

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

State Historical Society of Iowa

The Society added 195 new members during the months of July, August, and September. The following became Life Members during that period: E. Lee Huston, Columbus Junction; Mrs. Arthur Sanford, Sioux City; Robert J. Howard, Orlando, Florida; Wilson L. Abel, Mason City; Frank F. Gutnecht, Hudson; George A. Ojemann, Iowa City; Mrs. Ellen Robinson, Cedar Rapids; and Charles Swisher, Burlington.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR

- July 9 Addressed University of Iowa Alumni Association in Washington, D. C.
- July 24 Addressed Luther College Summer Session Convocation.
- July 24 Attended Governor's Day at Clear Lake.
- August 24 Attended "All Iowa Day" at Lake Okoboji and spoke to legislators on restoration plans for the Gardner Log Cabin at Arnolds Park.
- August 25 Attended centennial of the granting of the charter of incorporation to the Amana Colonies in Middle Amana.
- August 27 Set up doll display representing the various foreign groups in Iowa at State Fair in Des Moines.
- September 8 Served on panel called by Governor Herschel Loveless on Iowa Conservation.
- September 9 Addressed state meeting of Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs on Iowa nationalities, and served as master of ceremonies at their nationality style show.
- September 10 Collected Iowa historical materials at Charles C. Tompkins' home in Griswold and visited Fred B. DeWitt Museum.
- September 12-13 Conferred with Old Settlers at Arnolds Park on plans for the Gardner Log Cabin.

Iowa Historical Activities

The Butler County Historical Society has purchased a rural schoolhouse

and will move it to the corner of the courthouse grounds at Allison. Members of the Society will use the building to house antiques and relics of Butler County.

The town of Bellevue has been named the principal beneficiary of the estate of Joe A. Young. His will directed that a museum should be established in his name and that of his wife, to be called "The Joe A. and Grace Young Antique Institute, Historical Society, and Museum." His home in Bellevue is to become the museum, and the many antiques in that home will form the basis of the museum. The value of the estate willed to the town of Bellevue is in excess of \$60,000.

At the annual meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society, the following officers were elected: Amy Robertson, president; Mrs. Mildred Fry, vice-president; Altha E. Green, secretary; Harry Hibbs, treasurer; LeRoy E. Grimes, curator. The directors of the Society are Warren Burton, Glen Greenlee, Miss Ortha Green, Mrs. Beulah McIntyre, and Mrs. Marjean Poston. The membership of the Society numbers 754, a 42 per cent gain over last year.

A Wapello County Historical Society has been organized, with Charles Ayres as president. Other officers are: Joe W. Griffin, vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Hollenbeck, secretary; and Baxter Smith, treasurer. The board of directors is made up of James C. Taylor, Carl Obermann, Robert Heinje, W. Sinclair Venables, and Mrs. Allen Sharp. Eventually, the Society hopes to obtain a suitable building for a museum in Ottumwa.

The Mills County Historical Museum was dedicated on August 29. The ceremony included entertainment by a group of Pottawattamie Indians from Mayetta, Kansas, and an address by Albert Wabaunsee, principal of schools at Fort Thompson, South Dakota, who is a descendant of Chief Waubonsie of the Pottawattamies. The museum was presented to the Society by the Mintle family.

A Delaware County Historical Society has been organized, with the following officers: Mrs. W. J. Maxfield, president; Homer Platt, vice-president; and Mrs. Don Nagel, secretary-treasurer. The directors are Stanley Klaus, Lance Candee, Glenn Robinson, and Mrs. Don Malven.