Students of Florida’s varied and romantic history have been fortunate in the last two years. Dr. Kathryn Abbey’s, Florida, Land of Change, reviewed in the preceding issue of Tequesta, answered the long felt need for a textbook for more advanced students as well as for the general adult reader. Fabulous Florida, by Ruby Leach Carson, written for youngsters, appeared early this year to delight the hearts and stimulate the imagination of old and young alike.

The author of Fabulous Florida has been closely associated with the origin and development of the Historical Association of Southern Florida and needs no introduction to its members. She is admirably equipped to write the history of the state, for she has been studying, teaching, and writing in that field for a number of years, and writes out of an abundant knowledge and a deep appreciation of all the human elements that have gone into the making of the state’s history. The book is a remarkable combination of authoritative information and simple, effective storytelling that will appeal to youngsters and satisfy the demands of more mature readers for a substantial account of the facts in the history of the state.

The material is divided into eight units, with a total of fifty short chapters, each complete in itself. Original illustrations and maps as well as reprints of standard ones add to the interest and value of the book. Various tables, charts and lists of important persons and events, and a glossary, increase the usefulness of the volume. The story of the state from discovery to the present day is built around the lives of the people who made it. An amazing number of them are identified and described in a manner to make them come alive again in the minds of the reader. This technique appeals to children. It would also clear history of the charge of dryness if it were applied in writing for college students and adults.

In the preparation of the text Mrs. Carson had the advice of expert educators at the Merrick Demonstration School of The University of
Miami and of the Demonstration School of The Florida State College, and others. Her own children, Carol and Jack, were the "guinea pigs" on which the presentation of all the stories was tested. Their reactions were expert judgments on the difficult problem of adapting these accounts to the capacities of the child mind, without distorting their historical accuracy. The author and the publishers may well feel proud of Fabulous Florida.


There have not been many general histories of the Florida west coast published, so that when a book such as Mr. Bickel's appears it is the subject of great interest and expectation. A great variety of sources have been quoted and there is no paucity of detail. One moves from the wanderings of Ponce de Leon and De Soto through the days of the coastal pirates, the Civil War, the Spanish American War to the flush days of the 90's and the great Tampa Bay Hotel to the present day. All these events Mr. Bickel follows with a running commentary gleaned from old newspapers and other sources reflecting contemporary public reactions. There are also 32 full pages of photographs.

A Guide to Miami and Dade County, in the American Guide Series, prepared under the direction of Carita Doggett Corse and associates in the Florida Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration, Northport, N.Y., Bacon, Percy and Daggett, 1941. 250 pp. $2.25.

This book is an up to date guide to this area in a graphic picture of the natural setting of flora and fauna and geology, together with a Calendar of annual events, descriptions and locations of all points of interest. It is more than just a guidebook. Space is devoted to activities peculiar to this locality, including in each case a historical sketch of its beginnings. There is an effective foreword by Marjory Stoneman Douglas. A special feature is an unusually large number of excellent pictures.

The following two items, though not new, are mentioned here for the benefit of members of the association. Copies are available of The Commodore's Story by Ralph Middleton Munroe and Vincent Gilpin, New York, Ives Washburn, Publishers, 1930. Of this book the New York Times Book Review, November 30, 1930, says, "... This story of his life, written with much varied detail, is just such a local chronicle of the development of a community as every city or region ought to be glad to
have. . . . It is the kind of volume that is always treasured in historical collections because of its value as a source book . . . ."

Also, *Pioneer Reminiscences*, by Mrs. Harlan Trapp, privately published in 1940, is a personal narrative of Mr. and Mrs. Trapp’s early experiences in Coconut Grove. Mr. Trapp first came to Coconut Grove in 1887. He brought Mrs. Trapp back with him in 1895. Mr. Trapp is the only living charter member of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, founded in 1887. The famous Trapp avocado was named for him.

**Florida Bibliography, 1941***

*by WATT MARCHMAN*

The compilation below was prepared to offer to the readers of Tequesta, a selected list of writings of literary and historical nature on the subject of Florida and Floridians that were published in 1941. The comments are merely descriptive. Only novels with authentic Florida characters and backgrounds are included.*

**Books: Non-Fiction**


An excellent general history of Florida, written from secondary sources.


Colorful poems about Florida days and nights, illustrated with many of Blanding’s full-page drawings and decorations.


A monograph presenting Spain’s defense of Florida. The study constitutes in part a report of the investigations of the St. Augustine Historical Program.


*Mr. Marchman is preparing a similar bibliography for 1942 to appear in the next issue of Tequesta. Any significant omissions from the 1941 list will be added as a supplement in 1943. The inclusiveness of the compilation will be increased now that this has been established as a regular feature of the journal.—THE EDITOR.*

Chapter IX, "Florida Glory," is devoted to Taylor's activities in the Seminole Indian War and in the Battle of Lake Okeechobee.


Compilation of poems of Florida writers by the Poet Laureate of Florida.


A good general guide book to Florida.


A compilation of the history of the Christian churches in Florida, prepared by the Dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College.


A fine guide book to this old Florida port town.


--- *Inventory of County Archives of Florida.* No. 37. Leon County (Tallahassee). Front., bibliog., index. 201 pp. Mimeo.

--- *Inventory of Federal Archives in the States.* No. 9, Florida.

Series III. The Department of the Treasury.
Series V. The Department of Justice.
Series VII. The Department of Navy.
Series VIII. The Department of the Interior.
Series IX. The Department of Agriculture.
Series X. The Department of Commerce.
Series XI. The Department of Labor.
Series XII. The Veterans' Administration.

List of the materials in the Austin Cary Memorial Forestry Collection in the University of Florida. Index, 47 pp. Mimeo.

List of municipal corporations in Florida (revised). Index, 89 pp. Mimeo.

Spanish Land Grants in Florida. In five volumes. Unconfirmed and Confirmed claims. vols. 3-5 published in 1941.

Transcriptions of public archives in Florida. Ordinances of the City of St. Augustine. (v. 1, 1821-1827; v. 3, 1843-1861). Index, Mimeo.


Books: Fiction

A young Southern belle loses both husband and child after a year of marriage. In readjusting her life, she is attracted to and adopts a deformed foundling and dedicates her life to its survival and return to normalcy. In her struggles she brings happiness into the child's life as well as into her own. Concluding scenes in Miami.

This story is one of violence, with explosive passions of the characters—a Georgia cracker, a girl and a conch boy—barely held in check. For background there are colorful descriptions of life on the Keys, of 'gator hunts and of fishing. The setting and characters are real and the story moves rapidly.

The setting is in the turpentine woods of Florida. Farrell Lull, a descendant of an old Florida family, believed herself to be in love with a young turpentine worker. The affair flourished through one summer until the night of the hurricane when Farrell discovered at last the power of her emotion.

Marooned on one of the Florida keys, six people fight for existence and against the jealousies and hatreds among themselves and against the island's queer spell.

An historical romance of Charleston, Key West and the Florida keys. The back-
ground is an excellent picture of life in Key West and its connection with the mainland in the middle eighteen hundreds. The story is tempestuous and melodramatic.


**Articles: General**


Ibid., XIX concluded in June 1941 number.


Wreck a-s-h-o-r-e ! Illus. (Key West) *Saturday Evening Post*, v. 213, pp. 16-7 +, Mar. 1, 1941.


**Architecture**


Shelborne Hotel (Miami Beach). Illus., plans. *Architectural Record*, v. 90, pp. 41-6, Jul. 1941.

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Everglades


Natural History


Wylie, Philip, Florida Chechako, Illus. *Florida Game and Fish*, v. 2, pp. 3-5, Mar. 1941.

Pensacola


St. Augustine


Work Projects Administration, Federal Writers' Project, St. Augustine Shrimp Fleet. Illus. *Florida Highways*, v. 9, pp. 8-9, 30-2, Nov. 1941.