it for a \$15.00 or more donation to the Boynton Beach Historical Society. Originally selling for \$28.00, this book is filled with numerous color and black/white photographs that present a vivid portrait of a changing community. (For mailing, add \$6.00 S&H).
2. *Boynton Beach: The First 100 years*, an 8 ¼ x 11 inch paperback originally compiled for Boynton's Centennial, is available @ \$10.00. (For mailing, add \$1.75 S&H.)
3. **Centennial Commemorative Plate**, a blue and white, gold rimmed china plate covered with Boynton memorabilia available @ \$10.00. (For mailing, add \$2.00 S&H.)

If you would like to pick up any of these items in person, call Voncile 561-734-5653, or stop by Harvey Oyer's office, 511 Ocean Avenue.

NEXT ISSUE OF *THE HISTORIAN* WILL BE SEPTEMBER, 2004

You should expect to receive your next issue in late August before a September program meeting the second Monday in September. Please reserve your second Mondays from September until May to come to the Historical Society meetings which are usually held in the evening at either the Boynton Beach City Library or the Boynton Woman's Club Building. Occasionally special meetings are scheduled at other locations.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE, PICTURES AND ARTIFACTS

If you observed something earlier today or before, it's history. Please consider sharing what you know or have with the Society. Pictures, letters, clippings, and other material can be computer scanned or photo-copied and returned to you. Surely you must have enjoyed some of the material that has been printed that has been submitted by the following people or organizations: Sue Beaman, Janet DeVries, The Florida Humanities Council, The Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Irvin Lacey, Marjorie Anne Miller, Rosalie Morrissey, Ralph E. Myers, Helen Meisenheimer, James Pitts, Leland Smith, and Jim Warnke.

The Historian always needs material. Won't you consider become a contributor?

Have a Happy Summer!

REGISTERED VOTERS IN BOYNTON IN THE 1920s (Continued - part 4)

In the February, March, and April issues *The Historian* printed the names of registered voters appearing in Town records for the 1920s. The list includes voter's name, party affiliation, occupation, and race. The editor has attempted to make an accurate transcription of what is in the handwritten record, but the handwriting is often difficult to read. The names are listed generally in the order in which they occur in the original records.

Continued 1928 Names begin with "R"

Raddick, Jno. A.	R Teacher	B
1929 Names begin with "R"		
Richardson, Alma	D Wife	W
Richardson, Nannie Lou	R Stenog	W
Robbins, Danie C.	D Merchant	W
Rousseau, A.A.	D Dairyman	W
Rousseau, Verna	D H.S. student	W

1920 Names begin with "S"

Shepard, A.C.	R Carpenter	W
Stitts, Frances	D Married	W
Shepard, W.S.	R Farmer	W
Shepard, Annie	D Married	W
Smith, Gertrude	D Married	W
Shepard, E.R.	R Carpenter	W
Smith, W.H.	D Inspector	W
Stitts, Charles	D Farmer	W
Smith, Frank	See page 100 [!] [sic]	

1921 Names begin with "S"

Shephard, Mrs. Alice L.	R Married	W
Smith, T.A.	R Laborer	B
Smith, Peter J.	R Farmer	W
Smith, Kate	R Married	W
Smith, Josephine E.	R Married	B

1922 Names begin with "S"

Shepherd, Roger	Salesman	W
Smith, William N.	R Laborer	B
Smith, Rena C.	R Married	W

1923 Names begin with "S"

Smith, Hallie	R Married	W
G.H. Smith [sic]	R Farmer	W

1924 Names begin with "S"

Shuler, Walter	D Laborer	B
Shuler, Eula	D Housewife	B
Sims, Sarah	R "	B
Shorter, Grand	R Laborer	B
Alfred Smith [sic]	D "	B

1925 Names begin with "S"

Mrs. F.C. Swindall [sic]	D Housewife	W
Simmons, Will	R Laborer	B
Smith, J.P.	D N. Watchman	W
Smith, Sam	R Truck Driver	B

1926 Names begin with "S"

Smith, Luther C.	D Clerk	W
Smith, Mildred M.	R Housewife	W
Swindall, Samuel L.	D Farmer	W
Stevens, H.D.	D Merchant	W
Stephens, Sherwood	R Dairyman	W
Stephens, Alida	R Housewife	W
Smith, Samuel	D Truck Driver	C
Stone, Austin A.	R Tea Room	W
Stone, Mrs. Austin A.	R "	W
Stevens, Mrs. H.D.	D Housewife	W
Sheppard, W.C.	D Railroad	White
Sheppard, Mrs. W.C.	D Housewife	"
Senior, Charles	D Electrician	W
Sturrock, James	D Real Estate	W
Swilley, James E.	D Carpenter	W
Smith, Albert	D Lab.	B
Smith, Frank	R Farm.	B
Somerville, W.P.	D Accountant	W

1927 Names begin with "S"

Smith, Roy J.	D Merchant	W
Smith, Bly	" Housewife	W
Stevens, H.D.	R Merchant	W
Steinhoff, Chas. A.	D Filling Station	W
Stevens, Anna	D Housewife	W
Simon, Alex A.	D Merchant	W
Smith, Izetta		B
Smith, Sam		B
Sturrock, Anne May		W

1928 Names begin with "S"

Somerville, Eva A.	D Housewife	W
Stephens, Charlie	D Carpenter	B
Siebert, Lena R.	R Telephone Operator	W
Small, J.W.	D Garage	W
Swindall, Mrs. Fannie	D Housewife	W

1929 Names begin with "S"

Savage, D.T.	D Farmer	W
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Undated, Presumably 1929 Names with "S"

Smith, Aaron J.	D Boat Builder	W
" Riva	R Wife	W

Undated [1925?] Names with "S"

Smith, G.H.	R Farmer	W
" H.P.	" "	W
" Hallie	" Wife	W
Snow, Walter H.	D Farmer	W
Speir, Robt. L.	D Dredging	W
Settles, A.E.	" Farmer	W
Showers, Mamie	R Housekeeper	B
Smith, Martha	R Wife	B
Shelton, O.H.	Labor Foreman	W

1921 Names begin with "T"

Teele, Albert L.	R Farmer	(Age 64)
" Mary E.	R Married	(Age 42)

1922 Names begin with "T"

Towle, E.T.	I Farmer	(Age 61)
Teasdale, W.L.	D Dairyman	(Age 46)

1924 Names begin with "T"

E.G. Trimble [sic]	D Poultryman	(Age 39)
Thompson, Harry A.	D Carptnn [sic]	(Age 44)
Thompson, Kate C.	D Housewife	(Age 49)
Terry, Ed	R Laborer	(Age 47)
Tripp, A.E.	R Oil Products	(Age 50)
Tripp, Anges E.	R Housewife	(Age 36)

1925 Names begin with "T"

Ida S. Triggs [sic]	R Housewife	(Age 42)
Thomas, Frances M.	R C Laborer	(Age 51)

1926 Names begin with "T"

Thompson, Harry A.	D Carpenter	(Age 48)
Thomas, Taylor	D Meat Cutter	(Age 34)
Turner, Mrs. Sarah	R "	(Age 76)
Trousdale, William M.	D Trucking	(Age 32)
Tabit, Tewflia Salah	Broker	(Age 27)
Thompson, Florence	R Wife	W
" Orpha S	Clerk	W
Phillip B. Trigg [sic]	Indp Minister	W
Thorn, Alfred W.	R Merchant	W
Thomas, James	D Night Watchman	W

Before 1924 Names begin with "V"

VanEpp, Winifred	R Married	W
VanEpp, Owen B.	R Doctor	W

1924 Names begin with "V"

VanEpp, C.H.	R Truck Driver	W
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1920 Names begin with "W"

Weaver, M.C.	D Farmer	W
Williams, Bertha M.	D Married	W
Weaver, M.A.	D Farmer	W
Weaver, Marion G.	D Married	W
Williams, John W.	R Laborer	B
White, John	R Farmer	B
Williams, J.J.	D Farmer	W
Ward, T.A.	D Farmer	W

1921 Names begin with "W"

White, William H.	D Mechanic	W
Weibel, Adolph	S Shoemaker	W

1922 Names begin with "W"

Weymer, Geo. E.	R Single Farmer	W
Wilcox, Victor M.	D Mechanic	W
Williams, Grace	R Married	B

1924 Names begin with "W"

Wells, Elizabeth	R Married	B
White, M.C.	R Married	W
Wilcox, Mary	D Post Office Clerk	W
Williams, George	R Laborer	B
Weaver, V.G.	D Salesman	W
Woodruff, Elise M.	D Housewife	W
Wilcox, K. A.	D "	W
Wilder, Annie	D real estate	W
Wilder, Bennie	D "	W

1925 Names begin with "W"

W. Wingate [sic]	D RR Forman	W
Mrs. Clara White [sic]	D Housewife	W
Z.T. Wilcox [sic]	D Fruit Trucking	W
Chester M. White [sic]	I Salesman	W
Vivian L. White [sic]	R Housewife	W
Mrs. Zeri Wilcox [sic]	D Housewife	W
Winchester, E.L.	D Carpenter	W
Mrs. Mary Winchester [sic]	D Housewife	W
White, Michael E.	R Contractor	W

1926 Names begin with "W"

Winchester, Oscar R.	D Builder	W
Ray Wilcox [sic]	D Builder	W
Woolbright, Ione	D Housewife	W

Continued 1926 Names Begin with "W"

Wilson, M. L.	D Dreg Line Operator [sic]	W
Woolbright, Thomas	D Farmer	W
White, F.L.	D Contractor	White
White, E.W.	D Contractor	White
White, Jean M.	D Housewife	"
White, Marion E.	D No	"
White, Neil Vernon	D Housewife	"
Welch, Curley	D Laborer	Black
Wilson, Fred	R Merchant	"
Wilder, Mrs. C.C.	D Housewife	White
Wilder, C.C.	D Retired	"
Williams, Tom	R Laborer	Colored
Winegardner, Mrs. C.M.	R Housewife	White
Willey, Dorr F.	D Craneman	"
Webb, R.P.	R Real Estate	"
Winegardner, Chester M.	R Carpenter	W

1927 Names Begin with "W"

Weems, Dr. N.M.	D Doctor	White
Wilcox, Ida	D Housewife	"
Weaver, Ava	D "	"
Webber, F.H.	D Painter	White
Weems, Mrs. N.M.	D Housewife	White
White, Mrs. M.E.	D Housewife	"

1928 Names Begin with "W"

Wright, Albert		Colored
Weems, Truly	D Housewife	W
Wax, Binjaman [sic]	D Merchant	W
Wax, Lena	D Housewife	W
Williamson, R.F.	D Teacher	W

Undated [1929?] Names Begin with "W"

Wilcox, Grace E.	D Single	W
" Elizabeth	D Wife	W
" Hazel	R "	W
White, W.H.	D Machinist	W
Wilson, Rose C.	D Wife	W
Woerz, G.	D Farmer	W
Williams, Geo. R.	R Laborer	B
Willis, Robt.	R Farmer	B
Williams, Rebecca	R Wife	B
Wagner, Henry, Jr.	D Realtor	W
Wagner, Wilhelmina	D Housewife	W
Yetter, George	D Single	White
Undated [1929?] Names begin with "Y"		
Young, Thelma A.	D Laborer	W

No names were listed for the letters "U," "X," or "Z."

Under the letter "T" for names where age is indicated, the copies from which this information was taken did not include designation of race but did show age.

This transcription represents an effort to adhere to the spellings used originally by the Town Clerk.

Other pages, not included here, indicate whether the registrants had receipts to prove they had paid the required poll tax. Voters were usually asked also to pass non-standardized literacy tests, and only whites were permitted to vote in the Democratic White Primary which existed until outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1944.



Street Dance on Clematis Street., West Palm Beach, FL circa 1920 (Courtesy The Historical Society of Palm Beach County)

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Boynton Beach Historical Society memberships are for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. If you are not now a member and would like to join, complete the form below and return it with your check for the type of membership you desire payable to The Boynton Beach Historical Society, P. O. Box 12, Boynton Beach, Florida 33425-0012.

**BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM, CALENDAR YEAR 2004
 WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE BOYNTON BEACH'S HERITAGE**

Member's Name _____ 2nd Member's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____ E-Mail _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	INDIVIDUAL (\$25.00) _____	FAMILY (\$35.00) _____
	PATRON (\$50.00) _____	CORPORATE (\$100.00) _____

Yes _____, I would like to serve on the following committee(s)

Archives/Preservation _____	Program/Planning _____	Mailings _____
Telephone _____	Hospitality _____	Membership _____
Public Relations _____	Seeking Sponsors _____	Minority History _____
Fundraising _____	Other (Specify) _____	