

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The summer meeting of the Indiana Historical Society was held at Terre Haute on August 26 and 27, 1926. In connection with this meeting there was a tour to various places of historical interest.

November 15 to 20, 1926, was "History Week" in Minnesota and was largely devoted to the collection of Minnesota's quota of the funds to be raised for the American Historical Association.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, March 31-April 2, 1927. Professor E. M. Violette of Louisiana University is chairman of the program committee.

The Missouri Historical Society held a meeting at the Jefferson Memorial on November 5, 1926. The chief address was on the "Explorations of the Upper Colorado by William Ashley, Famous St. Louis Fur Trader, 1824-25". A film of the "U. S. Geological Survey Expedition Through the Grand Canyon" was also shown.

The George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission has changed its title to the George Rogers Clark Commission. The plans for the memorial to George Rogers Clark, submitted by H. Van Buren Magonigle, include a small park on the site of Fort Sackville; a hall of history in which mural paintings will depict scenes of Clark's exploits; a memorial bridge across the Wabash River; a boulevard along the Wabash from Fort Sackville to the William Henry Harrison Home; and a plaza on the Illinois side, commemorating the capture of Kaskaskia and Cahokia.

The eighth annual Indiana History Conference under the auspices of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Indiana Historical Bureau, was held at Indianapolis, on December 10 and 11, 1926. The program for this meeting included a lecture by Arthur G. Mitten on "Experiences of an Indiana Collector"; an illustrated talk on "Historic and Scenic Indi-

ana", by Frank M. Hohenberger; an address on "George Rogers Clark", by Elmore Barce; an address by Carl Sandburg on his preparation for the life of Abraham Lincoln; and a paper by Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan on the "Northern Boundary of Indiana".

IOWA

An old settlers' picnic was held at Hampton on October 8, 1926. A feature of the celebration was the unveiling of a bronze marker on the site of Job Garner's cabin, built in 1854.

A feature of the Armistice Day program at Guthrie Center on November 11, 1926, was the dedication of a memorial tablet at the courthouse in honor of the pioneers whose names are inscribed upon it. Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of The State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered the address, E. W. Weeks made the presentation speech, and Judge George B. Lynch accepted the memorial on behalf of the descendants of the pioneers.

On October 11, 1926, an old settlers memorial service was held at Storm Lake. A boulder marked with a brass plate was dedicated to the early settlers. The presentation speech was made by Miss Grace Russell and Judge Bailie and Mayor Guy E. Mack responded.

On August 25, 1926, the old settlers of O'Brien County held their annual picnic at Primghar. A tablet was unveiled to mark the site of the home of Hannibal H. Waterman and his wife, the first white settlers in O'Brien County. Mrs. F. E. Frisbee and W. D. Boies were the chief speakers.

State officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution are planning the erection of markers on two sites in northeastern Iowa. One is to be at the beginning of the Old Military Road, built at the time Fort Atkinson was founded, and the other on Pike's Peak.

The Daughters of the American Revolution at Algona are raising money to provide a marker for the first cabin built in Kossuth County. This cabin was built in 1854 by Ambrose Call. It is proposed that the land on which it stood be included in a State park.

On September 8, 1926, the school children of Osceola County

presented an historical pageant depicting the events in Osceola County. There were six episodes — the name Osceola, the coming of the first settlers, the first political meetings, the first religious exercises, the first schools, and the contribution of the various towns and districts.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently installed a number of new steel book stacks and filing cases.

Research work on the proposed volume on *Municipal Government and Administration in Iowa* is now under way. This is to be similar in outline and method of preparation to the volume on *County Government and Administration in Iowa*, published as Volume IV of the *Applied History Series*.

The State Historical Society of Iowa furnished one of the exhibits at the State Teachers Meeting at Des Moines on November 4-6, 1926. The books published by the Society from its organization in 1857 to the present formed the chief feature of the display and occupied a shelf space of thirty feet.

Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, spoke on "Dramatic Episodes in Early Iowa History" before the Fourth District meeting of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs at Oelwein, on October 6, 1926. On October 8th he spoke on the same topic at the Second District meeting at DeWitt, and on November 3rd to the Eighth District meeting at Corning.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Eugene Adams, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Louis L. Akin, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. Francis R. Aumann, Iowa City, Iowa; Rev. A. K. Billingsley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Blackmar, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Henry I. Decker, Clarence, Iowa; Mr. Grant L. Hayes, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; Mr. E. L. Hogue, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Lee Nagle, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. T. W. Pixley, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Claude R. Porter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Erwin S. Rauworth, Bellevue, Iowa; Mr. M. H. Renz, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. Clyde H. Topping, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. C. W. Boegel, Cedar Rapids,

Iowa; Mr. Lenus Hagglund, Essex, Iowa; Miss Marguerite Logan, Ruthven, Iowa; Mrs. Harry W. Norris, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. W. T. Root, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Mildred J. Sharp, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Helen S. Taylor, Bloomfield, Iowa; Mr. E. Webbles, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Davis M. Auten, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Edna McCaull Bohlman, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Esther Mary Brannen, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Hazel Brazelton, Armstrong, Iowa; Mr. Wiley G. Brooks, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Mark H. Brown, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Geo. R. Burden, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Orville H. Carpenter, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Ella M. Day, Creston, Iowa; Miss Agnes Helmreich, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Eli Hutchinson, Leon, Iowa; Mr. H. I. Jennings, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. M. C. King, Holstein, Iowa; Mr. J. Leonard Kline, Mason City, Iowa; Dr. E. F. LaForce, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Ralph H. Matheson, Williamsburg, Iowa; Mrs. Sybil E. Norton, Laurens, Iowa; Mr. Leo P. Peiffer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. D. J. Perdue, Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. Paul L. Proctor, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. J. J. Roshek, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. J. P. Ryan, Grinnell, Iowa; Miss Nora D. Sherwood, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Homer C. Snodgrass, Corning, Iowa; Mr. Reece Stuart, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. S. R. Torgeson, Joice, Iowa; and Miss Leona Wilcox, Des Moines, Iowa. The following persons have recently been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. H. R. Howell, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Joseph F. Porter, Kansas City, Missouri.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The legislature of Indiana in 1925 designated December 11th as Indiana Day in commemoration of the admission of Indiana to the Union.

The forty-second meeting of the old settlers of Harrison County was held at Magnolia on August 26, 1926. A. M. Fyrando is the secretary-treasurer of the association.

A new State park at Twin Lakes was dedicated on October 10,