

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

State Historical Society of Iowa

The Society added 191 new members during the months of January, February, and March. The following became Life Members during this period: Miss Mavis Hanno, Le Mars; Ben J. Taylor, Fairfield; James W. Bell, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Imogen B. Emery, Cedar Rapids; Miss Laura Lewis, Manchester; and Herb Plambeck, Des Moines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR

- January 14 Spoke at Cedar County Historical Society meeting.
- January 29 Attended Iowa Civil War Commission meeting in Des Moines.
- February 7 Spoke to Henry County Historical Society.
- March 8 Addressed Civil War Round Table in Iowa City.
- March 14 Spoke to convention of Muscatine County Federated Women's Club at Wilton Junction.
- April 3 Conferred with Dr. Russell Fridley of the Minnesota Historical Society on the impending meeting of the American Association for State and Local History at Iowa City.
- April 6 Conference with officers of Women's Relief Corps.
- April 9 Addressed Regional Meeting of Auxiliary of American Amvets at Oakdale.

Iowa Historical Activities

The thirty-eighth annual History Conference was held at the State University of Iowa in Iowa City, April 8-9, 1960. Papers were read by Paul A. Varg of Michigan State University, Norman A. Graebner of the University of Illinois, Franklin L. Ford of Harvard University, and James M. Becker of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Many of the records of the 34th Infantry Division of World War II have been turned over to the State Department of History and Archives at Des Moines. The records cover much of the Italian and African campaigns of the division.

A rifle which once belonged to Chief Keokuk has been presented to the city of Keokuk by A. J. Christensen of Oak Park, Illinois. The rifle was given to Chief Keokuk by the Danish government, according to an inscription on the stock of the gun. It will be on display in the historical rooms of the Keokuk Library.

At its first 1960 meeting, the Dallas County Historical Society elected the following officers: Mrs. Curtis W. Gregory, president; Mrs. Lloyd Heins, vice-president; and Miss Gretchen Mullins, secretary-treasurer. A centennial will be held at Redfield in July, 1960.

The McGregor Historical Society elected the following officers at its February meeting: Floyd Luce, president; Mary Elwell, vice-president; Dorothy K. Huebsch, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Lena D. Myers, curator.

A drive by the Dubuque County Historical Society to save the old lead shot tower at Dubuque has resulted in the collection of \$6,700. In addition, the city council has allocated \$5,000 to the project.

At the annual meeting of the Cedar County Historical Society on January 14, 1960, the following officers were elected: Curtis Frymoyer, president; Gordon Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Elijah, secretary; and Mrs. Ina Barewald, treasurer. William J. Petersen, superintendent of the State Historical Society, spoke at the meeting.