

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Wisconsin Historical Society has opened as part of its museum a room devoted to exhibits of material related to the World War.

The Indiana State University, at Bloomington, has recently received and installed in a special room the Oakleaf collection of Lincolniana.

The State Historical Society of Missouri held its thirty-seventh annual business meeting at Columbia, on April 12, 1943. The usual dinner was omitted because of war conditions.

On April 19, 1943, the Minnesota Historical Society presented a special program at the Historical Building at which Mrs. F. R. Bigelow of St. Paul presented an illustrated address on old Prairie du Chien and the Villa Louis, home of the Dousmans. Because of the war, the summer tour and convention for 1943 has been omitted, but the Society will join the Washington County Historical Society in a centennial observance at Stillwater on August 21st.

The Agricultural History Society held its annual meeting at Washington, D. C., on April 27, 1943. The following officers were elected: Dr. James C. Malin, of the University of Kansas, president; Dr. Theodore R. Schellenberg, of the National Archives, vice president; Arthur G. Peterson, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, secretary-treasurer; and Everett E. Edwards, also of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, editor of *Agricultural History*.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin held its second annual convention at Milwaukee on September 16 and 17, 1943, with the Milwaukee County Historical Society as host. The program included "Recollections of Old-Time Milwaukee", by William George Bruce, and "The Typewriter in Wisconsin", by Frederic Heath. An historical pilgrimage, a reception by the Colonial Dames of

Wisconsin, a folk dance festival, a one act play, "A City for Josette", written by Margaret Paulus, a discussion on the collection of war records, and an address on "Wisconsin at War", by John Cudahy, were also on the program.

## IOWA

The first annual meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society was held in the courthouse at Corydon on July 6, 1943.

The Union County Historical Society has recently received two scrapbooks of clippings relating to the county from the estate of Ethel Baxter of Denver, Colorado, formerly a Union County resident.

The State Executive Council authorized the State Conservation Commission to purchase the furniture formerly belonging to Iowa's Civil War Governor, Samuel J. Kirkwood, owned at the time of purchase by Henrietta J. Pritchard of Chicago. The furniture has now been stored in the Lucas house at Iowa City.

The Adair County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Greenfield on June 13, 1943. Eli Sullivan was the oldest pioneer present. There were reminiscences concerning early schools and the food of the pioneers. C. J. Eatinger of Orient was reelected president and Mrs. C. F. Hulbert of Greenfield was named secretary.

The State of Iowa has recently purchased the Abbie Gardner Sharp cabin on the south shore of Lake Okoboji and some additional land needed to connect this site with the Pillsbury Point State Park. The price paid for the cabin and site was \$7000, with \$2850 for the additional land purchased. The site will be in charge of the State Conservation Commission.

The Mahaska County Historical Society has received from Charles Kent now of Chicago five large display cases and several large boxes of relics and curios. The Society is now conferring with the trustees of the Oskaloosa public library, the city council, and the board of supervisors as to the housing of the Kent collection as well as the Indian and pioneer relics of A. W. Mattox.

The Fayette County Historical Society has received a collection of miniature carvings made by Albert Warner of Putnam Township who died on November 28, 1942, at the age of ninety-four. These articles illustrate pioneer life and include many items, such as a cord bedstead, maul, washboard, and scythe. At present the collection is being cared for by D. R. Roberts, the county superintendent of schools in Fayette County.

The city council of Davenport has recently appropriated \$1000 as a contribution to be used to move the Antoine Le Claire house from its present location at East Fifth Street and Pershing Avenue to the grounds of the Davenport Public Museum at Seventh and Brady streets. The Museum, aided by private citizens interested in local history, plans to restore the old house and maintain it as a pioneer museum.

The Osceola County Historical Society held its annual meeting on July 11, 1943, in connection with the Viola Township picnic. After a visit to the pioneer cabin where historical articles are kept, the society elected the following officers: William Downs of Worthington, president; Harm Hinders, first vice president; Martin Olsen, second vice president; Mrs. Harry Counsell of Sibley, secretary; and Jesse Milton, treasurer.

The annual picnic of the Tama County Historical Society was held at Toledo on June 13, 1943. Burns Byram, county extension director, talked on progress in agriculture and Dr. C. W. Mapletorpe, a member of the selective service board, reported on the county's military contributions, and there were reminiscences of life in the county by R. C. Wood and Mrs. C. E. Townsend. Mrs. W. G. MacMartin of Tama is the president of the local historical society which reports 321 members and more than 900 historical items.

The Hamilton County Historical Society held its annual business meeting at Webster City on June 4, 1943. Alice Welch presented a paper on the McVicker family in Blairsburg based on reminiscences by Mrs. Ella McVicker Tuttle and Mrs. Tressa Treat Stearns read an account of the experiences of her mother, Mrs. Laura Cooper

Treat. Charlotte Crosley reported on the compilation of service records for the county and Representative John S. Heffner urged that the society coöperate in the celebration of the State centennial. The following officers were reëlected: Bessie Lyon, president; J. W. Lee, vice president; F. C. Runkle, secretary; and Mrs. Grace Sheldon, treasurer.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

A consolidated index for the first forty volumes of THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS is being compiled by the State Historical Society of Iowa. It is estimated that the work will require approximately a year.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Marcus Bach, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Harold Brooks, Watkins, Iowa; Mr. Leo Brown, Marengo, Iowa; Mr. R. N. Hoerner, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. G. Arthur Luther, Estherville, Iowa; Mr. Paul P. Moore, West Branch, Iowa; Dr. William L. Shearer, Omaha, Nebr.; Miss Crystal Wells, Manchester, Iowa; Mr. Ray H. Burley, Ames, Iowa; Mr. John Hutchinson Cook, Trenton, N. J.; Miss Jean Currens, Traer, Iowa; Mr. Ferner Nuhn, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Warren A. Reed, Sheldon, Iowa; Miss Etha Louise Buchanan, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Ernst L. Flentje, Washington, D. C.; and Miss Bonnie Lochrie, Osceola, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Mr. John S. Cutter, Shenandoah, Iowa; Mrs. H. C. Houghton, Jr., Red Oak, Iowa; Miss Charlotte L. James, Fairfield, Iowa; Dr. L. D. Jay, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. David T. Jones, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Frederick W. Smith, Richland, Iowa; Mr. Jos. N. Beck, Remsen, Iowa; Mr. Henry K. Peterson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Dr. R. L. Reid, Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. Clifford B. Wilcox, Chicago, Ill.; and Miss Bertha Alice Williams, Des Moines, Iowa.