

County History In Offing

It has been nearly 30 years since a history of Marion County was published.

Now, the Marion County Historical Society has in the works a new history which, with an evidence of community support for the project, should be in print within a year.

Trella Romine has been appointed general chairman by society president Richard Carey, and John Cottrell will serve as project treasurer.

The society will sponsor the book in cooperation with Taylor Publishing Co. of Dallas, Texas.

All households in Marion County will be contacted by letter and asked to submit family background information for publication at no cost to them, society spokesmen said. They pointed out this differs from solicitation for previous histories when families paid to have their stories inserted.

The book also will contain township and village histories. County businesses will be contacted for their stories for publication of which they will pay a fee to help with printing expenses.

The compilation and writing effort will result in a 600-page book.

The following township chairmen have been named to date: Marjorie Snyder and Idella Jones, Bowling Green; Mary Brocklesby, Claridon; Lea Jenkins, Montgomery; Judge Charlton Myers, Salt Rock; Dorothy and Homer Kile, Tully; Donna Lawrence, Marion; Marian Starner, Big Island; Marguerite Martin, Green Camp; Dorothy Gerfen, Prospect; Thelma Swisher, Scott; Janice Linstedt, Richland, and Joyce Williams, Waldo.

Other county histories were published in 1883, 1907, and 1950.

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