

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The old settlers of Emmett County met at the Fort Defiance State Park on August 19, 1932.

Eagle Park at Clinton was the scene of the reunion of pioneers of the vicinity on September 1, 1932. Reverend S. V. Williams gave the chief address on the subject, "The Happy Pioneer".

The annual meeting of the Crawford County Old Settlers' Association was held at Denison on August 18, 1932. A new constitution and new by-laws were presented and adopted. The officers elected were: Mrs. M. A. Nichols, president; G. A. Norelius, Z. T. Dunham, George Slater, and Edward F. Glan, vice presidents; F. L. Hoffman, secretary; and T. J. Campbell, treasurer.

The annual reunion of the Prairie City old settlers was held at that place on August 16, 1932. Professor K. E. Leib of the University of Iowa, a former resident of Prairie City, was the principal speaker, having for his topic "The Old Settlers Look at Life To-day". The executive committee included R. E. Yowell, president; John Ver Dught, vice president; and Albert McFadden, secretary and treasurer.

Old settlers of Webster and Hamilton counties held their annual picnic at Bell's Mill Park, north of Stratford, on August 7, 1932. Judge E. E. Cavanaugh gave the address in which he paid tribute to the pioneers. Officers were reelected as follows: A. B. Bell, president; A. A. Deo, vice president; S. J. Cottington, secretary; and A. P. Gleason, treasurer.

Dedication services for the Barkley Preserve, one of the new Iowa State Parks, were held on June 19, 1932. The tract was presented to the State by Mrs. Flora E. S. Barkley in memory of her husband, Alonzo J. Barkley. Judge George Word spoke at the dedication. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. H. Volland of the State Board of Conservation, and the acceptance speech was by G. C. Greenwalt, Secretary of State. The park is near Boone.

The Black Hawk County Early Settlers' Association held its annual picnic at the Hanna farm between Cedar Falls and Waterloo on August 27, 1932. J. A. Laurie spoke on "Pioneer Days". Roger Leavitt paid tribute to George W. Hanna, who homesteaded the land where the picnic was held and a reunion of the Hanna family was a feature of the meeting. J. A. Smith was elected president of the association; R. M. Gunn, vice president; and Dr. C. W. Bruner, secretary-treasurer.

The forty-sixth annual reunion of the Old Settlers' Association of Madison and Warren counties was held at St. Charles on August 11, 1932. The program included old songs in costume; a poem, "Old Settlers' Day", written by Milton G. Patrick and read by H. A. Mueller; a short talk by C. S. Cooter; and an address by Nelson G. Kraschel. Officers chosen for 1933 were: E. E. Howard, president; P. A. Carter, vice president from Madison County; J. L. Knott, vice president from Warren County; H. A. Mueller, secretary; and J. H. Anderson, treasurer.

The Scott County Pioneer Settlers' Association held its seventy-sixth annual reunion at Davenport on August 31, 1932. Five members of the Association and thirty members of the auxiliary were present. The principal speaker was John W. Hauberg who talked on the pioneers. Mrs. Emma Clark Harrison gave a talk on "Pioneer Industries of Buffalo". Mrs. Rudolph Snyder was named president; Miles Collins of the auxiliary, vice president; and Mrs. Julia Karwath was reelected secretary. Mrs. Grace Witter was elected president of the auxiliary; Mrs. Jennie Barnes, vice president; Miss May Neil, secretary; and Mrs. Julia Stroehle, treasurer.

The National Park Service is considering the establishment of a national park to include one or more of Iowa's groups of Indian mounds. In July, Verne E. Chatelain, historian of the National Park Service, visited northeastern Iowa and made a survey of the Yellow River group of mounds, the group near Lansing, the Jennings-Liephart group, and the group on Turkey River. Mr. Chatelain was accompanied by a number of Iowans including Dr. Charles R. Keyes, who has made a survey of the archeological re-

mains in Iowa, Mrs. Henry Frankel, chairman of the State Board of Conservation, Mrs. Grace Gilbert King, a member of the Board, Walter H. Beall, president of the Northeast Iowa National Park Association, and Ellison Orr, who has made a study of Iowa archeology.

The State of Iowa was the subject of the radio program presented by the General Motors Corporation on September 5, 1932, in its series of broadcasts known as "The Parade of the States". The guest artists were Clarence Whitehill, formerly of Marengo, Iowa, and Viola Philo. The program included an arrangement of "Pale Moon", by Frederick Knight Logan, who lived at Oskaloosa, the last movement of the "New World Symphony", composed by Antonin Dvorak at Spillville, Iowa, and a medley of songs by Harry Archer who was born at Creston, Iowa. The following tribute to Iowa was written by Bruce Barton:

"We come now to 'a good land and a large', as the Bible says, 'a land flowing with milk and honey'. We come to Iowa. Here men of the hills, from New York and New England, from Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, first felt the enchantment of the Great Prairie. The good black earth lay many feet deep. Rich grasses rose to the height of a man's shoulder, and the wild rose, later chosen by the people as their state flower, smiled its gentle welcome. Once in those early days, to show the promise of the land and to guide the settlers on their path, a furrow was plowed all the way from Iowa City to Dubuque. Mile after mile for seventy miles the shining steel slipped through the rockless loam, turning over warm black ribbons of fertility. The great prairie still casts its spell over Iowa, but today the wind ripples over vast acres of oats and wheat and tasseling corn. More of the land of Iowa is under cultivation than that of any other state. Corn and hogs are her wealth, but not by any means her only wealth. Great beds of coal lie under her broad acres. Diversified manufactures flourish in her cities. At Keokuk a mile long dam harnesses the water power of the Mississippi. At Ames her college of agriculture leads in research and experiment, and at Iowa City her splendid university, with its nine thousand students, is the visible expression of a

cultural impulse which has given to Iowa the highest literacy in America. It was her adopted son, James Wilson, who lifted the national Department of Agriculture to its high plane of dignity and service. Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver and Albert Baird Cummins led the battle for progressive-ism in our political life. The glamorous hero of boyhood, 'Buffalo Bill', sprang from her soil. To literature she has given Emerson Hough, Herbert Quick, Susan Glaspell, Ellis Parker Butler, Ruth Suckow, and many another interpreter of American life. The President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, was born in an Iowa farming village. The Iowa prairies helped to give Antonin Dvorak, the Bohemian composer, inspiration for his music; the 'Largo' of his 'New World Symphony' was completed here in the 'Hawkeye State'. Such is the empire to which we now invite you — a fruitful land, a land of sturdy independent men and women, yes, and a land of beauty. Thirty-nine state parks are dotted with lakes and traversed by gently flowing streams. Glorious roads are everywhere, including the Lincoln Highway. Happiness awaits you. Hospitality awaits you. Climb into your car and drive to Iowa. To Iowa, out where the tall corn grows!"

### CONTRIBUTORS

EARLE DUDLEY ROSS, Associate Professor of History at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. (See THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS, July, 1926, p. 508.)

JACOB A. SWISHER, Research Associate in The State Historical Society of Iowa. (See THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS, July, 1931, p. 458.)