

The Editor's Pages

Attention History Teachers

Miss Alberta Cannon, president of the Indiana History Teachers Association, has sent a letter to the members of the association and has requested that it be printed in the *Indiana Magazine of History*. She wishes that it be regarded by our readers who are teachers of history as a personal invitation to join the association.

Dear Members of the History Department:

The Indiana History Teachers Association has had an annual meeting in Indianapolis, for many years, during December, at the Indiana History Conference sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, Society of Indiana Pioneers, and the Indiana Historical Bureau. The date has been the Friday and Saturday nearest December 12. The history teachers' program consists of a morning and a luncheon session on Saturday. But all other meetings are open to the teachers.

Those teachers who have attended have found the programs interesting, challenging, and helpful. Fellowship with other teachers has been stimulating, also.

But those who have been in charge of the program have found it embarrassing to beg busy people to journey to Indianapolis and present papers that have taken hours of research, without being able, often, to even pay their expenses. You see, our organization has existed on good will instead of adequate dues.

Other organizations of prestige, civic and professional, are supported by state dues. Won't you teachers of the college, high school, and elementary history departments please make our professional organization one of which you can be increasingly proud!

Teachers in high school and elementary departments depend upon teachers in the college departments for their training. They, in turn, depend upon an interested, efficient core in high school and grades to make history, civics, and economics function in the lives of our future citizens. Without an intelligent, informed citizenry democracy cannot last. Is it not vital, especially in this critical period, that we work together toward creating such a public?

With this object in mind the teachers attending the December, 1946, meeting adopted the following motion:

"The Indiana History Teachers Association shall have an annual fee of three dollars which shall include a yearly subscription to the *Indiana Magazine of History*. This in turn will include membership in the Indiana Historical Society, entitling each member of the History Teachers Association to one copy each of the *Publications* of the Historical Society."

Such material will prove invaluable to the teacher of history, civics, or economics. You have only to go through some of the recent magazines and publications to be sure of that.

Won't you join the Indiana History Teachers Association, enjoy the *Publications* of the Historical Society, and come to our annual meeting?

To make the December, 1947 meeting outstanding, the program committee needs to know now what finances it can count on. So I am asking you to please send your dues (\$3.00) to Mr. Hartwell A. Kayler, Howe High School, Indianapolis. Mr. Kayler will send two dollars to the Historical Society and keep one dollar for the organization. Or, if you desire, send two dollars directly to:

Indiana Historical Society
408 State Library and Historical Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

and one dollar to Mr. Kayler.

If you are now a member of the Historical Society and have paid your next year's dues, then please send one dollar to Mr. Kayler.

I sincerely hope that your response to this appeal will be 100%, and I trust that I shall see all of you at the meeting in December.

The Abraham Lincoln Association, First National Bank Building, Springfield, Illinois, solicits information concerning the present private ownership and location of any document composed by Abraham Lincoln, whether or not it has been published hitherto. Documents in public institutions are readily accessible, but many of those held by individuals have not been located to date. The preparation of a complete edition of Lincoln's writings from original sources will be greatly facilitated by information leading to procurement of photostatic copies of documents held by private individuals. Acknowledgment of assistance will be fully made upon publication.

The Committee on Research in Folklore, of the American Folklore Society, annually publishes in *The Journal of American Folklore* a list of folklore projects which are in progress. The writing of books, monographs, special studies, library research, and field collecting are included. Folklorists are requested to send information on their current activities to Herbert Halpert, 60 West Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio, before September 10.

From time to time, gifts have been made of county histories, atlases, diaries, letters, and other material pertaining to Indiana. Among those who recently have made such gifts to the Indiana University Library are Lucia May Manning of Anderson, Mrs. Ura Saunders of Gosport, Mrs. Alfred Tomlinson of Summitville, Mrs. Harry Watts of Vincennes, H. C. Harper of Versailles, Allen M. Grecian of Flat Rock, Karl W. Kiger of Bloomington, and William O. Lynch also of Bloomington.

We appreciate these gifts and hope others will follow the example of the above-mentioned. Such material will aid in producing a more complete history of Indiana. A growing number of graduate students in Indiana and Middle Western History makes it increasingly necessary that we enlarge our holdings of manuscripts and early publications.