

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Louisiana Historical Society discussed "Accounts of Early Louisiana Travel" at its monthly meeting held on January 27, 1942.

Students of the University of Wisconsin have formed a University Historical Society which will cooperate with the State Historical Society in research, museum arrangement, radio broadcasts, art displays, and publicity.

The Missouri Historical Society has published in pamphlet form an address on Charles Nagel, by Charles P. Williams. It was delivered at a meeting of the Society at St. Louis on May 23, 1941. Mr. Nagel had been a member of the Missouri Historical Society since 1894, and served as president from 1937 until his death on January 5, 1940.

The Chicago Historical Society has begun the publication of a *News Review*. The first number, issued in November, 1941, contained an account of Lincoln Dioramas, a University of Chicago exhibit, and various historical society notes. Volume I, No. 2, is devoted largely to war activities, including a discussion of the protection of relics in war time.

The eighty-ninth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Historical Society was held at Madison on October 16, 1941. The meeting included a conference on problems of local historical societies. Curators were elected for the term ending in 1944. The Society has begun the publication of a monthly press sheet for newspapers entitled *Wisconsin Historical News*. The first number appeared in January, 1942.

A subscription dinner held at Madison on January 30, 1942, commemorated the founding of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in 1849. President William A. Titus of Fond du Lac presided and Chief Justice Marvin B. Rosenberry was toastmaster and spoke on "Wisconsin Becomes a State". Susan B. Davis talked on

"Everyday Life in Wisconsin in 1849" and Father Peter Leo Johnson told of "The Founding of Wisconsin's Historical Society". Later the group visited the exhibition of "Pioneer Life in Wisconsin" in the Society's rooms.

## IOWA

*Fifty Years Pass In Review*, the story of St. Olaf Lutheran Church at Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been published in pamphlet form by the church. The program celebrating the semi-centennial was held on September 21, 1941.

Judge W. L. Eichendorf of McGregor has presented to the McGregor Museum a bound volume of the *Clayton County Herald* for 1856-1857. Another contribution was a book of photographs of McGregor, presented by J. A. Ramage. An attempt is being made to have the relics of the Ringling family deposited in this Museum.

The Sac County Historical Society was organized at a meeting at Sac City, on February 21, 1942, with the following officers: Malcolm Currie of Sac City, president; W. M. Dean of Lake View, vice president; Mrs. H. R. Elrod of Sac City, secretary; and Samuel Hahne of Schaller, treasurer.

The Mahaska County Historical Society took out articles of incorporation on January 3, 1942. The officers are: John C. Bradbury, president; O. H. Jones, vice president; Mrs. Sara G. Kalbach, secretary; and E. L. Butler, treasurer. Plans were made to use the basement of the Oskaloosa Public Library as a museum to store relics and documents.

The Guthrie County Historical Society held its second meeting at Panora on January 15, 1942. An exhibit of antiques was part of the program. A program was drafted, including the making of relief maps showing county and town sites, tracing stage coach and Mormon trails through the county, marking historic sites, and collecting pioneer anecdotes.

The Hamilton County Historical Society held a meeting at Webster City on January 23, 1942. Miss Bessie Lyon, the presi-

dent of the society, presided. J. W. Lee read a paper giving an account of the life of his uncle, John Wesley Lee, a pioneer school-teacher and county supervisor. Mrs. J. F. Harvey read two articles, one by herself on the Mulberry Center Community, and one by Miss Hattie Barkhuff on Ellsworth Township.

The Buchanan County Historical Society held its first monthly meeting of 1942 at Independence on January second, with Dr. J. A. Swisher as the speaker. The February meeting was held on the sixth. It was decided to purchase four show cases to hold relics. It was announced that at the meeting to be held on March sixth Roy A. Cook would tell of the days when C. W. Williams ran his famous racehorses on the track at Independence.

Charles L. Horn of Minneapolis, formerly of Ida Grove, is sponsoring a history-writing contest in Ida County. The contest ends on April 1, 1942. The writer of the paper awarded first place will receive \$75, the second prize will be \$50, and third prize \$25. The three prize-winning papers will be bound and presented to the Ida Grove Public Library. All others become the property of Mr. Horn. The judges are Mrs. Ben H. Todd, W. A. Beaver, and Lee A. Horn.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A copy of the *Burgess Genealogy*, by Dr. Barry Hovey Burgess, has been deposited in the Library of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has begun the collection of clippings from Iowa newspapers on various phases of the Second World War. By the close of March there were more than twenty-five thousand clippings in the file.

Dr. Jacob A. Swisher, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave an address at Independence on January 2, 1942, before the Buchanan County Historical Society on the subject, "The Romance of Local History". On January 28th he presented his illustrated lecture on "Iowa Historical and Beautiful" at Washington before the Bankers Association of Washington

and Louisa counties and presented the same lecture at Des Moines on February 3rd before the Service Men's Club.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has distributed copies of N. R. Whitney's *The Sale of War Bonds in Iowa* to all county chairmen in charge of the sale of defense bonds and stamps during the present World War. *The Sale of War Bonds* covers the activities along this line during the first World War and was published by the Historical Society in 1923 in the *Iowa Chronicles of the World War Series*. Other volumes in this series were *Welfare Campaigns in Iowa* and *Welfare Work in Iowa*, both by Marcus L. Hansen, *The Red Cross in Iowa*, in two volumes, by Earl S. Fullbrook, and *The Food Administration in Iowa*, in two volumes, by Ivan L. Pollock.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. Carroll O. Adams, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Samuel Grier, Jr., Balboa Heights, Canal Zone; Mr. L. L. Hunter, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mrs. Dorothy B. Lage, Bettendorf, Iowa; Mrs. W. L. Lamb, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Herbert F. Stevenson, San Mateo, Calif.; Mr. Bruce A. West, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. Franklin Wood, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Maude M. Friman, Corning, Iowa; Mr. K. M. Krezek, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. D. S. Lewis, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. F. T. Schwob, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. S. E. Clapp, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Fred J. Glueck, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. B. F. Thomas, Traer, Iowa.