

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Texas State Historical Association has published *A Tentative List of Subjects for the Handbook of Texas*, compiled by Walter Prescott Webb and H. Bailey Carroll. It includes 12,605 items which are suggested for the *Handbook* which has been discussed since 1940.

The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society has opened to the public the Fort Ancient Museum. This depicts a prehistoric Indian village on the east bank of the Little Miami River. Erwin C. Zepp, Curator of State Memorials, has been in charge of the work.

The March number of *Communikay* presents a list of subject headings used in cataloging the war material collected by the Ohio War History Commission. Seventy-one heads and some twenty sub-heads are used, beginning with "Addresses" and ending with "Women". The April number contains an account of the efforts to collect industrial histories and a report of the work in Hamilton County.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin is sponsoring a series of biographies of Wisconsin men and women. It is planned to issue the first volumes in 1948 as a feature of Wisconsin's centennial. Forty-six names are on the list. The cost of publication it is planned will be paid partly by sales and partly from endowment funds left to the Society.

The Indiana History Conference and the Indiana Association of the History of Medicine held a joint session at Indianapolis on December 8, 1944. The following day there was a session of the Indiana History Teachers Association at the same place. The program included "Doctor Books", by Dr. James O. Ritchey; "Oriental Imponderables", by Harry B. Benninghoff; "Some Factors Making for War and Peace in Indiana, 1915-1916", by Cedric C. Cum-

mins; "The Coming of Thee and Thou", by Chalmers Hadley; and "Our Outlook for the War and the Peace", by Walter H. Judd.

IOWA

The Montgomery County Historical Society has recently been incorporated. The officers named in the articles of incorporation include: Clifford Powell, president; A. Leonard Smith, vice president; and F. E. O'Malley, secretary-treasurer. One aim of the society is the collection and preservation of historical material.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society met at Pocahontas on April 25, 1945. Following the dinner a report on the work and finances of the Society was presented by the president, Mrs. Matie L. Baily, and on markers, by Clarence Lathrop and F. C. Gilchrist, Sr. Senator A. J. Shaw gave an address on Pocahontas County, and F. E. Hronek talked on early days in Pocahontas.

The Iowa General Assembly extended until January 1, 1947, a resolution passed in 1943 authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee of sixteen members to plan the observance of the centennial of Iowa as a State. The observance will depend upon the progress of the war. Representative Karl M. LeCompte has introduced a bill in the national House of Representatives to authorize the coinage of 100,000 fifty-cent pieces commemorating the centennial. A special stamp is also planned by the post office department.

The Tama County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Tama on April 7, 1945. Payment of dues and the annual picnic were suspended for the year on account of war conditions. The Society voted to incorporate and C. H. Tanner and Roy Shaffer were appointed to put this into effect. Announcement was made of additions to the Society's collection of photographs, flags, books, music, paintings, and china. The officers re-elected are: Mrs. W. G. MacMartin, Tama, president; R. C. Weed, Traer, vice president; and Miss Thelma Carmichael, Tama, secretary-treasurer. Plans for the observance of the Iowa State Centennial were discussed.

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The State Historical Society of Iowa has acquired a file of microfilms of the *Chicago Daily Drovers Journal* for September, 1882, to the close of 1925. Files of this publication are rare and it is especially valuable for research in the history of States producing livestock.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Robert T. Melvold, Cresco, Iowa; Mr. John Harris Watts, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and Mrs. Opha Kilgore Atkinson, Emmetsburg, Iowa. Mr. Waldo Adams of Dubuque, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.

Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, spoke before the Cedar Rapids Stamp Club on April 2nd on the subject: "An Historian Looks to Old Postmarks and Old Post Offices as a Hobby". On April 6th he gave his illustrated lecture on "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi: 1823-1944" before the Monroe P. T. A. at Davenport. On May 14th he spoke to the Davenport Rotary Club on the topic: "Centennials in the History of Iowa and Davenport".