

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The New Jersey Historical Society celebrated its one hundredth anniversary at the Society's building at Newark on February 27, 1945.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society was held at Topeka on October 17, 1944. Ralph R. Price of Manhattan was elected president, Kirke Mechem, of Topeka, secretary, and Mrs. Lela Barnes, treasurer.

The State Historical Society of Michigan held its annual meeting at Dearborn on September 22 and 23, 1944, with the Dearborn Historical Commission as host. The guest speaker was Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, who spoke on "Getting the Most Out of Our Local History". John P. Schuch of Saginaw was elected president and George N. Fuller was reappointed secretary-treasurer. On the second day of the meeting, members and delegates were taken on a tour of Henry Ford's Greenfield Village, the Edison Museum, and other historic sites.

The American Historical Association, the Agricultural History Society, the American Association for State and Local History, the American Catholic Historical Association, the American Military Institute, the American Society of Church History, the Economic History Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the National Council for Social Studies, the Society of American Archivists, and the Southern Historical Association held meetings at Chicago on December 28 and 29, 1944. At the joint session of the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association George Fort Milton gave an address on "History — Key to the Magic Door". At the dinner meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Archibald MacLeish gave the address on the subject "The Library of Congress and the Historians".

The executive council of the Minnesota Historical Society met at St. Paul on October 16, 1944, and elected Judge Julius E. Haycraft of Fairmont president of the Society to succeed Mr. Lester B. Shippee who died the previous February. Following this meeting the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Finnish-American Society held a joint meeting in the Historical Building. A painting by Juho Rissanen representing a "Finnish Farm Homestead" was presented to the Minnesota Historical Society. John I. Kolehmainen presented an address on "Finnish Pioneers in Minnesota", and Reverend John Wargelin gave "Early Experiences in Minnesota". Articles of Finnish handicraft were placed on display during the meeting. The executive council held its annual meeting at St. Paul on January 15, 1945. Judge Kenneth G. Brill of St. Paul was elected president of the Society and Arthur J. Larsen, now in the armed forces, was re-elected secretary and superintendent. Lewis Beeson was named acting superintendent.

#### IOWA

The Tama County Historical Society is rapidly adding to its collection of historical items housed in the courthouse at Toledo.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society held its annual meeting on January 2, 1945. Mrs. Matie L. Bailey was re-elected president; Mrs. Bridget Kelleher was named vice-president; and Mrs. Ora Belle Murphy was made secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Faye MacMartin of Tama, president of the Des Moines Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, Inc., has announced an Iowa centennial contest including original articles, poems, drama, radio skits, and music. All creative work should express Iowa life and surroundings during the past hundred years. Contestants may secure information from Mrs. MacMartin as to where entries should be sent. Prize awards of five, three, and two dollars for each contest are offered.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The following persons have recently been elected to membership

in the Society: Mr. Robert J. Howard, Nashua, Iowa; Mr. D. P. Calbreath, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Eugene N. Hastie, Perry, Iowa; Mr. Philip T. Hedin, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. F. Huebner, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. C. R. Leonard, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. George A. Ojemann, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Horace S. Poole, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Harry Shulman, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Dwight Wickard, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Wilbert R. Anderson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Donald Brown, Primghar, Iowa; Mrs. May Wall Grant, Alden, Iowa; Mr. Arthur W. Hyke, Waterloo, Iowa; and Mr. Clyde F. Wright, Florence, Nebraska. Mr. Robert R. Whetstone of Iowa City, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.