

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The State Conservation Commission has deposited with the State Historical Society a diary kept by Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood during January and February, 1859. Entries for March were made by Mrs. Kirkwood.

Plum Grove, the old home of Robert Lucas at Iowa City, is being restored and will be dedicated and opened to the public on November 2, 1946. The house and an eleven-acre plot of land has been made a State monument and will be maintained under the direction of the State Conservation Commission.

Among the contributions to Iowa's centennial celebration was the broadcast sponsored by the International Harvester Company on its "Harvest of Stars" program for June 30, 1946. Solo numbers by Jan Peerce included "You and I", by Meredith Willson. College songs, the "Iowa Corn Song", and songs from "State Fair" were also presented and the orchestra played "Humoresque".

On July 17-19, 1946, a party representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Salt Lake City, Utah, crossed southern Iowa by automobile from Keokuk to Council Bluffs. They were following the old route of the Mormons who made the journey by ox-wagon one hundred years ago as part of the trek from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake. Services were held at various stopping places where some of the emigrants were buried. In some places civic celebrations were planned as part of the centennial of the State as well as the migration of the Mormons.

Dr. Charles R. Keyes, Iowa State Archaeologist, reports that the work for the year 1945-1946 included sixteen days devoted to excavations and some fourteen hundred miles of travel. The projects were two rock shelters in Spring Hollow in the Palisades-Kepler

State Park. In this work he was assisted by five Cornell College students and Miss Lois Grissell, a graduate student from the State University of Iowa. About 35,000 items were found illustrating the Maquoketa aspect of the Woodland archaeological pattern. In Mills County Mr. Paul R. Rowe, a local farmer, assisted in the investigation of a camp site on the southwestern edge of Glenwood. The findings indicated that the culture there was the same as that of the Sterns Creek aspect found on the Nebraska side.

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