

NOTES AND COMMENT

The birthplace of Herbert Hoover at West Branch has recently been sold to Allan Hoover, the younger son of former President Hoover.

The Mesquakie Indians, a remnant of the Sauk and Fox tribes, held their annual pow-wow on their lands near Tama on August 15-18, 1935. Governor Clyde L. Herring and Harvey Ingham were speakers for the event.

Carl Flick, under the direction of Grant Wood, is painting a series of pictures of the old Amana, now rapidly disappearing. One of his pictures "Amana Interior" was recently awarded second place in the Philadelphia Art Academy's exhibit.

Professor Harry E. Stinson of the Art Department of the State University of Iowa is supervising the sculpturing and casting of the panels to be used in the Lewis and Clark Memorial at Rainbow Point, near Council Bluffs, Iowa. The project is being financed by the Colonial Dames of America and by Federal relief agencies, under the sponsorship of the Council Bluffs park commission.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Iowa held a formal dinner at Des Moines on November 21, 1935. Dr. L. B. Schmidt of Ames was the guest speaker. His subject was "From Mayflower Compact to the Constitution of the United States". Mrs. George L. Owings of Marshalltown is the State governor of the society and Mrs. Charles H. Humphreys of Boone is the secretary.

The old settlers of Fremont, Mills, and Pottawattamie counties held their fiftieth reunion at Malvern on September 24, 1935. Congressman Otha D. Wearin was one of the speakers. Henry Peterson, of Council Bluffs, gave a sketch of the history of the three counties. Nick O'Brien, of Council Bluffs, was elected

president of the association. The meeting for 1936 will be held at Neola.

Mr. Oley Nelson of Slater, Iowa, was elected National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic at its annual meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, 1935. Mr. Nelson is the third Iowan to receive this honor, the position having been formerly held by David J. Palmer and J. W. Willett. Mr. Nelson served in the Civil War as a member of the Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry. He has served in the Iowa House of Representatives and for many years has been sergeant-at-arms of the House.

The Scott County Pioneer Settlers' Association held its annual meeting at Davenport on August 28, 1935. A. I. Naumann gave an address on "Early School Days". Mrs. Melissa Benford (90) was elected president, Miles Collins vice president, Peter Donaldson (93) was reelected secretary, and Mrs. Sylvia Oysler was made assistant secretary. The auxiliary society, made up of sons and daughters of the old settlers, also elected officers. John Neil was made president and Mae Neil secretary.

The forty-ninth annual reunion of the early settlers of Madison and Warren counties was held on August 15, 1935, at St. Charles. Senator Wm. S. Beardsley gave the principal address. Other speakers were Mr. William S. Anderson and Reverend Viela Elston. The following officers were elected for 1936: President, E. G. Miller; Vice President from Madison County, M. W. Browne; Vice President from Warren County, W. H. Shannon; Secretary, H. A. Mueller; Treasurer, C. C. Quilliams; and Chaplain, Reverend G. E. Carnahan.

Approximately three acres of land containing some of the best examples of Indian mounds has been deeded by the Fish brothers to the State of Iowa. This area is near New Albin and was purchased in July, 1934, by donations made by residents of Waukon and Lansing under the leadership of Mr. Ellison Orr, who has made a study of the archaeology of this region for more than fifty years, and was held in trusteeship by Mr. Orr and Mr. I. E. Beeman until July, 1935, when it was accepted by the State

The area, located on a main highway along the Mississippi River, contains some thirty conical mounds varying in size from twenty-five to seventy feet in diameter and from two and one-half to seven feet in height.

The fifty-first annual reunion of the Black Hawk County Early Settlers' Association was held in the Hanna grove near Waterloo on August 31, 1935. It was decided that the society should assume the care of the plot of ground containing the marker designating the site of the Hanna log cabin which stood opposite the grove where the reunions are held each year. Roger Leavitt of Cedar Falls told the story of the arrival of the Hanna family in 1845, and Dr. Gilbert J. Chalice gave the address of the afternoon. The following officers were elected: Reverend Fred P. Fisher, president; Dr. C. W. Bruner, vice president; and Mrs. C. W. Ellyson, secretary-treasurer.

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