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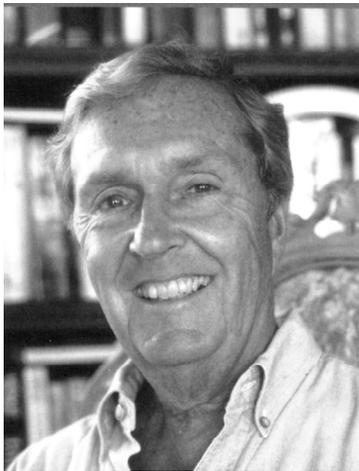
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GULFSTREAM AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER 10 MEETING

Robert W. Ganger, who made Miradero in Gulfstream his permanent residence in 1992, was inspired by research related to the restoration of this house. He chose to write a book *Lucy Vanderbilt Webb's MIRADERO: Window on an Era* which describes the life of the woman who built Miradero to be her 1930s winter home in Gulfstream. The following description is taken from the dust jacket of the book, "Spanning an era from the Gilded Age to the Great Depression, cast with the movers and shakers of the period, moving from Manhattan's fashionable Fifth Avenue to bucolic Vermont and then to Palm Beach, Eliza (Lila) Vanderbilt Webb's life unfolded in a manner historians have called 'mythically grand.'"

Mr. Ganger will describe his research into this mythically grand life, and how it has encouraged him to become increasingly active in state and local historical and preservation societies. He is a member of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and serves as Deputy Treasurer. Copies of his book will be available through the courtesy of **Past Perfect: Florida History Bookstore**, and he will be happy to sign copies purchased at the meeting.



Robert W. Ganger

Please Note the Change of Time and Location!!

- Topic:** "Discovering Miradero"
- Speaker:** Robert W. Ganger, Retired Corporate Executive and Business Consultant; Author and Preservationist
- Date:** Monday, October 10, 2005
- Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- Place:** Boynton Beach City Library

LOOKING AHEAD:

Programs for November and January to be Sponsored by Humanities Council. On November 14, **Herb Hiller** through the Florida Humanities Council Roads Scholars Program will speak about the development of **Florida's Highway A1A**, and how it has played a crucial role in both the historic settlement and 21st century development of Florida. On January 23, 2006, **Dana Ste. Claire** will provide a colorful and revealing tour of **Cracker Culture in Florida History**. Programs through the **Florida Humanities Council** are always excellent and past presentations have been well-received. Plan to come. More details in November Newsletter.

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**EARLY NAMES IN BOYNTON HISTORY
From Records of the Boynton Woman's Club**

(Courtesy Callie Rousseau Brown)

The Boynton Woman's Club holds a unique place in the history of Boynton Beach. The Club was first organized in 1909 and many of its members were major players in the early history of the Town of Boynton. Below is a list of the Charter Members from that first year 1909-1910 with a brief description of who they were, and often who their husbands were:

1. **Marion A. Angevine** (Mrs. George A.) – George was Postmaster in Hypoluxo 1906-1915.
2. **Ida Boomer** (Mrs. John Allen) – from Brookfield, MO. 1908 or 1909. Returned to MO. 1912.
3. **Harriet (Wilkinson) Brown** (Mrs. James Murray) – Daughter of Nannie Wilkinson. Lived in Hypoluxo. Taught in Boynton 1900-1901. Known as "Hattie." Her sister-in-law, Jeannie Gordon Brown, became a nun who influenced education in Florida as Mother Theresa Joseph.
4. * **Maggie Collins** (Mrs. George T.) – from Georgia. In Boynton in 1902. Large family, store.
5. **Laura E. Darner** (Mrs. G. Earl) -- Managed Lyman's store on Ocean Avenue. Lived over store.
6. * **Ida J. Daugharty** (Mrs. Jesse) – Came in November 1902 from Spring Garden, Florida (Volusia County) Mr. Daugharty farmed, and they had a store on Ocean Avenue west of the FEC tracks. She was Hazel Houston's mother.
7. **Byrd Spilman Dewey** (Mrs. Fred S.) – He had purchased the townsite of Boynton. She was an author of children's books..
8. **Laura M. Fleming** – Teacher in Boynton School 1909-1911. First year there were two rooms. Principal and high school subjects. An older sister married Byron Freelund.
9. * **Anna Freelund** (Mrs. Joseph E.) – Came to work at the Boynton Beach Hotel. Swedish. Met Joseph here and were married. His parents lived over on the ridge.
10. **Carrie Frey** -- No information. Perhaps from Delray.
- 11.* **Laetta Funk** (Mrs. Willis T.) – They came in 1905. Had a daughter Vera. Operated a General Store in the Pierce Building. Then operated the Freelund Hotel (called it Hotel Vera). Willis had two brothers, Isaac and Frank. Isaac married Alice Palmer.
- 12.* **Cora Stickney Harper** (Mrs. Charles T.) -- He was a Florida East Coast Railway Agent. She had been born in Newport, New Hampshire and was well educated. A former teacher. She is credited with being the moving spirit in organizing the Woman's Club. It was she who arranged for the Boynton and Hypoluxo high school students to attend Palm Beach High School.
- 13.* **Kate Higgins** (Mrs. Roscoe C.) -- Lived on U.S.#1 south of town and had a general store downstairs in the Pierce Building (first Woman's Club) on Ocean Avenue.
- 14.* **Lucy J. Hillard** (Mrs. Benjamin J.) – Daughter of the Franklin P. Harpers.
15. **M. Edith Hunter** -- from Georgia. Taught in lower grades with Laura Fleming 1909-1910. Left at Christmas. Year Completed by Jessie Sims.
16. **Laura Knight** (Mrs. John) -- He was a farmer. Her sister, Leota, married Clyde Murray, the oldest son of a pioneer Family.
17. **Martha Low** – no information.

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IN MEMORIAM

The first issue of the Boynton Bugle is dedicated to our beloved editor of last year, Jerome Croft. It will be an inspiration to the staff of 1939-40 to bear in memory his splendid qualities of leadership, school spirit and courage.

A CHALLENGE

The staff of the Boynton Bugle wishes to issue a challenge to each member of the student body to cooperate in making our school a school free from petty lying and deceitfulness. In schools where this form of dishonesty is prevalent there is a certain amount of discord found between students and teachers, which lowers the standard of the school and the amount of fellowship and good will between pupils and instructors. Let's each of us strive to raise the moral standard of our school. We can — if we will!!

LET'S GET DOWN TO WORK

Many students think of school as a mar on American freedom. This is an exaggerated idea. School is not a prison, but the key to new freedom of expression, ideas, and enlightenment. I, therefore, propose that we students of Boynton High School earnestly get down to work. Don't wait for the bell; try to cram in another minute of learning.

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This paper is made possible by cooperation of advertisers and the confidence they have put in our promises.

It has been a pleasure to meet these advertisers and of real benefit to learn their viewpoints.

We thank you, our friends, who heartedly and ask you to mention the Boynton Bugle when you buy. We urge, too, that you, our Boynton people, subscribe to our paper and boost our circulation each month.

We have enjoyed letters from Stanley Weaver, Helen Adams, Ralph Myers, Anna James, Beatrice Near, Gene Wright and several others. It is comforting experience to know that folks leaving Boynton miss their home town and school.

Helen Adams and Phyllis Lamb, class of '39, are enrolled as freshmen at Florida State College for Women; Ruth Shepard and Hazel Lacey, class of '36, are seniors there this year.

Stanley Weaver and Donald Austin, class of '29, have entered the University of Florida this year. Harriet Magnuson, class of '37, has begun her second year of training in the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.

Lewis Culpepper, class of '39, has enrolled at Southern College in Lakeland and Eleanor Shepard and Lorene Cunningham, class of '38, have resumed their studies there as sophomores.

Rebecca (Parson) Merkle, class of '38, who was married last spring, has made her home in South Boynton.

Beatrice Near, class of '39, is enrolled at Chillocothe Business School, Chillocothe, Mo.

Grace Partin, class of '38, is working in Mr. Crane's office.

Martha Myers, class of '34, is teaching the first grade in Boynton and Peggy Meredith, class of '35, is teaching the third and the fourth grades in Boca Raton.

Homer Adams, class of '37, Maurice Easkin class of '39, and John Rousseau, class of '37, are residing in Boynton.

Gene Wright, class of '37, is enrolled at Chillocothe Business College at Chillocothe, Mo.

Clyde Miller, class of '39, is working in his father's nursery in Hypoluxo.

Katherine Foy, Leona Lacey, Elsie Mae Menzel, all of class of '39, and Helen Myers and Harriet Lewerenz, both of the class of '38, are living in Boynton.

Dear Mr. Crane:

After having just finished buying almost a complete library of text books, and almost walking my legs off on the campus, I finally found time to sit down and write even a few lines to my friends.

The weather has been "terrific" as Arthur says, but now it is cooling off very pleasantly. So pleasantly, in fact, and so swiftly, that I am catching a cold. It is raining now.

Arthur and I have a two-room suite in Sled Hall, which is nicely situated (close to the cafeteria). There are twin beds, a typewriter table, a desk, and a hall-tree in the room. We're looking out for easy chairs, but they are hard to find right now.

Another experience was added to my long, and varied list the other day, when I looked in my desk drawer and saw, stamped on the wooden bottom, "H. E. Wakefield, Jr."

I have been allowed to take five subjects, which means twenty-four hours of classes per week (including artillery drill). The fifth course, besides the regular C 1, C 2, C 3 and C 41, is C F L 33 or French. From the looks of things, though, I believe this course will be fairly easy.

Any time you want to know anything or have me write for the paper, let me know. My address is

Box 2197, University Station, Gainesville.

I was going to close there, but I happened to think to tell you that Don Austin is taking to this life as early as I, and seems quite happy about the whole thing.

Yours truly,
 STANLEY

Tallahassee, Fla.
 Sept. 24, 1939

Dear Mrs. McCall,

How is everything in school this year? We are getting along just fine. We are taking up commerce, but only certain subjects are required for freshmen.

Would you please send us the school paper and the price of it for a semester?

How is the staff of the school paper getting along?

Have you heard from Beatrice yet? If you have please send her address to us. Our address is 528 Palm Court, Tallahassee, Fla., F. S. C. W., Care A. K. Lee.

Sincerely yours,
 HELEN ADAMS and
 PHYLLIS LAMB

Out of last year's class of twelve graduates, four have entered college, one has entered business college and three have jobs. Having eight out of twelve gainfully occupied four months after graduating is considerably above the national average for high school graduates, where in the past four years 56 per cent wait an average of nineteen months before becoming gainfully occupied. We compliment our graduates of last year on their ambition to work toward a future.

CLASS STATISTICS

Senior class: Fourteen members. President, Jean Jones; secretary-treasurer, Mary Julia Thompson; sponsor, Mr. Swilley; class colors, white and green, Flower, carnation.

Junior class: Twelve members. President, Marvin Benson; vice president, Martha Pent; secretary-treasurer, Jacqueline Partin; sponsor, Miss White.

Sophomore class: Twelve members. Home room teacher, Miss Stevens.

SENIORS GET RINGS

The seniors have received their badges of seniority — their rings, of which they are very proud. Some of the class also have pins like the rings.

The rings were ordered last spring so that the class might have them at the first of the school term and so have them for all of their senior year.

STUDENT BONERS

Mary Julia was saying in solid geometry class that east and west could be straight up and down.

Seen and heard: Students practicing artificial respiration. One girl said "Are you giving her inspiration?"

Clara Mills wants to know if

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN EXPLAINED BY BOYNTON STUDENT

By Lenore Benson

The Florida State College for Women is located in Tallahassee, the capital of the State of Florida, Tallahassee, and the surrounding locality is known widely for its delightful climate and for a health record unsurpassed in this country.

The college consists of twenty-seven buildings, seventeen of brick, on a campus of some eighty acres. Recreational facilities are provided by a large gymnasium with a tiled swimming pool, indoor and outdoor basketball court, and outside athletic field and a college camp at Lake Bradford. The student enrollment for the regular session this year is 1,875 students, while the faculty group numbers around one hundred and twenty-five men and women.

The Florida State College for Women includes the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, the School of Home Economics and the School of Music.

The general architectural theme of the building on the campus is the "Tudor Gothic." The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1800. The Florida Flambeau, the college paper, is published weekly by the student body during the regular college term.

The rates of the college are very reasonable as it is a state school. The college has membership in leading educational associations in the country.

HOW ABOUT OUR STUDENT COUNCIL?

The student body was asked in the fourteenth issue of the paper last year to give some time to think about organizing a student council to assist in the sponsoring of increased school activities and in the school government. All students interested are asked to volunteer at the office. From those expressing interest a committee will be appointed to investigate the possibility for organizing a student council.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

I came, I saw, I conquered. — Caesar.

With malice towards none, and with charity toward all. — Lincoln.

Give me liberty or give me death. — Patrick Henry.

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end in life. — Robert Louis Stevenson.

The only homage of deeds. — Theodore Roosevelt.

you have to invent something before you can be a chemist.

Topple Brant spella oxygen, "oxyden." Just what is that, Topple?

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Last month we copied pages one and four of *The Boynton Bugle* of October 13, 1939. *The Boynton Bugle* was a student publication of the historic old Boynton High School on Ocean Avenue. This month we are including pages three and four which include the masthead which names the student staff and the faculty advisors. Not only school news was included, but also some news of the community, especially that relevant to students such as that about activities of church youth groups and the Boy Scouts. Advertising support came from Lake Worth and West Palm Beach.

BOYNTON SCHOOL TEACHERS ENJOY THEIR VACATIONS

Most of Miss Windham's and Miss Stevens' vacation was spent in traveling — the former having visited twelve states, and the latter California and Kansas.

Directly after school was out, Mrs. McCall went to Cuba. She then went to her home in Kentucky, where she passed the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Watson's vacation was spent in North Carolina, Mrs. Weaver's in Alabama.

The following teachers remained at home: Mr. Crane, Miss White, Miss Bowery and Miss Myers.

A few of the teachers spent their vacation in college. Mr. Swilley and Mrs. Shepard attended Southern; Mrs. Brown and Miss Rousseau attended Tallahassee and Mr. Stockard attended Peabody College in Nashville.

With The BOYNTON BOY SCOUTS

The Boynton Boy Scouts have elected their officers for this year. The troop has cleaned the yards of the two churches in Boynton. Six new scouts have come into the troop lately giving us a total of twenty-four scouts.

The monthly court of honor was held Thursday, October 5, 1939. Three Boynton scouts went up for merit badges and all were awarded.

The Gulfstream Council had a swimming meet September 30, which Stuart won. Boynton won the district ticket selling contest for the meet. The Boy Scouts are trying to raise money to put in a bird fountain in the Boynton Park.

The Boynton Girl Scouts have met regularly all summer. They have been working on various activities and quite a few have passed their test. Several picnics and other outdoor activities have been enjoyed. There are seventeen girls in the troop which is known as an intermediate group. The ages of the girls range from ten to fourteen years.

The patrols are having candy sales on Saturday to raise money to buy a troop flag and an American flag.

The troop plans to earn money to equip every member with a uniform before spring. The troop captain is Mrs. Fred Benson. The lieutenants are Mrs. Robert Daugherty and Miss Dorothy Shepard. Committee members are Mrs. Leslie Crane, Mrs. Herbert Keats, Mrs. Bayless Cline, Mrs. Harvey Oyer and Mrs. C. H. Hood.

Three of our high school boys have enrolled in the Georgia Military Academy. They are George Schubert, Ralph Myers and Marvin Wright.

News Of BOYNTON CHURCHES

The Baptist Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. with the morning worship service at 11 a.m. The Sunday evening service is at 7:30 p.m.

The church school of the Methodist Church starts at 9:45 a.m. and the morning worship service is at 11:00 a.m. The young people's league service is at 7:00 p.m. with the evening church service following it at 8:00 p.m.

October at the Methodist Church is youth emphasis month. The Young People's department is launching a drive for enlarging its membership and attendance. On the last Friday night of the month it will sponsor a banquet which it plans to make an annual affair. During the month the pastor is preaching sermons especially for the young people and special speakers are being asked to talk at the league services each Sunday night.

Pollteness and civility are the best capital ever invested in business. P. T. Barnum.

DIDJA EVER?

See Scott French with his mouth shut?

Hear Lenore say anything without giggling?

Hear the poem Burnie recited in public speaking?

Hear about that "U" Melvin made? (Neither have we).

Hear Alma yell out what she thinks?

See Jackie by herself?

Hear the halls quiet during the three minute interval between classes?

Talk to Lorraine without her blushing?

See George James when he wasn't acting silly?

See Margaret when she wasn't arguing?

See Mrs. Watson when she wasn't dressed up?

See Alton Murray in a hurry?

LIBRARY TO HAVE NEW MAGAZINES FOR USE THIS YEAR

With the money given to the library by the P. T. A. the following magazines have been subscribed for: Nature, Popular Mechanics, American Girl, Scholastic, Combined Edition, Popular Science Open Road for Boys, Readers Digest and the American.

Besides these magazines a large number are contributed by individual persons. These include the Times, Life, Saturday Evening Post, Scribner's, Boy's Life, American Boy, Ladies Home Journal, Christian Herald, Good Housekeeping and Nature.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASS OFFERED FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF SCHOOL

This year, for the first time, a course in Public Speaking is being offered under the direction of Mrs. Watson.

The class is giving speeches to develop spontaneity and tone-production, they are reciting poetry to develop imagination and spontaneity and they are doing exercises to develop poise and tone-productions.

Before the year is over the class hopes to be able to think clearly on their feet, and express themselves with more ease in the presence of others.

SUPERSTITIOUS?

One of the most common superstitions is the fact that Friday the thirteenth is unlucky.

Many people believe that walking under a ladder brings bad luck; that sweeping after dark causes trouble; that wearing a rabbit's foot around your neck brings good luck, etc.

These and many other superstitions have been handed down by our grandparents. Although most of us say we do not believe in superstitions there are still many who do.

Teacher: "I would like to know why it is that whenever I leave the room for a short time and then return I find no one working."

It seems that Herbie wasn't in school all day Thursday; and it also seems that that's the day the blues started running. So after school Mr. Crane decided to go over to the met and see the run of blues and sure enough there was Herbie. They got to talking and Mr. Crane came home with six or eight pounds of bluefish; but he didn't do any fishing with a pole. So long and don't forget to expectorate upon the hook — you know (apt).

SCOTTY

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

The second grade has made new curtains and painted flower pots for their room, making it very pretty and original. They also have made a store and are planning a science corner.

The first grade has started on their Halloween art work.

The fourth grade is studying Indians and are making a Seminole hut and costumes. When they have completed about four weeks study of Indians, they will give a program on the project.

The fifth and sixth grades are making a study of the mountainous and natural regions of the U. S. They also are studying the King Arthur stories.

The seventh grade has made a

BOYNTON TIGERS BEATEN BY CENTRAL SCHOOL OF W. P. B.

In an exciting and fast moving game at Andersen Field Tuesday, Centrals fast team drubbed Boynton's Tigers 20-7.

The first two touchdowns were scored by Central, one being by Tamato and the other by Reynus. Both extra points were added.

Boynton came back in the third quarter and Partin scored Boynton's lone touchdown on a pass from Gibson. Gibson threw a pass to Woolbright for the extra point, but Central scored another and final touchdown in the closing minutes of the game with Reynus scoring his second of the game. The extra point failed.

Final score: 20-7.
 Boynton 0 0 7 0-7
 Central 7 7 0 6-20
 Touchdowns: Central: Tamato, Reynus 2. Boynton: Partin. Extra points: Central: Reynus 2. Boynton, Woolbright.

SPORTS REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS

So Reynus is Boynton's downfall. Two years in a row now. Last year he made the lone score and extra point, 7-0. This year 20-7.

Can't Van and Company stop these massaces. Somebody should. We congratulate Buddy Partin on his fine catch, and Mr. Woolbright on his (P. S. We weren't skunked at least).

We wonder if Keith McRae is really a "hide out" or is he day dreaming. Don't tell anybody, but I thought the score in the Central-Boynton game would be something like 98-0. Van ran so hard across field at Reynus he couldn't turn the other way so — touchdown! Van seems embarrassed when Coach Swilley mentions.

Mr. Swilley says the best way to find where the play is going is to watch Buddy Partin. Watch out!! The boys called time out Monday and gave Henry Lunsford the "red belly" Tch! Tch! What next? ? ?

BASKETBALL AHEAD

The girls are looking forward to a great season of basketball practicing. It seems that the other schools aren't going to have a team, but a few games may be arranged to play the alumnae. Nevertheless, we will keep practicing.

We will be present at all the boys games and will yell like h.. for them.

display in geography and have a daily health chart.

The second grade entertained the first grade and served ice cream which they made themselves.

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We have received such positive response about this paper, that next month we will copy page one and four of the other issue mailed us by Marjorie Bynum. Thank you, readers, for your comments; and please check to see if you can find some old treasures to share with our members

(continued from page 2, Early Names)

18. **Nellie Near Mast** (Mrs. Charles) – She was well educated, from the Midwest. He farmed and had a grove between their home and the Florida East Coast Canal (now the Intracoastal Waterway). The Mast home on the east side of U.S.#1 at Boynton Beach Boulevard was the first concrete block home in Boynton.
- 19.* **Estella “Stella” H. McKay** (Mrs. James) was the sister of Charles Harper. The McKay house was still standing in 1984 at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Northeast First Street.
20. **Jessie P. Miller** – Teacher. Boarded with the Voss family in Hypoluxo. Taught at the Lantana-Hypoluxo School in 1911-1912, perhaps longer.
21. **Emma Ewing Pence** (Mrs. Cullen) – Came to teach and met and married Cullen who was a leading citizen in Boynton. They had two sons. Gave land for Pence Park.
22. **Minnie C. Petrie** (Mrs. Charles) -- They were from the Midwest, possibly Chicago. She was the first music teacher in Boynton. Son Harry in Army in World War I.
23. **Kate (Ford) Rousseau** (Mrs. Abel A.) – Katherine was born in Girard, Alabama in 1879. About 1907 she came with two of her sisters, Jessie and Annie, to Boynton. In 1908 Kate married Abel. They raised four daughters and two sons, all born in Boynton.
- 24.* **Wilda Rousseau** (Mrs. Robert) -- They came from Glennwood, Volusia County, Florida in 1899. Robert and Abel were brothers. Their daughter, Marjorie, was the first white girl born in Boynton. (Charles “Chuck” Pierce was the first white boy.)
25. **Jessie Sims** – Teacher. Took Edith Hunter’s place in January, 1910.
- 26.* **Gertrude Smith** (Mrs. William H.) -- They were from Michigan. Mr. Smith arrived in 1898 and Gertrude about 1902. They were married in Boynton. Mr. Smith may have been the brother of Mrs. H.B. Murray, early settlers. He was an Inspector of County Roads.
27. **Texas L. Strickland** -- Husband was a Florida East Coast Railway Agent. They had twins, Milton and Mildred.
28. **Eliza Tedder** (Mrs. Littleton) – Came to Boynton from Volusia County, Florida before 1902. Lived on Ocean Avenue between McKays and the school. Had a daughter, Mable.
29. **Nannie L. Wilkinson** (Mrs. Howard) – Of Scottish descent. Married Howard in Virginia. They came to Hypoluxo in 1890. Had son, Joseph, and two daughters, Meta Belle (Mrs. Eugene Dimick) and Harriet “Hattie” who married James Murray Brown, also of Hypoluxo.
30. **Summer Wilkinson** -- no information.
- 31.* **Bertha M. Williams** (Mrs. John J.) After his death she married Leonard S. Chadwell. She died in December 1982 at age 95. She came from Volusia County, Florida ca. 1906. Niece of Jesse Daugharty. All her life she was active in civic affairs, and was instrumental in bringing about construction of both buildings of the Woman’s Club. Her friendship with Addison Mizner enabled Boynton to have a building designed by him. She had nieces Helen Pressley, Lucile Maull, and Dorothy Stevens.

A list of 18 names was published in *The Tropical Sun*, an early Palm Beach newspaper of the day, taken from the application for a Charter of the Boynton Woman’s Club, incorporating in July, 1911. Eleven of those names on that charter list are indicated above with asterisks immediately left of their names. The other seven members signing the charter application were:

Eunice E. Benson (Mrs. Robert) – Daughter Helen taught in the Boynton School for many years. After Robert’s death, Eunice married Oscar Magnuson. The son Kendall drowned in the excavation pit that had been dug when the Cassandra Hotel was to be built (at corner of Ocean Avenue and U.S.#1). Daughters Harriet Magnuson Geppert became a nurse at John F. Kennedy Hospital, and Betty Jean Magnuson Zobel served as the City Treasurer of Boynton Beach. Eunice had a good voice and taught piano. Robert’s two brothers, Harry and Fred, came to Boynton in 1902. Their sister, Olga taught in Boynton for several years.

Lillie T. Davies (Mrs. Charles A.) She was from Michigan and was related to the Murrays and Smiths who were early Settlers in Boynton.

Vera V. Funk -- She was the daughter of Willis T. Funk. She married Frank Webber. In 1911 her parents ran the Freeland House, the first hotel in the original Town of Boynton, and renamed it Hotel Vera. Later other name changes were Buckley Hotel, and Palm Lodge, located on Ocean Avenue on the block west of the Florida East Coast tracks.

Elizabeth A. Harper
S.C. Harper

Cornelia Kapp (Mrs. Bert L.) One of the very early settlers. Possibly came with the Murray group from Michigan. She was considered a good cook and kept boarders during the winter season.

Annie (Ford) Lee (Mrs. Dave D.) -- Came from Alabama. [See sketch on Kate Rousseau.] The Lees ran a boarding house at the corner of what is now Boynton Beach Boulevard and Northeast Third Street.

[Editor’s note: Why these seven names are listed separately is a question. Perhaps they signed the charter application, but were not considered members in that first year. The incorporation occurred in 1911, whereas the founding occurred in 1909. “Charter Members” are the original members of an organization.]



After September 1947 Hurricane, some trailer damage



Hurricane. October brought another here, less windy, but wetter.



After September 1947 hurricane, Looking toward trailers at Briny Breezes



Sally Hood shares some pictures she took after the September 1947

September 1947 hurricane, Taste Shop blown down on Ocean Avenue

September 1947 hurricane, Briny Breezes cottage washed into ocean

Boynton Beach Historical Society memberships are for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Join now for the Calendar Year 2006. 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.

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BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM, CALENDAR YEAR 2006

Member's Name _____

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Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: INDIVIDUAL (\$25.00) _____
 FAMILY (\$35.00) _____
 PATRON (\$50.00) _____
 CORPORATE (\$100 or more) _____

Yes _____, I would like to serve on the following committee(s) [Circle choices]

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