

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The State Historical Society of Missouri held its annual meeting at Columbia on April 25, 1936. Speakers at the dinner were Dr. Isidor Loeb and Dr. Roland G. Usher, both of St. Louis.

The Illinois State Historical Society held its annual meeting at Springfield on December 3, 1935. Dr. Laurence M. Larson gave an appreciation of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, president of the Society for many years, and Dr. Percy Holmes Boynton spoke on the subject, "The Serious Side of Mark Twain".

The Missouri Historical Society, at St. Louis, held its annual dinner commemorating the purchase of Louisiana on April 30, 1936. Slides illustrating the Louisiana Purchase and the early history of Missouri, prepared by the Colonial Dames of America in Missouri, were shown, with the continuity given by James M. Douglas.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin held its eighty-third annual meeting at Madison on October 17, 1935. President Marshall Cousins presided. Memorials to Burr W. Jones, formerly Curator of the Society, were read by William Ryan and Marvin B. Rosenberry. Fred L. Holmes was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jones.

The Seventeenth Annual Indiana History Conference was held at Indianapolis on December 13 and 14, 1935. The program included papers and addresses on the following subjects: "Indiana's Prehistoric Southern Neighbors", by William S. Webb; "Kentucky as a Background for Indiana Genealogical Research", by Mrs. Jouett Taylor Cannon; "The Pioneer Middle West in Two Depressions", by R. C. Buley; and "An Executive Looks at History", by Paul V. McNutt. These were published either whole or in part in the *Indiana History Bulletin* for February. A large number of other papers were presented, many of which will be printed later.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Austin, Texas, on April 16, 17, and 18, 1936. Among the papers and addresses of interest to Iowans, the following may be cited: "The Emigrant Aid Company in National Politics", by Samuel A. Johnson; "The Civil War Agricultural New Deal", by Earle D. Ross; "The Income Tax and the American Mind, 1860-1900", by Elmer Ellis; "Westward Expansion in Historical Fiction", by Ernest E. Leisy; and "The Importance of the Great Plains in the Expansion to the West", by Rupert N. Richardson. The presidential address, "Pioneer Stagecoach Travel", was delivered by Louis Pelzer, of the State University of Iowa. In the business meeting E. E. Dale, of the University of Oklahoma, was elected president to succeed Mr. Pelzer. Mrs. Clarence S. Paine of Lincoln, Nebraska, was again chosen secretary-treasurer of the organization.

The American Historical Association held its annual meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on December 27-30, 1935. Eight other societies, including the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies, and the Agricultural Historical Society, met at the same time. Professor J. Fred Rippey was chairman of the program committee. The address at the annual dinner was "In Praise of Newspapers", by Edgar E. Robinson. Papers relating to the history of the West were: "The Administration of a Wilderness Army", by E. Douglas Branch; "The Odyssey of Kit Carson", by Milo M. Quaife; "The Route of the Texas-Santa Fe Expedition", by Horace B. Carroll; "The Grain Drill from Babylon to America", by Russell H. Anderson; and "Frontier Economy in Southwestern Pennsylvania", by Solon J. Buck. The officers chosen for 1936 were: Charles H. McIlwain, president; Guy Stanton Ford, first vice president; Laurence M. Larson, second vice president; Dexter Perkins, secretary; and Constantine E. McGuire, treasurer. The meeting in 1936 will be held in Providence, Rhode Island.

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Mrs. R. B. Hendershot of Monroe has been named treasurer of

the Jasper County Historical Society to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. C. O. Macy.

Mr. Ellison Orr, of Waukon, gave an illustrated lecture at Cresco on April 13, 1936, on the subject "Prehistoric Northeastern Iowa". The lecture was sponsored by the Howard County Historical Society.

The Church of Christ of Oskaloosa celebrated its ninetieth anniversary on March 25, 1936. A history of the church was given by Reverend Marion H. Williams, the pastor, at a banquet in honor of the anniversary.

Copies of a history of St. Joseph's High School at Bellevue have been placed in the Bellevue Public Library, the State Historical, Memorial and Art Department at Des Moines, and the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Des Moines.

Some fifteen men have begun work at Dubuque to provide eight hundred markers for historic sites in Iowa. The work is under the direction of the Iowa State Planning Board and the making of the markers will be supervised by E. R. Morgan. A preliminary allotment of \$2100 has been made for the work, approximately one-third of which will be for supplies and materials.

The Iowa State Teachers College will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding on October 8-10, 1936. As a preliminary to the celebration, a survey of the institution is being made by a committee appointed by George F. Zook, president of the American Council on Education. The chairman of the committee appointed is Dr. George A. Works, of the University of Chicago.

The Marshall County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Marshalltown on April 14, 1936. Plans were made to mark the site of an old fort in Timber Creek Township. The officers, all of whom were reelected, are: Albert L. Beane, president; Miss Susie Sower, secretary; Mrs. Minnie Johnson Pendleton, treasurer; Mrs. E. M. Singleton, curator; and Mrs. E. Grace Travis, historian.

The Pella Historical Society is sponsoring the establishment of a Pella Historical Building in which records and relics of the past

may be stored. An old residence, built in 1856, just off the northwest corner of Central Park, is to be remodeled to make a typical Holland home and dedicated to the pioneers of Pella. The project is being financed by memberships ranging from \$25 to \$100.

August 9-12, 1936, has been chosen as the date for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Indian Agency at Council Bluffs. A pageant, with a cast of some 600 persons, will be a feature of the program. The Council Bluffs Centennial, incorporated as a non-profit organization, is headed by John LeRoy Peterson, president of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce.

The series of articles on Iowa history, prepared by John Ely Briggs and published in various newspapers throughout the State, were completed in May. "The Bellevue Gang", "Horse Thieves", and "The Rainsbargers", completed the section on "Crime". The topic "Sports" included "Beginnings of Baseball", "The World Series of 1891", "Horse Racing at Independence", "The First Iowa Field Day", "Bicycling", and "Football Champions in 1900".

The Woodbury County Pioneer Club held its regular biennial election at a meeting at Sioux City on March 28, 1936. H. A. Gooch was elected president; Egbert R. Badgerow, first vice president; Mrs. Lillian Mousseau White, second vice president; and Mrs. T. W. Bartlett, secretary-treasurer. Howard P. Guiney was the speaker. His topic was "Morningside as I Remember It in 1875". On April 25th, W. S. Gilman, of Sioux City, spoke on the wars of the Sioux Indians with the whites.

Dr. Charles E. Snyder is the chairman of the historical committee for the Davenport Centennial. Other members are Louis A. LeClaire, Marie Meyer, Abigail Preston, Martin McCarthy, Jr., A. C. Mueller, E. K. Putnam, N. H. Ringstrom, Mrs. E. G. Senty, and Dr. Paul White. Other centennial activities include a series of broadcasts from WOC on the theme, "Davenport Marches On", and a field mass in honor of Antoine LeClaire and Colonel George Davenport held on May 24, 1936.

The Madison County Historical Society held its thirty-second annual meeting at Winterset on April 21, 1936. The program was a memorial to E. R. Zeller, one of the nine charter members of the organization in 1904, who for sixty years had been active in educational, religious, political, and historical work in Madison County. The tributes included a paper by Ed M. Smith in appreciation of Mr. Zeller's work, a paper by C. C. Stiles of Des Moines, "My Recollections of E. R. Zeller", read by Ernest Porter, tributes by George W. Carver and John Carl Parish, and an account of the historical room in the courthouse by Ruth Laizure. The officers chosen were the same as for last year: Dr. H. A. Mueller, president; Judge W. S. Cooper, vice president; Mrs. Will Blake, secretary; and Mrs. Fred Hartsook, treasurer.

Celebration of the centennial anniversary of the settlement of Washington County will feature the week of June 29 to July 4, 1936. Several of the smaller towns will furnish the program for the earlier days of the week, but all programs will be held at Washington. A series of addresses on Iowa history will feature the occasion. On Tuesday, June 30th, Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, will speak on "On the Way to Iowa". On July 1st, Dr. Jacob A. Swisher, also of the State Historical Society research staff, will speak on the subject, "On the Trail of the Pioneer". The following day, Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, will give a talk on "The First Hundred Years". On July 3rd, Dr. Louis Pelzer, of the State University faculty and author of the new book *The Cattleman's Frontier*, will speak on "Westward by Concord Coaches". Former Senator Smith W. Brookhart will give the address on the Fourth of July.

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Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke on "Iowa and Davenport in 1836" before the Unitarian Laymen's League at Davenport on April 15, 1936.

Dr. Charles R. Keyes, State Archaeologist, and Mr. Ellison Orr

are planning the excavation of some six Indian mounds in Allamakee County which will be destroyed by the grading of road No. 182 from Lansing to New Albin. A few WPA workers have been detailed to assist Dr. Keyes and his assistants.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. John J. Abbott, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Augustine, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. J. Lindley Coon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Reginald Figge, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. T. Florencourt, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. Frederick H. Monroe, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Virginia Ruff, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. Elmer A. Runkle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. R. H. Allen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Ingram Bixler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. W. M. Byrnes, Jr., West Side, Iowa; Dr. J. H. Calder, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. George E. Farmer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Harden, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. Fred J. Kraschel, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Roger Leavitt, Jr., Marcus, Iowa; Mr. Joel E. Rogers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Upton, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Wm. C. Alexander, Salida, Colorado; Miss Lucile E. Anderson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Charles Bartcher, Denison, Iowa; Dr. Walter J. Baumgartner, Dubuque, Iowa; Bishop Gerald T. Bergan, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank F. Betty, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Mabel M. Blaise, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. William L. Bliss, Mason City, Iowa; Miss Mary Bullock, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Tim J. Campbell, Newton, Iowa; Mr. Chas. E. Carver, South Pasadena, Calif.; Mr. John G. Chalmers, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Atherton B. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Louis H. Cook, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Russell M. Cooper, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mr. A. R. Corey, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Pauline Cotter, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. L. H. Cutler, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Charlotte F. Dege, Quasqueton, Iowa; Mr. Sutherland Dows, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Charles A. Doxsee, Monticello, Iowa; Mr. Donald Evans, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Leo J. Flynn, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Wm. S. Gallagher, Tama, Iowa; Mr. A. C. Gingerich, Wellman, Iowa; Mr. C. R. Gossett, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. John K. Griebel, Waukon, Iowa; Miss June Hamm, Marengo, Iowa; Mr. David Hassett, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Richard Heizer, Hinton, Iowa; Mr. Raymond J. Hekel, Rowley, Iowa; Dr.

T. F. Hersch, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Thomas P. Hollowell, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Herbert L. Horton, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Elizabeth A. Hunter, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Esther E. Hunter, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Neil D. Jackson, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Leroy H. Johnson, Red Oak, Iowa; Miss Lorene Juhl, West Liberty, Iowa; Mr. Chester D. Kern, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Frank D. Kern, State College, Pa.; Mr. Carl W. Klein, Washington, Iowa; Mrs. Charles Larrabee, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mr. F. W. Lehmann, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. E. G. Linn, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Lee P. Loomis, Mason City, Iowa; Miss Carrie H. McCrory, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Bessie McLaughlin, Washington, Iowa; Miss LaVerna Magneson, Stanton, Iowa; Dr. John I. Marker, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. E. R. Meredith, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Harry M. Merrill, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. John W. Miller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Ward Miner, Whiting, Iowa; Dr. V. O. Muench, Nichols, Iowa; Mr. J. P. Mullen, Fonda, Iowa; Mr. D. L. Nelson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. T. Walter Nelson, Brookfield, Illinois; Mr. Miles W. Newby, Onawa, Iowa; Mr. Frank Phillips, New York City; Mr. Dante M. Pierce, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. T. Pleune, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Fred H. Potter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Reimers, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mr. G. W. Richards, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mr. D. T. Riley, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Howard L. Roach, Plainfield, Iowa; Dr. F. M. Roberts, Knoxville, Iowa; Mrs. H. E. Roberts, Postville, Iowa; Miss Mable Root, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. L. H. Ryan, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. A. M. Schanke, Mason City, Iowa; Mrs. Nora R. Scholte, Pella, Iowa; Miss Lucille Schwilek, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Ralph E. Shannon, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Charles E. Snyder, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Spence, Atlantic, Iowa; Mr. Richard A. Stewart, Washington, Iowa; Mr. George D. Stoddard, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. R. Swem, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Taylor, Traer, Iowa; Mr. F. O. Thompson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Forrest S. Treat, Bettendorf, Iowa; Miss Amy Turley, Laurens, Iowa; Mr. Arthur G. Umscheid, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. M. Updegraff, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. G. Vander Ploeg, Knoxville, Iowa; Mr. Norman J. Waffle, Marion, Iowa; Mr. LeRoy A. Washburn, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Samuel N. Watson, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mr. Max O. White, Lamoni, Iowa; Mr. W. S. Wilcox, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. James W.

Wilson, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. C. T. Young, Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Eugene Adams of Dubuque, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.