

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Filson Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a garden party held on May 15, 1934.

The Illinois Police Association has announced that an historical pageant — "The Epic of the Prairie State" — will be presented on Soldier Field at Chicago on June 30th.

Charles B. Galbreath, secretary, editor, and librarian of The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, died on February 23, 1934. Dr. Harlow Lindley has been elected to succeed Mr. Galbreath.

The Missouri Historical Society gave its annual dinner in commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase on April 28, 1934. Edward Everett Dale gave an address on "The Spirit of the Pioneers" and Eagle Plume of the Blackfeet nation gave tribal dances.

The Illinois State Historical Society held its thirty-fifth annual meeting at Springfield on May 10 and 11, 1934. The program included the following addresses: "New Salem: A Lincoln Episode", by Benjamin P. Thomas; "Oliver Pollock and the Winning of the Illinois Country", by James Alton James; and "Recording the Early Architecture of Illinois in the Historic American Buildings Survey", by Thomas E. O'Donnell.

The Fifteenth Annual Indiana History Conference was held at Indianapolis on December 8-9, 1933, under the auspices of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Indiana Historical Bureau. The program included the following papers and addresses: "Preliterate Cultures in Indiana", by Glenn A. Black; "Successive Stages of Occupation of a Notable Prehistoric Site", by E. Y. Guernsey; "Early Indiana Graduates in Medicine from Transylvania University", by L. G. Zerfas; and "The Need of a High-School Text in Indiana History and How to Obtain It", by Logan Esarey.

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A pageant depicting the history of Plymouth County was held at Le Mars on June 7th.

Cascade will observe its centennial with a seven-day celebration beginning on June 28th and closing on July 4th.

Fred W. Hill, editor-owner of the *Hamburg Reporter*, has made an interesting and valuable collection of Indian tools and arrowheads.

Grinnell celebrated its eightieth anniversary on April 11-13, 1934. A parade, music, and speeches were features of the celebration.

The First Congregational Church of Dubuque observed its 95th anniversary on May 15, 1934. A group of seven met and organized the church on May 12, 1839.

Waterloo will observe its 80th anniversary on June 13, 1934. One hundred thousand spectators are expected to view the parade which will be a feature of the celebration.

A bronze tablet, marking the site of an old blockhouse which was the first building in Council Bluffs, was dedicated on Sunday, May 6, 1934. Speeches were made by Rev. J. R. Perkins, Rev. P. N. McDermott, and Maj. Gen. Mathew A. Tinley.

The Marshall County Historical Society has been assigned a separate room in the courthouse for storing its records. President A. A. Moore appealed to the board of supervisors for the storage space and C. W. A. labor was used in the removal and proper cataloguing of the records.

The complete restoration of Fort Atkinson is being considered as a civilian conservation corps project, according to L. A. Burbank, superintendent of the C. C. C. camp at Decorah, Iowa. Architects have pronounced the plan feasible and the restoration is contingent upon final approval by Federal authorities.

The week of April 22-28, 1934, was celebrated as centennial week by the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Burlington. It was on

the last Sunday in April, 1834, that the first Methodist Class in what is now the State of Iowa was organized at the cabin of Dr. William R. Ross, with the Reverend Barton H. Cartwright in charge.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, was the speaker at a meeting of the Iowa City Teachers' Club on April 30, 1934. His subject dealt with various phases of present day education.

A paper on "Migrations Westward to the Mississippi" was read by Dr. William J. Petersen before the Trails and Migrations session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Columbia, Missouri, on April 27, 1934.

On March 28th, Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave a paper on "Present Trends in the Status of Women" at the State Convention of the League of Women Voters, which met at Estherville.

Dr. William J. Petersen, research associate in the State Historical Society, is in charge of an historical tour through the western States from July 21 to August 21, 1934. The trip will be an educational tour for college credit sponsored by Drake University and lectures will be given at various places visited.

The Ellison Orr collection of archaeological material from the valley of the Upper Iowa River in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties has been augmented by a large collection of arrow heads and flint pieces. This remarkable representative collection of pre-historic articles was made by Mr. Ellison Orr of Waukon, Iowa, and is deposited in the rooms of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

The following persons were recently elected to membership in the Society: Mr. R. C. Hoag, Monticello, Iowa; Mrs. Marie Alice Hromek, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Marion H. Morrison, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Louis H. Smith, Battle Creek, Iowa; Mr. Thomas

W. Bittle, Punxsutawney, Pa.; Dr. G. M. Ellison, Sabula, Iowa; Mr. Albert Halvorson, Saint Ansgar, Iowa; Mr. E. N. Roberts, Clarksville, Iowa; Mr. Ralph W. Smith, Newton, Iowa; Mr. Dayton H. Winter, Independence, Iowa; Mr. William A. Graf, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John H. Hauberg, Rock Island, Illinois; and Mr. J. M. McDonald, Dubuque, Iowa.