

NOTES AND COMMENT

The old settlers of Warren County held their annual picnic at Summerset on August 10. Dr. Benjamin F. Schwartz gave the chief address. The officers of the association are: Judge Henderson, president; Frank Laverty, vice-president; John Barker, secretary; and J. W. Lundy, treasurer.

The old settlers of Dickinson County held their annual reunion at Gull Lake State Park on August 25, 1937. A talk on social features of the county prior to 1900, by Mrs. V. R. Tritle, and an address by A. B. Funk were features of the program. Officers elected for 1938 are: H. A. Welty, president; O. Reno, vice-president; and E. E. Heldridge, secretary.

In August, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Hromek presented to Grinnell College a painting of a Grinnell campus scene, the work of Mrs. Mildred Pelzer of Iowa City. The gift was a memorial to their son, H. Marvin Hromek, at one time a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa, who graduated from Grinnell College in 1932, and died on January 3, 1934.

The old settlers of Hardin County held their annual picnic at Elerding Grove on August 15, 1937. Honorable Dean Peisen and Attorney General John H. Mitchell gave addresses and A. P. Mason recalled pioneer days. All officers were reelected as follows: Grant Taylor, president; W. H. Rowen, vice-president; and Ruth Elerding, secretary-treasurer. The first meeting of the old settlers was held in 1875.

The annual session of Wild Life School was held at McGregor on August 2-13, 1937. The school, under the direction of R. D. Noble, offered the following instructors: President D. W. Morehouse, of Drake University; Dr. A. C. Trowbridge and Dr. Bruce E. Mahan, of the State University of Iowa; Dr. I. E. Melhus, Dr. John Martin, and Dr. W. Sass, of the State College of Agriculture; and Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, of the United States Biological Survey.

The fifty-first reunion of the old settlers of Madison and Warren counties was held at St. Charles on August 19, 1937. E. A. Elliott of Des Moines gave an address on "Life". Fred Runkle gave a history of Union Chapel. The following officers were chosen for 1938: president, Robert Clarke; vice-president for Madison County, Frank Crawford; vice-president for Warren County, Royal W. Lee; secretary, H. A. Mueller; and treasurer, C. C. Guilliams.

On April 20, 1937, the Bar Association of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa, including Adair, Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, Marion, and Warren counties, gave a dinner in honor of H. K. Ashton who had served as Court Reporter in that district for fifty years. Harry Wifvat was toastmaster and addresses were given by Judge Norman R. Hays, Judge E. W. Dingwell, Hon. Sam D. Woods, Judge W. S. Cooper, and Mr. Ashton.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the services of Harvey Ingham as editor of the *Des Moines Register* was the occasion for a dinner held at Des Moines on July 1, 1937. More than six hundred guests were present. The speakers included John Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois, W. W. Waymack, editor of the *Register*, and Mr. Ingham. A message of congratulations from the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa was read at the dinner. Mr. Ingham is a life member of the Society.

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