

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Chicago Historical Society has begun the publication of a *Historical News Leaflet* in the form of a single sheet, with news items of the Society's activities and museum.

The Maryland War Records Commission has recently issued three volumes on *Maryland in the World War, 1917-1919*. Two volumes contain an alphabetical list of the Maryland men in service with a brief report of their records. A third volume contains maps.

The year 1933 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of Minnesota as a State. A program on May 11th at the Historical Building at St. Paul was addressed by William W. Cutler, Theodore C. Blegen, and Guy Stanton Ford. A series of broadcasts marked the week of May 7-12. Programs in the schools also marked the anniversary. A pageant was presented at Itasca State Park six times between July 2nd and September 4th. Another contribution to the celebration were newspaper feature articles and campaigns to locate old settlers in the various communities.

### IOWA

The Historical Society of Howard County held a monthly meeting at Cresco on September 11, 1933. A paper on Major S. H. M. Byers was presented by Mrs. J. H. Howe.

The Dubuque Chapter of the D. A. R. recently voted to erect markers for eighteen historic spots in or near Dubuque, most of them the homes or former homes of distinguished residents.

The diaries and other possessions of Judge Charles Mason have been donated to the Historical Department at Des Moines by Charles Mason Remey, a grandson of Judge Mason's.

An historical map of Sioux City has been prepared through the

joint efforts of the Junior League whose members compiled the data, and Louise Ashton who made the drawings and illustrations. Proceeds from the sales are used for charity.

Dubuque held its centennial celebration during the week of August 6-12, 1933. During the first three days the American Legion Convention was in session. The historical pageant, "Julien Dubuque, Miner of the Mines of Spain", written by Dr. Henry G. Langworthy, was presented on the evenings of August 10, 11, and 12. Dr. Langworthy was president of the Dubuque Centennial Association.

The growth of interest Iowa history is evident from the number of articles which appear on that subject. In the *Des Moines Register* the column prepared by Harvey Ingham is often devoted to the history of Iowa. The Monday edition contains one of the lessons on Iowa history prepared by Hubert Moeller. A similar series, by John E. Briggs, appears in the papers of the Iowa Daily Press Association.

The Union County Historical Society met at Afton on September 16, 1933. A suggestion was made that the history of Union County be brought down to date, supplementing the county history by George Ide. Mrs. Victor Erickson was elected president, Frank Forbes, vice president, Mrs. Richard Brown, secretary, and Mrs. Frank Seeley, treasurer.

The ninth annual meeting of the Wyoming Historical Society was held on July 31, 1933. Tributes to members who have died, reminiscences, and a talk by Reverend Herbert Graening on "Keeping the Faith of Our Founders", made up the program. The following officers were elected: president, Elsie Bender; vice presidents, Janet Reade, Grizelda Morse, Hatty Franks, and Leota Wherry; corresponding secretary, Jessie G. Koch; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Wherry; and treasurer, Emma Alden.

Burlington celebrated the hundredth anniversary of settlement during the week of September 10-16, 1933. Addresses were given by Ray Murray, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Ralph Budd, pres-

ident of the C. B. and Q. Railroad, Ambrose O'Connell, special assistant to Postmaster General Farley, and Royal H. Holbrook of Ames. A parade, music, and various amusements were other features of the program. On September 13th the Hawk-Eye Natives held their annual reunion at Crapo Park. Groups of Indians from Tama were in camp during the week.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The box from the cornerstone of the Iowa City Universalist Church has been deposited in the Library of the State Historical Society. This church, which was recently torn down, was built in 1871.

Since the year 1934 marks the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of civil government in Iowa, the general theme selected by the State Historical Society for Iowa History Week in 1934 is "The Beginnings of Government in Iowa". As usual, the third week in April is the date fixed — April 16-20, 1934. It was in 1834 that the area now included in Iowa was attached to Michigan Territory. Two counties — Dubuque and Demoine — were created in this area the same year.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Ruth M. Pieper, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. George F. Heindel, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Jessie E. Hinkle, Harvard, Iowa; Miss Mary L. Kelley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Carl O. Smith, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Clara P. Bell, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Elva Buffington, Mechanicsville, Iowa; Miss Mary W. Durham, Marion, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Johnston, Santa Barbara, California; Dr. L. C. Kern, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. Anson Marston, Ames, Iowa; Mr. L. M. B. Morrissey, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. E. A. Nelson, Stanton, Iowa; Mr. G. L. Norman, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Glenn R. Ogden, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. I. L. Peters, Clarion, Iowa; Rev. A. C. Proehl, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John L. Ruf, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. L. J. Rychnovsky, Belle Plaine, Iowa; Mr. Lothrop Smith, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Henry J. Altfillisch, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. C. J. Christiansen, Clarion, Iowa; Mr. C. M. Cochrane, Davenport, Iowa; Mr.

Lawrence Daugherty, Keosauqua, Iowa; Mr. M. G. Davis, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Wayne J. Foster, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Rev. Ira J. Houston, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. William H. Iten, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. S. V. Shonka, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mr. Warren H. White, Rock Rapids, Iowa. The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. W. S. Cooper, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. Earl S. Fullbrook, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mr. H. P. Rosser, Des Moines, Iowa.