

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The centennial of the birth of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is being observed this year at Hannibal, Missouri, where he was born on November 30, 1835. On March 6th the Hannibal *Courier-Post* published a Mark Twain centennial edition.

On April 30, 1935, the Missouri Historical Society gave a dinner in commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase and the Ste. Genevieve bi-centennial. The speaker was the Reverend Charles Louis van Tourenhout, of Ste. Genevieve, who spoke on "Louisiana and Ste. Genevieve".

The Minnesota Historical Society has recently issued a *Guide to the Personal Papers in the Manuscript Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society*, compiled by Grace Lee Nute and Gertrude W. Ackermann. An index adds much to the value of this useful compilation.

The Journal of Southern History, published quarterly by the Southern Historical Association at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is a new historical magazine. The first issue is dated February, 1935. Wendell H. Stephenson of the Louisiana State University is the managing editor and Edwin A. Davis, also of the State University, is editorial associate.

Preparations are being made for the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Ordinance of 1787. Ceremonies at New York City on July 13, 1937, will mark the adoption of the Ordinance which created the Northwest Territory, and a Conestoga wagon will cover the route taken by Manassah Cutler and his associates on their trip to Marietta, Ohio, from December, 1787, to April, 1788.

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Missouri was held at Columbia on May 9, 1935. The annual dinner was held at Hannibal, Missouri, in commemoration of the hundredth anni-

versary of the birth of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain). Speakers at the dinner were George A. Mahan of Hannibal, Dr. Isidor Loeb, of St. Louis, the Reverend Charles L. van Tourenhout, of Ste. Genevieve, and Dr. Otto Hiller, of St. Louis.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held at Springfield on May 9, 1935. The program included the following addresses: "The Epic Historical Significance of President Lincoln", by W. E. Baringer; "George Rogers Clark and Historians", by Temple Bodley; "Culture in Illinois in Lincoln's Day", by Mrs. Florence W. Taylor; and "The Genesis of a Railroad", by Ernest Elmo Calkins. Herbert Georg presented moving pictures of significant events in Springfield and central Illinois during the last twenty years. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt of Chicago is president of the Society.

The annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society was held at Columbus, Ohio, on April 23, 1935. This was the semi-centennial program. A memorial to Charles Burleigh Galbreath was unveiled and Mr. John H. James presented to the Society a crayon portrait of Mr. Galbreath, the work of Mrs. James. In addition to a series of toasts to the Society, the dinner program included an address by Dr. R. D. Connor on "Shall the Constitution Be Preserved?" This was an account of the National Archives Building at Washington. Governor Martin L. Davey spoke briefly on "The Society and the State".

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held its twenty-eighth annual meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 25, 26, and 27, 1935. The program included the following papers and addresses: "The Andover Band — An Outpost of Congregationalism", by Philip D. Jordan; "The Turnover of Farm Population", by James C. Malin; "The West and National Agriculture in the Ante-Bellum Period", by H. A. Kellar; "The Significance of the Wheat (and Related) Trade in the Mississippi Valley, 1846-1862", by T. P. Martin; and "The Valley as a Cause of the Seven Years' War", by Theodore C. Pease. The presidential address, by Lester B. Shippee, was entitled "A Voice Crying?" The officers elected were: President, Louis Pelzer, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa;

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska. The new members of the Executive Committee are E. Merton Coulter, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; Walter Pritchard, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Christopher B. Coleman, Indiana Historical Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana. Austin, Texas, was selected as the site for the meeting in 1936.

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The senior class of the Tipton High School gave a broadcast over Station WSUI on May 10, 1935, on the topic "History of the Tipton Schools".

The Howard County Historical Society held a meeting at the Cresco Public Library on May 13, 1935. Miss Abbie Converse was the speaker, on the subject "Reminiscences of a Near Pioneer".

According to an announcement made by President J. S. Nollen of Grinnell College plans are being made for a centennial history of Grinnell College to be ready for the one hundredth anniversary in 1946.

The Pottawattamie County Historical Society held a meeting at Council Bluffs on May 5, 1935. A log cabin in Lincoln Park was dedicated as a memorial to the pioneers. W. R. Orchard and Charles Putnam were the principal speakers. O. J. Pruitt is the curator of the Society.

The Marshall County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Marshalltown on April 9, 1935. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Albert L. Beane; vice president, Joe Petrone; secretary, Susie Sower; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie J. Pendleton; and curator, Mrs. E. M. Singleton.

The Jasper County Historical Society held a dinner and program at Newton on April 17, 1935. John E. Cross, president of the local society, presided. George Young Bear, from the Sauk and Fox reservation at Tama, gave a talk on "The Early Indian History of Jasper County". The Newton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the local historical society.

Zion Lutheran Church of Muscatine celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on April 28, 1935. In connection with the semi-centennial, a souvenir pamphlet was issued containing a history of the church, compiled by the pastor, the Reverend John Haefner, under the title, *Memento of the Golden Anniversary of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, 1885-1935*.

Mrs. Sarah Paine Hoffman, State historian of the Iowa D. A. R., gave a radio broadcast over WSUI, on May 4, 1935, on the history of Iowa City. This was the ninety-sixth anniversary of the selection of the site of Iowa City. Another feature of this anniversary celebration was the dedication of a bronze tablet marking the stone which originally located the site of the proposed capital.

Mr. Ellison Orr and two assistants have been excavating Indian mounds south of Bellevue. A number of skeletons, bundle burials, and some ceremonial spear heads have been found in these mounds. Several years ago Mr. Orr donated to the State Historical Society of Iowa a valuable collection of archaeological specimens which he had found in the valley of the Upper Iowa River.

The Madison County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Winterset on March 5, 1935. The program included a paper by D. B. Cook on "Incidents of the Underground Railroad Through Central Iowa"; a paper by Mrs. A. R. Tate on "The Old Camp Ground"; and an illustrated lecture on "Iowa Historic and Beautiful", by J. A. Swisher of the State Historical Society of Iowa. At the business meeting Dr. Herman Mueller was elected president; Judge W. S. Cooper, vice president; E. R. Zeller, secretary; and Mrs. Hartsook, treasurer.

The seventh annual meeting of the Iowa Catholic Historical Society was held at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, on May 22, 1935. The meeting was in honor of Father Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli, pioneer priest of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, in whose honor a memorial room has been established in the St. Clara's Academy maintained at Sinsinawa by the Dominican Sisters. Among the speakers were Signor Castigliano, Italian consul, who spoke on the contributions of Italians to Middle West history; Father M. M. Hoffman,

who spoke on "Iowa's Debt to Mazzuchelli"; Joseph Lacke, whose subject was "Wisconsin and Mazzuchelli"; and George Phelan, who told of "Illinois and Mazzuchelli".

The Iowa Historical Association and the Iowa Political Science Association held a joint meeting at Iowa City on May 10 and 11, 1935. Professor H. G. Plum of the State University was chosen President of the Historical Association for the ensuing year, Professor R. R. Fahrney, of the Iowa State Teachers College, recorder, and Professor Clara M. Daley, of the State University, and F. J. Moats, of Simpson College, were chosen as members of the executive committee. Professor F. J. Moats was elected president of the Political Science Association, and Miss Catharine Renich, of Simpson College, was made secretary-treasurer. Jacob A. Swisher, of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and Mrs. George Harnagle, of Des Moines, were chosen as members of the executive committee.

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Dr. J. A. Swisher, Research Associate of the State Historical Society, gave an illustrated lecture on "Iowa Historic and Beautiful" at the meeting of the Madison County Historical Society on March 5, 1935. On April 11th, he gave this lecture before the Indianola High School in the afternoon and for the students and faculty of Simpson College in the evening.

On March 11, 1935, Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate in the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke to Wapsipinicon Lodge No. 381, A. F. & A. M., at West Branch on the subject, "Robert Lucas: First Governor of the Territory of Iowa". On April 17, 1935, Dr. Petersen spoke before a joint meeting of the Durant Women's Club and the Durant Public School on the subject, "Iowa in 1835".

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Marvel Dell Braley, Britt, Iowa; Mr. George F. Heins, Monona, Iowa; Mr. John S. Borresen, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. David Grant, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Elmer H. Hass, Forest City, Iowa; Mrs. Paul D. Castle, Merville, Iowa; and Mrs. Maud Branson Stratton, West Branch, Iowa.