

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The State Historical Society of Iowa

The biennial business meeting of the Society was held on June 29 in Schaeffer Hall at Iowa City. Superintendent William J. Petersen reported on the progress of the Society, and the following curators were elected: Carroll Coleman of Iowa City, A. C. Gingerich of Wellman, William R. Hart of Iowa City, L. H. Kornder of Davenport, Carl H. Mather of Tipton, S. T. Morrison of Iowa City, W. Howard Smith of Cedar Rapids, O. D. Collis of Clinton, and James E. Stronks of Iowa City. Mr. Collis and Mr. Stronks replace Raymond J. Hekel of Mount Pleasant and R. O. Burrows of Belle Plaine, both of whom have resigned from the Board of Curators after valuable service to the Society.

The Society's microfilm library has recently been enriched by the addition of a film of the LeGrand Byington Papers. The eighty-one pieces of Civil War and postwar correspondence, petitions, and public letters include letters from George Wallace Jones, J. Sterling Morton, General U. S. Grant, Thomas A. Hendricks, and Horatio Seymour. In addition to political affairs, the letters touch on railroad building in Iowa, land sales, and war tax problems. They were made available to the Society by Dr. LeGrand Byington, grandson of the nineteenth century Iowan. The Society is indebted to Dr. Byington for making this microfilm project possible. The preservation of the papers of Iowans is one of the foremost obligations of the Society, but that obligation can only be fulfilled through the cooperation of our members and friends who recognize the necessity for preserving historical materials.

The Society's annual Mississippi River steamboat cruises were held on July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 aboard O. D. Collis' *Rob Roy III*. Each day's cruise left Clinton at 9 a. m. and returned about 5 p. m. Some 700 members and their guests took part in this annual event.

Members of the Society's staff who attended the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Lexington, Kentucky, on May

7-9, 1953, were Superintendent William J. Petersen, Associate Editor Mildred Throne, and Research Associate Robert Rutland. Dr. Rutland read a paper, "Civil Liberties in the New Republic," at a session on civil rights in early America.

Robert Rutland, research associate of the Society, has received the Ph. D. degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR

- April 2 Addressed joint meeting, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City stamp clubs at Iowa City.
- May 14 Commencement address at Stanwood
- May 20 Commencement address at Wilton Junction.
- May 21 Commencement address at Keystone.

The following members were elected to membership in the State Historical Society during the months of March, April, May, and June, 1953:

Albia

Mrs. Maxine Gray

Albion

F. W. Hickman

Amana

Adolph Heinemann

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Schoenfelder

Anamosa

Mrs. C. H. Ireland

Aplington

Mrs. Glenn K. Stockdale

Arnolds Park

C. J. Kennedy

Baldwin

Charles F. Hinchliffe

Bancroft

Mrs. C. C. Inman

Belle Plaine

Mrs. Gretchen Strandberg

Bode

Mrs. Flora Stroud

Burlington

Mrs. Fred D. Dutton

Dean Lowe Marshall

Camanche

Roy E. Tallman

Carson

Jim O. Henry

Cedar Falls

Dr. Joseph H. Gamet

Cedar Rapids

L. P. Atwood

J. A. Beuster

Mrs. Ralph W. Connor

Keith W. Dunn

Bruce Fishwild

John F. Gaston

M. G. Hardesty

Norman Hatton

F. E. Kinney

Victor J. Olson

David R. Pugh

- Harold D. Showers
 Stevan B. Smith
 Earl W. Stansby
 Paul W. Stansby
 Miss Jean Strong
 Mrs. S. W. Wilder
- Centerville*
 Mrs. Earl Parker
- Charles City*
 Martin E. Sar
 Maurice J. Schrup
 Mrs. Maurice J. Schrup
- Clarinda*
 Mrs. R. F. Gantt
- Clarksville*
 Mrs. Edith A. Chester
- Clayton*
 Mrs. John Bock
 Duluth L. Pieper
- Clear Lake*
 Roy Austin
- Clinton*
 Lester H. Mangold
 Ellis W. Roe
- Conrad*
 Raymond E. Daggett
- Council Bluffs*
 Mrs. Anita Baum
 Miss Inga Johnson
 Heber M. Smith
- Crawfordsville*
 J. W. Evans
- Dallas Center*
 Conway Morris
- Davenport*
 Philip D. Adler
 E. B. Fassel
- Thomas Fulrath
 Miss Ruth I. Howard
 A. W. Lucht
 Mrs. Leon R. Lyle
 Henry R. Schaefer
 Jack Schroeder
 Miss Margaret Stevenson
- Des Moines*
 Mrs. E. H. Borg
 Miss Mary Caron
 Mrs. Nellie F. Churchman
 Mrs. Roena G. Clement
 Miss Ethel M. Conn
 Miss Elsie L. Dachroth
 Miss Wanita E. Dey
 Miss Frances Farrell
 Mrs. Zella Gedge
 Dr. Chas. H. Henshaw
 E. Howard Hill
 Miss Connie Horton
 Hiram S. Hunn
 Mrs. John W. Hunt
 Mrs. Dorothy I. Lynch
 Mrs. L. E. McFarland
 Mrs. Jack W. Musgrove
 Miss Eugenia E. Newton
 Barry Oakes
 Miss Maud Oliney
 Mrs. Robert C. Phillips
 Miss Evelyn Rees
 Mrs. Helen M. Rudkin
 Earl R. Shostrom
 Miss Beryl K. Stratton
 Mrs. Beverly Wagner
 Glen G. Wallace
 Howard G. Whitmore
 O. E. Zeller

Dickens

Eugene Beving

Dubuque

Fred H. Kretschmer

Dunlap

Frank A. Hagen

Emerson

LeRoy Johnson

Charles R. Warren

Essex

Wallace A. Lindburg

Fairfax

Emil Novak

Fort Dodge

Miss Marie Geiger

Nick J. Miletich

John M. Peters

Fort Madison

Mrs. M. I. Godbey

Fremont

George W. Fellers

Fruitland

Mrs. Jessie E. Corwin

Garwin

Mrs. Hazel Bwol

Gladbrook

Harold Beichley

Mrs. Kenneth Bruene

Mrs. Richard Bruene

Mrs. Lester Engel

Mrs. H. D. Kehoe

Mrs. Vic Miller

Mrs. Don Rehder

Mrs. Dick Rugg

Mrs. Neil Stauffer

Mrs. L. H. Thomsen

Greenfield

Fay L. Harris

Grinnell

Mrs. F. F. Almy

Rev. John Nolin

Hartwick

Mrs. Dolph E. Vermace

Hawarden

Henry Visser

Hillsboro

William B. Askew

Humboldt

Franklin Jaqua

Independence

Mrs. Emily B. Henderson

J. F. Jensen

Indianola

Arthur J. Kindred

Iowa City

Mrs. Florence Altmaier

Allan G. Bogue

Ross E. Clem

David E. Gause

M. L. Huit

Mrs. E. Huntsberry

Mrs. Albert Husa

Mrs. Roger I. Lienke

Mrs. Alice Jane McMahill

Ivan Miller

Mrs. E. A. Putnam

Jewell

Richard Anderson

Kamrar

Mrs. Nels Tolstrup

LeMars

Norman Lee Pavlik

Leon

R. B. Hawkins

Logan

Miss Carmelita Tate

Mrs. B. J. Wood

Lucas

Raymond Pim

Madrid

J. G. Lucas

Maquoketa

Carlyle C. Bowman

Manchester

Mrs. May Ryan

Mrs. E. W. Williams

Marble Rock

Arnold P. Staudt

Marengo

Arnold D. Maas

Marion

James L. Coombes

Milton

Mrs. E. J. Andrews

Montezuma

Mrs. Garnette S. Wheeler

Mount Pleasant

Mrs. Emily B. Anderson

Mrs. Glover B. Ferrell

Mrs. Henry A. Hartrick

Karl H. Keefer

Mount Vernon

Dr. Haridas T. Muzumdar

Muscatine

Arthur R. Howe

Nashua

Amos C. Peterson

New Providence

Melvin L. Powers

Newton

Miss Beverly Joann Capesius

Mrs. Leland J. Carter

LaVerne A. Collister

Miss Nellie B. Kennedy

Miss Maxine Loupee

Rev. Thomas J. McCann

Miss Alberta J. Sullivan

Roger L. Wheeland

Norway

Mrs. George A. Newton

Oelwein

Dr. W. B. Henderson

Onawa

E. C. Myrland

Osage

Charles R. Burtch

Otho

Mrs. Lucille Schnurr

Ottumwa

Miss Agnes Arganbright

Otto Armstrong

Miss Mary E. Baker

Mrs. Charles W. Gray

Miss Maisy Johnston

Mrs. Ralph J. Selman

Miss Edna C. Tait

Mrs. Elma Vail

Miss Bess Walker

Packwood

Mrs. Harold Dickey

Pella

Elmer H. Vermeer

Pleasant Valley

Mrs. Wm. B. Greenwood

Blair A. Phillips

Red Oak

Elmer A. Bass
Miss Mary Benware

Rockwell

Mrs. M. H. Wolcott

Rockwell City

Henry E. Heideman
Melvin Wilson

Saint Anthony

Mrs. Irene W. Fosness

Salem

Donald E. Young

Sheldahl

Claude Niemier

Shenandoah

Verlin L. Sweeley

Sioux City

Edward A. Wendel

Solon

Mrs. Rose Yeggy

Somers

Eli D. Potts

South Amana

Walter Leichsenring

Spencer

Mrs. Viola Phillips

Thompson

M. A. Houg
Theo Klemesrud

Toledo

Howard L. Petersen

Traer

J. W. Provan

Ware

Ware Consolidated School

Washington

M. C. DeLashmut
Miss Helen J. Fulton
Louis J. Kehoe
Bruce Milne

Waterloo

Mrs. Don T. Dentel
Mrs. Charles H. Storm

Watkins

Miss Inez Mills

Waverly

Jack Miller

Webster City

Mrs. Alexander Groves
John A. Hanna
J. H. McBurney
William H. Yungclas

Arizona

Raymond A. Leydig, Winslow

California

Mrs. Jessie V. Bicknell,
Long Beach
Fresno State College Library,
Fresno
Mrs. Herbert H. Houghton,
Los Angeles
Mrs. Ruth P. Patterson,
San Francisco
Mrs. John M. Taylor, Sacramento

Colorado

J. J. Mallon, Colorado Springs

Illinois

J. Bruce Broolsma, Chicago
Mrs. Erma K. Campbell, Chicago
Homer H. Hankins, Ottawa
M. B. Hites, Northbrook

Michigan

James K. Traer, Kalamazoo

Missouri

Earle K. Behrend, Kansas City

O. A. Kitterman, Kansas City

J. E. Lynn, Kansas City

New York

Mrs. Fairy A. Plane, Long Island

R. J. Richter, Brooklyn

Mrs. Edward B. Wilson, Troy

Ohio

Miss Mildred Stewart, Cleveland

The following persons were elected as life members:

Atlantic

Mrs. Catharine B. Farquhar

Boone

Clinton Kastner

Miss Lenore Wycoff

Burlington

Carl C. Riepe

Cedar Rapids

Paul R. Strain

Corning

Daniel W. Turner

Davenport

W. S. Binford

James M. Chamberlin

Boy Hansen

Cable Von Maur

Des Moines

P. H. Cless

W. D. Houlette

William F. Koch

Havelock

Miss Anne Goodchild

Iowa City

Earl W. Kurtz

Lake Mills

Wayne Marthinson

Lamont

Donald L. Hoth

Mason City

Dr. Carroll O. Adams

Mrs. Ida L. Kinney

Monona

Dr. W. F. Humphrey

Monticello

Wilbur K. Doxsee

Ottumwa

William C. Brunk

Pella

H. O. Wormhoudt

Sheldon

Paul C. Woods

Spirit Lake

B. W. Allen

Tabor

Miss Fern Williams

Waukon

Mrs. Leslie K. Hull

Waverly

Dr. O. C. Hardwig

Iowa Historical Activities

The thirty-first annual History Conference at the State University of Iowa was held on May 1, 1953. David M. Potter of Yale University spoke

on "Changing Concepts of National Character"; Frank Freidel of the University of Illinois on "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Rebuilding of the Democratic Party in the 1920's"; and David Thomson of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, England, on "The French Political Scene."

The centennial of Lamont, in Buchanan County, was celebrated June 21-23, 1953. Governor William S. Beardsley opened the three-day observance. Glenwood Stanley was general chairman. The Lamont *Leader* ran a series of historical sketches of the town, which may be republished in book form if there is enough of a demand.

Other centennials in Iowa were: Cornell College, June 5-6, 1953; Bedford, July 2-4; Waukon, July 3-5; Audubon, week of August 16; Worth County, July 12-15; Leon, June 25-27; Hopkinton, six weeks, climaxing on August 15.

Osage, which will not be 100 years old until 1955, is already making plans for that birthday. Joseph Casey has been named chairman of the committee to draw up plans.

Waterloo has designated the week of June 24, 1954, for its centennial celebration. Walcott, in Scott County, also will celebrate its centennial in 1954. Dr. D. C. Camblin has been elected head of the committee for the celebration, with Herman Brandt as vice-chairman, Harry Banze as secretary, and Horace Paustian as treasurer. The centennial will take place June 25-27, 1954.

Plans for the Wright County centennial, to be held in either 1954 or 1955, are being made by members of the Wright County Historical Society.

In 1913 citizens of Dubuque formed the Allison-Henderson Memorial Association and collected a fund of \$10,000 for a memorial to two of Dubuque's most famous men — Senator William B. Allison and Congressman David B. Henderson. The Allison-Henderson Park and Playground, presented to the city in 1951, is the result of the work of this Association. On May 14, 1953, members of the Dubuque County Historical Society dedicated enlarged photographs of the two men. These pictures will be hung in the assembly room of the park shelter.

At the annual meeting of the Mahaska County Historical Society, May 13, 1953, M. H. Pothoven was re-elected president. Other officers elected

were J. C. Mattix, vice-president; E. L. Butler, treasurer; Zola Kramme, secretary. An open house at the Society's historical museum was held in the old G. A. R. rooms at the courthouse on May 21-22.

Mrs. W. G. MacMartin, president of the Tama County Historical Society since its founding in 1942, has resigned because of ill health. Roy L. Shaffer of Tama was elected the new president at the annual meeting of the Society, April 25, 1953. Harold W. Hufford of Toledo was elected vice-president, and E. A. Benson of Toledo, secretary-treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Mrs. J. G. Ennis, Mrs. H. P. Giger, and Wm. H. Malin.

Officers of the McGregor Historical Society are Mrs. W. A. Myers, president; W. D. Logan, vice-president; and Miss Dorothy Huebsch, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Walter Meads of Ames, Iowa, is preparing a history of Ames. She has been assembling material for her history for five years, consulting old records and papers, and gathering reminiscences from old-timers.