

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Central College at Pella has recently announced the establishment of an archives department with Mrs. Robert Lautenbach as archivist. The main purpose of this department will be the collection and preservation of manuscript materials concerning Pella and the Dutch settlement there.

The Newberry Library at Chicago has received a large collection of materials relating to the land grant policy of the government and the history of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. It has also acquired the letter books and papers of Victor F. Lawson, former owner and publisher of the *Chicago Daily News*.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has launched a program for the construction of a museum building to be built on the University campus on a site already granted by the board of regents. The movement has been started at this time because two large private collections are possible additions to the present collection if suitable housing for them is guaranteed.

Mrs. Frederick G. Murray of Cedar Rapids was chosen the American Mother-of-the-Year for 1947 by the American Mothers' Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation. Mrs. Murray, the mother of three daughters and two sons, has been active in social welfare activities and has written a number of articles for *The Palimpsest* and *THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS*.

The Pioneer Lawmakers' Association of Iowa held its twenty-ninth biennial meeting at Des Moines on March 12, 1947, with more than thirty members in attendance. The new officers chosen were Justice Halleck J. Mantz of Audubon, president, C. F. Clark of Cedar Rapids, vice president, and Emory H. English of Des Moines, secretary. Portraits of former Governor George W. Clarke and Col. William Patterson of Keokuk were presented to

the State Department of History and Archives. At a joint session with both houses of the General Assembly the address was delivered by the Honorable Lloyd Thurston, formerly Representative in Congress.

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