

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Georgia Historical Society is offering a prize of two hundred and fifty dollars for the best article written in 1927 on Georgia history. The work must be based upon original research.

The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado has voted to abandon its natural history activities and to confine its interests to history and archaeology, and by an act of the legislature has been authorized to change its name to "The State Historical Society of Colorado".

The seventh annual meeting of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society was held at Evansville on February 10, 1927. Among the papers read at this meeting were the following: "The Buffalo Trail — The Great Wilderness Road of Southern Indiana", by Margaret A. Wilson; "Judge Elisha Mills Huntington", by Thomas James de la Hunt; "Vanderburgh County in the Mexican War", by C. C. Schreeder; and "The Commercial History of Evansville from 1850 to 1865", by David W. Snepp. W. W. Sweet delivered an address entitled "Why History".

The Sixth State Historical Convention under the auspices of the Minnesota Historical Society was held at St. Cloud, on June 16, 1927, and at Willmar on June 17th. A feature of this meeting was the tour from Minneapolis to St. Cloud, Paynesville, New London, and Willmar with various stops for meetings. The program at St. Cloud included a paper by August C. Krey on "Monte Cassino, Metten, and Minnesota" and a motion picture, "The Chronicle of Time; The Story of Stearns County, Its History and Industry". At Willmar, Ray P. Chase delivered an address on "State Parks and Memorials and State History"; Victor E. Lawson on "The Historical Backgrounds of Willmar and Its Vicinity"; and George M. Stephenson on "Some Characteristics of the Scandinavian-American". Hugh Graham read a paper on "Minnesota Pioneer

Schools'' and Willoughby M. Babcock gave an illustrated talk on ''The Pioneer Trek Across Minnesota''.

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Under the direction of E. W. Smith, an attempt is being made to compile a history of Arthur McCullough Post No. 13 of the American Legion, located at Anamosa.

The Howard County historical society held its annual meeting on March 4, 1927, at Cresco. The program included a paper of reminiscences by Mrs. F. A. Miller. The following officers were chosen: C. J. Harlan, president; Miss Lauraine Mead, vice president; Mrs. Alma Glass, secretary; J. H. Howe, treasurer; and Mrs. Nettie Farnsworth, curator.

On May 14, 1927, the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a shaft and tablet in honor of James L. and Lucius H. Langworthy. The memorial stands on the Old Military Highway between Key West and Ballyclough and was the gift of James G. Collier, a member of the Langworthy family.

The Hardin County Farm Bureau and the people of Eldora combined to present an historical pageant at Eldora on June 16 and 17, 1927. The prologue presented the early period preceding settlement by the whites. Scenes of the pageant were Iowa town life from 1846 to 1861, early days in Fort Dodge, the Spirit Lake Massacre, the Underground Railroad, the end of the Civil War, the Cleveland-Blaine campaign, and the World War.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Madison County historical society was held in the courtroom at Winterset on April 26, 1927. W. F. Craig read a paper prepared by W. H. Lewis on the Guiberson family, J. J. Gaston gave a paper entitled ''Cash'', containing reminiscences, and Charles Aikins gave a history of Company A of the 168th Infantry. The following officers were elected: H. A. Mueller, president; E. R. Zeller, vice president; and Jean Cash Scott, secretary and treasurer.

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Research workers under the direction of the State Historical Society are working on the fifth volume of the *Applied History Series*, to be published by the Society. The subject is "Municipal Government and Administration in Iowa".

The State Historical Society of Iowa now has in press a biography of Leonard Fletcher Parker by Jacob A. Swisher. Parker was closely associated with the educational interests of Iowa, serving as principal of a public school, county superintendent of Poweshiek County, professor at Iowa College — now Grinnell — and at the State University, and as president of the State Teachers Association.

On May 11th, Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, addressed the Federated Women's Clubs of Appanoose County at Moravia, and on the next day spoke before a similar group of Wayne County club women at Corydon. He used as his subject "Dramatic Episodes in Early Iowa History". On June 14th Mr. Mahan delivered the Flag Day address at Keokuk before the Keokuk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. H. M. Dancer, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Dale Elwood, Cresco, Iowa; Mr. Earl C. Huene, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. N. D. McCombs, Cherokee, Iowa; Mr. Ernest M. Miller, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. D. J. Neasham, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Frank H. Noble, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. P. S. O'Connor, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Emil H. Rausch, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. Patrick A. Dooley, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Frank H. Binder, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Geo. L. Falk, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Myron Insko, Rockwell City, Iowa; Mrs. George W. Kiesel, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Albert B. Hoover, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. Clem. F. Kimball, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. F. A. Millard, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Roxie B. Plummer, Grundy Center, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Pruitt, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. R. H. Richardson, Mason City, Iowa; and Mr. Elmer Swartzendruber, Wellman, Iowa.