

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

Villa Louis, the historic home of Col. Hercules L. Dousman at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, was formally opened as an historic site on May 17 and 18, 1941.

The Indiana Historical Bureau is preparing a list of all historical markers erected in the various counties in that State in order to bring up-to-date the list of such public memorials.

The *Indiana History Bulletin* for August contains a list of the annual pilgrimages sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society since 1919. It has been decided that no pilgrimage will be held in the fall of 1941.

At the monthly meeting of the Louisiana Historical Society held at New Orleans on May 27, 1941, the president of the Society, Edward Alexander Parsons, presented a bibliographical sketch entitled "Louisiana-Americana, The French Regime".

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, a graduate of Drake University in 1928, has been appointed Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, succeeding Dr. Joseph Schafer who died on January 27, 1941. Previous to his appointment, Dr. Alexander served as Director of the New York State Historical Association.

The *Indiana Magazine of History* announces the retirement of William O. Lynch as editor of that publication, a position he has held since 1928. He also retires from his position as professor of history at Indiana University. Dr. John D. Barnhart, of Louisiana State University, is to succeed Mr. Lynch.

The Kansas legislature has made provision for the purchase, restoration, and repair of the old Iowa, Sauk, and Fox Indian mission building near Highland, Doniphan County, Kansas. The building and a tract of some fifteen acres set aside for a public park will be in charge of a board of trustees.

The Central States Branch of the American Anthropological Association and the Society for American Archaeology held a joint session at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 9-10, 1941. Dr. Charles R. Keyes, archaeologist sponsored by the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave a report on "The Broken Kettle and Kimball Village Sites".

The recent session of the Minnesota legislature established a new State board made up of the Director of State Parks, the Commissioner of Highways, and the Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, or their representatives. The board is designated as the Minnesota Historic Sites and Markers Commission and it will, among other duties, supervise the erection of markers for historic sites.

The December meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at Chicago. Roy M. Robbins, Butler University, is the program chairman. The annual meeting for 1942 will be held at Lexington, Kentucky. Huntley Dupre, University of Kentucky, and F. G. Davenport, Transylvania University, are co-chairmen of the committee on local arrangements for this meeting and Philip D. Jordan, Miami University, is chairman of the program committee.

Columbia University and the New York Historical Society are jointly sponsoring a seminar on "Resources and Methods of the American Historical Society Library and Museum", to be given by A. J. Wall, the Society's Director. The course, limited to ten approved Columbia students, will include lectures on collecting and preserving historical materials, on other activities, such as cataloguing, binding, and microfilming, and on the construction and arrangement of the buildings used by the historical societies and museums.

On July 26th the Minnesota Historical Society held its nineteenth annual tour and historical convention, commemorating on this occasion the signing of the treaty of Traverse des Sioux on July 23, 1851. Governor Harold E. Stassen spoke at the site of the treaty signing on "Traverse des Sioux Yesterday and Today".

The speaker at the luncheon was Dr. William L. Strunk whose subject was "The Big Woods". Mrs. Grace Flandrau was the evening speaker and her theme was "The Flandrau Family and St. Peter".

On September 15 and 16, 1941, Oklahoma celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of the opening of the Cherokee Strip. Ponca City was the center of the celebration and the program included the re-dedication of Bryant Baker's statue in honor of pioneer women. The chief address at the ceremony was delivered by Governor Leon C. Phillips of Oklahoma. Representatives of the historical societies of some States whose citizens entered Oklahoma in 1893 laid wreaths at the foot of the statue. The State Historical Society of Iowa was represented by Mr. Frank Phillips, a former Iowan and a long-time member of the Society, who spoke as follows:

"It affords me great honor and deep pleasure to participate today in the Re-dedication Ceremony of the Cherokee Strip Celebration. Representing The State Historical Society of Iowa, of which organization I have been a member for many years, I place this wreath at the base of the Statue of the Pioneer Woman.

"It seems fitting that I should do this, in humble but proud tribute to my ancestors who pioneered this country from coast to coast, and further in view of the fact that I was reared in Iowa, coming from there to Indian Territory in 1903.

"I am sincerely grateful for the privilege of being here on this occasion."

The Illinois State Historical Society held its forty-second annual meeting at Rock Island on May 1, 2, and 3, 1941. The first meeting was held at Augustana College and was called to order by O. L. Nordstrom, president of the Augustana Historical Society. At this meeting Mrs. Helen Stone delivered a lecture on "Artists of Rock Island County". The annual business meeting was held on May second. John H. Hauberg was elected president and presided at a complimentary luncheon at Augustana College. Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, president of the college, spoke on the history of the college and following the luncheon a boulder marking the Indian boundary

designated by a treaty of 1816 with the Potawatomi was dedicated. This service was followed by a boat trip to Campbell's Island as guests of the new president. The principal address at the dinner at the Fort Armstrong Hotel was given by T. V. Smith on the subject, "American Democracy in Historical Perspective". On the third day, the members visited the Indian collection of Mr. and Mrs. Hauberg in the Black Hawk Park Museum,

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The Pocahontas County Historical Society sponsored the old settlers' reunion held at Pocahontas on August 14, 1941.

Sioux Center commemorated its fiftieth year by a celebration and pageant on July 30 and 31, 1941. Displays of old-time articles added to the program.

Chen-Ya-Ta is the Sioux word used to designate an Indian village site some twelve miles north of Alta which has been partially excavated by F. L. Van Voorhis.

The Wyoming Historical Society held its seventeenth annual meeting at Anamosa on August 19, 1941. John Wherry was elected president and Miss Emma Alden was named secretary-treasurer.

The historic town of Le Claire celebrated a "Riveresta" on July 31 and August 1 and 2, 1941. The occasion was the dedication of Green Tree Park and in honor of William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who was born in Le Claire.

Columbus City staged a celebration and an historical pageant on June 19, 1941, in honor of the centennial anniversary of the community. Judge Oscar Hale spoke on the early history of Louisa County and Governor George A. Wilson delivered an address.

The Warren County Historical Society is making a collection of local historical materials, including a file of the *Indianola Advocate-Tribune* for 1881-1901, photographs, record books, and other items. Some of these things were displayed by the Society at the county fair at Indianola on August 4-7, 1941.

During the week of June 22-29, 1941, the Trinity Methodist

Church at Primghar celebrated the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the first church in O'Brien County, held in a sod cabin. Among the speakers was the Reverend J. Ralph Magee, Bishop of the Des Moines Area of the Methodist Church.

A number of residents interested in local history met at Moulton on August 18, 1941, and organized the Appanoose County Historical Society. The newly elected officers are: J. R. Barkley, president; J. M. Beck and Ira Perjue, vice presidents; Mrs. G. A. McKenzie, secretary; and Chas. B. De Puy, press secretary.

The Adair County Historical Society held its annual picnic at the park in Greenfield on June 8, 1941. The annual business meeting was held at the same place on July 20th. Byron Sulgrove was chosen president, Dr. R. H. Gregory, first vice president, J. C. Eatinger, second vice president, and Mrs. C. F. Hulbert, recording secretary.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the old settlers of Madison and Warren counties was held at St. Charles on August 14, 1941. Stanley E. Prall of Indianola gave the main address. Milton G. Patrick was named president, Chas. Kinnaird vice president from Madison County, Wm. H. Shannon vice president from Warren County, H. A. Mueller secretary, and Geo. D. Smith treasurer.

The thirty-seventh meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held at Winterset on April 29, 1941. This year the meeting was in the form of a banquet. Officers elected for 1941-1942 were: H. A. Mueller, president; Charles Tucker, vice president; Mrs. Fred Hartsook, secretary; and Mrs. Fred Lewis, treasurer. Mr. Mueller has served as president since the organization of the Society.

On May 30, 1941, the Oskaloosa chapter of the D. A. R. dedicated a marker at the grave of Richard J. Scarrem, only Revolutionary War veteran known to be buried in Mahaska County. The grave is in a memorial park in the Highland cemetery at Eddyville. The marker was unveiled by A. E. Augustine, the flag pole was dedicated by J. Fred Bower, and the memorial park, pro-

vided by the city, was dedicated by the Reverend A. S. Kilbourn of Denmark.

The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antonin Dvorak, August 31, 1941, was the occasion for a celebration at Spillville, where he spent the summer of 1893 and composed part of his "New World Symphony". Highlight of the occasion was a concert of Dvorak music presented by a symphony orchestra from St. Paul and Minneapolis under the direction of Frank J. Kovarik, a son of J. J. Kovarik of Spillville, the friend who had invited the composer to Spillville.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society; Dr. J. William Dulin, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Everett D. Graff, Winnetka, Illinois; Rev. H. K. Hawley, Winter Park, Florida; Mr. Wright Howes, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Russell F. Lundy, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. John Maxwell, What Cheer, Iowa; Mr. Hugh W. Parker, Greeley, Iowa; Mr. S. S. Reque, Decorah, Iowa; Mr. G. M. Trout, East Lansing, Michigan; Miss Gretchen L. Beckman, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Edward Gingerich, Wellman, Iowa; Mrs. M. L. Hutton, St. Petersburg, Florida; Miss Frances E. Jack, West Liberty, Iowa; Mr. W. Z. Proctor, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Joseph B. Steele, Postville, Iowa; Mr. Ray R. Douglass, Postville, Iowa; Mr. Herman A. Lange, Scotch Grove, Iowa; Mr. Harold Lees, Bradgate, Iowa; Mr. Geo. J. McCabe, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Dale L. Maffitt, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Minna Roedell, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. James M. Stewart, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Walter M. Sutton, Sewickley, Pa.; Miss Emma R. Trenk, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Horace Van Metre, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Frank Bartlett, Perry, Iowa; Mr. Paul C. Benedict, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Ethel Baker Brandt, La Union, New Mexico; Mrs. Arthur H. Briggs, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. Robert Buckmaster, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Max H. Christie, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. U. G. Dawson, Sigourney, Iowa; Mr. Glenn R. Downing, McGregor, Iowa; Miss Ethel C. Dunn, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Charlotte L. James, Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Leslie H. Schrubbe, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Harry C. Voss,

Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. David P. Weaver, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. Mildred Nelson Welty, Fernald, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Dr. A. W. Bennett, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. F. Butler, Springville, Iowa; Mr. George Clearman, Oxford, Iowa; Dr. Edward J. Harnagel, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Will J. Hayek, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. P. F. Keehn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Adda P. Mershon, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Henry G. Moershel, Homestead, Iowa; Rev. Edward Neuzil, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. R. L. Parsons, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. M. Russell Perkins, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Dr. Mary L. Tinley, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. E. B. Wilson, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. Francis R. Aumann, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Charles W. Boegel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Chas. W. Dau, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. David W. Knepper, Columbus, Miss., Miss Martha McClure, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. Charles Rhinehart, Dallas Center, Iowa; and Dr. Herbert Sugg, Clinton, Iowa.