

NOTES AND COMMENT

Officers of the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Society re-elected on September 21, 1940, were: president, Fred Albin; vice president, W. B. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, F. L. Pearson. Miss Ethyl E. Martin, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, was named a member of the board of trustees.

Early days in Mahaska County were recalled by Rev. C. D. Mattix at the annual Mahaska County Old Settlers' Association reunion at Oskaloosa on October 13, 1940. C. A. Briney was re-elected president, Mrs. M. S. Downey, vice president, and Mrs. W. A. Hoyt, secretary-treasurer of the association. Steps were taken toward the organization of a Mahaska County historical association to take charge of historical records and relics.

Mrs. Virginia Knight Logan, former opera singer and composer of song lyrics, mother of the late Frederick Knight Logan, died at her home in Oskaloosa on November 27, 1940, at the age of 91. After a career as prima donna of the American Opera Company and as teacher of music in her own studio in New York, Mrs. Logan took up her home in Oskaloosa with her son with whom she collaborated in composition. Their compositions became widely known and were a distinct contribution to American music. Mrs. Logan was also actively engaged in civic and social service work in her identification with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ransom J. Bixby, legislator and civic pioneer, died at his home in Edgewood, November 18, 1940. Mr. Bixby served as Republican Representative from Delaware County in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second General Assemblies. He introduced the Bixby bill on the preservation of forests and bills for the advancement of agricultural interests, and promoted the movement for the establishment of the Women's Reformatory and many pure food bills and temperance measures. Mr. Bixby was engaged in insurance and real estate business since 1909. Bixby State Park, named

in his honor, was developed originally by Mr. Bixby as a public park from his private land.

The Iowa Authors' Club held its annual dinner on September 28, 1940, at Des Moines. The following new officers were presented by the Club's retiring president, Dr. Frank Luther Mott of the State University: Bess Streeter Aldrich of Elmwood, Nebraska, honorary president; J. Hyatt Downing, honorary vice president; Dr. William J. Petersen, president; Harvey Ingham, vice president; Marguerite Gode, second vice president; Mrs. Maude Hicks Hickman, secretary; and Gernie Hunter, treasurer. Eight Iowa authors have won Pulitzer prizes, six former members have served the United States abroad, five have been chosen poet laureates by Governors of other States, and over one hundred Iowa authors have been recorded in "Who's Who in America".

Judge John Hancock Henderson, pioneer Iowa lawyer of Indianola, died at the age of ninety-two, in Orange, California. Judge Henderson served sixteen years as a district court judge, and served a year as circuit judge to fill a vacancy. He was named president of the Iowa State Bar Association in 1897, and was a member of the State Board of Law Examiners from 1902 to 1906. Judge Henderson was first appointed commerce counsel of the Iowa railroad commission in 1911, and served in that office for twenty-four years. Mr. Henderson was active in a number of Indianola organizations. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Simpson College for some fifty years. Judge Henderson's father was Col. P. P. Henderson, who came to Warren County from Indiana in 1847 and was the first judge and first sheriff in the county.

The Iowa State Teachers Association held its annual convention at Des Moines on November 7-9, 1940. "Our Association and Its Future" was the title of the address by A. E. Harrison of Storm Lake, retiring president. Among the speakers were Dr. William G. Carr, Secretary of the Educational Policies Commission, Washington, D. C., Dr. Edwin A. Lee, Professor of Vocational Education, Teachers College, New York City, Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Di-

rector, Hillel Foundations, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., W. W. Waymack, Editor of *The Des Moines Register*, Des Moines, Dr. J. B. Edmondson, Dean of the School of Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jessie M. Parker, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Ziemer, Americans recently returned from Germany, and Edgar Ansel Mowrer, famous news correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*. G. W. Kirn of Council Bluffs was chosen president of the Association for 1941.

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