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The *Town Crier* newsletter is issued periodically to keep ESHP members and the public informed of our activities. We welcome news and feedback.

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## Newsletter of the

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### ***ESHP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP***

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#### **MONTHS AT ALTERNATE ADDRESS:**

JAN     FEB     MAR     APR     MAY     JUN

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#### **I would like to help with**

- fund raising       Historical Library  
 special events     merchandise sales  
 publicity/website     historical research  
 legal/financial       engineering/architecture  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!***

Our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org) is now online but due for some updates and changes as we learn what we can do and what we want. Comments and suggestions are welcome! Send them to [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com) (the link on the website). We'd also welcome digital photos in JPG format with a short caption.

### **HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS**

Both the Bula Mission in Copeland and JT's in Chokoloskee were granted Historic Designations by the Board of Collier County Commissioners at their meeting on May 13. The official confirmation letters arrived during June. To learn more, see [www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net), click on Your Government, Zoning and Land Development, and then on Historic Preservation Board.

### **Independence Day Celebration**

ESHP will have a booth at the celebrations in Everglades City on **Sunday, July 6**. We do not have an entry in the parade, which starts at 1:30 PM, but we understand that the Marco Historical Players and the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will both be represented.

### **"UNTOLD STORIES"**

Our local public broadcasting station WGPU-TV have produced a program about early Immokalee, settled in the later 1880s by the Hendry, Allen, and Brown families and, later, by the Roberts who ranched. It was also the first site of the Glade Cross Mission, long before Deaconess Bedell re-established it here. You can watch the first episode on **Friday, July 25**, at 8:30 p.m. or buy a CD from their website [www.wgcu.org](http://www.wgcu.org).

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have 72 paid-up members. There are also 8 who have not renewed for 2008 and will be reminded with this newsletter.

We send the newsletter by email to 64 members, saving almost \$27 per issue in postage. If we do not have your email address, please send a brief note to [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com). We also send our news to 50 other historical societies, politicians, and VIPs.

Welcome to new members:  
Jane & H.C. Rackley, Everglades City



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**CHURCH RENOVATION**

Everglades Community Church is being restored back to its original look. Pastor Bob Wallace reports that the layers of siding have been stripped off, the basic wooden structure is sound, and that shatter-proof windows are being installed. The decorative stained-glass will be put behind the protective outer windows.

The Church was completed in 1940 on land donated by the Collier Corporation. Stan Kanning, Chairman of the Board of Governors, has sent in an application for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and also for a State Historical Marker.

This photo is courtesy of the Florida State Archives ([www.floridamemory.com](http://www.floridamemory.com)) and shows the Church in 1957. The annex is clearly visible which means that it is also over 50 years old, one of the criteria for listings.

**BANK BUILDING FOR SALE**

Bank of the Everglades, completed in 1927 and used as a bank until 1962, is for sale. The owners had operated it as a Bed & Breakfast and then rented it out but they have reluctantly decided to sell.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 and is also designated by the City as an historic property. For more info, phone 289-6671.



*Our thanks to aficionado Alvin Lederer for this old postcard.*



**HISTORIAN HONORED**

Maria Stone received the Key to the City of Naples in a moving ceremony on June 18. She has written numerous books recording the memories of older residents in Collier County, invaluable source material for historical research and fascinating reading. We understand that she will also be honored by the Board of Collier County Commissioners, probably at their meeting on July 22. She is seen here in a tearful/happy reunion with Doris Reynolds, the "official historian" of the City of Naples.

**Budd Schulberg Gets Award**

The author and producer of "Wind Across the Everglades", which was filmed in the Everglades City area at the end of 1957, received the Laurel Award for Screen from the Writers' Guild of America West, honoring his lifetime achievement. In the preface to his published script "Across the Everglades", Schulberg describes how fascinated he was by the Glades.



He is seen on the left in this picture taken during filming at the Smallwood Store (photo: Florida State Archives).

*THANKS! from the Historical Library*

**CORRECTION:** In our May 2008 issue we credited the Weldons for donating an original 1953 city charter. The document was donated by the Fred Williams family via their daughter Claudette Cramer. Fred Williams was a City Councilman during the 1953 era.