

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The fourth annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association was held at New Orleans on November 3-5, 1938. The Association began the publication of *The Journal of Southern History* in 1935.

The Indiana Department of Conservation has purchased 750 acres of forest along the Mississinewa River and will add other tracts later to make a large forest reserve. The area was once an Indian center.

The Central Section of the American Anthropological Association met at Milwaukee on May 13 and 14, 1938. Mildred Mott and Dr. Charles R. Keyes presented the two aspects of the question "Do Certain Archeological Manifestations in Iowa Belong to History?", Miss Mott discussing the historical aspect and Dr. Keyes the archeological.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Indiana History Conference was held at Indianapolis on December 9 and 10, 1938. One session was devoted to archaeology and one to genealogy. The Conference is sponsored by the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Historical Bureau. The Indiana History Teachers Association met with the Conference on the tenth.

The Society of Indiana Pioneers conducted its twenty-second pioneer pilgrimage on October 8 and 9, 1938. The itinerary included the grave of Frances Sloeum, Notre Dame University, Fort St. Joseph, the council oak under which La Salle is said to have met the Indians, the site of a Menominee village in Marshall County, and the Culver Military Academy.

The mid-winter meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, on December 28, 1938. William O. Lynch, president of the Association presided

at the annual dinner. Carl Wittke gave an address on "Culture in Immigrant Chests". The theme of the joint meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the American Historical Association was "Sectional Unrest in the Upper Mississippi Valley".

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh Summer Session sponsored a tour of historic sites on July 15 and 16, 1938. Among the places visited were the McGuffey Memorial, near West Alexander, Triadelphia, Moundsville, West Virginia, the Fostoria Glass Works, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Blennerhassett Island, ending the tour at Marietta, Ohio, the headquarters of the 150th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Northwest Territory. Dr. E. Douglas Branch spoke at the dinner at Wheeling on the subject "Wheeling and Western Pennsylvania".

The centennial anniversary of the Platte Purchase which added six counties in northwest Missouri was observed by a three-day celebration at St. Joseph on August 18-20, 1938. At a dinner on August 18th, attended by 450 persons, Floyd C. Shoemaker presided. Senator Allen McReynolds, president of the State Historical Society of Missouri, spoke on the work of the Society; Ada Claire Darby gave an address on "Sons and Daughters of the Platte Purchase" and Judge Merrill E. Otis talked on Lewis F. Linn. A mural painting, "The Platte Purchase", by George Gray, was unveiled and presented to the Society. On August 19th the Platte Purchase centennial pageant was presented and on the following day an historical parade was the principal feature of the celebration.

The American Historical Association held its fifty-third annual meeting at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, on December 28-30, 1938. Meeting concurrently with the Association were the following organizations: Agricultural History Society; American Association of University Professors; American Catholic Historical Association; American Military History Foundation; American Oriental Society (Middle West Branch); American Society of Church History;

Bibliographical Society of America; Conference of State and Local Historical Societies; History of Science Society; Mediaeval Academy of America; Mississippi Valley Historical Association; National Council for the Social Studies; Society of American Archivists; and Southern Historical Association. An account of the meeting will appear in the April issue of this *Journal*.

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One of the contributions of the Iowa Centennial Committee was the pageant manual for "Iowa: The Open Door", prepared by Claudine Humble.

The Union County Historical Society held a picnic on September 23, 1938, at which O. E. Klingaman of the State Historical Department spoke. A display of antiques was a feature of the program.

On September 30, 1938, J. C. Hammond, Managing Director, and Robert Burlingame, Executive Secretary, issued a report of the work of the Iowa Territorial Centennial Committee, addressed to J. R. Bahne, Chairman of the Committee.

The Adair County Historical Society was organized at Fontanelle on September 22, 1938. Mrs. Zella Sullivan Hedges was elected president; Mrs. Etta McCard, vice president; and Mrs. John A. Barr, secretary.

The Lucretia Deering Chapter of the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution has completed the first installment of markers for the old Dragoon trail in Mitchell County. The dedication of the first marker, north of Osage, occurred on September 19, 1938.

Professor S. S. Reque of Luther College, Decorah, gave a talk before the Decorah Chamber of Commerce on September 12, 1938, describing some historical events in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties, and urging that preparations be made for celebrating the centennial anniversary of Decorah and vicinity in 1940.

On Labor Day, September 5, 1938, the Amana Community Club sponsored a pageant depicting the history of the Society, presented

on the baseball diamond at Middle Amana. The scenes represented the history of the Community from the first meeting near Marienborn, Germany, down to the present century.

The Friends Church of Salem, Iowa, held its centennial anniversary celebration on October 8 and 9, 1938. A visit to the buildings of Whittier College, now used by the high school, a pageant entitled "Characteristic Scenes of Early Friends of Salem", a sermon by Dr. Edwin McGrew, President of Wm. Penn College, and the reading of a history of the church and community, by Paul W. Barnett, were features of the occasion.

On September 11, 1938, Guttenberg, formerly Prairie La Porte, held a celebration in honor of the establishment of the first court of record in the Territory of Iowa. "Iowa Territorial Organization", by President Eugene A. Gilmore of the State University of Iowa, and "The Safety of the State Depends upon the Watchfulness of Its Citizens", by Justice Richard F. Mitchell of the Iowa Supreme Court, were speeches on the program.

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On November 16, 1938, Dr. Jacob A. Swisher gave an illustrated lecture on "Historic Sites in Iowa" before the Jasper County Teachers Association at Newton.

Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, addressed the Cedar Rapids branch of the Association of University Women on September 28, 1938, on the subject "The Significance of the First Hundred Years of Iowa".

On October 28, 1938, Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke on "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" before the Epsilon Chapter of the Zeta Sigma Pi national honorary social science fraternity at the University of Dubuque. At the conclusion of the talk Dr. Petersen was elected to honorary membership in the group. On December 8th Dr. Petersen gave his illustrated steamboat lecture to the High School and Elementary School at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

On October 21, 1938, the Iowa Library Association awarded William J. Petersen's *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi* the Johnson Brigham plaque as the "most outstanding contribution to literature by an Iowan" in 1937. Issued by the State Historical Society of Iowa in July, 1937, the book was one of a dozen considered by the Iowa librarians, including Wallace Stegner's *Remembering Laughter*, Phil Stong's *Buckskin Breeches*, Dan Elbert Clark's *The West in American History*, Marquis W. Child's *Washington Calling*, and Thomas W. Duncan's *We Pluck This Flower*. In making the award Miss Mae C. Anders, president of the Association, said of *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi*: "This book is the most comprehensive ever written about the Upper Mississippi. It contains colorful narrative and description, coupled with charm of style." Previous winners of the award were Johnson Brigham's *Youth of Old Age*; Ruth Suckow's *The Folks*; and MacKinlay Kantor's *The Voice of Bugle Ann*.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Gladys H. Adams, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Paul I. Adcock, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. John P. Berg, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Vernon Bobbitt, Pella, Iowa; Mr. W. R. Boyd, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Robert Rood Buell, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Mr. Chas. H. Bryant, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. C. C. Clifton, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank A. Court, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Melvin H. Goeldner, Osceola, Iowa; Miss Anne Goodechild, Hinsdale, Illinois; Dr. Lynn T. Hall, Omaha, Nebraska; Miss Jessie L. Hanthorn, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ivan Hedges, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Alfred D. Hills, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Manson L. James, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Carl S. Kringel, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. J. Locher, Monticello, Iowa; Mr. Martin F. McCarthy, Jr., Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. John L. Metz, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Royal J. Montgomery, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. C. C. Nye, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Arthur E. Perley, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Maurice E. Steele, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Marjorie E. Stivers, Washington, Iowa; Dr. Warren W. Chase, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. John D. Clinton, Fayette, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Cummings, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mrs. Hubert Everist, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Robert F. Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev.

R. E. Harvey, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. George Heeren, Jr., Pella, Iowa; Mrs. Charles R. Henderson, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. James O. Howard, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Leslie Miller, Marion, Iowa; Dr. Arch F. O'Donoghue, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Edward L. Shutts, Centerville, Iowa; Mrs. Helen Straley, Marion, Iowa; Dr. J. J. Sybenga, Pella, Iowa; Miss Thelma Mae Voils, Fayette, Iowa; Mrs. Orville M. Blade, Stanton, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Deininger, Centerville, Iowa; Mr. William Jefferson Dennis, Tabor, Iowa; Mr. Chas. W. Fellingner, Bloomfield, Iowa; Mrs. Milton M. Frakes, Adel, Iowa; Miss Grace E. Gabriel, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. H. L. Gilmore, Algona, Iowa; Miss Lucy E. Hall, Newton, Iowa; Miss Frances Jackson, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. William Kent, Nashua, Iowa; Mrs. Leo R. Leeper, Waterloo, Iowa; Miss Helen Livingston, Washington, Iowa; Miss Winifred McGuinn, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. R. E. Mackintosh, Los Angeles, California; Mr. J. J. Matthews, Strawberry Point, Iowa; Mrs. M. C. Pruyn, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. George E. Rath, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Edward P. Sealy, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Paul B. Strickler, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mr. Ingalls Swisher, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Mary Wagner, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Earl H. Williams, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Wormhoudt, Mason City, Iowa; and Mr. Leslie Young, Waverly, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. Kenneth A. Evans, Emerson, Iowa; Mr. George A. Bieber, Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Mr. Leroy E. Corlett, Oskaloosa, Iowa; and Miss Ilda Hammer, Des Moines, Iowa.