

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

A five volume encyclopedia of Michigan is being prepared under the direction of George N. Fuller. The general narrative history of the State will be supplied by Milo M. Quaife and Raymond T. Miller.

The Missouri Historical Society held its annual dinner commemorating the Louisiana Purchase on May 1, 1933. President Isaac H. Lionberger made a brief address after which a film of the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904 was shown.

A collection of miscellaneous material relating to Mississippi River history has come into the possession of the library of Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. The literature is the gift of the late Preston Player, of New York, and comprises 325 books, 35 maps, and 60 or more prints.

The archeological collection of the State Historical Museum of Wisconsin has been enriched by the receipt of a large number of Indian implements belonging to the late Andrew S. Mitchell. The collection consists of several thousand clay, stone, bone, lead, and copper implements and ornaments collected largely from Indian village sites, graves, and mounds.

The Minnesota Historical Society held its eighty-fourth annual meeting at St. Paul on January 16, 1933. The annual conference on local history work formed the opening session. Judge William E. Scott presented the matter of marking historical sites, now undertaken by the *Minnesota Historical Survey*. Herman Roe suggested county newspaper collections, also calling attention to the fact that the wood pulp paper of which modern newspapers are printed will not last a hundred years. Ernest S. Osgood discussed community history study, William S. Culkin talked on local history in the schools, Grace Lee Nute described the possibility of county archives work, and Theodore C. Blegen described

work with church records. The luncheon program included a paper by Frank I. Herriott of Drake University, on "Lincoln's First Nomination for the Presidency"; "Civil War Years in Shakopee", by Julius A. Coller; and "A Judge Looks at History", by Judge Haycraft. The afternoon session included a paper on "Family Life in Pioneer Minnesota", written by Ida Pickett Bell and read by Victor G. Pickett. The chief speaker at the evening session was August C. Krey, who spoke on "History in the Modern World".

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The history of Woodbury County was depicted in a pageant given by farm women at Anthon on June 1, 1933.

Mrs. Louis Pelzer and Miss T. Gail Kern have recently completed historical maps of Burlington and Dubuque. A similar map of the State of Iowa is now being prepared.

The Howard County Historical Society held a monthly meeting at Cresco on June 12, 1933. Reverend A. Robertson gave a sketch of "Pioneer Days in North Central Iowa".

On June 4, 1933, Luther College dedicated the Norwegian-American Historical Museum Building, containing materials illustrative of the Norwegians. Dr. Knut Gjerset is the Curator.

June 15, 16, and 17, 1933, were the dates of the celebration of Boone's ninety-eighth anniversary. Boonsboro, now called West Boone, was founded by William Boone, a nephew of Daniel Boone.

The Ladies Library Association of Mt. Pleasant sponsored an historical pageant given at the college chapel on June 28, 1933. The part of Black Hawk was taken by C. W. Cruikshank, whose grandparents had known the chief.

An association, called the "Dan" Winget Memorial Association, has been formed to commemorate the life and work of DeWitt Harris Winget, friend and companion of Colonel W. F. Cody, and author of *Anecdotes of Buffalo Bill*. Earl A. MacLennan of Clinton, Iowa, is the secretary.

The twentieth annual picnic commemorating the first furrow

turned in Madison Township, Jones County, was held on the J. M. French farm on June 3, 1933. The location of the furrow is marked by a granite monument, inscribed with the name of the plowman, John Bender, and the date, June 4, 1852.

The Historical Society of Webster County sponsored an old settlers picnic at Fort Dodge on June 24th. J. P. Dolliver gave the principal address. The following officers were elected: E. E. Cavanaugh, president; E. H. Peschau, vice president; Miss Jennie Pollock, secretary; and Mrs. Carrie Drake, treasurer. Miss Maude Lauderdale was reappointed curator of the museum.

The city of Davenport is celebrating the centennial anniversary of its founding. June first was Black Hawk Purchase Day, commemorating the transfer of land to the Federal government. June third was Scott County Day, honoring the pioneers. June seventh was Fort Armstrong Day, June fourteenth was Antoine Le Claire Day, and June twenty-fourth was set aside in honor of Colonel George Davenport, the founder of Davenport. A feature of the celebration on the first of June was a radio address on the Black Hawk Purchase, by John C. Shenk. On June 13th Edward K. Putnam gave an address on Antoine Le Claire, over Station WHBF. The address on Fort Armstrong was by Captain John W. Slattery of the Rock Island Arsenal. Antiques of various kinds were displayed at the Le Claire house.

The main feature of the Muscatine centennial celebration during the week of June 25-29, 1933, was the pageant held for three nights depicting the history of Muscatine through three periods: the fur trade period; the logging and lumbering period; and the pearl button industry. At the close of the pageant greetings were read from distinguished men once resident in Muscatine, among whom were Ellis Parker Butler, George Grey Barnard, George Meason Whicher, and Lee DeForest. Civic, religious, and patriotic organizations of the city coöperated in the week's festivities which included, besides the historical pageant, a parade of floats, a pageant of religious scenes, a Venetian parade on the Mississippi River, motor boat races, and drum corps contests. Governor Clyde L. Herring was present on June 28th to give an address.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Some thirty volumes of the publications of the State Historical Society of Iowa are on display in the Iowa exhibit of the Century of Progress.

The State Historical Society has recently issued *The Legislation of the Forty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa*, compiled by Jacob A. Swisher and Ruth A. Gallaher. This is the fifth number in the *Monograph Series*.

Dr. Charles R. Keyes was one of the speakers at the central session of the American Anthropological Association at Chicago in April, 1933. His subject was "A Division of the Iowa Archaeological Map".

Dr. William J. Petersen, research associate in the State Historical Society, is in charge of an historical tour through the east, south, and Canada from July 21 to August 25, 1933. The tour is sponsored by Drake University and lectures will be given at various places visited.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Florence D. Beenk, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Myron L. Koenig, Vinton, Iowa; Miss Clara L. Cowgill, Villisca, Iowa; Mr. Edwin D. Mitchell, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Wm. E. Mitchell, Jr., Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. W. J. Parizek, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Richard H. Roberts, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Florence G. Sweet, Waverly, Iowa; Mrs. Virginia Bedell, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. L. J. Dickinson, Algona, Iowa; Mr. G. L. Gunnerson, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mrs. O. H. Hall, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. J. Harold Horan, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss T. Gail Kern, Riverside, Iowa; Miss Eileen King, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. M. Willard Lampe, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. P. Lemon, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Thos. E. Martin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. P. C. Packer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Roy R. Robinson, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Spangler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. Zella White Stewart, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wilber J. Teeters, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Andrew H. Woods, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. L. F. Cerny, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Lee H. Clearman, Lindsay, California; Mr. Russell A. Hult, Davenport, Iowa;

Mr. Floyd A. Nagler, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Olive Cole Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. Hubert Coffey, Wellman, Iowa; Mrs. John M. Fisk, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Rolland E. Heywood, Peterson, Iowa; Miss Mae C. Hogan, Monticello, Iowa; Mr. Lee A. McCollough, Springville, Iowa; Miss Amelia H. Rhynsburger, Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Gayle Schroeder, Williamsburg, Iowa; and Miss Esther MacDowell Swisher, Iowa City, Iowa. The following have been enrolled as life members: Mr. John Merkle, Glendale, California; Mr. Walter F. Dickinson, Jerico, New York; Mr. D. A. Emery, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Ruth A. Gallaher, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Harry E. Hull, Washington, D. C.; Miss Althea R. Sherman, National, Iowa; and Mr. A. L. Urick, Des Moines, Iowa.