

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The forty-fourth annual meeting of The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society was held at Columbus on March 27, 1930.

The Indiana Historical Society, which was organized on December 11, 1830, will celebrate its centennial by a meeting at Indianapolis on December 11, 1930.

A commission to take charge of the location and construction of the newly authorized State Library and Historical Building for Indiana has been recently appointed by Governor Harry G. Leslie.

The Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society is offering a prize of one hundred dollars for the best article on Michigan history. All articles must be submitted to George N. Fuller, Secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission, not later than September 1, 1930.

Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of The State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered two addresses at the Ohio History Conference at Columbus on February 7, 1930. In the afternoon Dr. Shambaugh's subject was "The Problems of a State Historical Society". The subject of the evening address was "The Statesman of Democracy".

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 24-26, 1930. Headquarters for the meeting will be at Hotel Patten and Dr. Frank W. Prescott of the University of Chattanooga is chairman of the local committee on entertainment. Dr. James L. Sellers of the University of Wisconsin is chairman of the program committee. A discussion section, led by Professor A. C. Cole and Professor J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton, will take up the question "Was there a reasonable probability that the election of Lincoln meant an attack on the institution of slavery in the states?" A tour of the battlefields at Missionary Ridge, Lookout

Mountain, and Chickamauga will be a feature of the entertainment program. The East Tennessee and the Tennessee historical societies will join in the meeting.

On December 28, 1929, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which met at Des Moines, held two sessions relating to history. Professor Charles E. Payne of Grinnell College presided over the forenoon meeting, at which Professor L. B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College read a paper on "The Agricultural Revolution in the United States, 1860-1930"; Professor Rodney H. True of the University of Pennsylvania, on "Some Pre-Revolutionary Correspondence on Agriculture"; and Professor George W. Hendry of the University of California on "Adobe Brick as a Source of Agricultural History". In the afternoon Professor W. T. Root of the University of Iowa presided. Irving B. Richman spoke on "Science and the New History" and Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, discussed "Some Means of Collecting Indian Lore".

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The Marshall County Historical Society is holding monthly meetings with good attendance. Mr. Frank G. Pierce is the president of the society.

Events in the early history of Merville made up the program of the Merville Woman's Club at a meeting on February 20, 1930. In addition to the program, a collection of relics furnished interesting entertainment.

The tenth annual history conference was held at Iowa City on February 7 and 8, 1930. The program included an address by Professor A. M. Schlesinger of Harvard University on "The City in American History".

The Historical Society of Howard County held its annual meeting at Cresco on March 10, 1930. J. F. Murtha gave a talk on rural schools of the past and present. The officers elected were as follows: president, Mrs. Alma Glass; vice president, J. H. Howe; secretary, C. J. Harlan; and treasurer William Killow.

A marble tablet commemorating the men who enlisted in the Civil War from Central College at Pella was presented to the College on March 26, 1930. George H. Jewett, the oldest living alumnus of Central College presented the tablet which was accepted for the College by President John Wesselink.

The members of the Appanoose County Historical Society held a meeting at Centerville on January 21, 1930, with Mrs. C. S. Hickman, the president, presiding. Mrs. E. J. Riepe told of the organization of the society two years ago and there was discussion of possible activities and financial problems. A month later, February 21st, the society sponsored a colonial ball, to provide funds for the work of the organization.

The annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on March 4, 1930. Mrs. Agnes McNamara read a paper on the "History of Madison County", Mr. E. R. Zeller gave an account of the work of Charles McMillan, a charter member of the organization, and C. A. Robbins discussed plans for the dedication of the Devils' Backbone State Park in connection with the old settlers' picnic. A letter from John C. Parish recalling some of the history of the society was read by H. A. Mueller. The officers were re-elected as follows: H. A. Mueller, president; W. S. Cooper, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Mrs. Agnes McNamara, treasurer.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, superintendent of the State Historical Society, has been selected by Governor John Hammill to represent Iowa at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 2 and 3, 1930.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. M. L. Hutton, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Percy A. Lainson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. O. C. Sutherland, Bellevue, Iowa; Mrs. Burt J. Thompson, Forest City, Iowa; Mr. E. C. Weber, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mrs. F. B. Myatt, Maquoketa, Iowa; Mr. Marion M. Roberts, Grant, Iowa; Mr. A. G. Sampson, Davenport,

Iowa; Mr. David W. Stewart, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Ethan P. Allen, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. William R. Felton, Sioux City, Iowa; Rev. J. J. Horsfield, McGregor, Iowa; Mr. Wm. O. Ransom, Burlington, Iowa; and Mr. Geod. S. Steinberg, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Mr. C. W. Pitts of Alton, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently published and will soon distribute two volumes on *Municipal Government and Administration in Iowa*. The first volume contains the following monographs: *The Creation and Dissolution of Municipal Corporations*, by Jacob A. Swisher; *Legal Status of Municipalities*, by Jacob A. Swisher; *The Municipal Electorate*, by Roy V. Sherman; *The City Council*, by Herman H. Trachsel; *The Mayor*, by John M. Pfiffner; *The City Manager*, by John M. Pfiffner; *The City Clerk*, by Jacob A. Swisher; *The Municipal Assessor*, by David W. Knepfer; *The Municipal Treasurer*, by Jacob A. Swisher; *The City Solicitor*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; *The City Engineer*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; *Other City Officials*, by Jacob A. Swisher; and *Municipal Boards and Commissions*, by Bertram W. Maxwell. Volume two contains nine monographs — *The Administration of Municipal Finance*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; *Municipal Administration of Justice*, by Francis R. Aumann; *Municipal Administration of Public Safety*, by Roy E. Brown; *Municipal Administration of Public Works*, by Jacob A. Swisher; *Municipal Administration of Public Utilities*, by Herman H. Trachsel; *Municipal Planning and Zoning*, by John W. Manning; *Municipal Administration of Public Health*, by William M. Hargrave; *Municipalities and Associated Activities*, by Ruth A. Gallaher; and *The League of Iowa Municipalities*, by Jacob A. Swisher.