

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

Thirty-one water color paintings by Frank B. Mayer have been loaned by Goucher College to the Minnesota Historical Society and were on exhibition at the Historical Building at St. Paul from December 5-9, 1932. The paintings deal chiefly with life among the Sioux Indians in 1851 and were made by Mayer from pencil sketches made during a trip to Traverse des Sioux.

The American Historical Association held its forty-seventh annual meeting at Toronto, Canada, on December 27, 28, and 29, 1932. Meeting at the same time and place were the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Agricultural History Society, the American Catholic Historical Association, the National Council for Social Studies, the American Society of Church History, the Conference of Historical Societies, and the Canadian Historical Association.

The Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Indiana Historical Society, the State Historical Bureau, and the History and Social Science Section of the Indiana State Teachers Association held their annual Indiana History Conference at Indianapolis on December 9 and 10, 1932. The program included the following papers and addresses: "Ouiatenon", by Mrs. Charles B. Kern; "Early History of Vincennes University", by Howard R. Burnett; "Marketing of Indiana Produce in Chicago by Wagon", by Joe L. Norris; "Prehistoric American Diet", by Glenn A. Black; "Father Badin Comes to Notre Dame", by Thomas T. McAvoy; "General Grant", by Grace Julian Clarke; "Camp Morton", by J. R. H. Moore; "Indiana and Her High School Teachers of History", by James A. Woodburn; "Newspapers as Sources of Historical Information", by Joseph W. Piercy; "Unity in History", by Christopher B. Coleman; "A Pioneer Pastime of the Middle West", by Theodore G. Gronert; "Captain Leonard Helm", by Bessie Taul Conkright; "Washington and the West", by Paul L. Haworth; a re-

view of James Truslow Adams's *Epic of America*, by A. D. Beeler; and a report on the work of the Ohio Revolutionary Memorial Commission, by A. D. Hosterman. The following officers were elected by the Indiana Historical Society for 1933: James A. Woodburn, president emeritus; Eli Lilly, president; John G. Rausch, treasurer; and Christopher B. Coleman, secretary.

The eleventh annual summer tour and convention of the Minnesota Historical Society was held from July 14 to 16, 1932. The tour started from St. Paul, holding the first session at Alexandria on Thursday afternoon. Constant Larson delivered an address on "The Historical Backgrounds of Douglas County" and William Goetzinger gave a paper entitled "Travelers on a Red River Trail". At Alexandria the party inspected the famous Kensington rune stone. Dinner at Fergus Falls was followed by an evening session at which Verne E. Chatelain presented a paper on "Homestead Operations in Minnesota in the Sixties". This was followed by a talk on "The Latter Day Saints in Otter Tail County", by Alta Kimber, and an illustrated talk by Theodore C. Blegen on "Collecting Western Minnesota Historical Records". The second day of the tour took the party to Moorehead where the program included "A Retrospect of Pioneer Society", by William A. Marin; and "On the Trail of the Woodsmen in Minnesota", by Agnes Larson. The evening session for July 15th was held at Lake Itasca. The program included a discussion of the name Itasca, by William E. Culkin; a paper on "Schoolcraft's Discovery of Lake Itasca", by Julius A. Schmahl, read by Willoughby M. Babcock; and "Schoolcraft's Companions in 1832", by Grace Lee Nute. On the afternoon of July 16th a pageant commemorating the Schoolcraft centennial. The evening program included a paper on "That Name Itasca — a Review of the Evidence", by Edward C. Gale; and "Frontiers and the American Spirit", by Clyde A. Duniway.

IOWA

Many of the old records and books of Van Buren County have been removed from the jail building at Keosauqua to the Historical Department at Des Moines.

The Howard County Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at Cresco on November 14, 1932. C. J. Harlan was in charge of the program which related to various calamities of the past.

The Webster County Historical Museum has many interesting articles on display in the Fort Dodge Public Library, which are attracting a large number of visitors. It is open to the public on Saturday evenings.

"Archaeological Exploration in Iowa" was the title of a lecture delivered by Dr. Charles R. Keyes of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, before the Baconian Club of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City on December 9, 1932.

On September 24, 1932, Governor Dan W. Turner dedicated a marker at the site of the first house built at Atlantic — in the year 1868. The Atlantic chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in charge of the program.

The annual meeting of the Union County Historical Society took place at McKinley Park in Creston on October 1, 1932. A large number of interesting exhibits were on display. Curator T. G. Hamilton of Creston assisted President U. S. Carey in arranging for the meeting.

"Iowa Anniversary Year", 1833-1933, will be observed by the Hannah Caldwell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at Davenport, in a series of monthly programs. The first meeting was held on October 6, 1932, with Royal Holbrook of Ames as the speaker. The subject was "Iowa, Its Beginnings".

The *Cedar Rapids Gazette* for January 1, 1933, is a special edition commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the paper. The edition contains a great deal of historical information concerning the past fifty years in Cedar Rapids. The *Gazette* was begun on January 10, 1883, by L. H. Post and E. L. Otis, but the following year the paper was purchased by Clarence L. Miller and Fred W. Faulkes.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

On December 5, 1932, Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, gave an address before the History and Literature Department of the Woman's Club at Ames on the subject "Iowa's Part in National Affairs".

The following persons were appointed by Governor Dan W. Turner as members of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa for 1932-1934: Lillian Clark Cary, Berry Halden, Gertrude Henderson, Lafe Hill, Dorothy D. Houghton, Grainger Mitchell, Merta Mitchell, Jennie E. Pritchard, and Ina M. Tilden.

The State Historical Society of Iowa will soon distribute a volume by Mrs. Bertha M. H. Shambaugh, dealing with Amana and its reorganization, under the title *Amana That Was and Amana That Is*. The book is divided into two parts. The first part is a reprint of Mrs. Shambaugh's *Amana: The Community of True Inspiration*, which was published by the Society in 1908. The second part is an interpretation of the changes that have been made by the reorganization which has transformed the communistic society into a joint stock company. It includes the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Rev. W. A. Dostal, Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Mr. John Alden Greenlee, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Ruth Lumbard, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Merrill M. Myers, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Frank W. Tomasek, Williamsburg, Iowa; Miss Hilda Watters, Macomb, Illinois; Mrs. W. M. Alderton, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mr. Walter A. Blair, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Marque Maier, Hightstown, New Jersey; Mr. J. Hamilton Bell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Irene H. Douglas, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mr. Henry C. Priestre, Davenport, Iowa.