

NOTES AND COMMENT

The South Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church near Tipton gave an historical pageant on a field near the church on September 22, 1925.

The Delhi Woman's Club is planning a memorial tablet on the lot where the house occupied by J. L. McCreery formerly stood. Mr. McCreery was the author of the well known poem *There Is No Death*, which was long attributed to Bulwer-Lytton.

The Fairfield chapter of the D. A. R. provided a marker for the site of the first State Fair held at Fairfield on October 25, 26, and 27, 1854. The dedication occurred on September 24, 1925.

On August 19, 1925, a pageant commemorating the centennial of the signing of the peace treaty at Prairie du Chien in 1825 was held on the "Heights" at McGregor, Iowa, in connection with the School of Wild Life Protection and the Midwestern Bookfellows Meeting.

On June 14, 1925, the D. A. R. chapter at Ames dedicated a marker at the corner of Douglas Avenue and Fifth Street where the first home in Ames was established in 1864 by Noah and Matilda Webster. The dedicatory address was given by Mrs. Louis B. Schmidt.

The fortieth annual reunion of the early settlers of Madison and Warren counties was held at St. Charles on August 13, 1925. Judge Hubert Utterback of Des Moines gave the principal address. At the business meeting the following officers were elected for 1926: president, Ed Smith; secretary, H. A. Mueller; and treasurer, J. F. Johnston.

The county supervisors of Ida County have made arrangements to have glass cases placed in the halls of the courthouse, in which articles of historical interest may be placed. The county historical society will assist in securing these relics which will be loaned and may be removed by the owner at any time.

A regional meeting of the American Library Association will be held at Sioux City on October 13-16, 1925. This will take the place of the Iowa State meeting usually held at this season. Among the features of the program will be a lecture recital by Lew Sarett and a lecture by Arthur E. Bostwick on his trip through China.

The Dolliver Memorial Park at Fort Dodge was dedicated on June 29, 1925. Professor L. H. Pammel of Ames told of the early life of Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver for whom the park was named and presented the park to the State. It was accepted by J. C. McClune, State Auditor. The chief address was given by James B. Weaver of Des Moines. Miss Frances Dolliver unveiled the Dolliver tablet.

The annual reunion and picnic of the Madison County pioneers was held at Winterset on September 7, 1925. Formal presentation was made of the more than one hundred acres of land to be added to the Winterset city park under the will of A. W. Crawford. An address by Claude R. Porter was one of the features of the program. Reminiscences by Judge Lewis were read by Ed M. Smith.

The new Linn County courthouse was dedicated on July 6, 1925. Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, the Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, gave the principal address. The parade was characterized by representations of the development of Linn County from the earliest days to the present.

An oil painting of former Governor Cyrus Clay Carpenter will be unveiled and presented to the Carpenter School at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on October 5, 1925. This memorial is presented by Mrs. Susan C. Carpenter, the widow of Governor Carpenter, and Cyrus Clay Carpenter, his nephew, under the auspices of the Iowa Division Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary, in cooperation with the Carpenter Parent Teachers Association.

On September 13, 1925, a bronze tablet was placed at the grave of Johan Gaertner, who was in Napoleon's army during the Russian campaign. He is said to be the only veteran of Napoleon's armies buried in Iowa. St. Anthony's Chapel where the burial was made is located some three and one-half miles southwest of Festina and is

said to be the smallest church in the State. The Waucoma Chapter of the D. A. R. was in charge of the ceremonies which included an address by Ben Webster, State commander of the American Legion, and an historical sketch of St. Anthony's Chapel, by Mar Huber.

Ralph Emerson Twitchell, well-known as a historian of the Southwest, died at Los Angeles, California, on August 26, 1925. Colonel Twitchell had served on the Board of Managers of the School of American Research, as a regent of the Museum of New Mexico, and as president of the New Mexico Historical Society. He was also the author of several books and articles on southwestern history, among which was a two-volume work on *Leading Facts of New Mexican History*.

Dr. Asa Bosworth Bowen, one of the pioneer physicians of Iowa, died at his home at Maquoketa on April 16, 1925. Dr. Bowen was born at Eastford, Connecticut, on April 12, 1842, and came to Maquoketa in 1869 where he practiced medicine until his death. His wide interest in the community, in addition to his professional interest, is evidenced by the fact that he was a member of the Iowa State Medical Society since 1872, a member of the American Medical Association, and served as one of the pension examiners of Jackson County, as railroad surgeon for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and as one of the Jackson County board of examiners during the World War. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a member of the State Historical Society, had served as president of one bank and vice president of another, and had been commander of the local G. A. R. post.

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