

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke at the dedication of the memorial commemorating the acquisition of the Old Northwest on June 14, 1936. The memorial, which stands on the bank of the Wabash near Vincennes, honors George Rogers Clark. Statues of Francis Vigo and Father Pierre Gibault were also dedicated on the same day.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society was held at Columbus on April 21, 1936. Dr. Carl Wittke, Chief Justice Carl V. Weygandt, and Oscar F. Miller were chosen as trustees. Plans were made for the creation of a Zoar Foundation to handle the property of the old Zoar community.

The week of June 7-13, 1936, was selected for the observance of the diamond jubilee of Dakota Territory at Yankton. A pageant was one of the features of the program. At Bismarck a pageant and celebration on July 3, 4, and 5 marked the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Territory and the sixtieth anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

A symposium on prehistoric agriculture was held at Flagstaff, Arizona, on April 28, 1936. Four papers dealt with corn; "The Origin of the Maize Plant and Maize Agriculture in Ancient America", by Paul Weatherwax; "Maize as a Measure of Indian Skill", by James H. Kempton; "An Experimental Corn Field in Mesa Verde National Park", by Paul R. Franke; and "The Utilization of Maize among the Ancient Pueblos", by Katharine Bartlett.

The Minnesota Historical Society sponsored the usual annual historical tour on June 27, 1936. Leaving St. Paul, Minnesota, in the morning, the group visited Hastings, Stillwater, Interstate Park and Marine, on the St. Croix. Among the papers were:

"Early Lumbering Days", by Agnes Larson; "Some Sources for the History of the St. Croix Valley", by Theodore C. Blegen; and "Volcanoes, Seas, and Glaciers", by Louis H. Powell.

The Agricultural History Society held its annual meeting at Wesley Hall, Washington, D. C., on April 24, 1936. Clifford V. Gregory, editor of the *Prairie Farmer*, delivered an address on "The Master Farmer Movement". Officers for the year 1936-1937 include the following: president, Dr. Henry C. Taylor, Director, Farm Foundation, Chicago; vice president, Mary G. Lacy, librarian of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics; and secretary-treasurer, Dr. O. C. Stine, also of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois, announces the inauguration of the Institute of Jesuit History on June 11, 1936. The program included the following addresses: "The Inauguration of the Institute", by Samuel K. Wilson, President of Loyola University; "The Institute of Jesuit History: Its Organization", by Jerome V. Jacobsen, Director of the Institute; "The Institute of Jesuit History; Its Method and Scope", by W. Eugene Shiels; "The Jesuits in America: An Opportunity for Historians", by Herbert E. Bolton; "The Missions of New France: A Study in Motivation", by Raymond C. Conigan; "A Westward Movement of the Jesuits", by Gilbert J. Garraghan; and "A Challenge to the Institute", by Edward A. Fitzpatrick.

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The town of Rochester celebrated its hundredth anniversary on August 1 and 2, 1936.

The hundredth anniversary of Denmark was marked by a program at the Congregational Church on July 4, 1936. An address by State Senator Joseph R. Frailey and an historical sketch of Denmark, by Asa Houston, were features of the program.

The Lewis and Clark memorial at Council Bluffs was dedicated on May 31, 1936. Mrs. Henning Larsen of Iowa City gave the

presentation address. The memorial is the work of Harry E. Stinson, sculptor, and George L. Horner, architect.

Markers have been erected on the Henry Janssen farm near Bluff Mill, Jackson County, in honor of Ansel Briggs, first Governor of the State of Iowa. One marks the site of the gristmill where Briggs worked, the other marks the site of the cabin where he lived.

The Marshall County Historical Society has made plans to erect a memorial log cabin in Riverview Park at Marshalltown. The plan provides for the donation of memorial logs by persons who wish to honor pioneer ancestors who settled in Marshall County. The second story of the cabin will be used as a museum.

R. H. Grant, of the Federal Historical Survey, has been making drawings of the old George Davenport house on Rock Island. The drawings are to be preserved at Washington. A replica of the original house, prepared by M. E. Stotes, a CCC worker, has been deposited in the museum of the Rock Island Arsenal.

The Pottawattamie County Historical Society has recently completed a memorial log cabin which will serve as an historical museum. The structure, which stands in Lincoln Park, Council Bluffs, was built by H. W. Hartwell and John Saar, both of whom were born in log cabins. Part of the expense of the building will be defrayed by an admission fee of ten cents.

The Pella Historical Society held its second organization meeting on June 30, 1936. A committee to draft articles of incorporation was appointed and this committee is to serve as the board of directors for the first year. On August 12th the following officers were elected: A. B. Wormhoudt, president; Chas. F. Dykstra, vice president; Hugo Kuyper, secretary; Tunis Kempkis, treasurer; and Dr. J. J. Sybenga, curator.

The Webster County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Fort Dodge on July 17, 1936. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. M. White, president; C. V. Findlay, vice president; Miss Alla Hardin, treasurer; and Miss Maude Lauder-

dale, curator. Among the additions to the museum are a manuscript history of Webster County, prepared by Major William Williams in 1860, and a set of wall cases for World War relics, presented by the American Legion.

Among the features of the Davenport centennial was an address on the "First Hundred Years of Davenport", given by Dr. C. E. Snyder, before the Kiwanis Club on July 9, 1936. A pageant entitled "Davenport Marches On", depicting the dramatic events of Davenport's history, was presented on July 12th to 15th. The cast included about three hundred persons. The scenes included the Indian occupation, white explorers, the Black Hawk Purchase Treaty Council, the early settlers, the county seat fight, the early fire department, the coming of the railroad, a school scene, a Cleveland-Harrison campaign rally, and military scenes.

Washington County celebrated its centennial anniversary on June 30th to July 4, 1936. The program was held at Washington, with the various towns having a share in the program. One of the features of the celebration was a display of historical relics in stores and business houses, and a parade representing the history of the community. A delegation of Indians from the "reservation" at Tama called attention to the Indian occupation of the area. A series of speeches was another feature of the program. The speakers included Wm. J. Petersen, Jacob A. Swisher, and Ruth A. Gallaher, of the State Historical Society, Professor Louis Pelzer, of the State University of Iowa, and a number of political representatives.

The city of Council Bluffs celebrated its one hundredth anniversary with a four day centennial program beginning on Sunday, August 9th. An elaborate historical pageant depicting the theme "Yesterday Meets Tomorrow" was given each night. Some six hundred persons were in the cast. On August 10th, which was set aside as Pioneer Day, a parade, which required over an hour to pass a single point, was staged through the business district of Council Bluffs. Dr. William J. Petersen of the State Historical Society of Iowa gave an address the same afternoon to the Tri-

County Old Settlers' Association on the subject: "Centennials in Iowa History". Among the many notable speakers at the various centennial meetings were Governor Clyde L. Herring, United States Senator L. J. Dickinson, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, and Berry F. Halden and Guy M. Gillette, Democratic and Republican candidates for the United States Senate.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

On June 30, 1936, Dr. Wm. J. Petersen spoke at the Washington centennial celebration at Washington. His subject was "On the Way to Iowa". Dr. Jacob A. Swisher, also of the Historical Society staff, spoke on July 1st. The title of his address was "On the Trail of the Pioneer". "The First Hundred Years" was the subject of the talk given on July 2nd by Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the Historical Society.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Evelyn E. Anderson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Mary Anderson, West Liberty, Iowa; Mr. Robt. C. Armstrong, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Ross C. Bailey, Atlantic, Iowa; Mrs. Leora Ryan Bane, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Kate Beard, Pella, Iowa; Mrs. Abbie R. Bickett, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Glenn Bowdish, Springville, Iowa; Mr. E. W. Breneman, Epworth, Iowa; Mr. John L. Carter, Eldora, Iowa; Miss Ada Coleman, Muscatine, Iowa; Miss M. Alice Cunningham, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Robert S. Curtis, Raleigh, North Carolina; Miss Alice N. Daniels, Douds, Iowa; Miss Elda M. Dunn, Villisca, Iowa; Dr. C. S. Foster, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Geo. L. Gallaher, Williamsburg, Iowa; Mr. A. B. Gookin, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. Lloyd A. Gustafson, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Hathaway, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Ruth Helm, Red Oak, Iowa; Miss Bernice Jensen, Everly, Iowa; Mr. J. E. Krouse, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Pearl Cox Kupka, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. Keith Mason, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. S. Mayhew, Tennant, Iowa; Mrs. Willis Miller, Atlantic, Iowa; Miss Iza Mitchell, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Robert J. Shaw, Sigourney, Iowa; Miss Mildred Shay, Benton, Iowa; Mr. V. C. Shuttleworth, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Ray N. Steele, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Wm. B. Strief, Des Moines,

Iowa; Mr. John A. Swanson, Clarinda, Iowa; Miss Mae H. Trevor, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Virtue, Peterson, Iowa; Mr. E. J. Voggenthaler, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Wanda Watson, Newton, Iowa; Miss Helen Ara Wayne, Deep River, Iowa; Mr. William C. Weeks, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Helen Woodworth, Cresco, Iowa; Mrs. Walter Davis, Avoca, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Morse Gerber, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Winifred Hatfield, Emerson, Iowa; Mr. George E. Knapp, Vinton, Iowa; Dr. M. J. Moes, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Alfred S. Nickless, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. N. H. Petersen, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Geo. Y. Swartzendruber, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Jeanette Vittetoe, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Ralph E. Walker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mr. Charles H. Wilson, Davenport, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as Life Members: Mr. Henry C. Beard, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Dennison, Bellevue, Iowa; Mrs. Chas. J. Doepke, Ackley, Iowa; Mrs. Mabel Duree, Centerville, Iowa; Mrs. Ellis R. Engelbeck, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. B. Funk, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. O. Garber, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Louise Miller Henely, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. Fred W. Hill, Hamburg, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Kopp, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Rev. Luigi Ligutti, Granger, Iowa; Mr. James R. Locke, Bedford, Iowa; Mr. John B. McDougal, Pasadena, California; Mr. Bert N. Mills, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank W. Mueller, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Kirk H. Porter, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. H. Preston, Seattle, Washington; Mr. F. E. Sheldon, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. H. J. Snover, Battle Creek, Iowa; Mr. John E. Stansbury, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. G. E. Sutton, Cromwell, Iowa; Mr. Leo D. Thoma, Fairfield, Iowa; Miss Gretchen C. Trumpp, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John P. Wallace, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. T. M. Watts, Holstein, Iowa; Mr. Starr G. Wilson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Craig T. Wright, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. G. C. Wyland, Avoca, Iowa.