

NOTES AND COMMENT

The twenty-third annual nature study school was held at McGregor during August 3 to 14, 1941. Glenn W. McMichael was the director in charge.

Some thirty members of the Iowa Authors Club participated in a river trip from Davenport to Clinton on June 7, 1941. Dr. Wm. J. Petersen was in charge of the excursion.

The fifty-fourth annual reunion of old settlers was held at Corydon on August 9, 1941. Royal Holbrook delivered the principal address on the subject, "Early Days in Iowa".

The Grinnell Institute of International Relations, sponsored annually by Grinnell College, was held on June 12-21, 1941. The theme for this session was "What of Future World Order?"

George Young Bear of the Sac and Fox Indians at Tama was the principal speaker at the annual picnic of the early settlers' association of Black Hawk County held at Island Park near Cedar Falls on August 30, 1941. His subject was "The Real Early Settlers".

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was held at Atlantic on May 10 and 11, 1941. Officers elected were: Dr. Warren N. Keck, president; Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, vice president; and Walter M. Rosene, secretary-treasurer. Fred J. Pierce is the editor of the quarterly.

The Crawford County Old Settlers' Association held its annual meeting at Denison on August 21, 1941. Grace Sprecher read a paper written by F. L. Hoffman on the early pioneers. William Keim, Jr., of Dow City, was elected president, F. L. Hoffman, of Denison, secretary, and William Byrnes, of Vail, treasurer.

The Woodbury County Pioneer Club held its annual meeting at Sioux City on May 24, 1941. The chief speaker was T. Max Foster. The new president is Arthur C. Hunt. The club held its closing

meeting at Sioux City on June 28, 1941. Mrs. Gertrude Henderson told the story of the organization and activities of the society.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Rath Packing Company at Waterloo was celebrated during August 11-16, 1941. The occasion was featured by the performance of the show "South of the Mexican Border" and by the induction of John W. Rath into the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians under the name of "Black Hawk". General Hugh S. Johnson was the speaker at the anniversary dinner on August 13th.

Six surviving veterans of the Civil War registered in Des Moines on June 8, 1941, for the sixty-seventh annual encampment of the Iowa Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. They were T. J. Noll, 96, J. M. McHargue, 95, J. S. Merriam, 96, and J. J. Neuman, 94, of Des Moines, Elliott P. Taylor, 95, of Fairfield, and J. M. Gudgel, 96, of Shenandoah. Mr. Taylor was named Department Commander.

A bequest of \$40,000 was included in the will of Maude Tiel Sanford (Mrs. W. A. Sanford) of Cherokee for the purpose of constructing a memorial historical building at Cherokee. It is to be known as the Tiel Sanford Memorial Building in honor of Mrs. Sanford's son, Tiel Sanford, who died in 1924. Three trustees are named to erect the building and to collect historical exhibits to be housed in it.

Bells Mill Park was the site of the fortieth annual reunion of the old settlers of Hamilton and Webster counties held on August 3, 1941. The program was in charge of Albert Bell of Stratford, the 85-year-old son of Isaac Bell, founder of Bellville. The program included tributes to the Swedish pioneers, by John L. Peterson of Webster City and to the Norwegian settlers, by L. J. Tjernagel of Story City, an address by Albert Bell and one by the Reverend Lester Heck of Lehigh on "The American Way of Life". Mr. Bell was re-elected president of the group, A. A. Deo was named vice president, F. C. Runkle secretary, and A. P. Gleason treasurer.

Edgar Rubey Harlan, who served as Curator of the Iowa Histori-

cal, Memorial, and Art Department at Des Moines from 1908 to 1937, died at his home in Des Moines on July 13, 1941, and was buried at Keosauqua. He was born at Spartansburg, Indiana, on February 28, 1869, and came to Van Buren County, Iowa, with his parents in 1873. He completed the law course at Drake University and was admitted to the bar in 1896. Two years later he was elected county attorney of Van Buren County and served until 1902. In 1907 he became Assistant Curator of the Historical Department and upon the death of Charles Aldrich in 1908, he became Acting Curator. A year later the appointment was made permanent. Mr. Harlan was an authority on the Indians of Iowa and was keenly interested in the Meskwaki Indians at Tama. Under his direction the Historical Department built up a valuable museum. He was also interested in writing and editing historical publications and was an active member of various historical, civic, and scientific organizations. He was one of the founders of the American Wild Life School held at McGregor and served for a time as secretary of the first Iowa State Board of Conservation.

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