

Wisconsin Historical Society Work Related By Director At Rotary Club Luncheon

ENGINEERS WILL MEET

Gathering Of Professional Group
Will Be Held At
Chilton

Fox River Valley chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers will hold its second meeting of the current year Thursday at 6 p. m. in the Chilton hotel.

Ralph Kutchera, member of the society and project manager for the Wisconsin River Power company, will present an illustrated talk on development of Wisconsin rivers with particular reference to construction of the Petenwell and Castle Rock dam.

Arrangements for the meeting have been made by Francis J. Euclide, Green Bay, program chairman and Robert G. Jones and Thomas Murphy of Sheboygan.

BENEFIT CLAIMS INCREASE NOTED

233 Persons Register For Old-Age, Survivors Insurance Pay

A total of 233 claims for federal old-age and survivors insurance benefits were filed during the quarter ending March 30, A. F. Diekoff, manager of the Fond du Lac social security office, reported today. This figure is an increase of over 30 per cent over the previous quarter, he said.

In addition, there were 40 claims filed for recomputation of benefits. These are made when a wage earner has been working since he filed his original application and has added credits to his social security account.

During the three months period, 663 people inquired about their rights and privileges under social security, and 519 social security account number cards were issued, Diekoff reported.

He pointed out that upon being married, women must have the change in name made on their social security cards. Otherwise, if working after marriage, their wages may not be credited to their accounts. The social security administration has no way of knowing what has happened when an account number assigned to one person is used by another with a different name. Cards for the purpose of changing records may be secured at the local social security office, in the post office building.

and Manhood of Christ, and offer the "Light of Life" to those present. The people will light their candles from the ones held by the priest and a service of Resurrection will be held followed by the Divine liturgy.

Sunday at 3 p. m. the vesper of the Feast of the Agapi (love) will be held. The Gospel will be...

Group Not Organization Of "String Savers," He Says In Address

Wisconsin State Historical society is not an organization of "decrepit string savers," its director, Dr. Clifford L. Lord, told the Rotary club at a luncheon and business meeting Monday noon in Hotel Retlaw.

Dr. Lord, introduced by Dr. Karl K. Borsack, referred to a recent publication that described the society in such unflattering terms. He cited that the average age of its staff members is 42 years.

A private membership corporation, the society is also an official agency of the state government, operated on an annual budget of about \$300,000, Dr. Lord stated. At the present time, the organization's membership of 3,459 is the second largest in the nation.

The "grass roots" approach emphasized by the society in its functions preserves historic records from the national to the local community level and by so doing shows "what makes America tick," its director pointed out. History not only has a great "personal touch," but teaches the importance of the individual, he declared.

Functions Outlined

The 102-year-old society's responsibilities are to collect, conduct research and to publish the results of its operations, the speaker continued. The Wisconsin society is one of 16 which operates the state museum and one of 10 charged with the custody of the state's public records.

The state library, owned and operated by the society, contains 344,000 volumes, over 300,000 pamphlets, 5,000 reels of microfilm and 50,000 pounds (volume) of newspapers. The society serves as the University of Wisconsin's reference for American history and is one of only three such organizations located on a university campus.

Boasting the largest school program in the nation, the society enrolled 14,480 children as paid junior members in 1947, Dr. Lord declared. It serves 44 county and local auxiliaries, works with the conservation and highway departments on the state's historic sites program and with the same departments on the historic marker project.

The society's services are extended to an average of about 60,000 people a year. About 70,000 people, approximately one-third of whom are school children, visit the museum each year, which is an institution for collection and preservation of historical material and also provides historical instruction. The speaker described the display technique in the museum as the kind employed in store windows.

The society is not a part of the University of Wisconsin, the director stated. "Fundamentally we are a service institution, venerable, ancient and very honorable."

He commended city and county

residents for organizing Fond du Lac County Historical Society, Inc.

At the club's business meeting, at which President George M. St. Peter presided, Frank M. Yordy, chairman of the conference committee, announced that a delegation of 20 members and their wives planned to attend a parley of District 144 at Madison today. W. L. Ainsworth thanked the club for its support of the Badger Symphony and St. Peter announced that the board of directors will meet Wednesday noon at the hotel.

Guests at the luncheon were Louis P. Peeke and W. A. Titus, city.