

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Texas State Historical Association held its thirty-fourth annual meeting at Austin on April 20, 21, 1931.

The annual dinner of the Missouri Historical Society commemorating the Louisiana Purchase was held at the Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 30, 1931. Louis La Beaume gave an illustrated address on "Historic St. Louis and Its Early Buildings".

John Carl Parish, formerly Associate Editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered the annual faculty research lecture at the University of California at Los Angeles on May 6, 1931. His subject was "The Emergence of the Idea of Manifest Destiny".

The Twelfth Annual Indiana History Conference was held at Indianapolis on December 11-13, 1930. It was sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society and the Society of Indiana Pioneers, with special emphasis on the centennial of the Historical Society. The program included an address on "Indiana and Her History", by James A. Woodburn and one by Evarts B. Green on "Our Pioneer Historical Societies". Evans Woolen of Indianapolis was elected president of the Indiana Historical Society, and Christopher B. Coleman of Indianapolis, secretary.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, who has been superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society since 1914, has resigned to accept the position of director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and head of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh. Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, associate professor of history at the University of Minnesota and assistant superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society since 1922, has been appointed superintendent to succeed Dr. Buck.

The annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and His-

torical Society was held at Columbus on March 26, 1931. The name of the society was changed to the shorter title, The Ohio State Historical Society. On April 30th the Ohio State Historical Society and the Ohio History Conference held a joint meeting at Columbus. The program included an address by Hamlin Garland on "The Westward March of Settlement" and a paper by Asa E. Martin on "Research in State History : Its Problems and Opportunities". The Ohio State Historical Society has recently come into possession of the manuscript copy of the Journal of the Northwest Territory.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held at Springfield, on May 7 and 8, 1931. The program included the following papers and addresses: "Early Music and Musicians in Illinois", by W. D. Armstrong; "Greene Vardiman Black, 1836-1915", by Bessie M. Black; "An Outline of the History of Architecture in Illinois", by Thomas E. O'Donnell; "Illinois and the Gold-Silver Controversy, 1890-1896", by James A. Barnes; "Leaders in American Immigration", by Theodore C. Blegen; and "John W. Vance and the Vermilion Salines", by Clint Clay Tilton.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Lexington, Kentucky, on April 30, May 1, 2, 1931. The program included the following papers and addresses: "The Silver Republicans in the Election of 1895", by Elmer Ellis; "The Anglo-American Penetration into Spanish Louisiana", by Lawrence Kinnaird; "Missouri Kansas Border Compromise during the Civil War", by C. J. Ritchey; "France and the Mississippi Valley : A Resumé", by Louise Phelps Kellogg; and "The Maysville Road", by Charles M. Knapp. The program included trips to Harrodsburg and Shakertown. Beverly W. Bond, Jr., was elected president of the Association and Mrs. Clarence S. Paine was reelected secretary-treasurer.

IOWA

A large number of historical relics have been placed on display in the Storm Lake Public Library.

The Woodbury County Pioneer Club celebrated its fifth anniversary at a dinner at Sioux City on June 4, 1931.

A. S. Crosby of Homer has a history of the Mt. Zion Sabbath school from its organization on April 14, 1867, to July, 1878.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Howard County was held on March 9, 1931. Mrs. Alma Glass was elected president; J. H. Howe, vice president; C. J. Harlan, secretary; William Kellow, treasurer; and Mrs. C. E. Farnsworth, curator.

The Webster County Historical Museum was opened in the Public Library building at Fort Dodge on May 15, 1931. The museum was organized and sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Fort Dodge. Miss Maude Lauderdale has been named curator of the museum.

The Crawford County Historical Society is preparing glass cabinets for the courthouse at Denison in which to place relics concerning the county's history. Many valuable articles have been placed in the log cabin in Washington park.

The Iowa Swedish Baptist Conference dedicated a three-ton boulder and bronze tablet at New Sweden near Lockridge, Iowa, on May 17, 1931. It was erected in memory of the 77th anniversary of the building of the first Swedish Baptist church in the United States.

Frank G. Pierce was reelected president of the Marshall County Historical Society at a meeting held in the historical room of the courthouse on March 10, 1931. Other officers include Albert Beane, vice president; Susie Sower, secretary; Minnie J. Pendleton, treasurer; and Ella Mace, curator.

The Columbian Club held its annual Iowa history meeting at the home of Mrs. Lula Sweet in Cherokee. Mrs. F. W. Jackson presided and Mrs. W. A. Sanford gave an appreciative review of Richman's *Ioway to Iowa*. N. L. Stiles, local archeologist, told of the geology and Indian history of northwest Iowa.

A historical pageant, depicting the development of agricultural

machinery from the primitive to modern stages, is being planned in conjunction with the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers to be held at Ames from June 22 to 25, 1931.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held in the courthouse at Winterset on March 3, 1931. H. A. Mueller presided over the meeting and was elected president. Other officers chosen were W. S. Cooper, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Mrs. John McNamara, treasurer.

The Martha Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Sioux City sponsored a series of radio broadcasts from Station KSCJ, Sioux City, during Iowa History Week from April 20-25, 1931. The subjects were as follows: "The Old Missouri River Trail", "Floyd's Bluff", "It Happened at Travercur's", "The First White Children", "Inkpaduta Goes Bad", and "The Gray Stone by the Correctionville Road".

According to a new law which goes into effect on July 4, 1931, Iowa history is included in the required course of study for elementary school work. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Agnes Samuelson, has sent out a list of references on Iowa history books suitable for the grades, and suggests that schools may prefer to give a block of time to this subject in one grade, possibly the sixth, instead of scattering it throughout the course.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

During the 1930-1931 academic year the State Historical Society of Iowa sponsored a series of weekly radio talks given over Station WSUI. Dr. William J. Petersen was in charge of the series, the general theme of which was "Stories Out of Iowa's Past".

A study collection of archeological material has recently been installed in the rooms of the State Historical Society. This material illustrates the various pre-historic cultures of Iowa and has been collected by Dr. Charles Reuben Keyes, who for several years has been acting as director of the archeological survey of Iowa conducted under the auspices of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

On March 16, 1931, Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate on the staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave an illustrated lecture on "Early Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" before the Engineers Club of Iowa City. On March 30, 1931, he gave an illustrated talk on steamboating at the noon luncheon of the Clinton Rotary Club and repeated the lecture before the students of Wartburg College that afternoon. Captain Daniel Smith Harris was the topic of an address before the West Liberty Rotary Club on April 9, 1931. On April 23rd, Dr. Petersen gave an address on "Centennials in Iowa History" before a joint meeting of the Appanoose County Historical Society, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce, at Centerville.

A Republican ticket used in Center Township, Cedar County, in the election of 1860 has been donated to the Library of the State Historical Society by Judge John T. Moffit of Tipton. The ticket was part of the collection of Mrs. Fred Hecht, who was born in February, 1840, and is still living. This old ticket is very different from a modern election ballot. In the first place, the party ballots were separate and there are no squares or circles. Apparently the voter simply deposited whichever ticket he preferred. If he did not desire to vote for some one on the ticket he "scratched" out the name and he might also write in a name. Indeed he might write out the whole ticket. The list of State officers does not include the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, for there were annual elections and these two officers were elected in the odd-numbered years. So were all the county officers except the clerk of the district court. Members of the board of supervisors were elected on the township ticket, which had more candidates than any other group.

Mr. F. C. Russell of Lamoni, Iowa, has presented to the State Historical Society of Iowa an eight-page booklet entitled *Constitution and By Laws of the Grand River Vigilance Committee Instituted, April 29th, A. D. 1876*. It was printed at Leon, Iowa. This Association was formed, the preamble said, "to shield us from the depredation of thieves and robbers, counterfeiters, incendiaries

and all other criminal acts, and to afford mutual aid in reclaiming stolen property, and arresting thieves". Any person wishing to join must first give his or her name to a member and pay a fee of fifty cents. The candidate was then voted on secretly by the company and three black balls would keep a candidate out. Male members were required to attend the regular meetings on pain of a fine of fifty cents for each absence. Upon notification by the president or the standing committee every able-bodied male member was to assist in the recovery of property stolen from any member of the Association and in the pursuit and arrest of the thieves. Failure to obey such a summons entailed a fine of from one to five dollars. The business was secret and a pass word and countersign were to be given by the president. Article 14 reads as follows: "Any member suspected of playing cards for money or gambling, or giving aid or countenance to persons engaged in stealing and robbing, shall be duly examined, and if found guilty shall be expelled, and at every annual meeting the character of every member shall be examined."

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. Geo. C. Albright, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. H. W. Baker, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Baldwin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Barnard, Seneca, Missouri; Mr. E. Maxwell Benton, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. F. W. Berninghausen, Nashua, Iowa; Miss Anne Bormann, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Helen Brown, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Lora D. Brown, Grundy Center, Iowa; Mr. Ellworth Carlstedt, Estherville, Iowa; Mrs. Estelle Land Cobb, Wollaston, Mass.; Miss Mildred Colby, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. J. V. Conzett, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Lois Marie Crane, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Mary Frances Cromwell, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. L. H. Davis, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. S. Dorward, Turin, Iowa; Mr. W. E. Drips, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. A. Emigh, Atlantic, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Evans, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. J. Feuling, New Hampton, Iowa; Miss Florence Forbes, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Henry Frankel, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Laura Geller, Tipton, Iowa; Dr. G. H. Gillette, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Harry D. Green, West Branch, Iowa; Mr. R. A. Griffin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Griffith, Elkader, Iowa;

Mr. R. B. Hawkins, Leon, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Hayes, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. Robert R. Hibbs, Marengo, Iowa; Miss Mattie Iversen, Prescott, Iowa; Mr. Ernest W. Kinne, Ft. Atkinson, Iowa; Mr. Floyd L. Leslie, McClelland, Iowa; Mr. John Lund, Jr., Grinnell, Iowa; Miss Anna Lynam, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. B. McClelland, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Richard E. McEvoy, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Frank A. Mallett, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Herman W. Merrill, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Elizabeth Mohler, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. F. M. Morrison, Washington, Iowa; Mrs. E. J. Newel, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Stella Peper, Lake View, Iowa; Mr. Geo. V. Pew, Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. Chas. F. Pye, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Cale H. Ransom, Rippey, Iowa; Miss Clara A. Rasmussen, Ruthven, Iowa; Miss Mary J. Robers, Fort Madison, Iowa; Dr. F. E. Robinson, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Lewis W. Ross, Oakland, Iowa; Miss Helen Sanderson, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Robt. R. Schafer, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Fred J. Seemann, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Lawrence B. Smith, Osage, Iowa; Mr. C. A. Spaulding, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Stacy, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Ivan L. Starke, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Robert M. St. Clair, Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. Frank E. Stimson, Monticello, Iowa; Mr. Samuel C. Stoltz, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. R. E. Taylor, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Richard W. Tims, Tama, Iowa; Miss Lelah Trowbridge, Corydon, Iowa; Miss Margaret Trumpp, Iowa City, Iowa; Rev. F. H. Voelker, Oelwein, Iowa; Dr. R. W. Wood, Newton, Iowa; Dr. F. H. Battey, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Myrtle Beinhauer, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. B. J. Bergeson, Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Catherine Brown, Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Charlotte D. Bryan, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Laura E. Cameron, Belmond, Iowa; Mr. C. T. Carney, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. W. P. Crane, Holstein, Iowa; Mr. G. E. Cress, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. J. A. Dunlap, Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Fine, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. C. S. George, Grinnell, Iowa; Mrs. D. B. Marlowe, Maquoketa, Iowa; Rev. W. F. Mason, Seranton, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Foley Mavis, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Merner, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Geo. L. Mitchell, Maquoketa, Iowa; Mr. Charles H. Norby, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Sina Olsen, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Miss Evelyn Peterson, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Mary L. Ross, Oakland, Calif.; Mr. Clive

Runnells, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. Ida K. Soleman, Tama, Iowa; Mr. Thad W. Stevens, Oakland, Calif.; Miss Sarah E. Stout, Tipton, Iowa; Miss Estella Swem, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Jessie M. Vanzee, Tipton, Iowa; Mr. Joseph E. Wintz, Gibson, Iowa; Mrs. S. P. Zwemer, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Orville Elder, Washington, Iowa; Mrs. W. F. Hili, Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. Donald D. Holdoegel, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Oscar B. Lundgren, Burnside, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Maines, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Ray Murray, Buffalo Center, Iowa; Mr. Harry R. Peterson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. R. F. Poston, Williamsburg, Iowa; Mr. Gordon Smith, Clarence, Iowa; Mrs. S. C. Snider, West Liberty, Iowa; Mr. E. W. Thornton, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. Farron E. Turner, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. Buel F. Weare, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Roy E. Wells, Des Moines, Iowa.

The following nine resident curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa were chosen at a meeting of the Society held at Iowa City on June 22, 1931: W. L. Bywater, W. O. Coast, Arthur J. Cox, Marvin H. Dey, Charles M. Dutcher, Thomas Farrell, S. A. Swisher, R. H. Volland, and Henry G. Walker.