

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio was held at Columbus, Ohio, on December 1, 1947. Howard H. Peckham gave an address on the White Water canal, entitled "Rip-Roaring Canal Days".

Minnesota plans for the celebration of the State's centennial in 1949 include an art exhibit which may be loaned to rural areas. The first publication of the Minnesota Historical Society concerning the centennial is an information pamphlet entitled *Observing Minnesota's 100th Birthday*. It contains suggestions for the celebration in local communities.

The seventy-second annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society was held in the rooms of the Society at Topeka on October 21, 1947, with R. T. Aitchison, vice president, presiding. At the business meeting Mr. Aitchison, Wichita, was elected president, R. F. Brock and Frank Haucke vice presidents. Charles M. Harger, president of the Eisenhower Memorial Foundation, gave a report on the work of that organization.

A committee of eleven historians, with Solon J. Buck as chairman, has recently submitted a report concerning the authenticity of *The Horn Papers: Early Westward Movement on the Monongahela and Upper Ohio, 1765-1795*, published in 1945 by the Greene County (Pa.) Historical Society. The report indicates that the materials in the first two volumes show evidence of being fabrications, but that the third volume, containing maps prepared by the Pennsylvania Land Office, is a valuable addition to historical materials.

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Missouri was held at Columbia on October 17, 1947. The guest speaker was Dr. William J. Petersen, superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and his subject was "Steamboating on the Upper

Mississippi River". G. L. Zwick was elected president of the Society for a three-year term. Dr. Isidor Loeb, retiring president, announced that the Society, with 4,254 members, had nearly twice as many members as any other State historical society in the United States. Floyd C. Shoemaker is the secretary of the Society.

The Minnesota Historical Society, through its executive council which met at St. Paul on January 12, 1948, has chosen the following officers for 1948: Bergmann Richards, president; August C. Krey and Judge Clarence R. Magney, vice presidents; Carlton C. Qualey, secretary; and Julian B. Baird, treasurer. The Society has received a collection of plans, drawings, blueprints, and correspondence relating to the building of the Minnesota Capitol. The papers, filling over a hundred filing cases, were the gift of the Davidson Company of St. Paul. Cass Gilbert was the architect.

The Illinois State Historical Society held its forty-eighth annual meeting at Rockford on October 31 and November 1, 1947. Paul M. Angle gave a talk on the Lincoln papers and Abbie Findlay Potts spoke on "The Importance of Action in Local History", using the history of Rockford College as an example. The main address at the dinner was given by Thomas D. Clark on the subject, "The Country Newspaper as a Source of Local History". On Saturday morning Conrad Bergendoff, president of Augustana College, spoke on "The Swedish Pioneer Centennial Observance in Illinois in 1948", and Charles E. Herrick gave a brief history of Rockford and points of interest to be visited on the tour. At the luncheon Herbert O. Brayer, State archivist of Colorado, spoke on "Our Problem in Europe". The directors elected Irving Dilliard of Collinsville president of the Society and Scerial Thompson and C. C. Tisler vice presidents. J. Monaghan, the secretary of the Society, presented his annual report, showing a total of 1890 members.

The twenty-first historical tour sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and the first held since the one in 1942 occurred on September 13, 1947. About two hundred and fifty persons gathered at the museum of the Hennepin County Historical Society, co-

sponsor of the trip, in Minneapolis. The first stop was made at Wayzata on the shore of Lake Minnetonka where the party was welcomed by Mayor C. H. Shaver and heard a talk on the pioneer history of the region given by Dana Frear, president of the Hennepin County Society. At a stop at the home of Bergmann Richards, Welles Eastman and Grace Lee Nute gave talks on the history around Lake Minnetonka and the region in that area and Lloyd A. Wilford discussed archeological excavations in the vicinity. At the luncheon at the Minnetonka Country Club Carlton C. Quayley presented extracts from a narrative written in 1856 by Edwin Whitefield and Theodore C. Blegen gave autobiographical material under the title "The Saga of Saga Hill". The final session was held at Excelsior where Reverend Horton I. French related the history of Trinity Episcopal Church.

## IOWA

The Webster County Historical Society has added to its museum the doll collection of Mrs. Murta Harmon and a curio collection of relics made by H. A. Van Eps of Moorland. Maude Lauderdale is curator of the museum.

In January, 1948, the Mahaska County Historical Society installed its historical museum material in the rooms of the G. A. R. in the courthouse at Oskaloosa. Among the collections are those donated by A. W. Mattox and Charles Kent.

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The regular meeting of the Board of Curators on February 25, 1948, was attended by fourteen of the eighteen members of the Board: H. J. Lytle and L. H. Kornder, Davenport; W. Howard Smith, Cedar Rapids; Raymond J. Hekel, Mt. Pleasant; Laurence C. Crawford, Charles E. Snyder, and William R. Hart, Iowa City; Carl H. Mather, Tipton; Mrs. Helen L. Vanderburg, Shell Rock; Mrs. Fannie B. Hammill, Britt; Mrs. Margaret Jones Hinderman, Wapello; Mrs. Anna M. Morrison, Grundy Center; Mrs. Louella B. Thurston, Osceola; and O. J. Henderson, Webster City.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. W. N. Becker, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Miss Ellen Behrens, Denver, Colo.; Miss Minnie S. Behrens, Huntsville, Tex.;

Mr. F. G. Boody, Kansas City, Mo.; Hon. A. D. Clem, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Robert M. Collison, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. H. O. Croft, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Chan F. Coulter, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Glenn Danforth, Onawa, Iowa; Hon. J. T. Dykhouse, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mr. J. W. Forster, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Simon Foss, Inwood, Iowa; Mrs. G. E. Greene, Albion, Iowa; Mr. A. L. Heminger, Keosauqua, Iowa; Mr. Ben A. Henry, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. Robert Keir, Spencer, Iowa; Mr. A. O. Kelley, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Alice Klippel, Britt, Iowa; Hon. Frank J. Krall, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Olive W. Lark, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Hon. Robert L. Larson, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. H. A. Moore, New Hartford, Iowa; Mr. George E. Mowry, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Philip O'Brien, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. George L. Paul, Brooklyn, Iowa; Miss Marie Pennybacker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. A. G. Roberts, Bonaparte, Iowa; Hon. Glenn E. Robinson, Manchester, Iowa; Miss Norma Roth, Bettendorf, Iowa; Mr. James H. Schmidt, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John A. Schoonover, Boise, Idaho; Mr. L. H. Severson, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Hon. Ernest T. Smith, Volga, Iowa; Hon. Ira L. Turner, Malvern, Iowa; Mr. Frank J. Zeithamel, Jr., Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. W. Antes, West Union, Iowa; Mr. W. O. Aydelotte, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Dorothy Barclay, Dundee, Iowa; Mr. Oliver R. Barrett, Kenilworth, Ill.; Mr. John T. Conner, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. G. W. Donohoo, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. R. Taylor Drake, Moline, Ill.; Mr. Dan C. Dutcher, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Claire Freiberg, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Bruce Harley, Macomb, Ill.; Mr. Matthew W. Hart, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Chas. J. Hearst, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Reid L. Hunt, Tipton, Iowa; Independence Public Schools, Independence, Iowa; Miss Laura Lewis, Dundee, Iowa; Hon. J. Henry Lucken, Akron, Iowa; Mrs. W. H. McCracken, Villisca, Iowa; Mr. Bertram Metcalf, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Frank O'Brien, Pocahontas, Iowa; Mrs. M. W. Pascoe, San Gabriel, Calif.; Miss Hazel Peck, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Herb Plambeck, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Daryl Pendergraft, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Edward F. Rate, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. O. J. Reimers, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Miss Bertha Riemath, Dundee, Iowa; Mr. L. C. Rummells, West Branch, Iowa;

Mr. Wallace E. Sherlock, Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Dorothy Stevens, Manchester, Iowa; Mr. Ben J. Taylor, Fairfield, Iowa; Hon. L. E. Wilson, Eagle Grove, Iowa; Rev. Evans A. Worthley, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Ada Zimmerman, Ladora, Iowa; Mrs. J. F. Alexander, Conrad, Iowa; Mrs. Eva Benzler, Britt, Iowa; Mr. Herbert C. Bixby, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Clifford B. Bowman, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Ira A. Buckles, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Robert S. Casey, Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. Ben J. Connor, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. Claude R. Cook, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. William L. Cupp, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Robert Day, Washington, Iowa; Mr. John M. Dinges, Bedford, Iowa; Mr. J. Wilbur Dole, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Joe Du Mond, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. R. Eliason, Letts, Iowa; Mrs. Imogen B. Emery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Carl Frederic Erbe, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Luther L. Hill, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Janice Howes, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. James H. Hulse, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa; Iowa State Conservation Commission, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. H. E. Johnson, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. Henry B. Karhoff, Oyens, Iowa; Mrs. Robert W. Larson, Albia, Iowa; Mr. Clifford R. Lawson, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Dorothy Mae Lindberg, Odebolt, Iowa; Miss Eva Lindgren, Ames, Iowa; Mr. Edward W. Lucas, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Frank H. McCabe, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. Douglas McMillan, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. C. Hugh McMillan, Coinjock, N. C.; Mr. Herbert L. McMillan, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. Paul J. McMillan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. Jack Moskowitz, Davenport, Iowa; Hon. S. W. Needham, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Myron E. Nelson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Eva Miller Nourse, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. Ralph A. Oliver, Sioux City, Iowa; Rev. Louis P. Penningroth, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Fred Ray, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. Leon Riegel, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Joe G. Sage, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. R. W. Slack, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Loren Taylor, Earlville, Iowa; Mr. John C. Tunnicliff, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Arthur Wagner, Davenport, Iowa; and Mrs. Lowell Wolfer, Sheridan, Oreg.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members in the Society: Mrs. Dorothy E. Bowley, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. Henry C. Priester, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Raymond J. Schlicher, Iowa City, Iowa; and Dr. Martha J. Spence Van Deusen, Iowa City, Iowa.