

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Missouri Historical Society held a meeting at the Jefferson Memorial at St. Louis, on February 23, 1933. Charles L. Van Tourenhout gave an address on "Old Ste. Genevieve".

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association will hold its twenty-sixth annual meeting at Chicago on April 13-15, 1933, with special sessions at the Chicago Historical Society and the McKinlock Campus of Northwestern University.

The Chicago Historical Society formally opened its new building in Lincoln Park at Chicago on November 12, 1932. The building, the fifth to be occupied by the Society, makes provision for the library and a museum which has a number of period rooms portraying the history of the region.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held its mid-winter meeting at Toronto, Canada, on December 27-29, 1932, in connection with the American Historical Association. The program for the joint session, prepared under the supervision of Carl Wittke of the Ohio State University, included a paper on "The Royal Navy as a Factor in the British Control of the Old Northwest, 1760-1796", by Nelson Russell of Coe College, and "Railway Land Policies in Canada and the United States", by James B. Hedges.

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The *Lake Park News* has gathered and printed much valuable information concerning the early history of Lake Park.

The Frank Ellis Museum at Maquoketa continues to receive many interesting and valuable additions to its collections.

The city of Burlington will observe its hundredth anniversary in September, 1933. Heads of all civic organizations will be asked to cooperate in the program.

The Howard County Historical Society held its monthly meeting at the public library on March 13, at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Irene Smith gave a talk on early schools and teaching in Howard County.

A museum of historical relics of Clarinda and Page County is being added to the Clarinda public library through the coöperation of the library trustees, the Clarinda Women's Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The week of August 6-12, 1933, has been selected by Dubuque for the celebration of its centennial celebration. Exhibits, pageants, and an historical play by Dr. H. G. Langworthy will feature the celebration.

The Norwegian-American Historical Museum will occupy the building formerly housing the Lutheran Publishing House of Decorah. Dr. Knut Gjerset, curator, announced the formal opening of the museum during the early summer of 1933.

The annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held on Tuesday, March 7, 1933. Don Berry of Indianola gave the main address and Mrs. Fred Hartsook read a paper on covered bridges in Madison County. President Herman Mueller and Secretary E. R. Zeller were reelected.

Lloyd White gave an address at the annual meeting of the Webster County Historical Society on February 11, 1933. Almost nine thousand persons have visited the museum of the Society since its opening in May, 1931, according to a report by Maude Lauderdale, curator. On November 19, 1932, there were 276 visitors.

John M. Mercer, Burlington attorney, is chairman of the centenary committee of the Iowa Baptist convention which will meet in Burlington in the fall of 1934. The 100th anniversary of the denomination in Iowa will be observed and a marker will be placed on the spot where the first Baptist church was organized on October 20, 1834.

The Pioneer Club of Des Moines held its thirty-ninth annual dinner at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on January 21, 1933. Judge

John J. Halloran and C. S. Denman were the principal speakers. Jay N. Darling urged the building of an old time Des Moines home in which the furniture, heirlooms, and pictures of early days in Des Moines might be preserved. The members endorsed this plan. Officers elected for the coming year were George L. Garton, president; William M. Lewis, vice-president; and Guy M. Brandt, secretary-treasurer.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

On March 14, 1933, Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave a radio address on the problem of farm relief, speaking from Chicago over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company. The talk was part of the weekly broadcast sponsored by the American Political Science Association.

The general theme for Iowa History Week for 1933 — April 17-22 — is "The White Tide Breaks", the story of the coming of the first white settlers to the Black Hawk Purchase in 1833. As an aid in the observance of this anniversary, the State Historical Society of Iowa devoted the February issue of *The Palimpsest* to a description of the national scene in 1833, the routes of the first settlers to Iowa, the first settlements in the Black Hawk Purchase and in the Half-breed Tract, and a portrayal of the types of pioneers who made up the first settlers. In addition to this, a series of sixteen radio programs is being given over stations WSUI at Iowa City and WOC-WHO at Davenport, covering the dates from March 16th to April 21st.

Several hundred articles taken from the pre-historic mounds and village sites in Allamakee County have recently been added to the archaeological collection of the State Historical Society. These articles, representing chiefly the Oneota culture, include copper ornaments, stone axes and hammers, pipes, grinding stones, pottery and pottery fragments, and bone implements, and were collected by Mr. Ellison Orr of Waukon who has been interested in the pre-historic remains in his vicinity for some fifty years. They were

donated by him to the State Historical Society to be preserved as part of the representative collection of Iowa archaeological materials made by Dr. Charles Reuben Keyes, who for the past ten years has been engaged in making an archaeological survey of Iowa under the auspices of the State Historical Society. The materials collected by Dr. Keyes from various parts of the State and those donated by Mr. Orr make a varied collection of pre-historic articles of great interest to students and probably one of the best in the State. The articles deposited by Mr. Orr in the archaeological museum at Iowa City are only a part of his collection. Many other articles are to be placed in the museum as fast as they are catalogued.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Dana Crane, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Geo. S. Tracy, Burlington, Iowa; and Martin L. Seltzer, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Harry Eugene Kelly of Chicago, Illinois, has been enrolled as a life member.