

Other matters required in the report as to Iowa cities and the official canvass of Iowa election results are presented in tables elsewhere.

The council had 51 regular meetings, 2 special meetings and convened two times as the official Board of Canvass in 1971.

The council had 52 regular meetings, 1 special meeting and convened four times as the official Board of Canvass in 1972.

Corporations Authorized To Issue Stock in Exchange for Property or out of Surplus

1971

None

1972

Jan. 31—Amana Society, Amana, Iowa.

Nov. 20—Northern Gravel Company, Muscatine, Iowa.

State Historical Society of Iowa

RUSSELL M. ROSS, President of the Board of Curators.

PETER T. HARSTAD, Director.

Board of Curators

Elected by the Society—A. W. Allen, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Charlene Conklin, Waterloo; Robert Dykstra, Iowa City; Margaret Keyes, Iowa City; Robert L. Larson, Iowa City; Edward W. Lucas, Iowa City; Marion R. Neely, Iowa City; Dean Oakes, Iowa City; Richard Thomas, Mt. Vernon.

Appointed by the Governor—Herbert V. Hake, Cedar Falls; Mrs. Gaillard Heflin, Harlan; Philip D. Jordan, Burlington; George Mills, Des Moines; Russel M. Ross, Iowa City; Mrs. Dorothy Schwieder, Ames; Mrs. David O. Shaff, Clinton; W. O. Weaver, Wapello; Dean Zenor, Iowa City.

The State Historical Society was established by law at Iowa City in 1857. Its policies are established by the Board of Curators. The institution is supported by its members, by a state appropriation, and by gifts and grants. Many senior citizens are enrolled among the 8,599 members.

According to the Code of Iowa, the State Historical Society exists for the purposes of "collecting and preserving materials relating to the history of Iowa and illustrative of the progress and development of the state; for maintaining a library and collections, and conducting historical studies and researches; for issuing publications, and for providing public lectures of historical character, and otherwise disseminating a knowledge of the history of Iowa among the people of the state." Despite this broad mandate, in recent years the institution has used its available resources primarily to serve library users and to publish a popular magazine of Iowa history.

The library contains over 100,000 cataloged items, 11,000 bound volumes of newspapers, 6,000 rolls of microfilm, plus sizeable manuscript, pamphlet, and picture collections. Current surges of interest in family history, genealogy, state and local history have combined to place heavy demands upon the library.

The *Palimpsest*, designed to interest people from many walks of life, is published six times a year. *News For Members*, an informal newsletter about the Society and its activities, appears quarterly. In past decades many scholarly publications have appeared under the Society's imprint in book and journal form. Efforts are under way to revitalize these functions.

Two sites distant from Iowa City are administered by the Historical Society. These are the Gardner Log Cabin (location of the "Spirit Lake Massacre" of 1857), and the Toolesboro Mound Group (a Hopewell burial site near Wapello). The former is on the National Register of Historic Places; the latter is a National Historic Landmark.

Environmental legislation is creating new concerns for the historical society. The State Highway Commission and other agencies request information and serv-

ices on a regular basis. An historical specialist on the society staff is concerned with site-oriented historical matters as well as liaison with local, state, and federal organizations.

Sufficient resources are not currently available for the tasks of soliciting items "illustrative of the progress and development of the state . . . conducting historical studies and researches . . . providing public lectures of historical character," and developing markers for historical sites—all of which responsibilities are imposed by law.

The full-time staff is comprised of a director, three members of the library staff, an editor, an historical specialist, and two office workers. Several part-time, seasonal, college-work-study, and volunteer workers give valuable assistance.

State Library Commission of Iowa

A 1973 Act has created a library department which includes the State Library—formerly the Iowa State Traveling Library—the Law Library, and the Medical Library, under one State Library Commission of Iowa. The executive head is the state librarian, appointed by the commission. The commission consists of the supreme court administrator, one member of the medical profession, and three members selected at large, appointed by the Governor. The State Library and the Medical Library are located in the Historical Building. The Law Library is located in the Statehouse.

State Library

(East Wing-Historical Building)

STATE LIBRARIAN, Barry L. Porter.

Members of the State Library Commission:

Tom Muller, Chairman, Coralville—(Term ending, June 30, 1976)

Mrs. Charles R. Gee, Shenandoah—(Term ending June 30, 1974)

Richard O. Shirk, Oelwein—(Term ending June 30, 1977)

Dr. Lawrence F. Staples, Des Moines—(Term ending June 30, 1975)

Book collection, 224,046; microfilm rolls, 432; records, 15,000; cassettes, 700; films, 355; and periodicals, over 700 subscriptions.

The functions and duties of the Iowa State Library are spelled out in the Iowa Code, 303.16—303.25. The Act, Senate File 196, spells out the amendments to the Code.

The role of the library is research, bibliographic service, the supplying of books and audio-visual materials—including maintenance of a nation-wide, inter-library loan service—as well as consultant service to all state officials, state departments and state employees, to state-wide organizations, state mental, correctional and welfare institutions, to individuals without public library service, to college and university libraries and 460 public libraries in Iowa.

The Iowa State Library holds a broad and expanding specialized collection of books on Iowa and by Iowa authors, including manuscript, pamphlet and newspaper materials, and periodicals published in Iowa.

The Iowa State Library serves as headquarters for all public libraries, administering state funds, and federal funds made available under the Federal Library Services and Construction Act. Funds will be distributed to the seven regional libraries under the new Act, Senate File 271.

The Regional Library Systems are to provide supportive library services to existing public libraries and to individuals with no other access to public library service in those localities where it is presently inadequate or non-existent. Each region shall elect its board of trustees at a general election, but until the next general election, the State Library Commission will appoint the boards under the provisions set out in Sec. 2 of Senate File 271.

The seven regional libraries are: Council Bluffs Public Library; Sioux City Public Library; North Iowa Library Extension, Inc.; Des Moines Public Library; Davenport Public Library; Cedar Rapids Library; and Waterloo Public Library.