

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The annual homecoming of the old settlers of Madison and Warren counties was held at St. Charles on August 14, 1930.

The Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church of Cedar County celebrated its diamond jubilee anniversary on August 24, 1930. A pageant, "The High Road to Happiness", was a part of the celebration.

The old settlers of Black Hawk County held their annual reunion at Hanna's grove on August 30, 1930. Walter P. Hanna gave the principal address. Roger Leavitt was elected president of the organization, W. T. Evans vice president, and W. A. Smith secretary and treasurer.

The annual picnic of the Little Sioux and Maple Valley Old Settlers Association was held at Mapleton on July 29, 1930. Congressman Ed. H. Campbell gave the principal address. There were also some talks by the pioneers, two of whom had lived in the valley for seventy-five years.

The "50 Year Club" of Boone County held a meeting in McHose Park at Boone on August 14, 1930. Old-time songs and reminiscences were features of the program. This society has been organized about two years and holds meetings twice a year. Any person who has been a resident of the county for fifty years is eligible to membership.

The Pammel State Park, in Madison County, formerly the Devil's Backbone Park, was dedicated on June 30, 1930. Addresses were given by J. N. Darling, president of the Iowa Conservation Association, Dr. D. W. Morehouse, President of Drake University, and Dr. Louis H. Pammel. The presentation was made by W. E. G. Saunders and the park was accepted by Hon. Ed. M. Smith, Secretary of State.

The old settlers of Crawford County held their annual picnic on

August 14, 1930. A Half Century Club was organized by those who had lived in the county fifty years or more. Fred C. Gilchrist delivered the chief address. N. L. Hunt was chosen president of the old settlers' association, Wm. Byrnes, secretary, and F. L. Hoffman treasurer. Mr. Hunt was also made president of the new Half Century Club, and C. K. Meyers was made secretary.

The Iowa Library Association will join the States of Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in a regional library convention to be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 14-17, 1930. Among the Iowans on the tentative program are Forrest B. Spaulding of the Des Moines Public Library, Mary B. Humphrey of the State University Library at Iowa City, and J. S. Johnson, President of the Iowa Library Association.

The forty-fifth annual reunion of the old settlers of Mills, Pottawattamie, and Fremont counties was held at Council Bluffs on August 11, 1930. W. E. Mitchell of Council Bluffs gave the principal address. Otha D. Wearin, A. L. Chantry, and George Hughes also gave short talks. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. L. Chantry, president; A. C. Sivers, vice president for Pottawattamie County, W. P. Wortman, vice president for Mills County, William Arnd, treasurer; Carl Adams, secretary; and Frank G. Weeks, historian.

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