Museum Notes

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Iowa’s fame as an agricultural state is worldwide and uncontested. However, an obscure facet of technological research in our state is emphasized in a new display on electronic computers. This material was presented to the Museum by the Engineering Department at Iowa State University, Ames, and is now on permanent display in the second floor Civil History section. The exhibit portrays the evolution of man-made counting devices from the very primitive to the exotic modern day digital computer. Of particular interest to Iowans is the fact that the ancestor of all modern “electronic brains” was conceived, constructed and used in Iowa during the early 1940’s.
Mr. Jack Musgrove, Curator, and a Student from Iowa State University, Ames, Examine the Electronic Computers Display Located on the Second Floor of the Museum.