A Word from the Editor—

This begins my fourth year as the Society’s President, and my fourth year writing The Historian. I must report to you that I feel more successful with the copy than I do with my administrative role. Boynton, Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida have such a rich historical heritage that material for the newsletter abounds. People have been kind to share photographs and stories, and there is a rich supply in our holdings stored in the City Library. The Cultural Center and the Historical Society of Palm Beach County are generous to share materials when I ask, and other historical libraries probably would be also.

As your President I had hoped to accomplish several things that are yet not done. We need more time applied to archival cataloging and storage of the materials we own. We need to have our Minority History Committee organized and working. And we need more visibility in the community, and more members and member involvement. A large share of Boynton’s history is slipping away with time, especially in the minority community, and we need to see that information is located and preserved for the future. Although the Library, the Historical Society, and the Cultural Center have done some oral histories, more need to be undertaken. So you see, there is much to do. I hope all of you will agree to help me when I contact you about ways we can make the Boynton Beach Historical Society a greater asset to our beautiful area and to find the means to serve our members and friends better. I hope this year brings renewed success to all our efforts.

September Topic: The Civil War in South Florida

Speaker: Rodney Dillon, Historian
Date: Monday, September 12, 2005
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Boynton Woman’s Club
1010 S. Federal Hwy

Rodney E. Dillon, Jr. is a Florida “cracker,” born in Fort Myers and raised in Palm Beach County. He graduated from Palm Beach Gardens High School and received his BA in History from Florida Atlantic University and his MA at the University of Florida, where he wrote his master’s thesis on “The Civil War in South Florida.”

He has been Research Historian for the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and Administrator of the Broward County Historical Commission. He has published several articles on Florida history and served as editor of the “Broward Legacy” historical journal. He and his partner, Barbara Poleo, currently own and operate the Past Perfect Florida History bookstore in the Ocean Plaza at 640 East Ocean Avenue in Boynton, selling new, used and antiquarian books and specializing in Florida and related topics.
IN MEMORIAM

Rebecca Partin Merkel
[Photo courtesy of Gloria Turner]

The Historical Society lost one of its charter members this summer. Rebecca Partin Merkel was a long time resident of Boynton Beach having moved here with her parents in the 1920s. She was a descendant through her father Mott Hall Partin of Lyman Hall a signer of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia. She had been very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also participated regularly in the activities of the Boynton Woman’s Club and in church—originally in the First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, and later in St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church. In 1939 she married Norman B. Merkel who with his brother Jean operated Alberts/Merkel Brothers Orchids for many years on South Federal Highway.

Their home built on the intracoastal behind the orchid nursery was razed by a developer to build Tuscany Apartments. The house was unique and of historical interest. It was built of antique Georgia bricks salvaged from homes destroyed by General Sherman in his march through Georgia during the Civil War. The Merkels had them trucked in when they began construction.

A daughter, a sister, and an aunt also are current members of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. Our sympathy and best wishes to Judith Howard, Gloria Turner, and Wilese Langford and to all others of Rebecca’s family.

Somethings New

Now available—a new book—*Images of America: Boynton Beach*

The Boynton Beach City Library proudly announces the publication of *Images of America: Boynton Beach.* This new 128-page local history book by M. Randall Gill in conjunction with the Boynton Beach City Library was co-authored by Library Associate and Archivist Janet DeVries. The book includes over 200 vintage photographs from the historical archives. Proceeds will benefit the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum. Books are available for purchase at the Boynton Beach City Library, the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum and at local bookstores. For more information call 561-742-6397 or 742-6380.

New for the City—the Boynton Beach Arts Commission, chaired by Debby Coles-Dobay.

A special presentation for the members of the Historical Society and the Boynton Woman’s Club, has been scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005, 1:30—3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, “Picturing Florida Program” by artist Ellen Harvey. All are welcome, no admission. More detail will be provided in the October issue of *The Historian.*
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Professor Quiz Program Given Boynton P.T.A.

Girls Receive Theater Party As Winners: A. V. Petersen is Professor Quiz

Mr. A. V. Peterson, acted as Professor Quiz in the "Professor Quiz" program given recently to the P.T.A. From an audience of seventysix, Mr. Peterson was chosen as captain of the boys team and Mrs. Benson was chosen as captain of the girls team. Mr. Peterson chose Mr. Chester White, Mr. R. O. Myers, and Mr. C. Knuth. Mrs. Fied Benson and Mr. Hugh Brown to be on his team. Those chosen by Mrs. Benson were Mr. Fied Benson, Mrs. T. E. Wood- bright, Mrs. James, Mrs. C. H. Exeter, and Mrs. Herbert Kent.

The high point of the meeting was when Professor Quiz asked Mr. Benson if the quiz spon- stand for and Mr. Peterson was- to be expected. The girls appeared to have the edge, however, since their quiz scored 127 points for the boys.

The winning team was awarded theater tickets. The following are the winners:

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BOYNTON GETS NEW PRODUCE MARKET; TO BE BIG BUSTED HERE

By Additon of Community Market

The construction of a produce marketing platform on the Dixie Highway was begun last week. The building is being built by a group of civic-minded citizens. The building will be complete in time for the opening of the market on Saturday, November 16.

Mr. H. H. Mott, secretary of the Boynton Produce Market, states that the market will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The market will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Blues Reported in the Swim Again As Inlet Yields Site

The fall and winter fishing season got off to a good start here in Boynton with the arrival on October 8 of the blues, although the first day's catch wasn't as heavy as it was expected. All day spectators at the inlet said it exceeded a thousand or more fish, which, of course, doesn't count the big ones that always get away.

But, fellow fishermen, don't think for one minute there aren't any other kinds of fish but blues in there, because according to those three fishing rods, Bob Batiste, Herbert Sulek and Will- bur Hackle, there's more mackerel, jack and snapper and such, than usual.

Deep sea fishing, as I understand it, has been quite up to snuff in the past summer but with the winter season coming on it will be great again.

The cruiser "Dorothy" under Jack Williams, caught three nice tar- more of a trip last week. Any of you people who would like to do a bit of deep sea fishing can rent the inlet boat at Fisherman's Ore at your disposal at a very nominal sum.

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WORTHMOR ICE CREAM

The Boynton Bugle was published on the historic old Boynton High School. It was printed on newsprint in the format shown here. Students wrote the articles under the guidance of two faculty advisors, Mrs. Roxanne McColl and Mrs. Laura Watson. Marjorie Bynum, a member of the Historical Society, presented the first move in setting up a local history of the Boynton Bugle in 1917, at the Historical Society. During the year, we will print both copy in full. Each issue is 4 pages, but we will print the first and fourth pages together some of the articles from page one are continued on page four. Pages two and three from this issue will be included in next month's historian.
Don't Look Now -- But

Well, we are back in the swing again and the school is fairly reeling with romance and gossip.

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Since Phyilla Lamb left Bob White has really looked down and out. Don't mind, Bob, she'll come back some day.

Toppy, we are really and truly sorry that Ellen isn't coming here to school instead of Delray.

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Some people really fuss when they see their name in this column, yes, yes, in this column. But we know they just love it. So don't say a word, you really want everyone to know what you do and say.

If you have been better, watch yourself. You are trying to take your girl friend away from you.

Dinkie Hogan has never lost that one little hope of getting Jackie Parth. Did we see you two walking to school together. Well, well, well. I'll be seeing you.

TEACHERS RECEIVE DEGREES

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First Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Patrol, ca. 1957

Two early Boynton families were represented in this group. In the front row, fourth from left, is Buddy Partin. Pat McGregor Murphy is standing, third from right. Pat lost his battle with cancer just last month. (His sister, Sue Murphy Beaman, served as the Historical Society’s Treasurer for many years.) Buddy died several years ago. He was a brother to Rebecca Partin Merkel whose memory we honor on page 2 of this issue of The Historian. (Photo courtesy of Sue Beaman)

At the time John Kirk became Sheriff, his Department’s role was very limited in law enforcement. Its duties consisted of providing bailiffs in the courts, maintaining the county jail, serving summons, and answering calls only when people called in that a crime had occurred in the county. Sheriff Kirk divided the county into four districts with 16 deputies divided among them who were assigned to patrol the rural area of Palm Beach County on a 24/7 schedule. This changed the role of the Department in county law enforcement substantially.

Gulfstream Author to Speak in October

Robert W. Ganger is a retired corporate executive and business development consultant who owns a home in Gulfstream, “Miradero,” that once belonged to Lila Vanderbilt Webb. Inspired by research related to the restoration of this house, he wrote a book about the life of the original owner, Lila Vanderbilt Webb’s Miradero: Window on an Era, published by the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Ganger is a graduate of Yale University and attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. The Historian will provide additional information in the October issue.
The purpose of the Society is to act as a living repository for Boynton Beach's traditions and history, to interpret items of historical and architectural significance, and to promote a better understanding of Boynton Beach's development.

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