

NOTES AND COMMENT

Clarinda celebrated its diamond jubilee anniversary on June 22nd. A "Panorama of Progress" consisting of floats represented the Clarinda of yesterday and to-day. Window displays of historic relics attracted much attention.

Marshalltown is planning to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary with an historical pageant and other appropriate ceremonies sometime in October. The Historical Society of Marshall County is taking a leading part in the formulation of plans for this celebration.

On the evenings of June 15th and 16th citizens of Hancock County presented an historical pageant at the fair grounds at Britt. The pageant covered the history of the county from the days when it was an Indian hunting ground down to and through the World War period.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church at Littleton was observed with appropriate ceremonies on June 3, 1928. This church was organized on June 4, 1853, by James Fullerton, a pioneer minister of Marion.

On June 14, 1928, the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Creston dedicated a marker at Mt. Pisgah, the site of the Mormon settlement in Union County. Following this ceremony the chapter unveiled a tablet at the Graceland Cemetery in Creston at the grave of Nancy McKay Harsh, a real daughter of the American Revolution.

With appropriate ceremonies Chapter L of the P. E. O. Society at Sigourney unveiled a portrait of Nancy Torrence Stockman in the P. E. O. Memorial Library at Mount Pleasant on June 10, 1928. Mrs. Stockman was chairman of the committee which established the official organ of the Society, the *P. E. O. Record*, forty years ago.

The Cedar County Old Settlers Association held its annual meeting at the court room in Tipton on the afternoon of June 9, 1928. W. H. Phelps was elected president for the new year; H. L. Huber, vice president; and W. H. Franco, secretary. The new executive committee consists of Mearl Clark, H. R. Ripley, C. S. Neiman, and Jacob Stout. The Reverend W. E. Van Buren of Tipton gave the principal address of the afternoon.

Mason City celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary from June 17 to 20 with a program of many types of attractions. Of special historical interest was the parade of some one hundred and fifty floats depicting events from the landing of Columbus to the present day. The *Mason City Globe-Gazette* for June 16th published a special anniversary edition of one hundred and eight pages. This number of the *Globe-Gazette* contains a wealth of historical information about Mason City and vicinity.

A memorial to the late Senator Willis G. Haskell has been erected in a triangular park in Johnson Avenue, Cedar Rapids. On a large native boulder a bronze tablet has been placed bearing the following inscription: "To the Memory of Willis G. Haskell, Who, as a Private Citizen and a State Senator for Many Years and Until His Death Was an Ardent Worker for the Improvement of the Lincoln Highway and All Public Thoroughfares in the State of Iowa, This Marker is Erected. June 5, 1857. April 17, 1917."

On May 11, 1928, the citizens of Rippey, Iowa, honored B. F. Osborn who had been a prominent merchant and a leader in that community for fifty years. An attractive booklet with the title, *Osborn Golden Anniversary Day 1878-1928*, was issued for the occasion. This booklet contained a brief biographical sketch of Mr. Osborn and the program presented in his honor. Short talks were given by V. H. Lovejoy and E. G. Graham of Jefferson, Iowa, and by Edgar R. Harlan and Mrs. John MacVicar of Des Moines. John MacVicar and Harvey Ingham of Des Moines gave the principal addresses of the occasion.

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