

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota Historical Society, in coöperation with other State agencies and the local historical societies, sponsored State-wide celebrations of Minnesota's diamond jubilee during the week of May 7-13, 1933.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Chicago, Illinois, on April 13-15, 1933. The papers in the formal program were grouped under the following heads: Religion in Illinois, Social and Economic History, Illinois Politics, Frontier History, Wilkinson's Career, The West and the Southwest, The Indians and the Fur Trade, and The History of Chicago. Conferences were held on the teaching of the social sciences, the discussions centering on economics, philosophy, political science, and sociology. Herbert A. Keller presided at the Conference of Historical Societies on Saturday, April 15th, where the following papers were read: "Possibilities of an Historical Museum", by Russell H. Anderson; "Collections of Historical Manuscripts in Illinois", by Paul Angle; "Ways and Means in a Manuscript Division", by Grace Lee Nute; "The Film Method of Reproducing Historical Material — Its Advantages and Problems", by James A. Barnes. In addition to the formal program those in attendance made a tour of the Century of Progress Exposition. One of the sessions was held in the new building of the Chicago Historical Society. At the business session, Jonas Viles, of the University of Missouri, was elected president of the Association. The next spring meeting will be held at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

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The spring meeting of the Iowa Catholic Historical Society was held at Cedar Rapids on April 26, 1933.

A temporary organization, the nucleus of an historical society

for Warren County, was effected at a meeting held in the office of Mayor C. C. Briggs at Indianola, on March 21, 1933.

The Howard County Historical Society met at the Cresco Public Library on Monday evening, April 10, 1933. The discussion centered around an old township record book.

The Marshall County Historical Society held its regular annual meeting on Tuesday evening, April 11, 1933, at the Binford House. A. A. Moore was reelected president, Mrs. E. M. Singleton was reelected secretary, and Mrs. Minnie J. Pendleton was named treasurer.

Fifty organizations were represented at the first meeting of the general committee of the Burlington Centennial celebration held at the Hotel Burlington on March 23, 1933. The executive committee is composed of Mark A. Walsh, chairman, Thomas Green, and J. Tracy Garrett.

A tentative program of the Dubuque Centennial (August 6-12, 1933) has recently been issued. Exhibitions of Indian tribal art, paintings and drawings of historic Dubuque, and historical window displays will be featured throughout the week. Band concerts, drills, athletic events, fireworks, tours of historic sites, and pageants will form the bulk of the program.

The 29th annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held on March 7, 1933, in the courthouse at Winterset. Mrs. Fred Hartsook read a paper on "Covered Bridges of Madison County". Officers chosen for 1933 were as follows: president, H. A. Mueller; vice president, W. S. Cooper; secretary, E. R. Zeller; directors, W. F. Craig, S. A. Hays, Mrs. Will Blake, and Geneva Campbell.