

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held at the Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on February 1, 1927.

The Minnesota Historical Society is providing a series of four free illustrated lectures, beginning March 16 and ending May 11, 1927. In the order presented these are listed as follows: "By Canoe and Trail with the Explorers", by Willoughby M. Babcock; "A Hundred Years of Traders and Missionaries", by Grace Lee Nute; "Minnesota Pioneer Life", by Theodore C. Blegen; and "How Minnesota Became a State", by Solon J. Buck.

The seventy-eighth annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society was held at St. Paul, on January 17, 1927. Among the subjects of the papers, talks, and addresses were the following: "Gopher Trails", by R. C. Emery; "An Artist's Year in Minnesota, 1862-63", by Mrs. Francis B. Tiffany; "Minnesota Housewives of the Thirties and Forties", by Grace Lee Nute; "Washington and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy", by Henry M. Winston; and "Glimpses of Minnesota Before the Days of the Photographer", by Edward C. Gale.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 31 and April 1 and 2, 1927, with the headquarters at Hotel Bienville. The program related chiefly to the South. Among the papers of particular interest to students of the Upper Mississippi Valley were the following: "Robert E. Lee and the Improvement of the Mississippi River prior to the Civil War", by Stella Drumm; "Cleavage between the Northern and the Southern Farmers Alliances", by H. C. Nixon; and "Louis Kossuth's Appeal to the Middle West, 1851-1852", by John W. Oliver. W. O. Hart of New Orleans was the chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

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D. A. White, editor of the *Wyoming Journal*, has contributed to the Jones County historical society a file of the *Journal* from 1873 to 1909.

The historical society in Henry County is making an effort to locate the sites of old mills on the creeks and rivers in that county and secure information concerning them.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Keokuk County are preparing a boulder with a bronze tablet inset to commemorate the first court held in that county. This was on July 1, 1844, and Joseph Williams was the judge.

The January meeting of the Howard County historical society was held at Cresco on January 10, 1927. Mrs. T. G. Gibbons gave a review of the life of the pioneers and this was emphasized by an exhibit of pioneer relics. On February 14th Mrs. C. E. Farnsworth described the early educational beginnings in Iowa.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

On January 7, 1927, Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, spoke before a joint session of the women's clubs of Charles City on "Dramatic Episodes in Early Iowa".

The State Historical Society of Iowa is coöperating with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs in a program for Iowa History Week, April 18-23, 1927. *The Pioneers: A Pageant of Early Iowa* has been prepared by Bruce E. Mahan for use in high school assemblies, and published as number thirteen of the *Bulletin of Information Series*. A series of radio talks will be presented by the Historical Society during the week from Station WSUI at Iowa City. This program will include the following: "The Iowa Pioneers", by Benj. F. Shambaugh; "The Contribution of Pioneer Women", by Ruth A. Gallaher; "Frontier Fun", by Bruce E. Mahan; "Living and Working in Pioneer Days", by J. A. Swisher; "The Spirit of Pioneering", by John E. Briggs; and "The Iowa Pioneer in Literature", by Frank Luther Mott.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership

in the Society: Mr. A. D. Brown, Manchester, Iowa; Mr. Edwin J. Butterfield, Dallas Center, Iowa; Mr. Walter B. Eaton, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Roscoe Emery, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Walter M. Patton, Northfield, Minn.; Mr. Henry K. Peterson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Ross Sifford, Wall Lake, Iowa; Mr. E. J. Stout, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Cloyd C. Woodke, Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. A. P. Clausen, Holstein, Iowa; Miss Elizabeth Fay Hart, Sac City, Iowa; Dr. L. D. Jay, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. John A. Lewis, Manning, Iowa; Dr. R. L. Reid, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. C. Rufus Rorem, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Glenn Shackelford, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Elmer W. Sweany, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Margarette F. Battey, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. John Breedlove, Cresco, Iowa; Miss Jean C. Herrick, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Albert Hull, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. S. F. LeQuette, Belle Plaine, Iowa; Mr. F. H. Luthe, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. S. M. McCall, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Donald McClain, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. M. Miller, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. J. A. Parden, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. B. Shoemaker, Tama, Iowa; Mr. Ralph L. Smith, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Channing G. Smith, Granger, Iowa; Mr. Kalman Spelletich, Davenport, Iowa; and Mrs. Genevieve B. Sutherland, Duluth, Minn.

NOTES AND COMMENT

William Beer, who for the past thirty-six years has been librarian of the Howard Memorial Library at New Orleans, died on February 1, 1927.

The Pioneer Lawmakers Association met at Des Moines on February 23, 1927. Four portraits—those of Warren Garst, A. B. Cummins, Lafayette Young, and J. P. Dolliver—were presented to the State and accepted by Chief Justice W. D. Evans. The portrait of A. B. Cummins was presented by H. W. Byers, that of Lafayette Young by B. F. Carroll, that of Warren Garst by Ora Williams, and that of J. P. Dolliver, by Harvey Ingham.