

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania sponsored a motor tour on June 28, 1947. The trip included a visit to Grove City College and a stop at Harmony, site of the first Harmonite settlement in this country.

The Forest Products History Foundation of the Minnesota Historical Society is interested in locating unpublished diaries, letters, and business papers relating to logging, lumbering, and the industries dealing with forest products of all kinds.

The collection of Lincoln papers donated to the Library of Congress by Robert T. Lincoln in January, 1923, on condition they were not to be made public until twenty-one years after his death, were opened for reference on July 26, 1947. There are 18,350 items in the collection, chiefly letters to Lincoln.

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The Pocahontas County Historical Society is making a collection of the pictures of women of the county who were enrolled in the armed forces in World War II.

The Wayne County Historical Society has made plans to mark the sites of "ghost" towns in that county. Pearl W. McMurry is president, Roy Grimes, secretary, and W. H. Burton, curator.

The State Department of History and Archives at Des Moines is making a collection of the records and photographs of some 300,000 Iowa men and women who served in World War II.

The Wyoming Historical Society held its annual meeting on August 26, 1947. The president, Mrs. John Morse, gave a brief history of the founding of the society. The theme of the program was "post offices of pioneer days".

F. E. Frisbee of Sheldon was elected president of the O'Brien

County Historical Society at the annual meeting held on August 27, 1947, at Primghar. Other officers include Mrs. O. H. Montzheimer of Primghar, vice president, and Mrs. I. L. Church of Sheldon, secretary.

The Union County Historical Society held its annual meeting at Creston on October 1, 1947. E. L. Carroll gave a talk on the necessity of preserving historical records and L. C. Bowers told the story of a shawl once owned by Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, now owned by the Union County Historical Society. Ray Wilson was elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers re-elected were: Mrs. Blanche Erikson of Lorimor, vice president; Ella M. Day of Creston, secretary; George Hall, treasurer; and Grace B. Harsh, historian.

The Chicago and North Western Railway System is sponsoring a contest to locate historical material in preparation for its centennial celebration in 1948. Cash prizes will be awarded to the local historical societies furnishing the most interesting historical items such as anecdotes and such old papers as an old timetable, poster, or dining car menu. Among the Iowa societies which have announced their intention of entering the contest are the Marshall County Historical Society, the Plymouth County Historical Society, the Tama County Historical Society, the Pottawattamie County Historical Society, the Hamilton County Historical Society, and the Cerro Gordo County Historical Society.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

In November, 1947, the State Historical Society of Iowa began two new informational publications — *News for Members* and *Iowa History News Flashes*. *News for Members* will probably be bi-monthly. *Iowa History News Flashes* will be sent monthly to Iowa newspapers.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Miss Frances L. Coates, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. W. J. Edgar, Grand Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Ray Higdon, Britt, Iowa; Mr. G. O. Inman, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Helen G. Irwin, Des

Moines, Iowa; Dr. Paul H. Johnston, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. C. E. Pierce, Columbus Junction, Iowa; Mr. Clarence Rasmus, Cleghorn, Iowa; Mr. S. W. Sanford, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. J. S. Walton, Corvallis, Oregon; Mr. B. W. Allen, Arnolds Park, Iowa; Mr. Harold J. Allen, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Georgianna Amsden, Webster City, Iowa; Mr. Fred Biermann, Decorah, Iowa; Mr. H. W. Braack, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Clyde R. Burnett, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Wilbur F. Cannon, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Howard Crew, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jesse J. Fishburn, Muscatine, Iowa; Miss Ellen Hartnett, Newton, Iowa; Mrs. Edna Hoefler, Charter Oak, Iowa; Mr. Jene Jacobs, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Fred V. Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Kindall, Bellingham, Wash.; Mr. C. L. McDowell, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Wayne P. Marthinson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Chas. E. Mott, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. David D. Nicholson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. L. K. Norris, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. Parmele Peterson, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Byron R. Pinney, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Helen Rex, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mr. Joseph J. Stephens, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Ben S. Summerwill, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. S. M. Taylor, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. E. P. T. Tyndall, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. A. J. Anderson, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. Charles W. Briggs, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. J. M. D. Burrows, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. R. E. Carvutto, Iowa City, Iowa; Rev. Frederick G. Codd, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Ben Comenitz, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Dave Danner, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Deal, Waukon, Iowa; Dr. L. L. Dunnington, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Jessie T. Earhart, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. E. J. Gifford, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. C. R. Harken, Osceola, Iowa; Mr. Chris H. Heuck, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. A. J. Kasel, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. Charles B. Kaufmann, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Aline Ketelsen, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Mark F. Kline, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Carl Lange, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Frank R. Lewis, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. H. McCloy, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. G. B. McDermott, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Matt G. Merrill, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Emil Nesiba, Cherokee, Iowa; Miss Miriam E. Peterson, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. John C. Riley, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Robert W. Rinehart, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Inez Snider, Fairfield, Iowa; Miss Alice B. Story, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Sutton, Jr., Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Ralph Wilson,

Monticello, Iowa; Mrs. Paul Bender, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Dorothy E. Bowley, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. T. L. Brown, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Max R. Clark, Dubuque, Iowa; Mr. R. J. Collins, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Louise B. Cooper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Howard Crew, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Keith F. DeLacy, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Lynn De Reu, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. George Dilts, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Grace Disbrow, Clinton, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. William Dolezal, Ely, Iowa; Dr. J. A. Dulin, Sigourney, Iowa; Dr. T. G. Dulin, Sigourney, Iowa; Mrs. John J. Duncan, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. O. H. Dunlap, Ionia, Iowa; Mr. Richard T. Fedderson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Glenn O. Fletcher, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Bruce A. Fountain, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mr. Eldon B. Fry, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. W. Garfield, Humboldt, Iowa; Hon. T. G. Garfield, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Ray H. Gile, Iowa City, Iowa; Hon. Guy M. Gillette, Cherokee, Iowa; Mr. M. B. Guthrie, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. J. E. Hansen, Dedham, Iowa; Mr. Howard E. Harley, Oska-loosa, Iowa; Mr. F. L. Hinchliffe, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. James Huiskamp, Jr., Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Edward A. Ilten, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Paul E. Johnson, Centerville, Iowa; Mr. MacKinlay Kantor, New York, N. Y.; Mrs. Frank Kauffman, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Kreidler, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Richard W. Krieg, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Marilyn Ladd, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Willis F. Lathrop, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Sinclair Lewis, Williamstown, Mass.; Mr. Paul W. McCracken, Hopkins, Minn.; Mrs. C. F. McGinnis, Ridgway, Pa.; Miss Mary M. McGuire, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Benjamin I. Mather, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Franklin J. Meine, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Leroy S. Mercer, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Nick J. Miletich, Eagle Grove, Iowa; Mrs. Huxley A. Miller, Durant, Iowa; Mr. Earl E. Mueller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Theodore G. Nelson, Exira, Iowa; Mr. Ellison Orr, Waukon, Iowa; Mr. W. C. Powell, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mrs. A. J. Preslar, Jr., Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mr. R. E. Rhoades, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. G. Rozek, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Roy Saar, Treynor, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Schmidt, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. L. J. Seemuth, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Forrest W. Seymour, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss L. Letitia Shields, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Harold Smith, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. John Purcell Street, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. William A.

Swisher, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. J. R. Uhlinger, Davenport, Iowa; Hon. M. D. Van Oosterhout, Orange City, Iowa; Miss Eva Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. James W. Wilson, Des Moines, Iowa.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members of the Society: Miss Leona L. Soehren, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Carl H. Mather, Tipton, Iowa.