

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The oldest residence in Mapleton and vicinity, built by William L. Ring in 1856, has recently been remodelled as a club house by the Woman's Civic Improvement Club of Mapleton.

The State University of Iowa held its eighty-third anniversary service on the evening of March 10, 1930. Dr. Raymond M. Hughes, president of Iowa State College, gave the main address of the evening.

Persons who have been settlers of Boone County for fifty years or more held a reunion at Boone on February 20, 1930. In addition to music, the program included an address by John Hull and informal talks by a number of the old settlers.

A painting of Davenport made in 1844 by J. C. Wild was recently presented to the Davenport Public Museum by Egbert B. Sanders. The picture presents the scene of Davenport and Rock Island from a point on the bluffs west of the city.

The Seventh Commonwealth Conference will be held in the Old Capitol Building at Iowa City on June 30, July 1, 2, 1930. The theme of this conference will be the "Political Issues of 1930". Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh is the chairman of the Commonwealth Conference and Dr. Kirk H. Porter is chairman of the committee on the program.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Des Moines Pioneer Club was held at Hotel Fort Des Moines on January 25, 1930. A list of the first things in the city of Des Moines was compiled. The officers elected were Max Shloss, president; Theodore F. Grefe, vice president; and Guy M. Brandt, secretary.

In the contest recently held by *The Chicago Tribune* for the best history of the United States written in five hundred words, W. W. Sweet of the University of Chicago won first prize, Wm. H. Norton of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, received second place, and Louis Pelzer of the State University of Iowa, third.

The Commandery of The State of Iowa, Society of American Wars, was chartered on February 8, 1930, and the society was organized on February 26th. The officers elected were: commander, Harold King Bowen, Fort Dodge; senior vice commander, John Sydney Cutter, Shenandoah; junior vice commander, John M. Garrett, Fort Dodge; and recorder, Clarence Eral Nickle, Algona.

Professor L. B. Schmidt, head of the Department of History and Government at Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, will return to the University of Alabama for the second session of the 1930 summer school. He will give courses in Economic Foreign Policies of the United States, the United States and Latin America, and the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Six mural paintings depicting scenes from the history of Iowa will decorate the new Hotel Kirkwood at Des Moines. The artist is Henry Bernard. The subjects selected are Father Marquette, Governor and Mrs. Samuel J. Kirkwood, the first covered wagon to cross Iowa, the opening of the first railroad, the old capitol building at Burlington, and the old capitol building at Iowa City.

The Iowa League of Women Voters held its annual meeting at Cedar Rapids on March 25, 27, 1930. Mrs. Frank A. Stromsten was elected president for the ensuing year, Mrs. G. W. Martin, first vice president; Mrs. Max Mayer, second vice president; Mrs. Clarence Knutson, third vice president; Mrs. Dorrance White, secretary; and Mrs. Philip C. Jeans, treasurer.

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