

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The State Historical Society of Missouri held its annual meeting at Columbia on January 21, 1932. Isaac H. Lionberger was the speaker at the annual banquet, his subject being "The Romance of Trade".

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has issued as *Bulletin of Information*, No. 98, a list of the manuscripts, books, and portraits of George Washington or about him which are in the Library of the State Historical Society at Madison. The list was compiled by Ruth Pauline Hayward.

The eighty-third annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society was held at St. Paul on January 11, 1932. The program included the following papers and addresses: "Nininger — A Boom Town of the Fifties", by Dudley S. Brainard; "Schoolcraft and Lake Itasca", by Edward C. Gale; "Marking Political Progress for Minnesota", by Mrs. F. W. Wittich; "The Year's Progress in Local Historical Work", by Donald E. Van Koughnet; "Local Historians and the Newspaper", by Carl L. Weicht; and "Our Dynamic Society", by Alfred L. Burt.

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An effort is being made to provide a bronze tablet to mark the site of Amity College, now occupied by a consolidated school building.

Celebrating the National Corn Husking Contest at Grundy Center on November 13, 1931, the *Grundy Center Register* for that date issued a special historical number.

"The Pioneer Memorial Association of Norway" was the subject of an address delivered at Norway, Iowa, by Barthinius L. Wick, on August 9, 1931. It was later printed in pamphlet form.



Mrs. F. C. Colby of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, read a paper on "Pioneer Women of Sergeant Bluff" at a meeting of the Woodbury County Pioneer Club, held at Sioux City on January 23, 1932.

The Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored an historical exhibit at Davidson's store in Des Moines in connection with the Washington bicentennial anniversary. Various chapters sent representatives and exhibits.

The Howard County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Cresco on January 11, 1932. The following officers were elected: J. H. Howe, president; Mrs. V. C. Hardy, vice president; C. J. Harlan, secretary; and Wm. Kellow, treasurer.

The Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the collection of data on Iowa pioneers—those who came to Iowa before the Civil War or just after it. The records received will be bound in books to be called "Pioneers of Iowa".

The Crawford County Historical Society has copies of about two hundred letters written by J. W. Denison to James S. Petteplace, the treasurer of the Providence Western Land Company. Mr. Denison laid out the town of Denison for this company and the letters contain much local history of the pioneer period.

The annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on March 1, 1932. R. L. Eaton gave a talk on "Early Iowa Events"; H. A. Mueller read an account of the life of A. B. Garretson; and E. R. Zeller gave a paper entitled, "An Appreciation of Dr. G. W. Carver". The following officers were reelected: Herman A. Mueller, president; W. S. Cooper, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Mrs. John McNamara, treasurer.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

To meet the demands for references on Iowa history, the State Historical Society of Iowa is now publishing a list of topics and references under the title *Two Hundred Topics in Iowa History*. While no attempt has been made to cover the entire field of Iowa



history or to give an exhaustive bibliography, this list of two hundred topics, averaging some nine references for each, is intended to give the student of Iowa history a general knowledge of the field and references to the more available and accessible publications on various topics.

The general theme for Iowa History Week for 1932 — April 18-23 — is the story of the Indian chief Black Hawk and the Treaty of 1832 by which eastern Iowa was ceded to the United States government. As an aid in the observance of this anniversary, the State Historical Society of Iowa devoted the February issue of *The Palimpsest* to Black Hawk, the Black Hawk War, and the treaty. The Society has also reprinted the *Autobiography of Black Hawk*. This was dictated by Black Hawk, himself, turned into English by Antoine Le Claire, and written down and published by J. B. Patterson. There have been a number of editions of this unique autobiography. The one reprinted was published in 1834.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. E. A. Behrens, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Carl Hendrickson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Lone Tree, Iowa; Mr. Irwin T. Bode, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Hubert L. Moeller, Cedar Falls, Iowa.