

NOTES AND COMMENT

Keystone dedicated a memorial cross in honor of its war dead at a service held on November 2, 1947. Frank Miles gave an address on "Our Duty Toward Veterans".

The town of Oxford and Oxford Township held a centennial celebration on September 9, 1947. A display of historical relics, a parade, games, music, and a dance were features of the program.

Frank and Joseph Bily, makers of the famous clocks, have deeded their collection to the town of Spillville, retaining a life estate. The museum will be maintained in the house once occupied by Antonin Dvorak.

Plans are under way for the enlargement of the Hoover Birthplace Park at West Branch. The Hoover Birthplace Society has purchased some additional thirty acres which will be landscaped and included in the public grounds. The caretaker reports that 13,000 persons visited the Hoover cottage during the past two years.

The Black Hawk County Early Settlers' Association held its annual picnic at Byrnes Park, Waterloo, on September 6, 1947. Judge William T. Evans was the chief speaker. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: C. J. Munger, president; H. L. Green, vice president; Mrs. S. G. Stevenson, treasurer; and W. P. Evan, secretary.

The State of Iowa has recently purchased an additional 156 acres of land in the effigy mound area in northeastern Iowa, bringing the total in this locality to 1,256 acres. The park area will be transferred to the National Park Service to be maintained as an Indian effigy mound national monument. The additional tract includes approximately one hundred mounds, many of them in the form of birds and animals.

On September 28, 1947, United States Highway 6 was officially

named the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway". The christening took place at the west approach to the Old Capitol at Iowa City and Governor Robert D. Blue gave an address and unveiled one of the markers which will designate the route across Iowa. Present at the service were John P. Martin of Sutherland and Ebenezer J. McMurray of Iowa City, the two surviving members of the G. A. R. in Iowa. State Senator Leroy S. Mercer presided during the program and Ebenezer J. McMurray, representing the G. A. R., cut the ribbon, officially opening the highway under its new name.

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