

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Board of Public Printing of Indiana has issued an illustrated volume giving information concerning the government and institutions of the State and something of their history.

The Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society held its autumn meeting at the Hotel Olds in Lansing on October 18, 1930. E. R. Boak spoke on "Recent Discoveries in Egypt, Syria, and Mesopotamia", and Lew Allen Chase spoke on "Foundation Work in History". Claude S. Larzelere presided.

The State of Ohio has dedicated as a State park the site of the battle at Piqua, in October, 1830. The ceremony was held on October 9-11, 1930. At the memorial conference at Wittenberg College, the program included the following papers: "The Ohio Indians During the Revolution", by H. C. Shetrone; "The Ohio Campaigns of 1782", by Milo M. Quaife; "The Correlation of State and National History", by Asa E. Martin; "The Battle of Piqua", by Orton Rust; and "George Rogers Clark and Significant Events in the History of the Northwest", by James A. James.

On December 11, 1930, the Indiana Historical Society celebrated the centennial of the meeting in which it was organized — December 11, 1830. This was followed by the Twelfth Annual Indiana History Conference on December 12th and 13th. Evarts B. Greene, president of the American Historical Association, was the guest of honor of the occasion and spoke on "Our Pioneer Historical Societies". James A. Woodburn read a paper on "Indiana and Her History", and William Dudley Foulke delivered the centennial oration. Representatives of the historical societies of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, and Kentucky attended the celebration and meeting.

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the American Historical

Association was held at Boston, Massachusetts, on December 29, 30, and 31, 1930. Meeting with it at the same place and time were the following societies: the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Conference of Historical Societies, the Agricultural History Society, the American Catholic Historical Association, the National Conference for Social Studies, and the American Society of Church History. A dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was a feature of the first day. Two of the sessions of special interest to students of Middle West history were the joint meetings with the Agricultural History Society on the morning of December 30th and the meeting with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association on the 31st. The papers listed for these sessions included the following: "Marshall P. Wilder, Patron of Agriculture", by Herbert A. Kellar; "Cyrus Hall McCormick", by W. T. Hutchinson; "Gerrit Smith Miller, a Pioneer in the Cattle and Dairy Industry", by W. F. Galpin; "The Discovery of Gold in the Pike's Peak Region, 1857-1858", by R. P. Bieber; "Middle-of-the Road Populists", by J. D. Hicks; and "Donelson Caffery — a Louisiana Freelance", by E. M. Violette.

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The Business and Professional Women's Club of Fort Dodge is planning to establish a historical museum in the public library.

The Marshall County Historical Society had a dinner at Binford House, Marshalltown, on November 5, 1930. President F. G. Pierce gave a short talk and conducted a business session.

President Emeritus H. K. Warren of Yankton College gave an interesting talk at the meeting of the Howard County Historical Society at Cresco on November 9, 1930. Mrs. C. E. Farnsworth read a paper on Iowa history, written by Roger Leavitt of Cedar Falls.

The Iowa Catholic Historical Society met at Sioux City on September 18, 1930, for the purpose of organizing the diocesan branch in that section. M. M. Hoffmann and William Kessler,

both of Dubuque, and C. F. Griffith of Davenport read papers at the meeting.

The Norwegian-American Historical Association met at Decorah, Iowa, on September 22, 1930. Magnus Swenson of Madison, Wisconsin, was elected president. Among the speakers were President Olson, and Dr. Knut Gjerset of Luther College, O. E. Rolvaag of St. Olaf College, Theodore C. Blegen of the Minnesota Historical Society, D. G. Ristad, former president of the society, Sigurd J. Arneson, publisher of the *Nordisk Tidende*, Barthinius L. Wick of Cedar Rapids, J. Jorgan Thompson of Northfield, Minnesota, and Birger Osland of Chicago.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

At the September meeting of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa the following officers were elected: Mr. S. A. Swisher, president, and Mr. J. A. Parden, treasurer.

Mr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke to the Rotary Club of Iowa City, on December 4, 1930. His subject was "Early Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi".

Dr. Charles Reuben Keyes, director of the State Archaeological Survey and Research Associate in The State Historical Society of Iowa, recently visited a number of Indian village sites in southwestern Iowa. Among other things he located some veins of flint in the limestone quarries at Stennett from which the Indians may have made arrow heads.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Tolosa Cooke, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Clark Harrison, Buffalo, Iowa; Mrs. Martha L. Perry, Decorah, Iowa; Mrs. Wilma Slininger, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Wiese, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. L. R. Burton, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Clark H. Galloway, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Lulu M. Johnson, Talladega, Alabama; Dr. Harry C. Parsons, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Harold Plotts, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Harold B.

Schultz, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. E. M. Vernon, Corning, Iowa; Dr. Karl R. Werndorff, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Paul T. Beardsley, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Harry M. Greene, Avoca, Iowa; Rt. Rev. Edmond Heelan, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. S. A. Lorenz, Bloomfield, Iowa; and Mr. W. H. Reeve, Glidden, Iowa.