

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota Historical Society held its sixteenth annual convention and historical tour on July 29 and 30, 1938. The tour began at the Historical Building at St. Paul on the 29th, with luncheon at Duluth, and an afternoon program at Gooseberry Falls State Park in the afternoon. The program here included introductory remarks by Reverend E. F. Lindquist, president of the Cook County Historical Society; greetings by Edward C. Hale, president of the Minnesota Historical Society; "Early Beaver Bay and Its Part in the Discovery of Iron", by Otto E. Wieland; "Pioneering School Days", by F. A. Andert; "Beaver Bay, Then and Now", by E. A. Schulze; and "Gooseberry Falls State Park", by Edwin S. Cay. After a dinner at Duluth, Dr. Louise Phelps Kellogg gave an address on "The Old Northwest and the New" and Mrs. Margaret Culkin Banning spoke on "A Novelist Glances at History". On Saturday morning a meeting was held at Fond du Lac, at which Ellworth T. Carlstedt of Bloomfield, Iowa, spoke on "When Fond du Lac Was British". The luncheon that day was again at Duluth in connection with the Northwest Territory Celebration Commission of Minnesota. After the luncheon the members of the Northwest Territory Pioneer Caravan were the speakers and in the evening the Pioneer Caravan presented the pageant "Freedom on the March". This caravan has made its way across the United States from Ipswich, Massachusetts, to Marietta, Ohio, and then westward through the States carved out of the Northwest Territory. Seventeen performances were given in Minnesota between July 30 and August 18.

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The annual meeting of the Wyoming Historical Society was held at The Hermitage, east of Wyoming, on August 19, 1938. The topic for the program was "The Gay Nineties and the Turn of the Century".

The State Highway Commission has issued 50,000 maps of the State featuring the places and dates of centennial celebrations, historical features of the Iowa State Fair, and places of interest in Iowa.

The Pella Historical Society held its annual meeting on July 25, 1938. W. D. Van Sittert was elected president; A. B. Wormhoudt, vice president; Tudor Kempkes, treasurer; and Hugo W. Kuypers, secretary. The Society manages the annual tulip festival at Pella.

To assist communities wishing to put on pageants the Iowa Centennial Committee published *Iowa: The Open Door*, by Claudine Humble, Director of Pageant Recreation Division Works Progress Administration. This includes material for an Iowa centennial pageant, with directions for staging the pageant, costumes, music, etc.

On June 12, at 2 P. M., radio station WHO at Des Moines presented a broadcast featuring the Iowa Centennial. It included music by an orchestra, playing for one number Antonin Dvorak's Largo movement from the New World Symphony. There was also a dramatization of the creation of the Territory of Iowa, prepared by Robert Blaylock.

The Old Capitol Building, built as the Territorial Capitol of Iowa and used also as the State Capitol until 1857, was used as the design on the three-cent stamp issued by the United States Post Office Department in honor of the Iowa Territorial Centennial. The stamps first went on sale at Des Moines on August 24th, the first day of the State Fair.

Peter Narey of Spirit Lake won the first prize in a Statewide historical essay contest sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs and Rachel Ann Lusher of the same town won second prize in the contest. "The Stockade", a story of early Dickinson County, was the title of Peter Narey's essay. The second prize went to "A Wedding Trip in 1860". Third prize went to Vivian Morse of Humboldt and fourth place to Lorraine Wiese of Westside.

The Marshall County Historical Society held its annual meeting

at Marshalltown on May 10, 1938. Mayor G. W. Darling was chosen president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were: R. A. Rockhill, vice president; Miss Susie Sower, secretary; Miss Ida Evans, treasurer; and Mrs. E. M. Singleton, curator. Talks by M. A. Hauser and W. P. Maulsby, pioneers of the county, were features of the program. A memorial log cabin in Riverview Park at Marshalltown has just been completed.

The Iowa State Fair, August 24 - September 2, 1938, featured the Iowa Territorial Centennial. A parade of floats depicting Iowa's history, a series of rooms with furnishings of the various periods, a series of vehicles showing the progress of transportation, relics of pioneer days, a style show of wearing apparel for the past century, a collection of farm machinery to show its development, and similar exhibits were part of the Fair. A "Panorama of Iowa", a mural painted by WPA workers, encircles the balcony of the Agricultural Building.

The Worth County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Northwood on July 28, 1938. O. K. Storre was elected president for the ensuing year; O. J. Wardwell, Glenn O. Tenold, and Leon S. Barnes, vice presidents; Mrs. C. L. Bolender, secretary; and Leighton D. Bickett, treasurer. The Society is discussing plans for a building to house its collections and the private collection of Dr. C. A. Hurd who had been president of the Society since its organization in 1924 and is now honorary president.

The Iowa Territorial Centennial was widely celebrated throughout the State. The State Fair featured the history of Iowa. A large number of newspapers issued special historical editions. Centennial celebrations of various kinds were held in many of the communities of the State. Parades showing the history of Iowa and the community, historical pageants, displays of clothing, furniture, and implements of pioneer times, and addresses on the centennial were common forms of entertainment at these celebrations. The story of Iowa's Territorial Centennial will appear in the issue of *THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS* for January, 1939.

The Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution announce the

compilation of seven volumes of typed manuscript records relating to Iowa. One copy of each volume is deposited in the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa, and one in the Library of the D. A. R. in Washington, D. C. Volume 41 contains cemetery records from Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, and Bremer counties and marriage records from Bremer County. Volume 42 contains marriage records from Decatur, Fremont, and Mills counties. Volume 43 contains Mahaska County marriage records and Volume 44 grave records from the same county. Volumes 45 and 46 include grave records from twenty-two counties and marriage records from Wright County. Volume 47 has marriage records from Floyd, Humboldt, and Wayne counties.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently distributed to its members a biography of Josiah Bushnell Grinnell, by Charles E. Payne, Professor of History in Grinnell College. J. B. Grinnell was a Congregational minister, newspaperman, founder of the town of Grinnell, sponsor of Grinnell College, railroad promoter, and politician.

Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave his illustrated lecture on "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" before the American Wild Life School at McGregor on August 5th. The following day he spoke on "Centennials in Iowa History" before the same group. On August 21st Dr. Petersen gave a Centennial address featuring Black Hawk before a crowd of two thousand at the Tama Indian Pow Wow. On August 24th he spoke before a fireside meeting at Temp- lar Park on Spirit Lake. Traveling to Burlington on September 8th, Dr. Petersen spoke before the local Kiwanis Club on the Burlington and Iowa Centennial. At Camp Mitigua near Ledges State Park, Dr. Petersen gave two addresses to the annual State encampment of the 4-H Girls and 4-H Boys. In the afternoon he spoke on "Iowa in 1838" and at the campfire meeting he spoke on Nathan Boone and the Dragoon expedition of 1835. On September 27th Dr. Petersen spoke to the Washington County Medical Asso-

ciation at Wellman. In addition to his speaking engagements Dr. Petersen advised on the State Fair Pageant on August 22nd and 23rd and served as chairman of the judges on the pioneer rooms on August 27th.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Merwyn G. Bridenstine, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mr. Chas. H. Bryant, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Herbert S. Cline, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Mr. Hugh J. Croft, Forest City, Iowa; Mr. D. M. Elderkin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. H. Clifford Fox, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Karl F. Geiser, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Hazel Gunn, Lisbon, Iowa; Mr. John Hidore, Rockford, Iowa; Mr. Quinn R. Huffman, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Miss Jane T. Irish, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Charles L. Kasten, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Howard F. Kegley, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mr. W. P. Kerwin, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Emma G. Liddle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. J. E. Nelson, Vinton, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. O. Ransom, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Mabel J. Reid, Rangoon, Burma; Miss Inga B. Tapper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Thomas C. Tibbitts, Hopkinton, Iowa; Mrs. E. Lester Williams, Marshalltown, Iowa; Miss Anne G. Wilson, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. R. C. Blechschmidt, Amana, Iowa; Mr. Marcy G. Bodine, Peoria, Ill.; Miss Thora M. Brookings, Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. E. B. Bush, Ames, Iowa; Rev. Deane Chapman, Harlan, Iowa; Rev. Rodney F. Cobb, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Edward William Bailey, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Charlotte C. Eichner, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Harold V. Gaskill, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Inez Glime, La Porte City, Iowa; Mr. Peter M. Herny, Prairie City, Iowa; Mrs. Robt. T. Johnson, Knoxville, Iowa; Mr. Clinton Kastner, Boone, Iowa; Mrs. Robert T. Lubbock, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Arthur C. McGill, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. L. M. Martin, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. Quist, Essex, Iowa; Miss Luella Reckmeyer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John M. Redmond, Robins, Iowa; and Mr. Sam H. Thompson, Ames, Iowa.

The following persons have recently been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. M. H. Calderwood, Eldridge, Iowa; Mr. Paul N. Clark, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Clarence P. Cook, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. D. Corcoran, Anamosa, Iowa; Mr. Fred D.

Cram, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. C. H. Dall, Ida Grove, Iowa; Mr. L. D. Dennis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Louis E. Dickinson, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Dow, Villisca, Iowa; Mr. Chas. E. Fahrney, Ardmore, Okla.; Mr. Frederick Fischer, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mr. G. W. Fowler, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. P. Gallagher, Williamsburg, Iowa; Mr. M. D. Gibbs, Alton, Iowa; Mr. James B. Greteman, Manson, Iowa; Mr. Geo. Judisch, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Charles R. Keyes, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mr. Louis C. Kurtz, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Anna B. Lawther, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Edwin B. Lindsay, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Andrew McMillen, Brainerd, Minn., Mr. Morris Mandelbaum, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. A. Milligan, Jefferson, Iowa; Mrs. John H. Morrell, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Frank L. Mott, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Ray Nyemaster, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. John H. Peck, Oakdale, Iowa; Mr. T. H. Potter, Harlan, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Pratt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Alfred G. Remley, Anamosa, Iowa; Mr. M. N. Richardson, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Mary M. Ronan, Lone Tree, Iowa; Mr. Joe W. Smith, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Raymond A. Smith, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Julian C. Spurgeon, Ottumwa, Iowa; Dr. Kuno H. Struck, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. Mathew A. Tinley, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Dana Waterman, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. R. S. Whitley, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. Geo. S. Wright, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Fred Wyman, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. T. T. Hitch, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Geo. A. Letson, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. Donald R. Murphy, Des Moines, Iowa.