

NOTES AND COMMENT

James Norman Hall, the famous writer from Colfax, Iowa, and his wife, residents of Tahiti, visited in Iowa in November, 1947.

Denison and Cedar Rapids are among the cities mentioned in *We Called It Culture*, the story of Chautauqua, by Victoria and Robert Ormand Case.

Nellie Verne Walker, sculptor of the statue of James Harlan in Statuary Hall at Washington, D. C., and the statue of Chief Keokuk in Rand Park, Keokuk, was born in Red Oak, and lived for a time in Moulton, Iowa.

Thomas Moses, one-time vice president of the United States Steel Company, who died February 20, 1948, was born in Lucas, Iowa, the son of a coal miner, and knew John L. Lewis, who was born there about ten years later.

The University of Wisconsin has set up a Committee on the Study of American Civilization to administer a grant by the Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation for the study of the biographical, political, economic, and cultural history of Wisconsin and the area of which it is a part.

A cement figure of Black Hawk, made by George Leckington in 1932 as the model for a fourteen foot statue of the old chief intended to stand at the Iowa approach to the Black Hawk Bridge over the Mississippi River at Lansing, now stands in the courthouse lobby at Waterloo. The statue was never made.

Claude U. Stone of Peoria, Illinois, was elected president of the Illinois State Archaeological Society at the fall meeting of the Society at Springfield on October 26, 1947. He has a large collection of articles portraying the Indian way of life. Dr. John B. Ruyle was made president emeritus, Byron W. Knoblock, first vice president, Mrs. Ethel Schoenbeck, secretary, Ben Nussbaum, treasurer, and C. C. Burford, editor of the *Journal of the Illinois State Archaeological Society*.

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ETTA MAY LACEY CROWDER. Etta May Lacey was born in Howard County, Iowa, on November 2, 1861, and died in Oakland, California, on May 24, 1933. She was married to William Elford Crowder on May 28, 1884, and the couple lived on a farm northeast of Curlew, Iowa, until 1893. They lived in Curlew for a year, but in 1894 moved to Laurens, where Mr. Crowder was in business. After 1918 Mrs. Crowder made her home in California. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder had three children: Cora May (Mrs. Walker Moore Alderton), a teacher in Chicago, now retired; Myrtle Belle (Mrs. Harold Lee Winsor, mother of Kathleen Winsor, author of *Forever Amber*), of Oakland, California; and William Albion Crowder, a businessman of Spokane, Washington.

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