HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

State Historical Society of Iowa

During the months of January and February, 1954, the Society has added 143 new members and one new life member. The total membership is now 4,044 active and 677 life members. In addition, the Society publications are mailed out to 371 official depositories, exchanges, and college and tax-supported libraries.

Wilfred D. Logan, staff archaeologist for the Effigy Mounds National Monument at McGregor, has been working on the Society's Keyes Collection of Indian artifacts, arranging, classifying, and studying the material. Mr. Logan is preparing a doctoral dissertation on the Early Woodland Cultures from about 3000 years ago up to about 1100 A. D. At present the Keyes Collection is only open for study and research to qualified archaeologists and graduate students.

The Society has added to the microfilm collection films of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye Gazette* from 1847 to 1948. This addition fills out our coverage of this important newspaper.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR

February 12	Addressed Cornell College Chapel, Mount Vernon
March 15	On KCRI radio and television
March 16	Addressed Dubuque County Historical Society and Dubuque Rotary
March 17	Addressed Engineering Faculty Club, Iowa City, and spoke on WOI, WMT, WHO radio
March 19	On WOI-TV and WMT-TV
March 20	On KXIC, KCRI radio
March 23	Addressed Davenport History Club
March 27	Addressed Caxton Club, Chicago
March 28	Addressed Annual Spring Meeting, Iowa Press Women, Iowa City.

April 2 Addressed Chickasaw County Historical Society, New Hampton

Iowa Historical Activities

The 50th anniversary of the founding of the 4-H clubs in Iowa will be observed at a celebration in Sigourney on July 14, 1954. Cap E. Miller, the founder of the movement, will be a guest. A short history of the clubs appeared in the February 18, 1954, Ottumwa *Courier*.

Officers of the Marshall County Historical Society, elected on March 11, 1954, are: R. A. Rockhill, president; Mrs. W. H. Arney, vice-president; Mrs. John Mowry, secretary; Max Milo Mills, treasurer; and Mrs. L. P. Belknap, curator.

At the January meeting of the Guthrie County Historical Society all officers were re-elected for another year. They are: Bert Culver, president; Mrs. Jessie Batschelet, vice-president; Mrs. Gladys Kasner, secretary-treasurer. At the February meeting Claude Cook, curator of the State Department of History and Archives at Des Moines, addressed the Society on the marking of historic sites.

Officers elected at a meeting of the Wright County Historical Society in March were: Raynard Richardson, president; Ed Kirstein, vice-president; and Richard Bowman, secretary-treasurer. The Society is making plans for the celebration of Wright County's centennial in 1955.

Iowa's famous State Fair will be 100 years old this year. The first fair was held at Fairfield in 1854; the 100th will be held at Des Moines, August 28 through September 6, 1954. Fair secretary L. B. Cunningham has announced plans for exhibits of the historical and cultural life of Iowa for the past 100 years. Plans are also being made at Fairfield for a covered wagon parade to Des Moines. The trip will take four days to cover the 100 miles between the two cities, and the participants hope to arrive on opening day. The budget for the Fair has been increased by $75,000 to pay for the special displays, one of which will be a reconstruction of the original fairgrounds at Fairfield.

The Lincoln collection of the late Harry Lytle of Davenport, former curator of the State Historical Society, has been purchased by the Daven-

port Public Museum. The collection, rated as one of the finest in America, consists of 2,600 books on Lincoln in addition to many Lincoln items. The collection will be on display in a new museum that Davenport hopes to build soon.

Carroll County will celebrate its centennial August 22-28, 1954. H. D. Gill, manager of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce, is supervising the plans.

The GAR offices of Iowa, long housed in the state capitol building at Des Moines under the supervision of Miss Amy Noll, have been moved into a special room at the State Department of History and Archives.

An Award of Merit, granted by the American Association for State and Local History, was presented to the Dubuque County Historical Society by Superintendent William J. Petersen of the State Historical Society at their meeting on March 16. The Award was for "a reactivated program including a major increase in membership, a distinct growth of interest in things historical throughout the country and the use of outstanding speakers to aid the society's campaign for the preservation of local shrines and treasures."

The thirty-second annual History Conference was held April 9-10, 1954, at the State University of Iowa under the sponsorship of the history department, the extension division, the college of education, and the graduate college of the University. The following papers were read: "The Transformation of the Indian Community in New Spain, 1500-1810," by Charles Gibson of the history department of the University; "Merchant Princes of the Plains, 1865-1885," by Paul F. Sharp of Iowa State College at Ames; "Reflections on Edmund Burke's 'Reflections on the French Revolution,'" by Louis Gottschalk of the University of Chicago; "When the Airplane Was a Military Secret, A Study of National Attitudes Before 1914," by Marvin W. McFarland of the Aeronautics Division of the Library of Congress; and "Thought Control," by Richard Barnes Kennan of the Headquarters Staff of the National Education Association.

The Chickasaw County Historical Society observed the 100th anniversary of the county at a banquet on April 2, 1954. William J. Petersen, Superintendent of the State Historical Society, was the principal speaker.

The Northwest Chapter of the Iowa Archaeological Society met at Chero-

kee on March 21, 1954. Two films were shown, one dealing with the Angel Mound site in Indiana, which was occupied about 1200-1600 A. D.

Kossuth County is making plans for the celebration of its centennial on July 4-6, 1954. E. H. Hutchins is the general chairman. An historical revue will be presented on July 5, depicting one hundred years of progress in the county. It is under the direction of Mrs. Norman Marble of Grinnell.

North English is planning a three-day centennial celebration, August 6-8, 1954. Russell Ferris is chairman of the program.

The Amana colonies are observing their centennial in 1954 only by the sale of souvenirs. Although no actual settlement at the Amanas took place until 1855, the site was purchased in 1854. The usual type of celebration, with parades and pageants, is not considered appropriate by the older members of the colonies, and therefore the date will be commemorated only by souvenirs bearing the dates: "1854-1954."