

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Eddyville celebrated "Pioneer Days" on August 8 and 9, 1939. Highlight of the event was the address by Governor George A. Wilson.

The Iowa Library Association will meet in Des Moines on October 15-17, 1939. Miss Mae C. Anders of Des Moines is the president of the Association and Miss Cornelia Rhynsburger of Muscatine is the secretary.

The annual Boone Valley Old Settlers Picnic was held at Eagle Grove, on September 1, 1939. A special feature of the meeting was the interviews with old settlers, broadcast through the mobile unit of KGLO of Mason City.

Redfield held its 1939 "Old Settlers" event on August 11, 1939. Ora Williams, Curator of the Historical Department at Des Moines, gave the principal address in which he reviewed the history of the country surrounding Redfield.

A special feature at the Old Settlers' Day celebration of O'Brien County on August 31, 1939, was the display of the Iowa War Records Survey at Primghar, sponsored by the Adjutant General of Iowa and the American Legion, and financed by the Works Progress Administration.

New officers were elected at the annual picnic of the Black Hawk County Early Settlers Association held on August 26, 1939. J. Birney Allen of Waterloo was named president, Jesse O. Kober of La Porte City, vice president, and John Blim of Waterloo, secretary-treasurer.

Old settlers of Madison and Warren counties held their 53rd annual reunion at St. Charles on August 17, 1939. Addresses were given by Rev. Viela M. Elston of Woodbine and by Mr. Ad White, an early pioneer of Madison County. Old settlers also had a meeting at Winterset on September 14 and 15, 1939.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Authors Club was held at the home of Mrs. Alice C. Weitz in Des Moines. New officers elected were: honorary president, Phil Stong; honorary vice president, Wallace Stegner; president, Frank Luther Mott; first vice president, Forrest Spaulding; second vice president, William J. Petersen; secretary, Alice C. Weitz; and treasurer, Louis B. Schmidt.

Counties of two States joined in a picnic celebrating pioneer times, when about two thousand residents of Martin County, Minnesota, and Emmet County, Iowa, met at Okamanpedan Lake on August 27, 1939. The principal "pioneer" talk was given by Judge N. J. Lee of Estherville. The "tall corn" contest held on the occasion was won by Martin County, Minnesota, with an entry measuring sixteen and one-half feet.

A memorial tablet to Jay G. Sigmund, "poet of the Wapsipicon", was unveiled at Waubeek, Linn County, on August 6, 1939. The tablet inscription was written by Paul Engle, of the University of Iowa. Henry J. Hood of Waubeek, boyhood chum of Mr. Sigmund, was in charge of ceremonies. Included in the program were the reading of poems written by Mr. Sigmund and tributes spoken by old-time friends of the poet. Several hundred friends and old neighbors attended the ceremonies.

The Iowa State Conservation Commission has been asked to purchase some 400 acres of land in the Yellow River country for the preservation of Indian mounds. The additional acreage is needed for the establishment of a National Indian Mound Monument by the United States Park Service. The Commission has allotted \$2500 for the purchase of the remainder of the original site of Fort Atkinson. The year 1940 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the army post, and the Greater Winnebago League is furthering plans for the restoration of the building.

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