

NOTES AND COMMENT

Dr. Russell Cole was recently named president of Cornell College at Mt. Vernon to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. John B. Magee on April 6, 1943.

Workmen clearing the site of "Old Main", one of the oldest buildings of Luther College at Decorah, found a box and fruit jar containing many historical documents relating to Luther College and the Lutheran Church.

On January 22, 1944, D. Spence Lewis addressed a meeting of the Woodbury County Pioneer Club at Sioux City. His subject was "A History of the Barlow Estate". Barlow Hall, built in 1880, by Captain Alexander Barlow, was recently razed. Brief reminiscences were also given by P. E. Held and Mrs. Catherine Sparkes Weidel, whose father, William Sparkes, built the famous mansion.

A series of talks presented by Mrs. Louis B. Schmidt of Ames was given over Station WOI during the summer of 1943. Among these were "Songs and Swords: A Brief History of American Patriotic Music", on May 7th; "Freedom's Banner, Long May It Wave", on June 1st; "A Pioneer Woman of Waterloo: Mrs. Alpheus Lawrence", on September 1st; and "Thanksgiving a Day for Remembrance", on November 1st.

The premiere performance of "Happy Land", a film based on MacKinlay Kantor's book of the same name, was staged in sixty-one Iowa cities on December 2, 1943. The story describes an Iowa family in Hartfield, presumably Webster City, and presents the reaction of the parents, especially that of the father, when the son was killed in naval service.

The Southwest Iowa Pioneer Association held its annual meeting at Shenandoah on October 6, 1943. The president, W. E. Gaston, presided. Music, reminiscences, and a pantomime made up the program. The election of officers was postponed to a called meet-

ing held on October 19th. E. C. Fishbaugh, Sr., was elected president, Frederick Fischer, vice president, Mrs. C. L. Hoover, secretary, Miss Florence Kemp, treasurer, and Miss Lora Hagler, historian.

The Iowa State Teachers Association held its eighty-ninth annual convention at Des Moines, November 4-6, 1943. The program was devoted largely to problems of education and post-war planning. The officers elected are Lee H. Campbell, high school instructor at Spencer, president, Agnes Samuelson, executive secretary, K. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools in Lyon County, vice president, and Ernest A. Zelliot, director of business education, Des Moines, treasurer.

The Office of Price Administration has announced that the War Price and Rationing Board at Burlington, Iowa, has been selected as one of the two "Record Boards" for the Quad-Cities District of OPA. These two boards have been instructed to keep all their files and records and suitable space for the preservation of this material will be provided by the OPA. An average of two such boards for each State are to be designated. These are selected partly because of their location and significance and partly on the basis of the order and system of the records.

Charles F. Pye, active in educational work in Iowa for many years, died at his home in Des Moines on August 10, 1943. Born at Ridgeway, Iowa, on February 1, 1873, Charles Frederick Pye began his career as teacher in a rural school in Bremer County in 1893. He was superintendent of schools in Plainfield from 1894 to 1896 and for the next four years taught history and economics at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls. In 1902 he completed his college work at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. Between 1902 and 1918 he served as superintendent of schools at Guttenberg, Forest City, and Waukon. In 1918 Mr. Pye became executive secretary of the Iowa State Teachers Association, remaining in that position until 1939.

The War Department has released the names of fourteen major generals and twenty-four brigadier generals serving in the army at the present time who were born in Iowa. The men with the rank of

major general and their birthplaces are as follows: John B. Anderson, Waxabachie; Gerald C. Brant, Chariton; Jacob E. Fickel, Des Moines; Philip B. Fleming, Burlington; James L. Frink, Ida Grove; Joseph A. Green, Cherokee; Edmund B. Gregory, Storm Lake; Robert W. Grow, Sibley; R. Blodgett Lincoln, Boonesboro; Shelley U. Marletta, Palmyra; Fred W. Miller, Manchester; Homer R. Oldfield, Bethlehem; George M. Parker, Jr., Sac City; Vernon E. Prichard, Smithland; and Roscoe B. Woodruff, Oskaloosa. Those with the rank of brigadier general at the time this list was released were: Lewis C. Beebe, name of birthplace not given; Frederick W. Browne, St. Charles; Wilmot A. Danielson, Des Moines; Earl H. Deford, Stuart; Wilbur E. Dunkelberg, Rockford; George L. Eberle, Des Moines; Charles R. Glenn, Independence; Charles H. Grahl, Council Bluffs; Ralph E. Haines, Vinton; Loyal M. Haynes, Lorimor; Dale D. Hinman, Cherokee; Earl S. Hoag; Gordon C. Hollar, Sioux City; Hugh J. Knerr, Fairfield; Hanford MacNider, Mason City; Ray T. Maddocks, Silver City; Harold M. McClelland, Tiffin; John B. Murphy, Macedonia; Adam Richmond, Council Bluffs; Ned Schramm, Burlington; George P. Tourtellot, Dows; Gordon M. Wells, Mapleton; and Raymond A. Yenter, birthplace not given.

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