

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department, was the chief speaker at a meeting of the Mahaska County old settlers at Oskaloosa on October 5, 1931.

The National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 has placed a marker on the grave of Robert Lucas at Iowa City. Lucas was the first Governor of the Territory of Iowa.

Professor L. B. Schmidt of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Ames, Iowa, will return to the University of Alabama for the first term of the Summer School of 1932 to give courses in American history and international relations.

A five-acre park which includes the grave and tomb of Julien Dubuque was dedicated on October 18, 1931. The program included an address on Julien Dubuque by Richard Herrmann, an address by Judge Bonson, the story of the Sac and Fox Indians by George Young Bear, and some tribal dances by Indians from Tama.

Mr. E. J. Stout, now a graduate student at the State University of Iowa, is making a collection of folk lore which has come into Iowa between the early settlement of the State in the 30's and 40's and the opening of the present century. His collection already contains a surprising amount and variety of folk lore.

Fort Defiance State Park, near Estherville, was dedicated on October 15-17, 1931. Speeches by Governor Dan W. Turner, W. E. G. Saunders, Harvey Ingham, and W. S. Johnston were included in the program. A large display of pioneer relics was also a feature of the event. The park contains 190 acres and includes the site of the fort built for the protection of settlers at the time of the Sioux outbreak in Minnesota.

The Iowa State Teachers Association held its annual convention at Des Moines on November 11-14, 1931. One of the episodes of the convention was the presentation to Governor Dan W. Turner of

one of the copies of Blashfield's painting "Westward" which the Association has had made for use in the schools. An interpretation of the picture by Henry Turner Bailey is furnished with the reproductions of the painting.

The old settlers of Mills, Pottawattamie, and Fremont counties held their annual tri-county reunion at Malvern on September 10, 1931. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Collier Boston of Malvern, president; Fred Durbin of Malvern, secretary; W. Dye of Macedonia, vice president for Pottawattamie County; W. P. Wortman of Malvern, vice president for Mills County; and John Dills of Randolph, vice president for Fremont County; and F. G. Weeks of Carson, historian.

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