

NOTES AND COMMENT

The old settlers of Madison and Warren counties held their annual reunion at St. Charles on August 15, 1929.

The Three-Quarter Century Club held its annual picnic at Newton on July 31, 1929. The speakers were James R. Rhodes, J. W. Jarnagin, and H. S. Morrison.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Des Moines on October 15-17, 1929. The meeting headquarters were at Hotel Fort Des Moines.

Miss Agnes Samuelson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, gave an address on "Pioneering, Then and Now" at the Layton-Douglas semi-centennial celebration at Keosauqua on July 24, 1929.

A pioneer log cabin, built originally as a granary on the farm of August Zahlten, has been donated to the Ambrose A. Call State Park by Miss Clara Zahlten and is being moved to the new location.

On August 28, 1929, the pioneer settlers of Scott County held their seventy-third annual meeting at Davenport. Membership is limited to those who were residents of Scott County on or before 1846. The chief address was delivered by Wayne G. Cook.

The annual soldiers and settlers reunion of Drakesville for 1929 was held at that place on August 29th and 30th. Among the speakers listed on the program were Senator Daniel F. Steck, Congressman C. W. Ramseyer, J. S. Stamps, James J. Starr, Herbert B. Carroll, and John F. Kline.

Dr. Nelson V. Russell, formerly professor of history at the University of California, has been appointed head of the department of history at Coe College, to succeed Dr. Erik McKinley Eriksson, who

has accepted a position in the history department of the University of Southern California.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, three miles north of Birmingham, held a memorial service for the Rutledge family. The graves of Mrs. Rutledge and her son, John Rutledge, mother and brother of Abraham Lincoln's early sweetheart, are in the cemetery near the church. The family moved to Iowa in 1837.

The tenth State conference for library works was held at Iowa City on July 2 and 3, 1929. Among the addresses given was "The Mississippi River in Literature", by Grace Shellenberger of the Davenport Public Library, and "The Small Library and Local History", by Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

A reunion of the Hornets' Nest Brigade was held at Ottumwa on June 20 and 21, 1929. Twenty-six veterans attended, their total ages being estimated at 2,224 years. This famous Iowa brigade was made up of the Second, Seventh, Eighth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth Iowa Infantry. J. B. Carman was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year; J. C. McQueen, first vice president; E. G. Chapman, second vice president; and J. E. Kent, secretary-treasurer.

The fourth annual reunion of the alumni of Humboldt College was held at Humboldt on August 18, 1929. At this time a monument was dedicated to Rev. S. H. Taft, founder of the college. Mrs. Sadie Nelson Quamme gave the dedicatory address. A history of the college, prepared by Judge Fred H. Taft, was read by Mrs. Alice Taft. The native boulder with the bronze tablet was prepared by the Mary Brewster Chapter of the D. A. R. and the college alumni.

The Cedar County Old Settlers' Association held its annual meeting at Tipton on June 10, 1929. This was the fifty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the association. A letter on early Cedar County history, written by S. R. Neiman, was read by Mrs.

J. N. McCormick, and Charles L. Longley of Boise, Idaho, gave reminiscences of the county. Peter McNee was chosen president of the organization; H. E. Worrall, vice president; H. W. Franco, secretary; and D. L. Diehl, treasurer.

The city of Greene and Coldwater Township celebrated a golden jubilee and homecoming during July 28 to August 1, 1929. On July 30th, pioneer day, the program included the dedication of the Laura A. Mather Memorial Library Building, an illustrated lecture by L. O. Leonard of the Rock Island Railroad on "The Evolution of Transportation and Early Days on the B. C. R. & N. Ry.," and an address by Judge Martin J. Wade. July 31st was pageant day. The four episodes represented the Indians at home, the coming of the first settlers, the arrival of the first train, and the World War. The pageant was repeated the next evening.

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