

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The eleventh annual Indiana History Conference will be held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, on December 13, and 14, 1929.

The Archaeological Department of Ohio has been making a study of the territory in northern Ohio occupied by Indians of Iroquois stock. Work has also been done on the reconstruction of the Seip Mound, in Ross County, near Bainbridge.

The Oregon Trail Memorial Association has issued a pamphlet entitled the *Oregon Trail A Plan to Honor the Pioneers*. Its object is to secure markers for the Oregon Trail and to awaken interest in pioneer life. It has been decided to hold a celebration in honor of the western pioneers in 1930, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ezra Meeker who for so many years was associated with the westward movement.

On June 21-23, 1929, the Society of Indiana Pioneers and the Indiana Historical Society sponsored an historical pilgrimage into Kentucky. The itinerary included the grave of George Rogers Clark at Louisville, Kentucky; the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln in Hardin County, Kentucky; Federal Hill, the home of the Rowan family; Harrodsburg; Shakertown; Lexington, where the homes of Henry Clay and Mary Todd and Transylvania University were visited; Frankfort; and Cincinnati.

In response to a call by the Division of Anthropology and Psychology of the National Research Council a Conference on Midwestern Archeology was held at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 18, 1929. The Committee on State Archeological Surveys met the day before the conference. Iowa was represented by Charles R. Keyes, who is making an archeological survey of Iowa for the State Historical Society of Iowa. On the afternoon of the seventeenth an excursion was made to the Cahokia Mounds under the direction of Warren K. Moorehead, and in the evening H. C. Shetrone gave an illustrated address on "Ancient Indians of the Mississippi Valley".

On the day of the conference, the following papers were presented: "The Conservation of Public Sites", by Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole; "The Importance of Systematic and Accurate Methods of Investigation", by Dr. F. W. Hodge; "The Value of Prehistoric Sites to the States in Which They Lie", by Dr. A. C. Parker; and "The Human Interest of Archeology", by Dr. Clark Wissler.

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A collection of historical relics is being made at the Stewart Library at Grinnell.

An historical pageant of Palo Alto County was one of the features of the fair held at Emmetsburg on August 27-30, 1929. It was under the direction of Jack Geller of the John B. Rogers Producing Company.

Registrations at the rooms of the Madison County Historical Society for August 19th and 20th totaled over five hundred, according to E. R. Zeller, who is in charge of these rooms in the courthouse at Winterset.

The school district and the city government of Madrid have let the contract for the cases in which the collection of historic articles donated to the community by C. L. Lucas is to be preserved. The cases are to be placed in the assembly room of the schoolhouse.

The Commercial Club of Cedar Falls and the Public Library are coöperating in collecting an historical exhibit which will trace the history of Cedar Falls from the first settlements to the present. The committee representing the Commercial Club is made up of LeClair Martin, Roger Leavitt, and S. B. Humbert.

A woman's sidesaddle, for which it is said the site of the Kirkwood Hotel was once offered in trade, has been presented to the Madison County Historical Society. It was the gift of Mrs. Derrick Bennett, who as a girl of seventeen brought the saddle to Iowa.

An exhibit of historical objects, including many forms of agricultural machinery, was one of the features of the seventy-fifth State Fair, held at Des Moines on August 21-30, 1929. The exhibit

was in charge of Edward F. Pittman of the State Historical Department at Des Moines.

A tablet marking the birthplace of President Herbert Hoover at West Branch was dedicated on August 10, 1929, the fifty-fifth birthday of the chief executive. It consists of a granite boulder with a bronze tablet inserted and was provided by the Pilgrim Chapter of the D. A. R., of Iowa City. Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave the address.

The Howard County Historical Society held a meeting on July 8, 1929, at which sketches of the lives of President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover were given by various members of the society. The August meeting was held on the twelfth of the month. A number of historical articles and pictures were presented to the society at this time.

Algona and Kossuth County held a seventy-fifth anniversary celebration at Eagle Grove on July 14-16, 1929. Sunday afternoon the lot and house built by Asa C. Call was presented to Algona by his son, George C. Call, as a memorial to this early settler. On the afternoon of July 15th the Ambrose A. Call State Park was dedicated. The program for this occasion included speeches by State Senator George W. Patterson, Congressman L. J. Dickinson, Gardner Cowles, Jr., W. E. G. Saunders, and Secretary of State Ed. M. Smith. A feature of the celebration on the sixteenth was the historical and agricultural parade.

The annual meeting of the Wyoming Historical Society was held at the M. H. Calkins estate at Wyoming on August 6, 1929. This society was organized in 1924 and now has over one hundred members. The program at the meeting consisted largely of reminiscences of the vicinity. Miss Harriet Shaffer gave a talk on "Early Wyoming History", and R. Fishwild wrote a paper on "Early Business Life in Wyoming", which was read by Mrs. Josephine Franks Noyes. The following officers were elected: president, S. H. Brainard; vice presidents, Elva Calkins Briggs, Frances Franks, Mrs. Florence Richardson Thomas, and Mrs. Clara Stevenson; re-

ording secretary, Nettie Gridley Wherry; corresponding secretary, Mae Johnson Peck; and treasurer, Emma Alden.

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The State Historical Society has recently distributed a new volume relating to Iowa history. This is *The American Legion in Iowa, 1919-1929*, written by Jacob A. Swisher.

Dr. Bruce E. Mahan, who for the past six years has been Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, has resigned to become Director of the Extension Division of the State University of Iowa. Dr. Mahan began his new duties on the first of August.

A collection of clippings from the *Express and Herald* of Dubuque, Iowa, in 1857, has recently been presented to the State Historical Society by Mrs. George Kiesel of Dubuque. Most of these are descriptions of towns in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota by a newspaper correspondent.

Nine resident curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa were elected at a meeting of the Society held at Iowa City on June 24, 1929. Those chosen at the meeting are Arthur J. Cox, Marvin H. Dey, Henry G. Walker, Stephen A. Swisher, Charles M. Dutcher, William O. Coast, William L. Bywater, Thomas Farrell, and Roscoe H. Volland.

A collection of guns belonging to Clarence A. Fairall who died recently at Iowa City has been presented to the State Historical Society of Iowa. The collection includes twenty-nine muskets and rifles and twenty-two revolvers, some of the pieces dating back to the Revolution.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Adolph V. Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Warren E. Pollard, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. L. D. Prewitt, Osage, Iowa; Dr. M. A. Royal, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Fred Crega Smith, Osage, Iowa; Mr. Howard L. Blanchard, Brighton, Iowa; Mr. W. J. Donlin, Creston, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah M. Harned, Eldora, Iowa; Mr. Edward H. Lauer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Emmett O'Donnell, Coun-

eil Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Baldwin, Eddyville, Iowa; Mrs. Anna E. Bullis, Allerton, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Cobb, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Hugo Geiger, Minden, Iowa; Mr. Paul H. Giddens, Iowa City, Iowa; Rev. R. E. Kerney, Kalona, Iowa; Mr. Harley Mitchell, Lacona, Iowa; Mr. E. W. Sass, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Minnie Wilds, Anita, Iowa; Mr. Frederic E. Zeuch, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. Warren T. Zeuch, Davenport, Iowa. The following persons have been enrolled as life members: Mr. Johnson Brigham, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. W. L. Bywater, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Charlotte M. Noteboom, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mr. F. B. Olsen, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Mary A. Pfothenauer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. O. Phipps, Bagley, Iowa; Mr. E. E. Reed, Monticello, Iowa; Mr. Casper Schenk, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Geo. C. Scott, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Thos. H. Smith, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. P. D. Van Oosterhout, Orange City, Iowa; Mr. Claus L. Anderson, Stanton, Iowa; Mr. Nathaniel K. Beechley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Helene Landsberg, Newberry, South Carolina; Mr. Irving B. Richman, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Donald J. A. Ritchie, Rockledge, Florida; Mr. E. F. Schall, Fairfield, Iowa; and Mr. Herman J. Zeuch, Davenport, Iowa.