



THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

Welcome Back! It’s been a long, wet summer since the last newsletter. There have been a few changes to the Board since May. June Hodson has decided to relinquish some of her duties especially those associated with being the Treasurer. She has definitely given the Museum many years of great service and for that we can’t express our appreciation enough. THANKS June! Also, Leigh Lorence has vacated her position as a Director due to her illness. Our prayers are with her. Additionally, we want to welcome Susan Nelson as our newest Board Member. She’s like the Energizer bunny - just keeps on going.

We would also like to extend a *Welcome* to our newest members: Michael Tucker; Molly and Jerry Calhoun; and Faye Sanders.



Pictures from the Past

by Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this nice looking young man who graduated from Titusville High? Yes, he still looks the same doesn’t he? Answer on page 3.



Inflation Comes to the Museum

by Bill Baldwin

It had to happen sooner or later. As OK’d by the membership at the May Member meeting, the Board passed a resolution to increase dues by \$5. Starting in 2018, single person yearly dues will now be \$20 and family dues will go to \$30. It’s still the lowest price in town. This will almost allow the Museum to operate with less of a dependency on special projects although some projects will be kept due to tradition.



House Tour Sponsorship Special Notification

by Katie McQuade

The December 2017 House Tour booklet must go to the printer the first of October. Therefore, this is your “call for personal sponsorship” in support of the 2017 Home Tour. All sponsors will be included in the tour booklet. Like the last tour, the sponsor breakout is:

- Gold \$100 plus 2 free tour tickets
- Silver \$50 plus 1 free tour ticket
- Bronze \$25 (no tour tickets)

Anyone who would like to be a sponsor (or who has already signed the sponsor pledge sheet at the museum) can bring or send a check to the museum, made out to the North Brevard Historical Society. Any questions can be directed to me at 268-1637, or to the museum. We would like to receive all checks by September 23rd. Thanks for your support!



2017 "Walk Along the River"

Tickets will not be available for purchase (at the Museum) until November 1, 2017. Tickets may be "reserved" if paid in advance; and they will then be available at 'will call' at the Museum.



Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

We did not have any Memorials to report in the March, April or May Newsletters. Therefore, the ones received since then are:

In May, In Memory of:

A. W. (Bill) Mattingly
Arlene Mattingly

Donated By:

Betty Mattingly

In June, In Memory of:

Mary Storm
Rodney Thompson

Barbara Ziegler



Guest Speakers

by Amy Spillers

Hi all! Don't forget to attend our upcoming Members Luncheon at Dixie Crossroads September 25th at 12:00 noon. We will have a wonderful speaker from the **Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Memorial and Cultural Center** to share the history of prominent families of Mims and North Brevard. A group from our Museum took a tour there and we enjoyed it so much that I knew I had to get her to come and share her knowledge with you. You won't want to miss hearing her speak. I hope I see you there!



Displays

by Amy Spillers

In the spirit of competition, a challenge was given to the men on the Board. And that challenge was to dress both windows for the months of August and September and the only criteria was that they could not receive any help from the ladies. Oh, you should have heard the buzz in the air down at the Museum. I overheard talk of radios, I heard talk about tools, they talked about baseball, and they even talked about schools. Well they did it! On Friday July 28th, the men created two window displays, one on baseball and the other on antique radios. And they look fantastic! Please stop by and let the guys know what an awesome job they did.

P.S. I heard someone said, "Don't tell Amy, but this was fun!" ☺



The artifacts on display are compliments of the Museum and Cash Register



Downtown Scoop

by Katie McQuade

Has anyone noticed some recent changes to our Titusville downtown? The building next to *Aker Eye* now hosts the *Infinite Mushroom* comic book store downstairs (moved from Searstown) and *The Yoga Loft* upstairs. *Dave's Downtown* is under new ownership and will reopen sometime in September as the *Grand Martini Bar*. *Red Canyon Software* has bought the (former) bank building and "Walker Hotel" across from the Museum and will renovate it as its Titusville headquarters. Technology-forward apartments will be created on the second and third floors, to house *Red Canyon* employees and locals alike. *Pistilli's* and *Expressions Hair Salon* will remain, but the *Caffe' Chocolat* candy shop has moved out. Work on the Julia and Nevins Courtyards should start in September, with new shade structures, paving and seating. Lastly, entertainment opportunities downtown have been curtailed somewhat, thanks to the Titusville Police Department's arrest of three "ladies of the evening" in July. We appreciate all of TPD's efforts. Still to come: news regarding the storefront next to *Playalinda Brewery* (formerly occupied by Reaping the Harvest Ministry), *Bar IX* possible rental, as well as a new lease on life for Kloiber's Cobbler.



From Our Past

by Mike Knight

Below is an excerpt from the Florida Advocate Newspaper with their explanation about the site selection for the 1916 construction of the **Titusville Elementary and High School**. Enjoy!

CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD EXPLAINS MATTERS

Valkaria, FL, Feb. 13, 1916

Dear Sir,

As chairman of the School Board, I beg to submit the following facts in regard to the Board's action in selecting a site for the new High School building for District No. 1.

After looking all available sites over, there were only two to consider, the Broad St. and Washington Ave. sites. Of these two, the Broad St. location – chosen by many Titusville people at a mass meeting, and by a committee, recommended to the Board as the choice for them – had from the first the most consideration of the Board.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9th, the Board, in company with the Architect Lewis and Engineer Brogden, representing the contracting party, the Scubb Construction Co., went over the ground most carefully. Upon investigation, the Board found that the street running through this site cannot be closed. To erect the building on either side of the street would not give room enough, the building to be 200x90. There would also be involved a large expense in moving the Catholic Church.

Furthermore, the land north of this site consists of more or less swampy ground.

The Washington Ave. site, the Board, as well as the architect and contractor, found to be high and dry, facing the Dixie Highway on one side and the railroad on the other. In fact all agreed it was an ideal site that would give full credit to the building the people of District No. 1 will have for their High School.

Knowing the strong opposition against this site for the local reasons as being in Bayview, the Board adjourned to Saturday for a final decision. That day, after hearing strong arguments for the Broad St. site and receiving a signed pledge from many prominent people in District No. 1 that they would abide by the Board's action in selecting the site, the Board decided in favor of Washington Ave. site, consisting of five and one-half acres of land.

The Board exceedingly regret that the friction in this matter should be so great that local interests should be allowed to interfere when so vital and important an undertaking is involved for the whole district; in fact the whole county.

Looking upon it from this broad standpoint, as it was the Board's duty to do, we yet have every reason to believe, that in time to come, when this magnificent edifice of education is completed – when the good people of Titusville and Bayview come together as they should – they will see it in the same light as the Board see it now, and give the Board credit for what they have done, and for having the courage of their convictions for the best interests of all, well knowing that they did so at the risk of losing long and valued friendships.

Respectively, K. Svedelius



Social Media

by Judy Davis

Check us out on **Facebook** and on our **website** below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

- Email: titusvillemuseum@aol.com
- Website: www.nbbd.com/godo/history/
- "Like" us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum



Pictures from the Past answer: Herman Wattwood



Delinquent Dues

Just a note to members who have delinquent 2017 dues: You will be receiving a letter stating that fact along with a stamped envelope for your reply. We would like to encourage you to keep your membership status up to date otherwise we will assume you no longer want to receive newsletters, etc. However, if you think the letter is in error, don't hesitate to call the Museum and we will make the correction.



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Dates to Remember

- *September 18th* Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- *September 25th Membership meeting at 12:00 noon* at Dixie Crossroads for lunch and membership meeting.
- *October 16th* Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- *November 20th* Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- *November 27th Membership meeting at 5:30 pm* at Dixie Crossroads for dinner and membership meeting.
- *December 2nd* Historic House Tour 2017, from 1 pm to 4 pm on Saturday.
- *December 18th Board* meeting at 10 am at the Museum.