

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Indiana Historical Society is beginning the work of excavating the Angel Mound group of earthworks in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. This area was acquired by the Society in 1938 and 1939.

Dr. Arthur J. Larsen has been made acting superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Dr. Theodore C. Blegen resigned to devote his time to research and teaching at the University of Minnesota.

The Annual Ohio History Conference was held at Columbus on April 6-8, 1939. Participating in this meeting were the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, the Ohio Academy of History, and the Columbus Genealogical Society.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Missouri Historical Society was held at Columbia on April 25, 1939. The speaker at the annual dinner was Lloyd Lewis of the staff of the *Chicago Daily News*. His subject was "The Missouri-Kansas War". Trustees were elected and reports read. Floyd C. Shoemaker is Secretary of the Society.

The annual "Boone Day" meeting of the Kentucky State Historical Society was held at Frankfort on June 7th. Dr. Willard Rouse Jillson presented Lieutenant George Gray, whose mural painting of the Battle of Blue Licks was unveiled. Dr. Frank L. MeVey, president of the University of Kentucky, delivered an address on "Assumptions of Democracy".

The seventeenth annual summer tour and convention of the Minnesota Historical Society was held on June 15, 16, and 17, 1939. Starting at St. Paul, stops were made at Rochester, Harmony, Wirona, and Frontenac. At Rochester visits were paid to the Mayo Clinic and the museum of the Olmstead County Historical Society. Papers read at the various meetings included: "Health and Medi-

icine in Early Rochester", by Helen Clapesattle; "Why I am Interested in Local History", by Mrs. B. T. Wilson; "Business Records and the Historian", by Rodney C. Loehr; "John S. Harris, A Pioneer Horticulturist of Southern Minnesota", by Joseph Ball; "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi River", by William J. Petersen; "The Lure of Old Frontenac", by Grace Lee Nute; and "The Fashionable Tour", by Theodore C. Blegen.

IOWA

Morning Sun's town council recently created the office of historian and curator of the museum to encourage the preservation of local history and relics.

E. F. Pittman has been reappointed to the position of newspaper supervisor at the Historical Department at Des Moines. Mr. Pittman held the position for twenty years prior to 1937.

Daughters of Union Veterans erected a monument in memory of Tom Howard Post No. 101 at Clear Lake, Iowa. Governor George A. Wilson was the principal speaker at the dedication on August 6, 1939.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Adair County Historical Society: president, Dr. R. H. Gregory of Fontanelle; Guy Pote of Bridgewater, vice president; and Mrs. J. A. Barr of Greenfield, secretary.

The Long Grove First Christian Church celebrated its centennial anniversary on June 4, 1939. The program included a pageant entitled "A Century of Faith". A pamphlet containing a history of the church was published at the time.

The Pella Historical Society held a meeting on July 6, 1939, for the presentation of the report of the year's activities and the election of its directors. The Society sponsors the Tulip Festival and maintains an historical museum.

At the annual meeting of the Jasper County Historical Society the possibility of permanent headquarters for the Society's relics and historical documents was considered. A pledge of \$1000 from

a former resident of Newton was received to start a fund for such a building.

Bentonsport celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its founding on August 17, 18, 19, 1939. Included in the homecoming events were a memorial service, addresses, musical programs, and a pageant. Headquarters of the celebration were in the old Mason House, a landmark of Van Buren County.

Among the officers and delegates of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Iowa who attended the fifteenth general congress of the national society in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 3-8, 1939, were Mrs. George Owings of Marshalltown, deputy governor general, and Mrs. Louis B. Schmidt of Ames, assistant general.

The Warren County Historical Society voted a permanent organization at a meeting held on June 27, 1939. Room was provided the organization in the new courthouse, where historical relics will be kept. The following officers were elected: C. C. Briggs, president; Mrs. Besse Matson Ellis, secretary; and F. P. Henderson, treasurer.

The Ringgold County Historical Society effected a permanent organization on July 20, 1939, providing for officers and a board of managers of twenty-five members. The following officers were elected: president, John E. Freeland; vice president, Arthur S. Palmer; secretary, Vera Dickens; and treasurer, C. D. Allyn. The meeting was held during the third annual reunion of Old Settlers of Ringgold County at Mount Ayr.

Washington, Iowa, celebrated its centennial on August 8, 9, 10, 1939. Among the features planned by the centennial commission were an historical pageant, parades, an historical museum, games, and various entertainment. Creating an early atmosphere were the more than seventy-five slab fronts of stores and special buildings made from slabs in the city. Contests to select the winning Sunbonnet and Whisker Club contestants were held. A Centennial Memorial Fountain was placed in Central Park as one of the events

of the celebration. Fred S. Downing was president of the centennial commission.

Keosauqua celebrated its centennial on August 1 and 2, 1939. Pioneer costumes, hairdress, and other customs were revived. Special editions of Keosauqua newspapers were published to advertise and commemorate the centennial celebration. Keosauqua took the occasion to dedicate its new bridge across the Des Moines River. Included also among centennial events was the dedication of the "Honey War" marker, at which Governor George A. Wilson gave the address, recalling the old Iowa-Missouri boundary dispute. Roscoe Stewart, chairman of the State Conservation Commission, spoke at the dedication of the new bathhouse at the Keosauqua State Park on August 2nd.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave a talk before the Iowa City Junior Chamber of Commerce on June 6th. He told about the Fourth of July celebrations in the Territory of Iowa a century ago. On August 11th he spoke on the Indians of Iowa before the refugees at Scattergood. On August 30th he attended the Iowa Authors Club meeting at Des Moines and gave a brief talk on historical writing in Iowa.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Mary E. Arrowsmith, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Chas. O. Austin, Jr., Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. H. S. Boudinot, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Daisy Cameron, Belmond, Iowa; Miss Margaret Divelbess, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Ernest V. Evans, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Mr. J. H. Ghrist, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. R. P. Ink, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Mr. Hugh E. Kelso, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. J. Kueneman, North English, Iowa; Mrs. Alice B. Lewis, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. B. McKay, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. Jno. A. Meshinger, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Wm. H. Swartzendruber, Peoria, Illinois; Mr. Geo. E. Virden, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Irving Zeitler, Albany, New York; Sister M. Alberta, Council Bluffs, Iowa;

Mrs. Thomas Caywood, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Stewart Holmes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Herbert Krause, Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Mr. Thomas E. Mann, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Lillian Minick, Washington, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Strohbehn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. L. D. Wareham, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Andrew S. Eash, Wellman, Iowa; Miss Carol Forgey, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Harry O. Hansen, Bettendorf, Iowa; Dr. G. E. Harrison, Mason City, Iowa; Miss Marjorie Holley, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. Irvin L. Huffman, Iowa City, Iowa; Sister Mary Jeanette, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Harry C. Lynn, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Mahanay, Jefferson, Iowa; Miss Grace M. Martin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Herbert Stamats, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mr. A. V. Wiggins, Story City, Iowa.

The following have been enrolled as life members: Mr. W. P. Bair, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Rex J. Ballard, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. S. A. Burgess, Independence, Missouri; Mr. George C. Carpenter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. F. Clough, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. S. A. Cohagan, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Daniels, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. E. Engleson, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. G. M. Foster, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. J. Ross Lee, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Willis A. Lomas, Pacific Palisades, California; Mr. Jesse A. Miller, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. I. Naumann, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. Raymond E. Peck, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. E. H. Rickman, Battle Creek, Iowa; Mr. William F. Riley, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frederic C. Smith, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Bessie J. Sperring, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Mrs. Alice M. Welty, Nevada, Iowa; Mr. Walter W. White, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. Charles C. Deering, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Paul M. Godehn, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Dewey W. McCracken, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Herman H. Trachsel, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Maud Spence, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; Mr. Walter S. Stillman, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Carl Weeks, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mr. A. L. Vandermast, Los Angeles, California.