

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Fairfield (Iowa) Picnic was held in Bixby Park, Long Beach, California, on April 14, 1934.

"Where Is Our Money", an editorial by E. P. Chase, a life member of the State Historical Society of Iowa, was awarded the Pulitzer prize as the best editorial of 1933. It appeared in the *Atlantic News-Telegraph* on December 2, 1933.

"Vendue", a painting by Robert B. Tabor of Independence, representing a closing out sale on an Iowa farm, has been chosen by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to hang in the White House. The painting was done as one of the PWA projects.

Dr. Charles R. Keyes of Mt. Vernon, State Archaeologist, attended a meeting of the Midwest Archaeology Society held at Indianapolis on May 10-12, 1934, and gave an address on "Iowa Archaeology". On his return he was accompanied by a number of archaeologists, including Dr. F. H. Dewell of the University of Chicago, Dr. W. P. McKern of the Milwaukee Public Museum, and Dr. E. H. Bell of the University of Nebraska. The party made an extensive study of the Iowa archaeological material collected by Dr. Keyes.

The Northeastern Iowa National Park Association held its annual meeting at Strawberry Point on May 11, 1934. The officers who were reelected were: Walter H. Beall of West Union, president; R. G. Miller of Lansing, vice president; H. S. Rittenhouse of Monona, secretary; and C. J. Orr of Monona, treasurer. Dr. Charles R. Keyes reported in a letter read at the meeting that one mound area in the site of the proposed national park area has already been destroyed since it was surveyed and another has been damaged.

A joint meeting of the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists, the Iowa Political Science Association, and the Iowa His-

torical Association, was held at Grinnell on May 4 and 5, 1934. Officers of the three associations were elected at the regular business meetings. H. W. Bohlman was named president and J. M. Henry secretary-treasurer of the Economists and Sociologists; Kirk H. Porter was elected president and J. A. Swisher secretary and treasurer of the Political Scientists; and Knut Gjerset was chosen president and R. R. Fahrney recorder of the Historians.

Lawrence De Graff, a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa, died at his home at Des Moines on June 7, 1934. Judge De Graff was born at Apple River, Illinois, on June 24, 1872. He began the practice of law at Chicago, but moved to Des Moines in 1898 where he was secretary and instructor in Highland Park College of Law. In 1904 he was appointed Assistant Attorney General and in 1907 he was appointed county attorney of Polk County. Three years later he was elected a judge of the district court of Polk County and in 1920 he was elected to the Supreme Court. He was reelected in 1926, but was defeated in the election of 1932. Judge De Graff was the author of a number of legal textbooks, including *Outlines in Civics* and *Iowa Laws, Abridged*.

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