

## NOTES AND COMMENT

West Union is to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary on August 16-18. It is planned also to erect a marker on the site of the first building in Fayette County — the old Culver trading post erected in 1841.

A pageant — "Builders of Democracy" — was given by high school students at Marshalltown on May 14, 1924. One of the episodes was "Westward Ho", the coming of the pioneer.

The Marshall County Old Settlers' Association held its annual meeting at Marshalltown on April 26, 1924. F. M. Wheeler was reelected president and John W. Long, H. F. Clemons, and W. H. Arney were chosen vice president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. A reunion will be held at Marshalltown on August 21st.

A movement has been started for the location and marking of Fort Williams, occupied by the Fort Dodge company of the Northern Border Brigade in 1862. This pioneer fortification was in the vicinity of Iowa Lake.

A marker provided by the local chapter of the D. A. R., has been placed on the site of the first schoolhouse in Cedar Rapids. This structure was built in 1846-1847 and stood on what is now the corner of Second Avenue and Fifth Street. The marker is to be unveiled by J. O. Stewart who, as a boy, attended the pioneer school.

An elaborate pageant, written by Bessie L. Lyon, was given by the school children of Webster City on May 12, 1924. Five scenes in the history of the city were presented.

Shenandoah celebrated what is known as Indian Day or Pow-wow Day on May 14, 1924. The central characters were Chief Waubonsie and the Pottawattamie Indians who formerly occupied this part of Iowa. E. R. Harlan of the Historical Department at Des Moines and Young Bear of the Tama Indian reservation assisted. The story of Waubonsie was told by E. R. Ferguson.

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