## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

State Historical Society of Jowa

During the months of September through December, 1953, the Society enrolled 296 new members: 64 during September; 52 during October; 30 during November; and 150 during December. Four new life members were enrolled during this period: Albert D. Libby of Des Moines; Mrs. Katheryn C. Metz of Panora; Robert Collison of Oskaloosa; and David Goeppinger of Boone.

The Society has added to its microfilm collection a film of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil from 1867 to 1947. This film, together with our bound volumes, gives the library full coverage of the Nonpareil from 1860 through 1953. Another addition to our microfilm library is a film of the doctoral dissertation prepared at the University of Chicago in 1951 by David S. Sparks: "The Birth of the Republican Party in Iowa, 1848 to 1860."

Superintendent William J. Petersen addressed the luncheon meeting at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society on October 10 at Charleston, Illinois. His topic was "Tall Tales of the Mississippi."

Dr. Robert Rutland, research associate of the Society, is the author of The Golden Hurricane: Fifty Years of Football at the University of Tulsa, just published by the Tulsa Quarterback Club. The book, which has twelve pages of illustrations, is a history of the sport from Indian Territorial days down to the Tulsa-Georgia game played January 1, 1946.

Superintendent William J. Petersen and Dr. Robert Rutland, research associate, attended the meeting of the American Historical Association at Chicago, December 28-30, 1953.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR

October 10 Addressed meeting of Illinois State Historical Society at Charleston, Illinois.

November 4 Attended meeting of Walt Whitman Club, Des Moines.

December 28-30 Attended meeting of the American Historical Association, at Chicago.

## Jowa Historical Activities

A Chickasaw County Historical Society was organized at a meeting in Fredericksburg on December 8, 1953. Officers elected were: Mrs. Earl Edson of Republic, president; Tom D. Conklin of Nashua, vice-president; Rev. Glenn L. Utterbach of Nashua, secretary; and Mrs. Glen Young of Bassett, treasurer. The county will celebrate its centennial in 1955.

The Floyd County Historical Society was organized at a meeting at Charles City, October 29, 1953. John Legel of Charles City was elected president; I. W. Edie of Rudd, first vice-president; Miss Charlotte Magdsick of Charles City, second vice-president and research director; Mrs. Selby Russell of Rockford, secretary; and Mrs. Ray Sweet of Colwell, treasurer. This organization is the culmination of more than a year's work by the Floyd County Federation of Women's Clubs and eight study clubs in different towns.

The Floyd County centennial, to be observed during the week of August 15-21, 1954, will be under the direction of Robert A. Sar of Charles City. Members of the committee include: D. W. Curry, Floyd; Paul C. Stalker, Rudd; Lloyd B. Coates, Nora Springs; R. R. Tamblyn, Marble Rock; and Melvin Kollman, Rockford.

Kossuth County is planning on a centennial celebration on July 4-6, 1954. Roy McMahon is treasurer of the drive to collect funds, and Elmer Langmack is finance chairman.