

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Historic Documents Foundation of St. Louis held a luncheon meeting on December 31, 1947. Dr. A. P. Nasatir of California spoke on the relation of St. Louis to the American Revolution.

The spring tour sponsored by the Illinois State Historical Society took place this year on May 14th and 15th. Places visited included Cairo, Camp Defiance, Wickliffe, Kentucky, and Thebes.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin began the formation of Junior Historian chapters in September, 1947. During the remainder of that year 155 chapters were organized with a total membership of 3,225.

The Chicago and North Western Railway Company is celebrating its centennial in 1948. It began as the Galena and Chicago Union and the line's first locomotive, "Pioneer", made its first trip on October 24, 1848.

The Missouri Historical Society held a meeting at Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, Missouri, on November 28, 1947. Stratford Lee Morton spoke on "The St. Louis World's Fair of 1904 and Its Value to the City". At a meeting held in January, 1948, Dr. Paul F. Titterington spoke on "The Local Early American Indians".

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held its forty-first annual meeting at Rock Island, Illinois, on April 22-24, 1948. Organizations holding meetings at the same time and place were the Agricultural Historical Society, the Economic History Association, the Illinois Council for Social Studies, the Lexington Group, the Southern Historical Association, and the Teachers' Section of the Association. Headquarters were at Hotel Fort Armstrong. The meeting was unusually well attended, some six hundred historians being registered. Among the social features were the annual dinner at which Ralph P. Bieber, retiring president, spoke on the subject "California Gold Mania" and a luncheon on Thursday at which

Dr. Conrad J. Bergendoff, president of Augustana College, gave the address. A trip to historic sites in the vicinity, conducted by John Hauberg, was a feature of Thursday afternoon. The annual business meeting was held on Friday following the luncheon. Dwight L. Dumond of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was elected president and Mrs. Clara S. Paine of Lincoln, Nebraska, was again named secretary-treasurer. On Friday evening a complimentary Smorgasbord was given at Augustana College.

## IOWA

The *Junior Highlights*, published by the Mount Pleasant Junior High School, devoted its April issue to stories of the places, houses, and institutions in and around Mount Pleasant.

The Madison County Antique Association met in the rooms of the Historical Society on April 20, 1948. Mrs. Fred D. Brownell gave a paper on "Human Interest Stories of Early Pioneers of Madison County".

The Mahaska County Historical Society held its eighth annual meeting at Oskaloosa on May 12, 1948. The following officers were re-elected: Stillman Clark, president; C. A. Kent, vice president; Mrs. B. D. Elliott, secretary; and E. L. Butler, treasurer. The museum is located on the third floor of the courthouse.

The final report of the Iowa Centennial Committee prepared by Mrs. Edith W. McElroy, executive secretary, and Lester Milligan, chairman of the committee, shows that there was a balance of \$2,145.44 left from the \$16,000 appropriated by the State. This is in addition to about \$195,000 realized from the sale of the Iowa Centennial half-dollar. Judge Frederick M. Miller, Dean Martin L. Tollefson of Drake University, and Dean Mason Ladd of the State University have been appointed a committee to determine the purposes for which this money is to be used.

The Tama County Historical Society has added several items to its collection. Among these are keys to the courthouse built in 1864, a McGuffey first reader, and a spinning wheel. The society held its annual business meeting at Toledo on April 14, 1948. Mrs.

W. G. MacMartin of Tama was re-elected president and Thelma Carmichael, also of Tama, was named secretary-treasurer. The members voted to publish a pamphlet containing pictures of rare items in the society's collection. Lucy Stevens discussed the early history of Butlerville, L. P. Marsh gave a talk on Elberon and Irving, R. P. Stoakes told of early music, and R. C. Wood gave a sketch of the first church in the county.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa has enrolled a total of 428 new members since August 1, 1947. The Society now has a total of 1549 members.

Dr. William J. Petersen, superintendent of the State Historical Society, lectured at various places in Iowa since January 1, 1948. "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" was given six times, "Tall Tales of the Mississippi" three times, "The Iowa Pioneers: Accent on Youth" three times, and "Dreamers and Doers" at four commencements — Urbana, Lake City, Boxholm, and Montezuma.

The members of the State Historical Society of Iowa who live in Scott County held a dinner meeting in Davenport on April 29th. Dr. L. H. Kornder, one of the curators of the Society, presided, and another curator, Dr. Charles E. Snyder, spoke on the aims and objectives of the Society. The superintendent, Dr. William J. Petersen, spoke on the significance of the history of Davenport.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently issued a reprint of *Sketches of Iowa and Wisconsin*, by John Plumbe, Jr. The book, of 104 pages, was published in 1839, the first volume on Iowa printed west of the Mississippi River. The Library of Congress has a record of only twenty-one copies of the original edition and only two of these are in Iowa — one belonging to the State Historical Society at Iowa City and the other in the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. Margaret D. Anneberg, Carroll, Iowa; Miss Ethel R. Ballard, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Merle P. Braley, Manson,

Iowa; Mrs. Clark R. Caldwell, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. C. S. Cathcart, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. George J. Cavalier, Traer, Iowa; Mrs. Irvin L. Church, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Edwin H. Davis, Des Moines, Iowa; Hon. James I. Dolliver, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Lewis E. Doubleday, Blanchard, Iowa; Mrs. J. R. Eyre, Osceola, Iowa; Mr. Wayne J. Fluent, Charles City, Iowa; Dr. Warren H. Foster, Clinton, Iowa; Miss Margaret M. Fredericks, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Mrs. F. P. Gernand, Volga, Iowa; Mr. L. Glen Guengerich, Kalona, Iowa; Mr. Olaf T. Hagen, Omaha, Nebr.; Mr. Arthur Hinderman, Jr., Wapello, Iowa; Mr. John W. Hull, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Louis F. Iten, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Charles F. Kent, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. W. S. Koch, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Dr. C. L. Leigh, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Geo. M. McClarey, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Alfred E. McMillan, Bell Gardens, Calif.; Mr. Chas. F. Martin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. R. F. Merner, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. Harlan S. Miller, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Thos. H. Miller, Kalona, Iowa; Mrs. Marguerite Reece Moorhead, West Branch, Iowa; Mr. George M. Newland, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. B. J. Palmer, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Ernest Prehm, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. L. F. Reed, Solon, Iowa; Mrs. H. E. Richardson, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. L. V. Russell, Adel, Iowa; Mr. Norman B. Shaffer, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Paul B. Shaw, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jay Smith, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. C. E. Yokom, Marshalltown, Iowa; Miss Lucile E. Anderson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Beulah Austin, Letts, Iowa; Mr. Paul Beer, Centerville, Iowa; Prof. Ralph Bieber, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Robert W. Burdette, Leon, Iowa; Miss Lucille Burianek, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. John A. Campbell, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Phil F. Carspecken, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Frank W. Douma, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. C. G. Dresser, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Lester M. Dyke, Sheldon, Iowa; Mrs. Marguerite F. Dyke, Sheldon, Iowa; Dean Elmer Ellis, Columbia, Mo.; Mr. A. C. Ferguson, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Robert A. Foster, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. F. E. Frisbee, Sheldon, Iowa; Mrs. Eleanor F. Gibson, Sheldon, Iowa; Mrs. H. C. Greenleaf, Centerville, Iowa; Miss Mavis Hanno, Remsen, Iowa; Miss Edith L. Hill, Tipton, Iowa; Mrs. E. J. Hines, Leon, Iowa; Mr. A. Elton Jensen, Bedford, Iowa; Mr. Edward K. Johnstone, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Charles R. Jones, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. D. M. Kurtz, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Arthur O. Leff, Iowa City,

Iowa; Mr. Bert McGrane, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ray Mills, Winterset, Iowa; Mrs. J. C. Moore, Winterset, Iowa; Mrs. E. O. Moss, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. R. C. Overton, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Addison Parker, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Walter Schwarz, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. C. D. Scott, Leon, Iowa; Mr. David Turner, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Lena Varga, Leon, Iowa; Mr. L. J. Walker, Waterloo, Iowa; Miss Florence Wehman, Burlington, Iowa; Miss Laura Wehman, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Carol P. Woods, Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. I. L. Younker, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Florence Jane Yount, Lisbon, Iowa; Mr. Mark J. Aldrich, Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Harriet Anderson, Carroll, Iowa; Mrs. Dorothy Spencer Anneberg, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. R. H. Barber, Boone, Iowa; Mr. W. H. Bartley, Iowa City, Iowa; The Bee & Herald, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Bishop, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Albert F. Block, Davenport, Iowa; Governor Robert D. Blue, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Arnold Boehm, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. H. A. Boehm, Ogden, Iowa; Mr. Paul E. Brown, Boone, Iowa; Mr. Robert S. Bruner, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. Robert Burlingame, Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. Dale E. Carrell, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Steven V. Carter, Leon, Iowa; Mrs. Ivan Cawiezell, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. O. G. Clause, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. John A. Dailey, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Edward A. Doerr, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. J. A. Dougherty, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. W. E. Downer, Muscatine, Iowa; Mrs. Florence L. Fairbanks, Charles City, Iowa; Mr. Robert L. Fisher, Iowa City, Iowa; Prof Ernest Fossum, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mr. L. A. Foster, Muscatine, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Goldthwaite Garvey, Boone, Iowa; Mr. Nathan Grant, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Lyle B. Gress, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Clark W. Hampson, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. R. R. Hansen, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mr. Hugh Harrison, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. C. W. Hempstead, Stuart, Iowa; Mr. Dan Hempstead, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Carl J. Hess, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. M. F. Hicklin, Wapello, Iowa; Mrs. Leslie Hight, Charles City, Iowa; Mr. Bertram P. Holst, Boone, Iowa; Mr. H. L. Roy Holst, Moline, Ill.; Dr. Ernest Horn, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Dan Humeston, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. Henry J. Johnson, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. W. Jordan, Boone, Iowa; Keokuk Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk, Iowa; Mr. Ralph J. Leysen, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. W. F. Lindsey, Leon, Iowa; Mrs. Eva R. McGinnis, Leon, Iowa; Mr. Albert S.

McKee, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. A. J. Magnus, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Alfred Magnusson, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. T. J. Mahoney, Boone, Iowa; Mr. Jesse M. Marsh, Keokuk, Iowa; Rev. W. F. Mason, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mr. F. E. Meacham, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Helen Mitchell, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Ralph W. Morgan, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. C. R. Musser, Muscatine, Iowa; Miss Amy Noll, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Arvil C. Parks, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John Calder Pearson, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Richard E. Phillips, Pleasant Valley, Iowa; Mr. Oliver D. Reiley, Red Oak, Iowa; Mrs. Robert Richards, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. John H. Rupp, Urbana, Iowa; Mr. Walter Russell, Muscatine, Iowa; Mrs. Kathryn Sanders, Waterloo, Iowa; Rev. W. B. Schmidt, Keokuk, Iowa; Dr. James Daniel Simons, Leon, Iowa; Miss Esther Charlotte Smith, Swea City, Iowa; Mrs. P. B. Smith, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. Albert J. Statne, Jr., Bettendorf, Iowa; Mrs. Maud Branson Stratton, West Branch, Iowa; Mr. R. P. Thorson, Boone, Iowa; Dr. Tom B. Throckmorton, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. A. R. Tipton, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. Raymond Titus, Muscatine, Iowa; Rev. M. J. Votruba, Lake City, Iowa; Mr. W. B. Waterman, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Webb, Shannon City, Iowa; Mr. Clemens A. Werner, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wherry, Mechanicsville, Iowa; Mr. William P. Whipple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Samuel D. Whiting, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Edwin Willcockson, Sigourney, Iowa; Mr. Howard B. Wilson, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. Louis H. Wunschel, Davenport, Iowa; and Mr. Robert C. Wylie, LaGrange, Illinois.

The following persons have been enrolled as life members in the Society: Mrs. Everett E. Daggett, Centerville, Iowa; Miss Della Jane Rhoades, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mrs. E. Lester Williams, Marshalltown, Iowa.