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ANNUAL REPORT TO TAMPA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Richard S. Clarke

Fourteen years old and going strong in this year of 1984. The Tampa Historical Society is indeed becoming an item of history in Tampa town on our great west coast area of Florida.

Who could help but notice the intense building and growth activities, which to quote the prophets of today "this is the hot spot and the future of this country". Should we then turn among ourselves and ask could this be possible had not the history of Tampa been etched in permanence for all to remember, thus giving guiding light to those who now add to our present and future.

But we cannot rest our laurels, be they ever so humble, for we must continue to preserve those traditions and standards which we

have inherited. Among those accomplishments which we should seek would be the improvement and enlargement of our headquarters so that it may serve a purpose for not only our members but for the community at large. Our acquisitions must also grow and with growth comes the details of cataloging, recording, storage and preservation. We should sponsor promotions to search out our possessions in order to pass them on to society that they might best be used by those who follow.

There is always the need for financial aid as there remains the constant and everpresent requirement for improvement, maintenance and expenses of operation. Your help as a member can be utilized in the need to broaden and expand our active rolls. I would

challenge each of you to just add your family members in the next year and see

what it would do to our 500 member list of today, for as we face the future there are a number of projects on the horizon that require a strong and growing membership.

Your officers and directors join with me in the pleasure of serving you. As the future looms ahead, I am sure they will request from you the type of programs, meetings, socials, and other activities that are most enjoyable.

A debt of gratitude is owed by the society to those who give their time and effort in operating the Tampa Historical Society: Dr. Glen Westfall, our executive director and editor of the quarterly, for his overall service, guidance, and attendance of regular meetings; our ladies of the house, Mrs. Kathy Parrish, Mrs. Sam Latimer and Mrs. Jean Marsicano for their house activities; the directors for their dedication, service and attendance; your vice-president, Mr. Wayne Bevis, for his great counsel; Mr. Howell McKay for his overseeing of finances and others to numerous to mention but of equal assistance.

Yes, the future does look bright and there appears to be a solid purpose and use for our society. Won't you join me in working toward that end? It has indeed been a privilege and an honor to have been in service this year.

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