

## NOTES AND COMMENT

On September 1, 1945, the Iowa Department of Public Instruction began the distribution of a printed *Educational Bulletin*. It is issued monthly.

The Mahaska County Historical Society has sent to President Harry S. Truman an autographed photograph of the late Frederic Knight Logan of Oskaloosa, composer of the "Missouri Waltz".

Detroit, Michigan, has a North American Indian Club made up of some two hundred Indians of various tribes regardless of religion or former residence. Persons of one-fourth Indian blood are eligible. Forty members are in military service.

The annual meeting of the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Society was held at West Branch on September 12, 1945. Officers of the society who were reelected are: president, Fred Albin; vice president, W. B. Anderson; and secretary-treasurer, L. C. Rummels.

According to *Covered Bridge Topics* for December, 1945, Iowa still has twelve covered bridges, one of which is not in use. Another is condemned for heavy traffic. Two such bridges, one in Madison County and one in Marion County, have been torn down since 1939.

Dr. Harry G. Barnes, formerly Examiner and Registrar at the State University of Iowa, has accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the Iowa State Teachers Association. He takes the place of Miss Agnes Samuelson, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who resigned as Executive Secretary to join the staff of the National Education Association as Assistant Director of Public Relations.

The German-American Pioneer Society of Scott County held its annual meeting in Davenport on September 11, 1945, at which time sixty-two new members were admitted. Officers elected include:

president, Otto Baustian; vice president, Walter Homeyer; and secretary-treasurer, Albert J. Jansen.

Don B. Seaman was elected president of the Pioneer Settler Descendants of Scott County at the annual meeting of that group on August 29, 1945. Other officers include: Mrs. Agnes Delarue, secretary, and Miss Mae Neil, treasurer. Ralph J. Leysen was the principal speaker at the meeting.

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