

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Iowa Library Association will hold its annual meeting at Sioux City on October 10-12, 1935. Two outside speakers announced are Dudley Crafts Watson and Edward J. O'Brien.

The mural painting entitled "Symphony of Iowa", by Mrs. Mildred W. Pelzer, was the Iowa representation in the exhibit of paintings sponsored by the National Federation of Women's Clubs at Detroit. The theme is the coming of the pioneer and the development of civilization in Iowa.

The Three Quarter Century Club held its ninth annual meeting at Newton on July 11, 1935. H. C. Korf gave the principal address. Talks were also given by Representative J. E. Craven, W. S. Johnson, W. S. Sutton, and Dr. W. H. Blancke. The picnic for Jasper County residents over seventy-five years of age is sponsored by James R. Rhodes, publisher of the *Newton Daily News* and the *Jasper County Record*.

The Iowa State Planning Board has recently issued two reports in pamphlet form, both prepared by the Committee on Population and Social Trends, under the direction of Howard Bowen. One of these is *The Income of the Counties of Iowa*, which gives statistics of income by groups and on a per capita basis. The second is *The Iowa Community: Its Program With Special Reference to Recreation and Leisure-Time Activities*.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, second in command in the second Byrd expedition to the Antarctic, were guest speakers at the Commencement services of Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant on June 3, 1935. Dr. Poulter is a member of the Iowa Wesleyan faculty. Iowa Wesleyan, founded in 1842, is said to be the oldest college in Iowa. Senator James Harlan was one of its presidents. It is also known as the birthplace of the P. E. O.

The annual reunion of the Mahaska County Old Settlers' Association was held at Oskaloosa on June 23, 1935. J. W. Johnson gave personal reminiscences and Mrs. C. C. Sheppard told of the difficulties met in the attempt to trace events and locate historic places. W. L. Campbell was elected president for the ensuing year, succeeding Phil Hoffmann; S. A. Randall was made vice president; Mrs. Bert Vanderwelt of Cedar was reëlected secretary; and Mrs. Robert Holt of Beacon was reëlected treasurer. The oldest person present was Mrs. Margaret White of Oskaloosa, who is ninety-five.

Elias R. Zeller, a pioneer educator, editor, and local historian, died at his home in Winterset on July 22, 1935. He was born near Millville, Ohio, on September 13, 1844. After serving in the 167th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he attended Miami University and for a time published a newspaper in Ohio. In 1871 Mr. Zeller moved to Burlington and came to Winterset in 1873 as principal of the public schools. Later he served as county superintendent, was one of the partnership publishing the *Winterset Madisionian*, and served as Representative in the State legislature from 1908-1912. One of Mr. Zeller's most cherished interests was the Madison County Historical Society of which he was a charter member when it was organized in 1904. He served as the first treasurer and for many years was the secretary. He gave much of his time to the collection of local historical materials and was curator of the rooms in which the collection was preserved. It was largely due to his efforts that the local historical museum at Winterset ranks as one of the best in Iowa.

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