

University of Iowa
SERVICE BULLETIN

Department of History, News Letter No. 20

announcing

The Sixteenth Annual Historical Conference

Friday and Saturday

February 7 and 8, 1936

Iowa City, Iowa

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 Sixteenth Historical Conference. To all teachers of the social studies, whether in high 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.

Entered at the post office at Iowa City, Iowa, as second class matter. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on July 3, 1918. Issued weekly.

Vol. XIX

November 23, 1935

No. 47

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.

Dr. Ernest Horn, Professor of Education, University of Iowa, will discuss *History and Geography*. There can be no question of the significance of this subject. Indeed, it may be said that the teachers of history do not give adequate attention to the geographical factor in the unfolding of the human drama. Dr. Horn enjoys a wide reputation as a scholar in the field of education, and he has paid particular attention to the question of historical geography. He is the author of well known school texts and was a member of the important Commission on the Social Studies.

Miss Mary G. Kelty will discuss *Middle-Grade Problems of History Teaching*. Miss Kelty was formerly chairman of the Department of Social Studies in the State Teachers College, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She is the author of a well known book on the teaching of history and of a series of grade text books in history. She has taught in the Summer Sessions of the Universities of Chicago, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Luncheon Conferences Friday Noon

On Friday noon, 12:15, there will be two subscription luncheon conferences. A meeting of the college teachers of history around a luncheon table was started two years ago. These gatherings have been both pleasant and profitable. The purpose is to bring together the college teachers to talk about their common problems. The program this year was arranged by a committee composed of Professor Russell M. Cooper of Cornell College, Professor Francis I. Moats of Simpson and Professor Charles Ritchie of Drake. Professor Myron L. Koenig of Coe College will discuss *Historical Opportunities in College Geography*. His address will be followed by a general discussion. The luncheon will be held in the private dining room of the Memorial Union.

A luncheon conference for high school and grade teachers has its beginning this year. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. Professor Howard R. Anderson of the Department of History and Professor Harry K. Newburn, Principal of the University High School will discuss *Teaching Basic Skills in History*. The luncheon will be held on the Sun Porch of the Memorial Union.

Contemporary America

On Friday afternoon in Old Capitol a session will be devoted to contemporary American problems of great importance. Dr. Louis B. Schmidt, head of the Department of History and Government, Iowa State College, will give an address on *The Prairies and Great Plains in Our Times*. Professor Schmidt is a scholar well known in the field of agricultural and economic history. He is the author of several scholarly studies, such as *The Influence of Wheat and Cotton on Anglo-American Relations during the Civil War* and *Some Significant Aspects of the Agrarian Revolution in the United States*. The subject of his address is both timely and fundamental.

Dr. William F. Ogburn, Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago, will speak on *Future Social Trends*. His activities in sociology, both scholastically and in public life, have brought him wide fame. He is best known for his study of *Social Trends*, published in 1932 as director of research of the Commission on Social Trends appointed by President Hoover. He was director and member of the Consumer's Advisory Board. He is the author of scholarly works on sociology and economics and is well known as a keen interpreter of current events.

Contemporary Europe

The session on Saturday morning will deal with the European scene. Dr. Paul A. Knaplund will talk on *The Present Crisis in its Historical Setting*. It is a subject of distinct importance. Dr. Knaplund is Professor of History in the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of *Gladstone and Britain's Imperial Policy* and editor of *Speeches on Foreign Affairs by Sir Edward Grey* and a contributor to historical journals. He was a holder of a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Modern History*.

Dr. James H. St. John, Professor of History, Miami University, will speak on *The Meaning of Germany's Reaction Against the Treaty of Versailles*. Needless to say that this subject is one of burning interest. Dr. St. John is serving this year as Visiting Professor of History in Grinnell College. He received his training as a Rhodes scholar and as a Fellow in History, University of Iowa. He is the author of a monograph on *Anglo-Spanish Commercial Relations 1700-1750*.

The Conference Dinner Friday Evening

The usual subscription dinner will be held on Friday evening at six o'clock promptly on the Sun Porch of the Memorial Union. This gathering has always been an enjoyable event. It provides an excellent opportunity for teachers to meet and chat

with fellow workers in the common field. We are glad to announce that Professor Frank R. Strong of the College of Law, University of Iowa, will give an after-dinner address on the *Supreme Court and the Constitution*. Professor Strong is a competent scholar in this subject which today is one of paramount interest.

“The New Era”

This is the theme for the public meeting Friday night at eight in the Auditorium of the Chemistry Building. The speaker will be Dr. William E. Lingelbach, Professor of History in the University of Pennsylvania. Without doubt civilization today is in the throes of a transition from an old order to a new and that the transition is fraught with grave problems. Dr. Lingelbach is a scholar eminent in the field of modern Europe, and well known as an interpreter of contemporary history. He is the author of such important studies as *The Doctrine and Practice of Intervention*, *Paradoxes of Post-War Europe*, *Democracy and the Control of Foreign Affairs*. He has keenly observed the flow of affairs in Europe by frequent visits abroad.

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 of Friday evening will be held in the Auditorium, Chemistry Building.

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 Conferences. All teachers of history are invited to the subscription luncheons 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 7. Visitors at the Conference will be welcome at these classes.