

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Business and professional men of Osage have donated one hundred dollars to be given as prizes in an historical oration contest in the Osage high school.

The Iowa Library Association met at Boone on October 1-3, 1924. Papers and addresses were given by Mrs. A. J. Barkley, Fannie R. Buchanan, Dallas Lore Sharp, Rafel Emmanuel, Frances Mason, Frances Hannum, Dudley Crafts Watson, Emily V. D. Miller, and Eva Cloud Taylor.

Victor J. Farrar, who for ten years has been Research Assistant and Research Instructor in the University of Washington and a contributing editor of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*, has returned to the University of Wisconsin to complete his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

On October 18, 1924, the Keokuk Chapter of the American Revolution dedicated a bronze marker on a boulder marking the site where Berryman Jennings taught the first school in Iowa during the fall of 1830. A deed to the site was presented to the State Historical Society.

On September 17, 1924, just sixty-three years after their first engagement in the Civil War, a bronze tablet containing the names of the members of Company F, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was unveiled at Fayette. Two members of the company, J. J. Earle and Franklin Dewey, were present at the dedication. Only two other members of the company, Franklin Downs and John D. Dooley, are now living.

*Wallace's Farmer* has announced a prize essay contest in the field of local history. There will be two classes of competitors — children under twelve, and boys and girls between twelve and nineteen years of age. First prizes in both classes are twenty-five dollars, second prizes, ten dollars, five dollars for the third, three for



the fourth, two for the fifth and sixth and one dollar each for the next three in rank. The contest closed December 15, 1924.

A boulder bearing a bronze tablet has recently been placed near the house on the old Maxon farm where John Brown left his party during the winter of 1857-1858. The marker is the gift of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was dedicated on September 23, 1924. Addresses were given by Mrs. Clarence H. Van Epps, Mrs. Howard Phelps, Mrs. W. L. Corrough, and Mrs. Amy Gilbert. Willard Maxon, a son of the man who was host to John Brown and his party, was present at the ceremony.

Charles H. Ashworth recently donated to the city of Des Moines a tract of sixty-five acres of land to be used as a park. According to the conditions of the gift, which is valued at \$200,000, this park is to be named Ashworth Park in honor of the pioneer family of the donor and within two years the city is to construct a swimming pool there. This land has been owned by the Ashworth family since 1851 when Richard Ashworth and his family, including Charles H. Ashworth, a young son, came to the junction of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers and purchased some three hundred acres of land. For the eighty acres which included the park site, Mr. Ashworth paid five hundred dollars.

#### WARREN GARST

Warren Garst, who died at Des Moines on October 5, 1924, was born on December 4, 1850, at Dayton, Ohio. He came to Iowa in 1869 and settled in Boone where he went into business. Mr. Garst was a member of the State Senate from 1894 to 1906 inclusive and was the first Industrial Commissioner of Iowa. In November, 1906, he was elected Lieutenant Governor, becoming Governor on November 24, 1908, when A. B. Cummins resigned. After serving for the remainder of the term Mr. Garst withdrew from active politics, his last work along public lines being in support of the non-partisan movement for the League of Nations.

#### HENRY C. WALLACE

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, died in Washington, D. C., October 25, 1924. He was born in



Rock Island on May 11, 1866, the first child of Henry Wallace, the "Uncle Henry" of *Wallaces' Farmer*. The boyhood days of Henry C. Wallace were spent on a farm near Winterset, Iowa, to which place his father had moved in 1876. He attended the Winterset public school, meantime working in a local newspaper office. He continued at newspaper work for several years, and then entered the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames in 1885. At the close of his second year in college he married and settled down on one of his father's farms near Winterset. In 1892 he again entered the college at Ames, completing two years work in one. For two years thereafter he served on the faculty as assistant professor of agriculture, and then entered upon his career as an agricultural journalist with his father. From 1894 until his death his primary interest was the advancement of agriculture. He was the close friend of James Wilson of Tama, Iowa, Secretary of Agriculture under Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft. Henry C. Wallace accepted the position of Secretary of Agriculture in the Harding cabinet, and continued in the portfolio under President Coolidge. In this capacity he was able to put into application in a larger field the ideas he had long advocated in *Wallaces' Farmer*.



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