



The Historian

The Newsletter of the Boynton Beach Historical Society

Serving Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, Lantana, Hypoluxo, the Village of Golf and all areas of West Boynton, in addition to supporting the preservation of the history of Palm Beach County and the State of Florida as a whole.

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State of HISTORIC PRESERVATION in BOYNTON BEACH

Warren Adams, the Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Boynton Beach, will cover the successes of the Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program since its inception in 2011, the Historic Preservation Education Program, and the Boynton Beach historic and archaeological sites at the Society's program on **Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.** at the Boynton Beach **City Library**.

Warren attended the University of York, England for Conservation Studies (Historic Buildings). He worked in Scotland and England for historic building and archaeology companies, building preservation trusts, Historic Scotland and the Townscape Heritage Initiative Program. He has held positions in Florida since 2004, first with the City of Delray Beach, then the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, and currently as the Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Boynton Beach. He is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the only American member with their accreditation in Building Conservation. He is Vice-chair of the Palm Beach County Historic Resources Review Board.



Warren Adams

WHAT: STATE of HISTORIC PRESERVATION in BOYNTON
Free Lecture Presented by Warren Adams

WHEN: Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: BOYNTON BEACH CITY LIBRARY
208 S. SEACREST BLVD.

Our Society's Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers, Directors, and Trustees will be held in the first half hour of the meeting. Only members in good standing for 2016 may vote, but the meeting is open to the public. The program presentation by Mr. Adams will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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[Non-Elected]

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2016	Virginia Farace
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BHHS ANNUAL MEETING IS IN APRIL

As announced in the box on page 1, the Annual Meeting of the Society is scheduled this month. Our Bylaws mandate that we elect all our Officers, and one-third of our Directors and Trustees during this month. We also elect individuals to

complete the unfinished terms of Directors or Trustees that may be vacant. Diane Gerino is chair of the Nominating Committee and can be reached at 561-496-2322 if any member wishes to be considered for nomination.

At the beginning of the meeting on April 18, the current President Randy Gill will ask the Nominating Committee to report, then he will ask for any additional nominations from the floor, and the election will proceed. This business usually takes about 15 to 20 minutes, and is followed by the program to be presented by our scheduled speaker.

If you are interested in serving, contact Diane or Randy to learn about the responsibilities of each office holder.

STATUS OF 1927 BOYNTON HIGH SCHOOL

As of this writing, we do not have anything specifically new to report about the school. We reported in a previous edition of *The Historian* that any action on the proposal presented earlier by Architect Rick Gonzalez had been postponed until after the City election which was held last month. Commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick who had been a staunch supporter for saving the school was defeated in the election, but in the race for Mayor the Incumbent Mayor Jerry Taylor and newcomer Steven Grant were in a run-off election last week. Grant won the run-off so Boynton now has a new Mayor. Grant has indicated he is in favor of saving the school and converting the building into a cultural center.

Rick Gonzalez has a backer who is willing to advance \$4.5 million to refurbish the building, but he is asking the City to advance \$1 ½ million and repay the advance plus interest over a 20 year period, the proceeds to be realized from various rentals within the building. Whether the City accepts this plan, or some other, remains to be seen. [See story in February 2016 edition.]

MAY MEETING IS A SUNDAY SPECIAL



The next meeting of the Boynton Beach Historical comes early, May 1st. to be precise. We will hold our annual covered-dish dinner at the Boynton Woman's Club on that Sunday, so your next edition of *The Historian* will arrive before the end of April. The Historical Society provides the entrees as well as the beverages, plates, flatware, cups and napkins. We are scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and ask that you bring a covered dish, either a salad, dessert or vegetable dish to serve 8. Anyone who does not bring a dish will be asked to pay \$10 per person at the door. Visitors are welcome, but will be expected to provide one of the dishes named above or pay as indicated. Remember, Sunday, May 1, at 4:30 p.m.

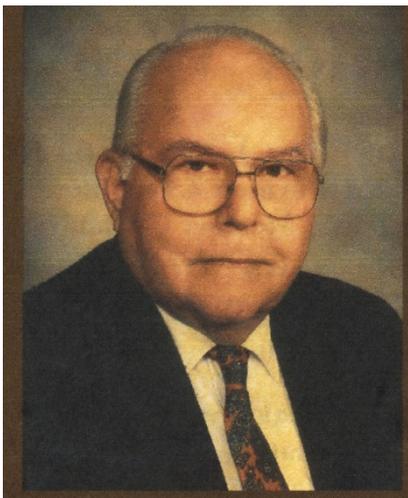
This is a time for good fellowship and a chance to discuss some of Boynton's history directly with some of the long-time residents. Newly elected Officers, Directors and Trustees will be installed and introduced to the attendees. Plan to attend! We have a good time!

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DAIRIES IN AND AROUND BOYNTON BEACH

By C. Stanley Weaver

[Editor's Note: Last month we included the first half of a manuscript composed by the late C. Stanley Weaver. This half pertains directly to the dairy industry in the area in which the Weaver family were major players.]



C. Stanley Weaver, ca 2007

Dairies in this area started where Briny Breezes and the Little Club are now located. Before this, milk was purchased in cans or from your neighbors if their cow was "fresh." At [date unknown] Mr. Ward Miller, developer of Briny Breezes, had a commercial dairy operations going, mainly to supply the hotels. Mr. Louis Winchester, uncle of Oscar, had a dairy there, too. Mr. Harry Benson developed his dairy, grazing his cattle on the Gulf Stream Polo Field in the summertime.



Besides owning Weaver Dairies and Feed Store, M.A. Weaver [far left] held a franchise for Purina. Note "Colw Chow" on the bags.

[Photo courtesy Christine Weaver Ternenyi]

M. A. Weaver started in the dairy business by working for Mr. Miller. In 1920, he was the first to "go west" with cattle in an attempt to establish a dairy. He located at the end of the paved Old Boynton Road, where it intercepts Military Trail [location of Cypress Creek Golf course today]. By the time he retired and sold to his sons, he had accumulated 1495 acres, had 2 dairies and was producing 2200 gallons of milk per day. At one time, his was the largest single producer of milk in Palm Beach County. C. F. Knuth and his son, O.C. Knuth, were pioneers in

the dairy business also. Knuth Road was the location of their farm. The Weavers and the Knuths were related. Mrs. M.A. Weaver being Marion Knuth, daughter of C.F.

A dairy that started on the Intracoastal [US 1, where Sun Wah Restaurant was], south of Boynton, was Best-Anna Farms. Kelly Kirton, nephew of M. A. Weaver, operated this farm at the end of WWII. Kelly's older brother, Dudley, had come to Florida in the '30s, and worked for his uncle, M.A. Weaver, then moved west of West Palm Beach and became a very successful dairyman there. Two more Kirton brothers, William [Bill] and Erwin also owned and operated dairies west of Boynton during the '40s and '50s.

In 1927, there were 14 dairies west of Boynton, making it the dairy center of Palm Beach County, a position it maintained until sometime in the '60s. Some named in dairy history are:

Curtis Hathcock, foreman for M. A. Weaver and owner of his own dairy on Golf Road where the stables are today. This was originally the Frank and Bessie Muggleton Dairy.

"Crumbess" located on Military Trail where Indian Spring is now. This dairy was also operated by Herbert Keatts and Winston McGregor. L.E. "Red" Larson was the last to operate this dairy.

Clayton Hunt had a dairy [1945-50] where the Country Club of Florida is located. Quail Ridge is built on the location of the Boyette Dairy.

A.B. Rousseau operated a dairy farm on land ½ mile west of the turnpike and Boynton West Road. Knuth also had a dairy at Hagan Ranch Road and Boynton Road that was destroyed by the 1928 hurricane. Near there was a dairy operated by Forney. On Military Trail across from the Weavers, Forney had a small dairy north of the then Knollwood Grove. Dave Lee had a dairy that was later operated by "Prof" Williamson, principal of the Boynton schools in the '30s. On W. Boynton Road, Jim Near operated a dairy that was later operated by Mr. Tuck, father of Lucille Scott and Rudy Offerman. This dairy was last operated by "Boots" Melear. Just north of Boynton Canal on Military Trail was the Grover Bell dairy farm, later operated by James Davis. Charles Foy operated a dairy off Lawrence Road which he sold to Fields. A. Goolsby had the small dairy on Lawrence Road and Boynton Canal. An old dairy also was located across the trail from Chypress Creek by George Fedeli [He returned to Italy in time to be caught in the war] who sold to a Goolsby.

Many of these dairies started with some calves, raised them to adults, began milking and selling locally, until they had enough production, then began selling to Southern Dairies [Sealtest], Alfar Creameries, or Boutwell Creameries wholesale. Until the farmers united in an association to control their prices, they were at the mercy of these distributors to a large degree. Through cooperation the market was stabilized as was the supply, and the economic impact of dairies was felt in the farming community.

As the land boom of the '20s moved farming west, so will the present continuing development eventually cause the destruction of farms in the Flatwoods area of Palm Beach County. That era of Florida's economy will fade into history.

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS



C.F. Knuth, maternal grandfather of Stanley Weaver, and one of the pioneer dairymen Stanley mentions in the article on p. 3 C.F. also served as Mayor of the Town of Boynton in the 1920s
 [Photo courtesy Christine Weaver Terneny]



NOTRE DAME SUR'LA MAR is the attractive home of Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys, Boynton.—Photo by Roy B. Dame.

A newspaper photo of a wealthy home in Boynton in the 1930s. The caption reads, "NOTRE DAME SUR'LA MAR is the home of Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys, Boynton. Photo by Roy B. Dame"

(Negro - NB Co. Use via) ✓

ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1909--
 Boynton, Palm Beach County.

Constituted in 1909. First services held in rented building on Federal Highway, (no number), until a church was erected on present site in 1926. This church was destroyed in the 1928 storm and for a short while the church was without a building until the present white, oblong wooden building was erected in 1929. Present membership —. Active organizations are Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. First settled clergyman, Thomas Lucas, 1902-1912. Present clergyman, William Porter, 1927--; Lincoln St., Boynton, common school education.

(Church minutes), 1929--; 3 vols. showing minutes of meetings of church board, names of officers, membership roll, attendance record, births, marriages, deaths, dates of entry, custody of Emille Banks. Church Clerk, Lake Osborne, Fla.

(Church Finances), 1932--; 1 vol. showing receipts, expenditures, dates of entry, custody of Samuel Mitchell, Church Treasurer, First Ave., Boynton.

(Sunday School Records), 1936--; 5 vols. showing membership roll, attendance record, names of officers, teachers and visitors, contributions, expenditures, dates of entry, custody of Louise Porter, sec'y, Lincoln St., Boynton



Boynton High School Tigerettes 1939
 Can anyone send us their names?



The 1939 Boynton High School girls basketball team with Coach Tom Swilley. Helen Adams is at right. [Photo courtesy Helen Adams]

A hand written history from the 1930s of St. John Baptist Church located on North Seacrest Boulevard. The church dates from 1909 but moved to the present site in 1926 only for their building to be destroyed by the hurricane of 1928. Another building was erected in 1929. First settled clergyman was Thomas Lucas, 1902-1912. Clergyman 1927 was William Porter. Several volumes of Church Minutes, Church Finances, and Sunday School Records were compiled.

The JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB of Boynton Beach – 1959

In the 1950s and 1960s a flourishing Junior Woman's Club was affiliated with the Boynton Woman's Club. One of their social and fund-raising events in 1959 was the "Junior Follies, a theatrical musical presented on March 20th and 21st at the Briny Breezes Auditorium. Using local citizens for talent, the choreography was directed by "Miss Gillian" [now Gillian Davis, a member of the Boynton Beach Historical Society] who taught at her own dance studio, and John Easterbrook who also handled the production staging and overall direction. According to the program booklet, music was provided by John Morgan and his Orchestra, Nancy Reichard at the Piano and Carolyn Cline at the Piano. The carnations worn in some of the production numbers were provided by The Blossom Shoppe and Myron Knuth was the photographer.

Below are some pictures taken of the cast members in costume. Perhaps some of our readers can put the right names with the right people in these photographs. We list those we believe to be pictured, but we are not sure which individuals they represent.



The Committee Chairs for the Junior Follies of 1959

12 Chairs and Co-Chairs are listed in the acknowledgements but no captions were provided for the photographs. The names listed are Myrna Yinger [Mrs. Duane Yinger], Nancy Ross [Mrs. Dow Ross], Ileana Tambasco, Carnella Rogers [Mrs. John Rogers, Jr.], Erna Weaver [Mrs. Stanley Weaver], Charlotte Weaver [Mrs. Melvin Weaver], Bee Hansen [Mrs. Walter Hansen], Rose Duncan [Mrs. Dick Duncan], Gladys Ahearn, Dot Wittaker [Mrs. Walter Wittaker], Betty Blanchette [Mrs. Harold Blanchette], and Wilma Melear [Mrs. John A. Melear]. (Charlotte Weaver has been identified in the foreground right of center.)



Under "Act 1" the program lists the dancers as Punch Yinger & Ileana Tambasco, John & Wilma Melear, Pete & Patsy Weeks, Harold & Betty Blanchette, Bill and Irene Hays, Freddie and Myrtis Burnett, and Walt & Dot Whittaker. One couple and one male dancer are missing, but what names go with whom? The person seated alone in front of the others may be Ileana Tambasco.

BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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2nd Member's Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
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	STUDENT	(\$10.00)	_____
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		Payment only.	

The membership; year is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
Dues are not pro rated.

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Boynton Beach Historical Society, POB 12, Boynton Beach FL 33424-4012,
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Dairies in Palm Beach County Beginning at Lake Worth Road
South to Hillsborough canal.South.

- 1- Benson dairy Briney Breeze
- 2- Winchester dairy Biine Breez
- 3-Park-Anna dairy South Federal Highway Boynton Beach Fl.
- 4-Charley Foy dairy Lawrence road
- 5- R.F.Williamson dairy Lawrence road.
- 6- Tal Melear North of Lawrence road.
- 7- Carlton Melear Hypoluxo road.
- 8- Melear dairy Lantana road west of Turnpike
- 9- Boots Melear Jog road.
- 10- Dan Smith Jog Road.
- 11- Donald Bell Jog road.
- 12- Near (weems) (tuck) old Boynton Road.
- 13- Weaver M.A. old Boynton Road.
- 14- M.A.Weaver East of Military trail .
- 15- Grover Bell Military trail north of Boynton Canal.
- 16- Fidili west of military trail north of Boynton Beach Blvd.
- 17- Elbe Rousseau Boynton Beach Blv. west of Acme road.
- 18- Bill Kirton (Chas. Melear) Boynton Beach Blvd. west of military.
- 19- Erwin Kirton (John Melear) Boynton Beach Blvd.west of Military.
- 20- Muggleton N.side of Golf road.
- 21- Crumbess (H.L.Keatts)}(W.side Military trail end of Golf road. Indian Springs)
- 23- Hunts dairy present sight of Town of Golf.
- 24- Frank Wood present sight of Quail Ridge.
- 25- John Stewart present sight of Oriole Sub. division.
- 26- V.& W. East side of Military trail North of Lat. 38
- 27- M.& S. east side of Military trail south of Lat.38.
- 28- Tal Melear and Woddie ?? present sight of Kings Point.
- 29- Tommie Coffman South of Atlantic Ave Delray W. of Military trail.
- 30- Hubers Dairy west of Military south side of Atlantic Ave. Delray.
- 31- Thomas dairy Smith Sunday road Delray Beach.
- 32- Bowman Dairy Smith Sunday road Delray Beach.
- 33- Acme Dairy Acme road Boynton Beach.
- 34- Horace Medlin West 441 Boca Raton.
- 35- Hobart Rucks W.441 Boca Raton Fl.
- 36- Enrico Dairy Northof Hillsborough canal West Boca Raton.
- 37- Goosby Dairy Lawrence road at Boynton canal.
- 38- Happy Knuth Road Boynton Beach.
- 39- Boutwell Lake worth road.
- 40- White dairy W. Boynton Beach Blvd N.side.
West side of 441 N.of Lake Worth road.

In 1997 Helen McGregor found this list of local dairies among the papers of her husband Albert L. McGregor, and knowing Stanley Weaver was preparing a similar list, sent Albert's list to Stanley. Stanley's list is included in text form in the article on p. 3 of this Historian.