

NOTES AND COMMENT

George W. Stimpson of Anamosa, author of *Things Worth Knowing* and *Popular Questions Answered*, was elected president of the National Press Club on December 21, 1935.

Iowa Poets, a new volume of verse by Iowa writers, has been published by Henry Harrison. The frontispiece is by Grant Wood; the foreword by Jay G. Sigmund; and the literary map by Harriet Macy.

The Woodbury County Pioneer Club held a meeting at Sioux City on January 22nd. The chief address was made by H. C. Gooch, who spoke on "Dr. J. K. Cook, Pioneer and Early Settler of Sioux City".

On August 21, 1935, Congress passed an act extending the powers and duties of the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior, by authorizing it to accept or purchase property of historical interest, to restore and maintain such historic sites or buildings, to establish museums, and to develop other educational programs to make available knowledge pertaining to historical and archaeological collections.

The Federal Writers' Project, a division of the WPA, is preparing an "American Guide Book" in five volumes, which will include the historic sites in the various States. Another project is the Survey of State and Local Historical Records, which will make an inventory of records and documents in each county. Mr. Jay Du Von is State Director of the Federal Writers' Project, Mr. Raymond Kresensky is the Iowa editor of the Guide Book, and Mr. R. C. Stiles is in charge of the inventory of historical records.

A four day Forum Conference was held at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, on November 3-6, 1935. Speakers included Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Mr. Joseph Gilbert, Dr. Leland Allbaugh, Mr. Warren D. Mullin, Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis, Mr. Burt

J. Denman, Mr. Roy Burt, Miss Annetta M. Dieckmann, Dr. Percy L. Julian, Dr. H. C. Engelbrecht, and Honorable William R. Castle. The subjects for discussion included: the agricultural situation, social mindedness, labor and peace, the Jew, utility holding companies, recovery and reform, economic issues, consumers and industrial standards, democracy and racial justice, the munitions industry, and foreign relations.

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