

NOTES AND COMMENT

Mrs. W. Z. Long of Spencer has been named State Historian of the Iowa Woman's Relief Corps.

A movement is on foot in Mahaska County to revive Mahaska Day and hold historical memorials each May 12th.

The Iowa Band cane, carried in turn by the founders of Grinnell College, has now passed into the possession of the College.

The Harvest Home Festival at Lamoni was held on August 16-18, 1934. Lieutenant Governor N. G. Kraschel spoke on the seventeenth and former Governor Dan Turner was the speaker the following day.

An unusual celebration was held at West Branch on the evening of August 3, 1934. The occasion was the eighty-eighth birthday of Dr. L. J. Leech, recently elected Commander of the Iowa G. A. R.

A combination American Legion convention and centennial celebration was held at Bellevue on August 15th and 16th. Addresses by Frank Miles and Governor Clyde L. Herring were features of the program.

Plans are under way for the establishment of a public park in Preparation Canyon, near Onawa. This was the site of the settlement made by a Mormon faction in 1853 under the leadership of Charles B. Thompson. Thompson was later driven out of the community.

The Viola Township (Osceola County) picnic was held at Worthington on June 24th. Isaac Milton was elected president for the ensuing year, Martin Olson, Frank Mitchell, and William Downs, vice presidents; and Mrs. Leonora Lyle, secretary-treasurer. A brief history of Viola Township was read by Mrs. T. S. Libby.

The Iowa-Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has made provision for the erection of a marker on the grave of Reverend H. Ruble, the first Methodist minister to be buried in

Iowa. He died in Burlington in 1836 and is buried in the old city cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.

Cascade celebrated its hundredth anniversary June 28 to July 4, 1934. The program included an historical pageant, and addresses by Governor Clyde L. Herring and others. *The Cascade Pioneer* published a special historical edition on June 28th and a booklet, prepared by Howard C. Baldwin and Helen G. Baldwin, was also issued in honor of the event.

Professor L. B. Schmidt, head of the History and Government Department at Iowa State College, was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree at Cornell College on June 4, 1934. Professor M. Mortensen, head of the Dairy Industry at Iowa State College, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by the Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas, on May 31st.

The Church of Christ in Iowa is planning the celebration of its centennial in 1936. At the seventy-ninth annual convention of the church representatives, held at Oskaloosa on June 12th, Reverend James T. Nichols of Des Moines gave an address on "Our Coming Iowa Centennial". The first congregation was organized at the Lost Creek Church in 1836. The first State meeting was held in 1846 — the year Iowa was admitted into the Union.

The annual Tri-County Old Settlers Association picnic was held at Tabor on July 4, 1934. The counties included are Mills, Pottawattamie, and Fremont. An address on "Pioneers", by Reverend Peter Jacobs of Shenandoah, was a feature of the program. Mention was made of the collection of prehistoric articles numbering over 5000 which belongs to W. L. Bass. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are: F. R. Chantry, president; J. W. McNulty, secretary; and M. F. Rohrer, of Council Bluffs, historian. The vice presidents are Frank Choate from Mills County, Nick O'Brien from Pottawattamie County, and Vernon Johnson from Fremont County.

The sixteenth annual session of the American School of Wild Life Protection was held at McGregor from July 30 to August 11, 1934. August second was "History Day", and the meetings for that day

were held at Prairie du Chien. In addition to the various talks on science, the program included the following historical addresses: "The History of Man", by Dr. George F. Kay; "An Archaeological Project on the Upper Iowa River", "Progress in Saving the Iowa Mounds", and "An Early Upper Mississippi Indian Culture", all by Dr. Charles R. Keyes; "Iowa Historic and Beautiful" and "The Romance of the Prairie du Chien-McGregor Region", both by Dr. Jacob A. Swisher, of the State Historical Society of Iowa; and "Military Forts", by P. L. Scanlan.

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