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announcing

The Fifteenth Annual Historical Conference

Iowa City, Friday and Saturday

February 1, 2, 1935

The Department of History, in coöperation with the Extension Division and the College of Education, takes pleasure in announcing the program and speakers for the Fifteenth Historical Conference. To all teachers of the social studies, whether in schools or colleges, we extend a cordial invitation.

The worth of these yearly gatherings is well confirmed by the generous numbers who come to them each year from Iowa and states nearby. Here teachers have the opportunity to hear those who speak with authority not only on subjects pertinent to the technique of teaching history but also on important problems of history itself.

The sessions are meant to be informal. In a special group of teachers and scholars there is much thought and experience that ought to be given free expression. Ample opportunity is therefore given for discussion from the floor.

THE SOCIAL STUDIES

The opening session on Friday morning will be given to a discussion of the social studies in general.

Mr. J. E. Stonecipher will discuss the *Revision of the Social Studies Curriculum in Des Moines*. Mr. Stonecipher is principal of the Roosevelt High School in that city. On this important venture he can speak with a wealth of knowledge for the very reason that he is primarily responsible for setting the direction of the revision and fostering the activities concerned with it.

Dr. Howard E. Wilson will take for his subject, *Teaching Controversial Issues in the Social Studies*. Dr. Wilson is professor of education in the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University. He is the president of the National Council for the Social Studies, an organization of teachers interested in this field of knowledge. He is the author of *The Fusion of the Social Studies in the Junior High School* and a contributor of articles to magazines.

CONTEMPORARY EUROPE AND AMERICA

Without question western civilization is passing through a great transition from an old to a new order. That transition is fraught with tremendous difficulties; it brings heavy problems to solve. Two sessions will be given to an analysis of some of these difficulties and problems.

Friday afternoon the session will be devoted to the American situation. Dr. Lester B. Shippee has chosen the theme, *What the Post-War Years Have Brought*. Dr. Shippee is professor of history in the University of Minnesota and he is an outstanding scholar in the field of recent American history. His book on *Recent American History* is well known and he has contributed scholarly articles in his field to learned journals. He is president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Dr. George R. Davies will discuss *Some Consequences of Economic Change*. Dr. Davies is professor of economics in the University of Iowa. He is the author of several books of importance, *Social Environment*, *National Evolution*, *Introduction to Economic Statistics*, and a writer of articles on economic and social subjects.

The session on Saturday morning will deal with the European scene. Mr. Harvey Ingham will speak on *Present Conditions in Europe*. Mr. Ingham needs little introduction; he is well known as the editor for many years of the *Des Moines Register*, one of the distinctive newspapers of the West. He has travelled widely and is a close observer and student of contemporary events.

Professor Preston W. Slosson will discuss the very significant and timely subject

of *Modern Dictatorships*. Dr. Slosson is recognized as an able scholar in the domain of Modern European History. He is professor of history at the University of Michigan. He served on the editorial staff of the *New York Independent*; he was with the Department of State in 1917 and was with the American Peace Commission 1918-1919; and was Carnegie visiting professor at several British Universities 1932-1933. He is the author of several books, among them *Twentieth Century Europe*, *The Problem of Austro-German Union*, and *The Great Crusade and After*.

"THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD WAR"

This is the theme for the public meeting on Friday night at eight. The speaker will be Professor Bernadotte E. Schmitt. Dr. Schmitt is professor of History in the University of Chicago. His work on *The Coming of the War* stands today as one of the distinctive analyses of the causes of the World War. He is also the author of *England and Germany 1740-1914*, *Triple Entente and Triple Alliance* recently published, and editor of the *Journal of Modern History*.

THE CONFERENCE DINNER

The usual subscription dinner will be held on Friday evening at six o'clock promptly in Memorial Union. This gathering has been an enjoyable event. It provides an excellent opportunity for teachers to meet and chat with fellow workers in the common field. We are fortunate in having as the after dinner speaker Dr. Eugene A. Gilmore, President of the University of Iowa.

LUNCHEON CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS OF HISTORY

A meeting of college teachers around a luncheon table was started last year. This event proved to be successful. The purpose is to bring together the college teachers of Iowa and nearby states for the purpose of talking about problems common to college departments of history. The subject this year will be *Research in Small Colleges*. The speakers will be Professor O. F. Ander of Augustana College, and Professor Russell M. Cooper of Cornell College. Both are deeply interested in the problems of creative scholarship. Dr. Ander is the author of *T. N. Hasselquist, The Career of a Swedish-American Clergyman, Journalist, Educator*. Dr. Cooper is the author of *American Consultation in World Affairs for the Preservation of Peace*, a recent book important in the literature of international relations. Dr. Nelson V.

Russell of Coe College will preside. The luncheon will come at 12:15 promptly in Memorial Union.

INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations. The leading hotels in Iowa City are the Hotel Jefferson, the Washington Hotel, and the Burkley. They are all within a few minutes' walk of Old Capitol.

Registration. All persons attending the Sessions are asked to sign registration cards at the desk on the first floor of Old Capitol. There is no registration fee.

Place of Meetings. The three regular sessions, Friday morning and afternoon, and Saturday morning, will be held in the Senate Chamber on the second floor of Old Capitol. The address on Friday evening will be held in the Auditorium, Macbride Hall.

The Dinner. All persons attending the Conference are invited to a subscription dinner at the Memorial Union, Friday evening at six. Secure tickets at the time of registration. Fifty cents a plate.

Luncheon Conference. All teachers of history in colleges are invited to a subscription luncheon at the Memorial Union, Friday noon at 12:15. Forty cents a plate. Secure tickets at time of registration.

University High School. The Department of the Social Studies of the University High School will carry on regular work in the junior and senior high school on Friday, February 1. Visitors at the Conference will be welcome at these classes.