

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Louisiana Historical Society sponsored a meeting on June 21, 1938, in honor of the Sesquicentennial of the Ratification of the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

The Pioneer Caravan consisting of thirty-six men, with ox-team and Conestoga wagon, which left Massachusetts in December, 1937, to follow the trail of the pioneers of 1787-1788, reached Ohio early in April and spent April and May in touring Ohio and Indiana presenting at various places the pageant "Freedom on the March".

The annual meeting of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society was held at Columbus on April 1 and 2, 1938, in coöperation with the Ohio Academy of History. The program included an address on "Johnny Appleseed — the Myth and the Man", by Robert Price; "The Record of the American Press", by Douglas C. McMurtrie; and "The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society — A Quarter Century of Progress", by Henry C. Shetrone, director of the Society. Professor A. Sellew Roberts was elected president of the Ohio Academy of History and John O. Marsh was elected secretary. An adjourned meeting of the Society was held on April 26th to comply with the requirements of the constitution.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 28, 29, and 30, 1938. Among the addresses and papers interesting to students of Iowa history were: "WPA Fashions New Tools for Research", by Luther H. Evans; "The English Language in the American West", by Charles H. Norby; "The West in American Diplomacy, 1812-1815", by Charles M. Gates; "The Middle West and South in Anglo-American Relations, 1853-1857", by Thomas P. Martin; and "The Cultural and Educational Influence of the Frontier Churches", by William Warren Sweet. William O. Lynch of Indiana University was elected president of the Association. Everett E. Edwards, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Walter B.

Posey, Birmingham-Southern College, and George F. Howe, University of Cincinnati, were elected members of the executive committee. The annual meeting in 1939 will be held at Memphis, Tennessee. The mid-winter session will be held at Chicago, Illinois, jointly with the American Historical Association.

IOWA

Dr. Charles R. Keyes, State Archaeologist of Iowa, gave an illustrated lecture at Decorah on March 25, 1938, before members of the Linne Biological Society of Luther College and the Winneshiek County Interprofessional Society. His lecture described the progress of archaeological work in Iowa since 1922.

Claudine Humble, pageant director for the Iowa Centennial Committee, has prepared a pageant for the Iowa Territorial Centennial. The title is *Iowa — The Open Door*. The episodes include Joliet and Marquette, Louisiana Purchase, Fort Madison, the Black Hawk War, Robert Lucas as First Governor, and Coming of the Settlers.

The Jasper County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Newton on April 12, 1938. Professor Louis Pelzer of the State University was the principal speaker. His subject was "Pioneer Travel in Early Iowa". H. E. Sprinkle of Newton was elected president, B. C. Berg was named vice president, W. S. Johnson was reelected secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Hendershot was made treasurer.

Work on the archaeological survey of Iowa, under the direction of Dr. Charles R. Keyes of Mount Vernon, State Archaeologist, is being carried on at several points in Iowa. Mr. Ellison Orr of Waukon, who made one of the most valuable private collections of archaeological materials in Iowa, is directing field work in Mills County, while Miss Mildred Mott is in charge of the excavation of some mounds in Webster City.

On June 19-21, 1938, Mason City celebrated its eighty-fifth anniversary and the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Territory of Iowa. The first day, Sunday, was devoted to religious

services and a concert by the municipal band. Monday was reunion day and Tuesday, June twenty-first, was band day, with some fifty bands from north Iowa taking part.

The Madison County Historical Society held its thirty-fourth annual meeting at Winterset on April 12, 1938. The program included a history of Ohio Township, by I. E. Holmes, memories of Peru in the 1880's, by Mrs. Fred Hartsook, a history of Grand River Township and Macksburg, prepared by Mrs. Onie Hixon and read by Loren Ritter, and a history of the Sierley family, by Mrs. C. A. Robbins. Dr. H. A. Mueller was reelected president of the Society, Judge W. S. Cooper was chosen vice president, Mrs. Fred Lewis, secretary, and Mrs. Fred Hartsook, treasurer.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, spoke to the Ingleside Club of Marengo on the evening of May 10th on the subject "Iowa's Centennials and History". On June 26th Dr. J. A. Swisher, Research Associate, gave an address at West Liberty on the subject "Religion on the Frontier".

Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke on "Centennials in Iowa History" before the Dubuque Women's Club on April 12th. "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" was the subject of his address before the Dubuque Rotary Club the same day. On April 20th Dr. Petersen spoke on centennials before a joint meeting of the Women's Clubs of Muscatine County held at Wilton Junction. On May 10th he gave an illustrated lecture on steamboating before the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County at Quincy, Illinois. Two days later he spoke at West Liberty on "Centennials in Iowa History" before a joint meeting of the business men and farmers of the vicinity. On May 19th Dr. Petersen addressed the Des Moines Rotary Club on the territorial centennial and conferred with A. R. Corey of the State Fair Board on the centennial celebration. On June 8th Dr. Petersen drove to Dubuque to advise and speak before the local centennial committee. On June 17 he spoke on centennials at the

eleventh annual state meeting of the Girls 4-H Club at Ames. The talk was broadcast over station WOI. On June 28th Dr. Petersen spoke before the Iowa City Kiwanis Club on the subject: Fourth of July Celebrations in 1838.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. George A. Bairnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Edward Caldwell, New York City; Dr. Raymond E. Conwell, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. J. Cornwell, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Paul Engle, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Mary M. English, Marion, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Hammond, Decorah, Iowa; Mrs. Roy Howe, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Barr Keshlear, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mrs. Elsie Kirkpatrick, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Charles A. Lawrance, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Robert Dean Metcalf, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Grace Roberts, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. John B. Stouder, Albany, New York; Mrs. Edward H. Weber, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Paul C. Woods, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Chas. M. Genaux, Ames, Iowa; Mr. E. D. Morrison, Sr., Washington, Iowa; Mr. Frank C. Pellett, Atlantic, Iowa; Mrs. J. F. Pex-ton, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Pike, Whiting, Iowa; Mr. G. R. Ramsey, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Charles J. Ritchey, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Evon Walker, Ottumwa, Iowa; Dr. H. O. Wormhoudt, Pella, Iowa; Mr. Fred D. Adams, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Victor V. Allen, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Barker, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. C. H. Baxter, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Henry A. Bender, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. L. E. Berg, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. L. A. Bergman, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Blaser, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. H. D. Bloch, Bettendorf, Iowa; Mr. H. J. Blosser, Cromwell, Iowa; Mr. William W. Boyd, Mason City, Iowa; Miss Madeline D. Bridge, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mr. Walter B. Brinker, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. J. E. Brinkman, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Dwight Brooke, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Wm. C. Brunk, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Fannie R. Buchanan, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. Harold W. Buskrud, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Homer L. Calkin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Edwin B. Carpenter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edw. J. Carroll, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. Howard Chase, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Charles Chickring, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. George Garfield Clements, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. O. D. Collis, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Corley Agnes Conlon, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Cook, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank W. Court, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr.

George M. Crabb, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. John E. Cross, Newton, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Cunningham, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. James C. Davis, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. W. E. Davis, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. A. R. Dewey, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. L. E. Dunlap, Washington, Iowa; Miss Ada H. Edwards, Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Glenn A. Ellis, Marengo, Iowa; Dr. F. Harold Entz, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Don Farran, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Frances D. Ficke, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Earl H. Fisher, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Miss Merna Irene Fletcher, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Walter E. Flumerfelt, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Geo. E. Frazer, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. J. Mack Gamble, Hannibal, Ohio; Mr. W. C. Garberson, Sibley, Iowa; Mrs. Thomas A. Gardner, Omaha, Nebraska; Mr. E. E. Gaston, Milton, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Gerberding, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. Earl C. Glasson, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. James M. Graham, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Cloyce Gray, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. E. H. Greteman, Templeton, Iowa; Mr. Wm. Griffin, Riverside, Iowa; Rev. Samuel G. Gutensohn, Monticello, Iowa; Miss Helen Hammons, De Witt, Iowa; Mr. John Hanson, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. O. C. Hardwig, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. C. C. Harken, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Howard B. Helscher, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Wm. A. Hendry, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Clyde E. Henson, Carbondale, Illinois; Mrs. Dewey Hess, New London, Iowa; Mrs. Frank P. Hofmann, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Howard B. Holmes, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Paul C. Howe, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Mark T. Humphrey, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. W. F. Humphrey, Monona, Iowa; Miss Agnes Hurley, Fairfield, Iowa; Miss M. Rae Johns, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Chester H. Johnson, Cherokee, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Oscar E. Johnson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. C. J. Jungbluth, Washington, Iowa; Dr. H. Dabney Kerr, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. Glenn Kinsley, Sheridan, Wyoming; Mr. Kenneth P. Laird, Washington, D. C.; Mr. J. R. Leary, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mrs. Richard Lord, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Ella G. Loughran, Ames, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Lyons, Perry, Iowa; Mr. C. L. McDowell, Eagle Grove, Iowa; Mr. Geo. D. McElroy, Vinton, Iowa; Dr. J. E. McFarland, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John M. McGill, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. E. Madson, Harwarden, Iowa; Miss Marie Meyer, Le Claire, Iowa; Mr. Fred J. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. John G. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr.

Jacob K. Miller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Althea Montgomery, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Barton Morgan, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Glen W. Myrland, Onawa, Iowa; Mr. E. H. Nelson, Tama, Iowa; Mr. Henry N. Neuman, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Norman Norland, Laurens, Iowa; Mr. L. M. Palmer, Ames, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Parrott, Waterloo, Iowa; Miss Lucille A. Peterson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. J. H. Pollock, Plover, Iowa; Mr. Thos. B. Powell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. J. C. Powers, Hampton, Iowa; Mrs. Jessie M. Pratt, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Oscar T. Priester, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Effie J. Reese, Eldora, Iowa; Mrs. Thomas R. Reese, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Earl Reeve, Glidden, Iowa; Mr. Andrew G. Reid, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Sylvan L. Rembold, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. F. W. Rice, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. F. L. R. Roberts, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. Sylvan T. Runkel, Greenfield, Iowa; Mrs. Fannie M. Schmidt, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. T. W. Schultz, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Charles A. Sears, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Ralph E. Sheffield, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mr. F. D. Simpson, Atlantic, Iowa; Mrs. John W. Smart, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Paul C. Smith, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Oliver W. Stevenson, Fayette, Iowa; Dr. J. B. Synhorst, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Dorothy L. Thompson, Washington, Iowa; Mr. J. B. Thorsoe, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. K. C. Van Orden, Ida Grove, Iowa; Dr. John A. Vieg, Ames, Iowa; Mr. A. O. Voogd, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Edward Vrba, Cresco, Iowa; Mr. A. O. Wakefield, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Charles A. Waterbury, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Leslie E. Weber, Wapello, Iowa; Mr. James S. Woodman, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Lenore Wyckoff, Boone, Iowa; Mr. Paul K. Adams, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Ralph W. Adams, Waucoma, Iowa; Mr. C. John Amborn III, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. J. M. Beck, Centerville, Iowa; Miss Leona J. Bohach, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edwin A. Briggs, Boone, Iowa; Mr. S. R. Bruce, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Mr. George H. Coleman, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Joseph M. Connolly, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Gertrude Duke, Birmingham, Iowa; Mr. Edward C. Eicher, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Dale Foster, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Amy J. Hinkhouse, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Grover C. Hubbell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. George W. Huntley, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. R. E. Irwin, What Cheer, Iowa; Mrs. Owen G. Jones, Williamsburg, Iowa; Mrs. Inez Kinney, Milford, Iowa; Mr. D. M. Kurtz, Burlington, Iowa;

Mr. Earl W. Kurtz, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Robert E. Lee, Greenfield, Iowa; Mr. Albert D. Libby, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Roscoe J. Locke, Primghar, Iowa; Mr. David McLaughlin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. T. A. Mason, Reinbeck, Iowa; Mr. Don G. Mullan, Odebolt, Iowa; Col. Carl H. Muller, St. Louis, Missouri; Miss Lettie E. Oldaker, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. E. B. Pannkuk, Laurens, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Parrott, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. George J. Pearson, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Duane L. Peterson, Winnetka, Illinois; Miss Luella Reckmeyer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Effie J. Reese, Eldora, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Richards, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Joseph J. Rohlk, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Eleanor Saltzman, Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mr. Donald Seavy, Decorah, Iowa; Miss Mary Schlotter, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Frances L. Smith, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss M. Pearl Spanswick, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. G. R. Spensley, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Don K. Walter, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Jeanne Watson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Stanford University, Calif.; and Mr. Collman E. Yudelson, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dr. W. L. Bierring of Des Moines, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.