

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

Governor Henry Horner has presented his Lincoln library to the State Historical Library of Illinois. It will be housed in the Centennial Building at Springfield and will be known as "The Henry Horner Lincoln Collection".

The State Historical Society of Missouri held its thirty-fourth annual meeting at Columbia on May 21, 1940. State Senator George A. Rozier, vice president of the Society, presided. Nine trustees were elected for a term of three years. Resolutions of appreciation were adopted in honor of Walter B. Stevens, Dulany Mahan, and E. M. Violette, who died during the year. Floyd C. Shoemaker, the secretary, presented his report. Dr. T. D. Clark, of the University of Kentucky, gave an address at the dinner on "Manners and Humors of the American Frontier".

The Maumee Valley International Historical Convention was held at Toledo, Ohio, on September 27, 1940, Fort Wayne on September 28th, and Defiance on September 29th. Professor Carl Wittke delivered an address at Toledo on "Good Will on Ancient Battle-grounds". The Canadian response was given by the Hon. Louis Blake Duff. At Fort Wayne the program included an address by D. R. Clyde Ford, President of the Michigan Historical Society on the subject "Our Glamorous History", a talk by Bishop Noll on "Early Catholic History of Fort Wayne", and an address by Dr. Randolph G. Adams on "The Harmar Papers". The Sunday program at Defiance included an address by Dr. William W. Sweet on "Religion and the Westward March".

The Illinois State Historical Society held its forty-first annual meeting on May 9-11, 1940. The meeting opened at Carbondale and included a trip to Jonesboro, Mound City, and Cairo. The program included the following papers: "An Illinois Scientist's Thrilling Adventures in Arctic Exploration", by James A. James, president of the Society; "Egypt's Cultural Contributions", by

G. W. Smith; "Rivers That Meet in Egypt", by Barbara Burr Hubbs; "Robert G. Ingersoll", by C. H. Cramer; "Southern Illinois: Typical American Melting Pot", by Roscoe Pulliam; and "Black Jack' Logan", by Lloyd Lewis. The following officers were elected: Clint Clay Tilton, president; John H. Hauberg, Theodore C. Pease, George W. Smith, Wayne C. Townley, and Ernest E. East, vice presidents; and Paul M. Angle, secretary-treasurer.

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Speakers at the meeting of the Adair County Historical Society held in the Greenfield city park were Ivan R. Mills, Republican nominee for Representative and the Reverend A. A. Moore, of Fontanelle. Dr. R. H. Gregory of Fontanelle was reelected president for the new year and Mrs. J. A. Barr was named secretary.

An old settlers' program was held in connection with the Van Buren-Jefferson county fair on August 7th. Chairman of the event was William Michael, who spoke on "Iowaville, Black Hawk City and Selma". The program also included a talk on "The Old County Fair" by Mrs. Sam Wolfe.

The Warren County Historical Society has purchased new equipment for the preservation of county records. An organized search is being made for records of schools, railroads, churches, stage-coaches, and other features of early county history. C. C. Briggs is president of the organization; Don L. Berry, vice president; Besse Matson Ellis, secretary; and F. P. Henderson, treasurer.

Organization of a committee in Iowa City to manage the remodeling and preservation of the Robert Lucas home under the supervision of the State Conservation Commission has taken place. An allotment of \$3500 to acquire the home has recently been made by the Legislative Interim Committee, contingent upon the raising of an additional \$1500 by the local community. The two-story brick homestead, with its circular staircase of black walnut, was first occupied by Governor Lucas in 1844 during Iowa's Territorial days.

Tipton celebrated its centennial under the sponsorship of the Greater Tipton Club on July 3 and 4, 1940. Highlights of the program on July 4th were numbers by bands and orchestras, an old-time fiddlers' contest, a parade, animal circus, and boxing contest. An historical pageant was presented in the evening. An armada of sixty airplanes was a special feature of the celebration. Whiskers, bustles, and sunbonnets emphasized the centennial spirit.

The State Executive Council has granted \$10,000 for the restoration of old Fort Atkinson under the supervision of the State Conservation Commission. A stone blockhouse and part of a stone barracks are all that remain of the fort, which originally included log barracks, a stockade, a school and several other buildings. Construction is planned to permit a centennial celebration later in the year. Prof. S. S. Reque of Luther College has been appointed to conduct the historical research.

Officers of the Ringgold County Historical Society reelected for the year 1940-1941 are as follows: John E. Freeland, president; Arthur S. Palmer, vice president; Vera F. Dickens, secretary; and C. D. Allyn, treasurer. Dr. H. A. Mueller, president of the Madison County Historical Society, gave the annual address at the meeting of the Ringgold Society. The "Old Timers' Reunion" was held at Mount Ayr on July 18th. Principal speaker on the occasion was B. W. Garrett, whose address centered on the history of Ringgold County and Iowa in general.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Territorial Capitol of Iowa began on July 3, 1940, with a University Graduate College lecture by Professor Louis Pelzer. The subject of the address was "Stones and Builders of Old Capitol".

On Thursday, July 4, 1940, the ceremony of laying the cornerstone was re-enacted on the University of Iowa campus at Iowa City, where the Old Capitol still stands. Participants representing the persons who took part in the original event wore the costumes of the early period. Following a picnic dinner on the grounds, the program was opened by the Iowa City High School Band led by

William Gower. The invocation was given by the Rev. Elmer E. Dierks who impersonated the Rev. A. R. Gardner. Improvisations of the various remarks and addresses made by the pioneer participants were written by Dr. J. A. Swisher of the State Historical Society. Those of Chauncey Swan were given by Dr. Forest C. Ensign of the State University. Philander Lee, who gave a reading, was represented by Attorney Edward F. Rate. Then Dr. Ensign as Chauncey Swan deposited the box in the cornerstone. Prayer was offered by the Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, impersonating Father Vanhagan. Attorney Edward W. Lucas, great-grandson of the Territorial Governor, laid the cornerstone, representing Governor Lucas who had done this a hundred years ago. He then delivered a short address, representing Governor Lucas. Impersonations of the Rev. A. R. Gardner and Father Vanhagan again appeared in the delivery of an oration and for the benediction. Justice Frederic M. Miller of the Iowa Supreme Court then addressed the assembly. Some twenty-eight toasts were given, repeating those offered on the occasion a century ago, interspersed with group singing. The State Historical Society and the Johnson County Old Settlers' Association collaborated in this reproduction of the events of Independence Day at Iowa City in 1840.

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The State Historical Society has recently issued the second volume of *Iowa Pioneer Foundations*, by George F. Parker. This is one of the Iowa Centennial History Series.

Dr. Ruth A. Gallaher, Associate Editor of The State Historical Society of Iowa, gave a talk before Pilgrim Chapter of the D. A. R. at Iowa City on September 14, 1940. Her subject was "Iowa and World History".

The Board of Curators of The State Historical Society has named Miss Ethyl E. Martin, formerly Assistant Superintendent, as Superintendent of the Society. Dr. John Ely Briggs, formerly editor of *The Palimpsest*, was appointed Editor. The two positions were held by Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh from 1907 until his death on April 7, 1940.

Dr. J. A. Swisher and Dr. William J. Petersen of The State Historical Society journeyed to Des Moines on August 27th to confer with the Interim Committee of the Iowa General Assembly on the problem of acquiring and preserving the Robert Lucas home at Iowa City. Built in 1844 by the first Governor of the Territory of Iowa, the home is one of the most historic in all Iowa.

Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of The State Historical Society, gave two lectures on the Mississippi River before the American Institute of Nature Studies at McGregor on August 11th and 12th. On August 29th he spoke to the Iowa City Rotary Club on Robert Lucas. He spoke on the same subject before the Masonic Luncheon Club at Iowa City on September 6th. On September 19th he gave an illustrated lecture on "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" before the Rock Island County Historical Society at the Archie Allen Camp at Port Byron. On September 28th Dr. Petersen delivered the presidential address before the Iowa Authors Club at Des Moines. His subject was: "Tall Tales of the Mississippi River".

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. James Bannister, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Walter C. Bender, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. C. Bergmann, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mr. Weldon J. Brown, Boone, Iowa; Dr. A. W. Bryan, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Geo. A. Carlson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Frank W. Carpenter, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edwin J. Frisk, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Margaret Gillmor, Tucson, Arizona; Mr. Vergene Horsley, Laurens, Iowa; Mr. Arlin J. Kehe, Denver, Iowa; Mr. Kenneth F. Millsap, Bloomfield, Iowa; Mr. Ole H. Olson, Marengo, Iowa; Mr. A. F. Pape, Templeton, Iowa; Miss Iverne Wick, Nashua, Iowa; Miss Dorothy L. Zenge, Canton, Missouri; Sister Mary Margaret Alacoque, N. Buena Vista, Iowa; Mr. Fred C. Armstrong, Atlantic, Iowa; Mr. Geo. T. Carson, Moulton, Iowa; Sister Mary Rita Clare, Bancroft, Iowa; Miss Sarah Marie Davis, Washington, Iowa; Sister Mary Ermelinde, Dyersville, Iowa; Dr. George H. Gallup, Princeton, New Jersey; Miss Betty A. Hall, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. D. D. Knight, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Bernard L. Swords, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John H. True, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Mabel C. Veith,

Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. Alice M. Boyd, Tingley, Iowa; Sister M. Helen Carey, Dubuque, Iowa; Miss Elsie M. Crane, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. V. W. Flickinger, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Clarence Gardner, Tipton, Iowa; Mrs. William Griffin, Riverside, Iowa; Mr. George Hall, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Marian Harris, Morning Sun, Iowa; Mrs. Jean Henderson, Arispe, Iowa; Mr. Donald L. Hoth, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Robert D. Jackson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. E. O. Newell, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Rose Reusser, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Richard A. Snyder, Riverside, Iowa; Miss Leona Strackbein, Lowden, Iowa; Miss Muriel Tvedt, Montour, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Wright, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Jean M. Burroughs, Springville, Iowa; Miss Eva Kazebeer, Russell, Iowa; and Mr. Julius Kunz, Wesley, Iowa.

The following have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. John H. Goepfinger, Boone, Iowa; Dr. John W. Billingsley, Newton, Iowa; Mr. W. W. Blasier, Jesup, Iowa; Mrs. M. U. Chesire, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Chittenden, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Cook, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Norman L. Cotton, Lone Rock, Iowa; Mr. H. E. DeReus, Knoxville, Iowa; Mr. Carl H. Erbe, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Lt. Col. Philip B. Fleming, St. Paul, Minnesota; Miss Marjorie N. Graham, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. R. S. Grossman, Marshalltown, Iowa; Judge Thos. J. Guthrie, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. James W. Hook, New Haven, Connecticut; Mr. William G. Kerr, Grundy Center, Iowa; Dr. J. W. Laird, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. L. E. Linnan, Algona, Iowa; Mr. W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. Earle D. Ross, Ames, Iowa; Mr. P. Edward Sauerwein, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. R. H. Volland, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Harry W. Voltmer, Greencastle, Indiana; Mr. Lewis H. Brown, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Dr. Clarence I. Thomas, Guthrie Center, Iowa.