

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Society of Indiana Pioneers made a two day automobile pilgrimage, June 17, 18, from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne. Visits were paid to historic spots en route.

Joining forces with the University of New Mexico, sessions of the School of American Research were held at Albuquerque during June. On July 5th sessions of the school began at Santa Fe. Much space in the summer numbers of *El Palacio* has been devoted to summaries of lectures on anthropology, archeology, and Indian culture delivered at the regular sessions of the School.

The sixth annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Central Section, was held at Chicago March 25 and 26. The meeting was well attended and the program of addresses, papers, and lectures was very attractive. Dr. Charles Reuben Keyes, who is conducting an archeological survey of Iowa for the State Historical Society, gave an illustrated lecture on "A Village Site on the Big Sioux".

The Michigan Historical Society held its annual meeting on July 28-29, at Mackinac Island and St. Ignace. The session on July 28th at St. Ignace commemorated the 250th anniversary of the burial of Father Marquette and the 50th anniversary of the discovery of his grave. Addresses were given by Rev. Wm. F. Gagnier S. J. and by Rt. Rev. P. J. Nussbaum, Bishop of Marquette. At the Mackinac session on July 29th addresses were made by J. E. Jopling and by Dr. Milo M. Quaife. Walter F. Gries told some incidents and stories of "Cornish Life in the Upper Peninsula".

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A pageant of Iowa showing the progress of civilization from wilderness days to the present was presented at Cherokee during the summer festival and homecoming, August 16, 17, 1927.

The Howard County historical pageant presented at the fair ground at Cresco on the evenings of July 3, 4, 1927, reproduced episodes and scenes in the development of Iowa and Howard County.

Under the auspices of the Correctionville Commercial Club a pageant depicting the various stages in the development of the Little Sioux Valley was produced at Correctionville, July 21, 22, 1927. The cast was recruited from residents of Correctionville, Anthon, Washta, and Pierson.

An historical pageant at Hampton July 28, 29, 1927, sponsored by the American Legion, showed the development of Iowa from the days of discovery and exploration to the present. Much interest in the history of Franklin County and the State was aroused by this historical drama.

A bronze tablet marking the site of a fort built in 1857 as a protection against marauding Sioux Indians has been unveiled by the Baptist Men's Brotherhood at Algona. The inscription on the tablet reads: "On this site a stockade was erected during the winter of 1857 as a protection against hostile Sioux Indians. This tablet is placed here in memory of the pioneers who bravely faced the hardships of that period."

At a session of the American School of Wild Life Protection at McGregor on August 16, 1927, Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated an inscribed tablet marking the beginning of the Old Military Trail from the Mississippi River to Fort Atkinson. Mrs. L. S. Dorchester, chairman of the Historic Spots Committee of the D. A. R., presided. Mrs. C. G. Saunders, State Regent of the D. A. R., gave a patriotic address, and Bruce E. Mahan representing the State Historical Society, related some episodes in the history of the old trail.

The third annual meeting of the Wyoming Historical Society was held at Wyoming on August 5, 1927. Several papers relating to the early history of Wyoming were read. The following officers were elected: president, John W. Morse; first vice president, Mary Pixley Smith; second vice president, S. H. Brainard; third vice

president, Clara Stephenson; fourth vice president, E. M. Babcock; corresponding secretary, Mae Johnson Peck; recording secretary, Fannie Franks; treasurer, Emma Alden; program committee, Elva Briggs, Fannie Franks.

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The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently acquired copies of some one hundred and fifty letters written by John P. Irish to George F. Parker between the years 1894 and 1904. These letters will appear in a later issue of this magazine.

For several weeks the staff of the State Historical Society has furnished the central office of the Associated Press in the State a series of "Iowa Queries and Answers". The series has proved very popular with newspapers throughout the State. A new series entitled "Stories out of Iowa's Past" will be furnished the Associated Press for similar distribution.

John Springer has recently presented the State Historical Society with a copy of *Personal Reminiscences of Thirty-five Years of Journalism* by Franc B. Wilkie. The author was a newspaper reporter and editor both in Davenport and Dubuque in the stirring days prior to the Civil War, and three or four chapters are devoted to his experiences in these cities.

Nine resident curators of the State Historical Society were elected at a meeting of members June 27, 1927. Arthur J. Cox, Marvin H. Dey, Henry G. Walker, S. A. Swisher, Charles M. Dutcher, Morton C. Mumma, W. O. Coast, Dr. W. L. Bywater, and Thomas Farrell were those selected for this position. A resolution of greeting to Thomas H. Macbride, former curator of the Society and President Emeritus of the University, was passed at the meeting. Louis B. Schmidt of Iowa State College, Henry J. Peterson of the University of Wyoming, and Fred H. Hunter, mayor of Des Moines, served as the nominating committee.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. W. G. Blood, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Joseph H. Coffin, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Fred Yocom, Logan, Iowa; Mr. Wil-

liam P. Knowlton, Decorah, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Kramer, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Paul Noble, Glidden, Iowa; Mrs. Frederick W. Smith, Richland, Iowa; Mr. Roy A. Stacey, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mr. Seth J. Temple, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. John S. Tuthill, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Henry A. Wright, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Joseph McKee, Stuart, Iowa; Mr. Lawrence R. Taylor, Corning, Iowa; and Mr. John P. Tinley, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The following have been enrolled as Life Members: Mr. Henry L. Adams, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Geo. M. Bechtel, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. E. A. Crary, Grundy Center, Iowa; Mr. J. K. Deming, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Grout, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. John C. Hartman, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Henderson, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Geo. F. Henry, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Hubbell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Mercer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Milchrist, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. J. B. Rockafellow, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Lewis H. Smith, Algona, Iowa; Mr. H. H. Stipp, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. E. Ashton, Lone Tree, Iowa; Mrs. A. E. Chesley, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Baldwin, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. M. H. Cohen, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Oscar Hale, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. Chas. E. Hall, Omaha, Nebraska; Mr. Arthur Springer, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. O. B. Clark, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. G. M. Sheller, Grundy Center, Iowa.

NOTES AND COMMENT

A reunion of the pioneers of Pottawattamie, Mills, and Fremont counties was held at Macedonia, on August 17, 1927. J. D. M. Buckner, a minister of Lincoln, Nebraska, gave the main address of the day.

The annual meeting of the Old Settlers' Association of Cedar County was held at the courthouse in Tipton, on June 10, 1927. Congressman Cyrenus Cole, speaker of the day, gave an eloquent address in which he spoke feelingly of the early pioneers of Cedar County.

On August 25th the Old Settlers of Crawford County held their annual picnic and play day in Washington Park at Denison.