

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Kansas State Historical Society has begun the work of filming its more than 61,000 volumes of bound newspapers. The work will start with the papers printed on wood pulp paper which rapidly disintegrates.

The Illinois State Historical Society, the Illinois Council for the Social Studies, Augustana College, and Monmouth College joined in sponsoring a two-week historical tour of Illinois, June 3-17. The tour was planned to secure material for teaching the social sciences and Illinois history.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society, organized at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 5, 1941, has received from Culver-Stockton College the Henry Barton Robinson Collection of Literature Relating to the Disciples of Christ Church. The headquarters of the Society are at Canton, Missouri.

The Western Historical Manuscripts Collection at the University of Missouri has recently issued three bulletins on its work. The first is an appeal for materials. The second is a brief account of the collection. The third is entitled *Preserving Business Records and Writing Business History*. The work is directed by W. Francis English.

Dr. Lewis Beeson, who was acting superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society from 1942 to 1945 while Dr. Arthur J. Larsen was in war service, has accepted the position of secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission, succeeding Dr. George N. Fuller, who has retired. Dr. Beeson began his new work on July 1st.

On June 30, 1946, Harlow Lindley retired as secretary, editor, and librarian of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society. He joined the staff in 1929. Dr. Lindley is now prepar-

ing a history of Earlham College. John D. Marsh, Curator of History, will serve for the remainder of the year as acting librarian and James H. Rodabaugh will serve as editor.

Tennessee celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary by making June 1, 1946, a State holiday. A pageant, "Tennessee Through the Years", was presented at Nashville in the evening. The Sarah Hawkins Sevier Memorial was unveiled on June 3rd. In addition the Nashville *Banner* is sponsoring an essay contest among school children with prizes totaling more than \$3,000. The subjects chosen are "Tennessee's Achievements, Advantages, and Needs" for high school students and "Tennessee in History and Today" for elementary school pupils.

The fourth annual historical convention and the one hundredth annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin were held at Campion College, Prairie du Chien on August 23 and 24, 1946. Papers included "The Significance of Beaumont's Discoveries", by Dr. Arno B. Luckhardt; "Unhistoric Legends of Prairie du Chien", by Dr. P. L. Scanlan; "The Potosi Excavations", by Robert E. Ritzenthaler; and "The Upper Mississippi and Prairie du Chien", by Dr. William J. Petersen. A scenic trip around Prairie du Chien's historic spots and a style show, "From Buckskins to Bobby Socks", were features of the program for August 23rd.

The Minnesota Historical Society, with Dr. Arthur J. Larsen as Superintendent, announces a number of changes in its staff. Russell F. Barnes has been named librarian, succeeding Miss Gertrude Krausnick, who resigned. Willoughby M. Babcock has become curator of newspapers and G. Hubert Smith has succeeded Mr. Babcock as curator of the museum. Dr. Philip Jordan has been appointed research associate of the Society and director of the project to prepare a "History of Public Health in Minnesota". The Mayo Properties Association of Rochester recently made a grant of \$25,000 for this project. Paul M. Davis is to be an assistant in the work.

A summer historical institute was conducted by Ross F. Lock-

ridge of Bloomington, Indiana, on June 29-30. The tour began at Trail Creek and Lake Michigan and included various historic sites ending at the Indian war dance ring at Olde Towne, six miles east of Logansport. Henry F. Schricker, former Governor of Indiana, gave the principal address. A second institute, also conducted by Dr. Lockridge, was held at Crawfordsville and Lafayette on July 6 and 7. Howard H. Peckham, Director of the Indiana State Historical Bureau, spoke on the French period of occupation and the Pontiac war. The tour ended at the Tippecanoe battle ground, where Dr. Lockridge again gave a talk.

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The Adair County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Greenfield on July 9, 1946. Officers elected for the coming year include Elmer Johnson, president, C. J. Eatinger, vice president, and Mrs. Faye Denton, secretary-treasurer.

The Guthrie County Historical Society met on July 14, 1946, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benedict, at the site of the old town of Dalmanutha. Fred Land talked on "The Tribulations of an Emigrant Family in 1868". The society held a picnic at Springbrook State Park on August 11, 1946.

The Tama County Historical Society, under the direction of Mrs. W. G. MacMartin, the president, is collecting data on Tama County history and residents, and blanks requesting information have been published in the local newspaper. The society maintains a museum at the courthouse at Toledo.

The Wyoming Historical Society held its annual meeting at the Harriet Alden home on August 15, 1946. Mrs. J. W. Morse was elected president, Mrs. L. M. Koch, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Henry Bramer, treasurer. Francis Shimanek of Monticello spoke on "One Hundred Years in Iowa", recalling incidents in Jones County.

The Ringgold County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Mt. Ayr on July 18, 1946. The guest speaker was Luke E. Hart, a former resident of the county. Rev. Frank Moore gave a tribute

to Randolph S. Beall. Officers elected were: T. W. Napier, president; J. B. Currie, vice president; Mrs. Edith Hughes, secretary; and Mrs. Floy Bliss, treasurer.

The Wayne County Historical Society held its annual meeting on July 2, 1946, at Corydon. The following officers were elected: Warren Burton, president; F. B. Fry, vice president; Harry Hibbs, treasurer; and Lola Cherry, secretary. The society decided to offer special prizes for floats in the parade to be held in connection with the Old Settlers' Day at Corydon on August 10, 1946.

The Madison County Historical Society met on June 4, 1946, at Winterset. The meeting was devoted to biographical sketches and appreciations of Herman A. Mueller, the society's first president who served many years. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Fred Brownell; vice president, Mrs. Fred Lewis; secretary, Mrs. Vina Hartsook; and treasurer, Charles Tucker.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society held a monthly meeting on July 9, 1946, at Pocahontas and made plans for its centennial celebration which was held on August 20th in connection with the "Old Settlers' Reunion". At this celebration Senator A. J. Shaw spoke on "Settlement of Town of Pocahontas by Bohemians" and John Collins discussed "Progress of County Development". The prizes included one for Mrs. Susanne Donohue Crilly of Lizard Township, the first white person born in Pocahontas County.

The Iowa centennial stamp went on sale for the first time at Iowa City on August 3, 1946, the anniversary of the ratification of the State Constitution, and more than a million stamps were sold that day. Joseph L. Lawler, Third Assistant United States Postmaster General, presented the first sheet to Governor Robert D. Blue. Admiral of the Fleet William D. Leahy, a native of Hampton, represented President Truman. Governor Blue sent greetings in special covers to the other forty-seven Governors. A memorial fifty-cent piece is also planned to commemorate the admission of Iowa and 100,000 of these coins have been authorized.

Among the Iowa newspapers which have issued centennial editions are the *Mason City Globe-Gazette* (Cerro Gordo County), June 14, *The Des Moines Register* (Polk County), June 23, the *Atlantic News-Telegraph* (Cass County), July 11, the *Belle Plaine Union* (Benton County), July 18, the *Oelwein Daily Register* (Fayette County), July 25, the *Adair News* (Adair County) and the *Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette* (Des Moines County), August 2, and the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* (Linn County), August 11, 1946. These and other special editions contain a great variety of historical items on the State, the counties, and the communities represented, with news of centennial activities.

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Dr. Jacob A. Swisher, Research Associate of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave an address on "Iowa, Its Wealth and Culture" at the Palo Alto County centennial celebration held at Emmetsburg on July 4, 1946.

The State Historical Society of Iowa sent out 2300 first-day covers bearing the commemorative stamp issued in honor of the admission of Iowa to the Union. A greeting from Miss Ethyl E. Martin, Superintendent of the Society, was included in each envelope. The list of those to whom the covers were mailed included members of the Society, public and private libraries in Iowa, local historical societies in Iowa, State officers, members of the Fifty-first General Assembly, members of Congress from Iowa, and State historical agencies outside Iowa.

Centennial addresses were delivered by Dr. William J. Petersen, Research Associate of the State Historical Society, on the following occasions: June 24, 1946, at Iowa City before a convention of house organ editors for various Iowa industrial plants on the use of Iowa historical materials in their publications; on August 9th, at the Burlington centennial celebration, on "Burlington and the Iowa Centennial"; on August 20th, at the Luther College summer school convocation, Decorah, on "Luther College, Northeast Iowa, and the Iowa Centennial"; on August 23rd, to some 2500 members and guests of the Masonville Grange on "The Iowa Centennial";

and on August 28th, to an assembly of Des Moines public school teachers on the rôle of the teacher in the celebration of the Iowa Centennial. Dr. Petersen also served as a member of the State Centennial Committee's sub-committee on stamps and coins.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. Robert G. Bowman, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Arthur Buesing, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Chase, Decorah, Iowa; Mr. Loren B. Poush, Chariton, Iowa; Mr. R. B. Von Maur, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. R. O. Burrows, Belle Plaine, Iowa; Mr. Thomas B. Haines, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. Walter J. Harris, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. John Patrick Kelly, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wm. F. Koch, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Mary C. McLaughlin, Carroll, Iowa; Mrs. J. A. Murray, Logan, Iowa; Mr. Harry A. Palmer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Clarold E. Rogers, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. H. M. Sender, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Sarah Jane White, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. C. F. Bunze, Charles City, Iowa; Mr. Alvin J. Ehrhardt, Decorah, Iowa; Dr. F. A. Gillett, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mrs. Grace K. Harden, Muscatine, Iowa; Miss Edna Lane, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Mildred Phillips, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Miss Marian Segar, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. S. Laird Swagert, San Marcos, Texas; and Mrs. Lloyd Thurston, Osceola, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Dr. W. L. Alcorn, Washington, Iowa; Mrs. R. F. Ashbaugh, Sigourney, Iowa; Dr. Ira N. Crow, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. William R. Felton, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. R. C. Frush, Adel, Iowa; Dr. W. C. Goenne, Davenport, Iowa; Rt. Rev. Edmond Heelan, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Paul Lagomarcino, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. L. W. Lovell, Monticello, Iowa; Miss Ethel McCreedy, Washington, Iowa; Mr. J. P. Oberleitner, Bellevue, Iowa; Dr. Herbert W. Rathe, Waverly, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Reeve, Glidden, Iowa; Miss Jean E. Safley, Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mr. A. G. Sampson, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. J. H. Sams, Clarion, Iowa; Mr. C. R. Sheaffer, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. H. C. Swayzee, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. William Vescelius, Britt, Iowa; Mr. Ralph B. Vernon, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. David M. Warren, Panhandle, Texas; and Mr. Howard W. Wood, Keokuk, Iowa.