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ANDY PATTERSON is assisting his brother in the treasurer's office.

C. W. MAUDSLEY, a few days ago, captured 5 fine black bass in the Wapsi, and CHAS. DUNBAR met with similar good luck in taking 3 nice pickerel from the Buffalo at Fisher's mill. This is an unusual thing at this season of the year.

The Bowen's Prairie folks had a big cemetery festival last night. There was a crowd of old and young people; and the supper — well, it was a genuine Prairie supper, and that is saying quite enough. The net receipts will be nearly \$70. It was a good evening and the participants had a grand time.

There will be an oyster supper at the residence of ISAAC MERRILL, in Jackson township, Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th. The proceeds are to purchase a library for the Hazel Green Sunday School. All are invited to come. Tickets for supper, 30 cents each or 50 cents per couple. Children over 5 and under 12 years old, half price.

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*Nearly Suffocated.* Last Sunday evening Mr. H. C. METCALF's family down stairs were partialy suffocated with coal gas, little CHARLEY being affected to a degree that might have proved serious had not Mr. Met-calf been aroused by the boy's efforts to vomit. The coal had been shaken down and then the stove closed up tight — the gas generating too rapidly to be carried off with the draft closed.

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Throwing the Tomahawk. A special to the Davenport Gazette gives the following:

Wyoming, Ia., 22 Jan. A. E. ALLEN, a man of considerable means, committed an asult with intent to commit murder on the person of S. W. JOHNSON, one of our most respected citizens, by throwing a sharp hatchet at the latter, who stood only about 8 feet from Allen. Johnson dodged and the hatchet, just shaving his head, went through the window of Van Horn's store and stuck in a post. Allen has been arrested. Cause, an old grudge.

A Dainty Appetite. Wm A. HAY, of Jackson township, had been troubled for some time by the occasional and wholly mysterious disappearance of lacteal fluid from the capacious udders of some of his best cows. How it happened was a complete puzzle, but finally a short time since the mystery was fully explained. On going out to the barnyard one morning Mr. Hay found one of the pigs comfortably seated upon the curl in his tail and busily engaged in taking his breakfast at first hands and without the intervention of the dairy maid. The cow continued her ruminations undisturbed and was evidently used to the business. The little grunter had stripped 3 cows, and afterwards, when shut up in a pen, evinced his disgust at being deprived of his accustomed high living by most persistent and defiant squealing.

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Dr. GAWLEY, removed from Mr. DEVLIN, of Monticello, the last 2 or 3 joints of the terminal end of his spinal column. Resulting from an injury received by a fall from the roof. He is doing well. (there is more to the article)

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**S. T. PIERCE**, after a severe illness of a week or 10 days, is out again, looking and feeling much better than usual and attending to his law business.

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Mrs. **JAMES SMITH** of Cedar Falls, formerly Miss. **ADDIE SPAULDING** of Anamosa, is stopping a few weeks in the family of Mr. **T. M. BELKNAP**, who was recently so sadly afflicted in the loss of his wife.

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Mr. **C. A. CALDWELL**, of Tacoma, Wyoming Territory, writes that **J. A. CHEESEBOROUGH**, formerly a resident in this vicinity recently had 2 fingers of his right hand broken and another badly cut. He was in the act of removing a bolt from a lathe saw, when the spring broke and threw it against his hand. It will probably lay him up for some 3 or 4 weeks.

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Mr. **L. B. PECK**'s eldest boy, **HENRY**, was taken a week or more ago with a violent attack of diphtheria. Medical aid was at once summoned and after a severe siege, during which the little fellow was more or less delirious, the disease was brought under control and **HENRY** is now all right again.

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**MARRIED**

At the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, 28 Nov, **ARTHUR E. CURRY** and **ALICE MORGAN**. (more) (from *Victor (Iowa Co.) Index*.)

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**DIED**

At his residence, near Anamosa, 9 Dec, **OLIVER LOCKWOOD**, in the 74th year of his age.

He was one of the early pioneers of this county. He leaves the companion of his youth and partner of his life, 3 sons and 2 daughters to mourn,

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At Olin, 9 Dec, **AARON FERGUSON**, aged 17 years, 3 months, 23 days.

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On 18 Nov, at the residence of Mr. **JAMES TRUNICK**, near New Lisbon, Ohio, Mrs. **ELLEN H. CRAWFORD**, aged 30 years.

She was the niece of **A. HIGBY**, of Anamosa, and formerly a resident of Castle Grove, in this county.

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*a note from one of the editors—  
in the newspapers diphtheria is spelled  
diphtheria. When I put more to an article  
it means just that. No important info.  
just more!*

QUERY

I am searching the following names in Jones Co., IA. Some names may be in Jackson Co. I will gladly share what information I have. MOREHEAD, Behnke, Schmidt, Hans, Berkap, Knutsen, Hans, Boyer, Evers, Dodds, Weideman, Webster, Green, Schwartz, Holmes, Francis, Schone, Klamforth, Fredericksen, Heinz, Nelson, Becker, Kleineck, Butt, Mizaur, McNight, Womachka, Reinhart, Schmidtz, Felker, Davis, Baldwin, Boquist, Jurgensen, Pfiefer, Moeller. Kathryn Morehead, 15440 SE Rhone Ct., Portland OR 97236-2262

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**Married**

In Fairview, 26 Dec., A. B. RAYMOND  
and ALICE WHITING, all of Fairview.

In Fairview, 24 Dec., J. A. DRAGOO and  
MAGGIE A. NEWHART, both of Fairview.

At Langworthy, 25 Dec., JAMES J. AL-  
BERTSON and EMMA COLTON, both of  
Langworthy.

On Christmas, at the bride's home, C.  
M. ALDRICH, of Wyoming, and SARAH  
YOUNG, of Clay.

In Jackson, 23 Dec., MILTON MILLER,  
of Viroqua, and SARAH E. STREETER, of  
Jackson.

At the residence of the bride's parents  
near Martelle, on 25 Dec., FRANK MILLER  
and EMMA NEWMAN, both of Greenfield  
twp., Jones co..

At the residence of the bride's father on  
1 Jan., ADAM SUTHERLAND and  
CATHARINE I. DREIBELBIS, both of  
Scotch Grove. (more)

At the residence of the bride's father,  
W. HENDERSON, of Lowell, Cherokee  
county, Kansas, C. A. PITTS to EMMA  
HENDERSON, both of Lowell. (more)

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**A Singular Accident**

Last Monday, as BENJAMIN VANAM-  
BURG, of Cass, was driving to the mill,  
one horse stepped into a frozen rut. So  
firmly was one of the hind feet fastened  
therein that he could not withdraw it and  
the poor brute fell on his side, breaking  
the leg squarely off just above the ankle.

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**Personal**

G. H. FORD, who was proprietor of the  
Wapsipinicon House for many years in the  
early history of Anamosa, has been in  
town for a week past, attending to busi-  
ness matters. He resides in Hamilton  
county, 3 miles west of Webster City, and  
is active and vigorous as of old.

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**Personal**

Dr. J. L. MERSHON, who has resided  
for many years in the southern part of  
the county, has "*hung out his shingle*"  
in Anamosa and his announcement may  
be found among the medical cards on  
first page. He is a young man of energy  
and industry and we wish him success.

Mrs. J. G. CUDWORTH has just  
recovered from a severe attack of  
diphtheria.

HASSAN MONROE has been  
dangerously ill with typhoid fever but is  
now better.

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**Letter From North Mineral**

North Mineral lies East of Onslow  
about 3 1/2 miles. We have had a  
glorious time here at the Union for the  
last few weeks. Rev. A. ARAAH has  
been holding gospel meetings in the  
Union Church. (more)

**Items From Onslow**

Onslow has made decidedly more and  
better improvements the past season  
than in any one year before. Nineteen  
good buildings have been put up —  
beside some quite extensive additions  
— including 12 dwellings, varying in  
value from a few hundred dollars to  
away up among the thousands, 4  
stores, 1 church and 3 very nice barns,  
besides a large number of smaller ones.

H. V. VANDUSEN, has been very sick  
for the past week, but is reported to be  
a little better to - day.

Yours respectfully,  
N. B. NOYES

## Dr. Skinner Oldest Pioneer Business Man

Dr. W. B. Skinner, longest time businessman of Anamosa, still maintains his drug store in the same brick building which his father, W. M. Skinner, bought 78 years ago. The dull red brick structure is said to be the oldest of its kind in the city.

While yet an infant, William B. was brought to Anamosa by his parents. Preceding the year of his birth, Mr. and Mrs. Skinner had left New York during a gold rush and had gone to settle in Colorado. Their son was born to them in the vicinity of Pike's Peak.

In 1860 the family set out for the east to visit in Anamosa where Mr. Skinner had a brother, Pratt Skinner. The journey was made in a cart drawn by oxen. The first day was record making for they traveled at the exceptional speed of twelve and one-half miles.

### Family To Stay

While in Anamosa, the Skinners decided to locate in the beautiful, thriving river valley village. Accordingly, they made the purchase of the brick building on West Main street which is now occupied by their son, the present W. B. Skinner.

Dr. Skinner, now in his forty-fifth year of ownership recalls how he, as a youngster, helped his father in the store.

"This was the only brick building downtown, then" he reminisces. "The few others then standing were of wood."

"I can remember how men moved the frame stores on wagons from what is now the west end of town to the present Main street. As kids, we would go down to the old locations and ride up on the wagons as they transported the buildings. Soon this block (indicating the one in which his store is located) and the one to the east were all lined with frame buildings. There was a bakery, machine shop where a horse furnished the necessary power, and several dry goods shops. All of them were later demolished by fire or were razed."

He tells of the old church to the west end of town which is still standing but has been turned into a dwelling. The same thing has happened to an old stone hotel similarly located.

### Wooden Shops Replaced

Gradually, downtown, all the wooden shops were torn down or destroyed by fire and the present brick structures were erected.

Though William left Anamosa when in his late teens and completed a medical course by the time he reached 21, the drug store always meant more to him than the profession he had studied. Consequently, he never practiced medicine. At the termination of his college years at Wisconsin and New York, he went back into the business with his father and married Marian Stacey whom he had known since childhood.

Looking back on the 45 years he has completed as a proprietor, Dr. Skinner speaks of the differences that he notices but says that the changes in business are hardly less different than the changes in the town.

He speaks of the introduction of face powder. "It was of a chalk color which sold in boxes of ten cent size. The use of powder met with much opposition when it was first displayed."

He tells of one old German man who grumbled that women might as well stick their faces in a barrel of flour as to put on powder. There was no sense in the stuff anyway.

In the days when Anamosa streets were only dirt roads and automobiles an oddity, farm families used to come into town in their wagons to spend the day.

Dr. Skinner explains, "Then we would fill out prescriptions for them instead of selling a box or bottle of patent medicine."

### Malaria Prevailed

Because the swamp areas of Jones county had not yet been drained and tiled when he was a young man, malaria was quite prevalent. Quinine was then sold as the best remedy.

Horehound was an antidote for colds, a combination of sassafras and boneset was used to fight off spring ailments. The medicine shelf of most families commonly held such popular safeguards as Jayne's Expectorant, Alcutt's porous plaster, Ranson's Hive Syrup and Rodney's relief.

Medicine shelves have changed just like the drug store business. "And the drug store business has changed just like any other business," wryly remarks Dr. Skinner. "A drug store is just like any other store except that a person needs a diploma to get in. They sell everything now!"

Did you know that a central Iowa railroad 50 years ago ran excursion trains carrying visitors to see an alledged newly-discovered cheese mine?

## DOCTORS AND LAWYERS BROUGHT CREDIT TO ANAMOSA

Since Dr. Clark Joslin came to Fairview township of Jones county as the pioneer physician and settled in Anamosa, the medical profession has been well represented in this town. Many of the doctors came and made Anamosa the seat for their life's avocation and others were transient, spending only a year or two in this place.

Dr. Fred Sigworth, whose father was a doctor here before him, has named the members of the medical profession as he recalls them. There were the doctors J. S. Dimmitt, Ira Bates, and Lyman J. Adair, the father of the nationally known Dr. Fred Adair of the obstetrics department in Chicago.

Dr. E. W. Gawley possessed a flashy personality, was a horseman, but nevertheless, a good doctor and surgeon. Dr. Thomas C. Gorman studied with him, and for many years was a successful physician and a great booster for the community in which he lived. Dr. Druet was here at about the same time, Dr. Sigworth says. Then there were Dr. Pratt Skinner who established the drugstore in Anamosa which his son, Will, still maintains; Dr. Hasard, a homeopath, and Dr. A. G. Hejinian, a physician and surgeon.

In 1877, Harry Sigworth came to Anamosa where he bought out a Dr. Blacklee. He was soon followed by his brother, M. P. Sigworth. Since then there have been Dr. J. E. King, Dr. Bywater, and a Dr. Hunt, who bought him out. For a short time, Dr. McKay was in Anamosa and during that time he did a lot of surgery. He is located in California at present.

Bringing the list up-to-date, Dr. Sigworth names the physicians in Anamosa in 1938. They are Dr. J. D. Paul, Dr. H. F. Dolan, Dr. E. G. Rawson, and himself, Dr. Fred Sigworth.

That for two years only half-breeds could legally own land in southeastern Iowa?

Did you know that the present southern boundary of Iowa is based on a surveyor's error?

Did you know that Iowa for many years was pro-slavery?

Did you know that a neighboring state in 1814 offered a bounty on Indians of \$100 a head, regardless of tribe, age or sex?

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**AN OLD SETTLER LEAVES US**

Mr. GEORGE SAUM, who located in Jones co. 38 years ago, is about to remove to Davenport, where he proposes to go into company with a brother-in-law, who's engaged in the manufacture of yeast and baking powder. Like all the old pioneers who came here when the county was a wilderness, he compelled to struggle with many adverse circumstances, but by unremitting toil and good judgment succeeded in amassing a large competency. His real estate, amounting to some \$40,000, was several years ago apportioned among nine children, all whom are hard workers and well to do in this world. Mr. SAUM brought to the county the first Durham stock seen within our borders, and was the purchaser of the first reaper ever put into a Jones co. wheat field. It was freighted from Chicago by wagon at an expense of \$12. , and was of course a most cumbersome affair as compared with the neat light-running machines of today.

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**MARRIED**

9 Oct., in Anamosa, JOHN FRANKLIN ELLIOT, of Chicago, Ill. and KATE C. KINSEY, daughter of LEWIS KINSEY, of this city.

At the residence of the bride in Fairview, 4 Oct, M. A. SMITH and Mrs. ANN STEWART, both of Fairview.

3 Oct, at the bride's home, JOHN SUTHERLAND, formerly of Scotch Grove, now of Scranton, IA, and IDA J. CLARK, of Scotch Grove.

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**A FALL**

A few days since J.G. PARSONS was riding horseback up the hill just south of the Wapsie bridge when, for some reason, the horse threw his fore feet high in the air, falling back with tremendous force. (con't)

(Parsons con't)

Mr. PARSONS, as may be supposed, was not long in making a change of base and narrowly escaped being crushed.

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W. S. SLOCUM, one of Jones county's former citizens, and Mr. PHILLIPS, of Cedar Rapids, called on us Monday. Mr. SLOCUM has been running BROWN's Hotel at the Rapids for some months, with Mr. PHILLIPS as head clerk, but the sheriff has closed the house. SLOCUM says he is "busted" but not disheartened. They were on the way to Maquoketa, in response to a request to look at an opening in that city.

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**SUDDEN DEATH**

Last Friday about noon, Mr. JOHN BAUM was suddenly overcome and sunk down a corpse on Main street. His brother-in-law, Wm DICKSON, from New York, was with him and caught him as he fell. A post mortem examination was held by Dr. JOSLIN and ADAIR & STROUT, and it was found that there was aneurism of the aorta, or a tumor of the artery leading from the heart. This tumor was larger than a man's fist and had burst, causing instant death.

Mr. BAUM was 52 years of age, a member of the Episcopal church and an upright man. His funeral was largely attended.

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**A LIVELY BABY SHOW**

Last week Mrs. J. S. CARTER gave a little tea party to a number of lady friends, and each one accompanied by a baby under 6 months of age. Such a marshalling of the infantry forces has probably never before been witnessed in Anamosa. John says the little folks were very proper and good until tea was announced. One chap then got up on his infantile ear and after he had sung a solo in "high C" the balance struck in with a grand chorus and for a time there was "music in the air" and no mistake. We presume the dotting mothers would disagree with "Johnny" in reference to

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this musical *soiree*, but all the neighbors within 3 blocks will confirm his statement without doubt. The names of the ladies who contributed to this distinguished gathering of "*little innocents*" are as follows: Mrs. J. S. CARTER, Mrs. E. M. STICKNEY, Mrs. A. H. SHERMAN, Mrs. ROSS HANNA, Mrs. CHAS CONDIT, Mrs. Wm BROWN, Mrs. S. D. PARKS, Mrs. H. HOLLENBECK, Mrs. C. DUESER and Mrs. D. H. KELLEY — ten in all.

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Mr. G. F. HEALD's father gave him a surprise last week by dropping in upon him unannounced. The elder HEALD resides in Manchester, New Hampshire, and is a very pleasant gentleman.

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#### SEVERELY ILL

Mr. SCHOONOVER, a little daughter has been suffering for some days with diphtheria, the same disease his boy died of. The result is very uncertain, but it is hoped that she will fully recover in due time.

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Our friend, E. HEALD, of Manchester, N.H., has bought the store, corner of Main and Ford sts., occupied by his son in the furniture business, including the vacant lot back of it, for cash. Mr. HEALD will remain with his son through the winter.

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One of our good boys, W. W. STERNS, of Strawberry Point, after a siege of 3 or 4 weeks with bilious fever, has so far recovered that he was able to go home last Monday, being accompanied by his sister who has devotedly cared for him during his illness. A few weeks of rest and recuperation will bring him out all right again.

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W. H. ARMENT, formerly manufacturer of brooms in Anamosa, has been in San Francisco for some months past. He is at home at present and intends removing his family to a new home in that city. He reports many Chinamen and other laboring men as out of employment, but says that reliable and competent men can usually find work and retain good situations. Mr. ARMENT is one of this class and has demonstrated the fact for himself. Good luck go with him.

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Dr. E. W. GAWLEY, a few days ago, removed a tumor from the neck of Miss. HOOD, of Wyoming. The operation was performed at Strawberry Hill, Drs. SKINNER and McLEAN being in attendance. The tumor, about as large as a goose egg, was located under the angle of the jaw, just over the jugular vein and carotoid artery. Both skill and nerve were essential in this operation and we are glad to say it was entirely successful.

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#### Another Fire in Greenfield

The barn of Mr. JOHN JUSTICE, took fire and was entirely destroyed, together with 13 head of cattle, mostly thorough-breds, 3 horses, 5 thorough-bred pigs worth \$100., etc. A span of mules had been taken from the barn by some party unknown and were found the next morning. (Theory: fire was set to cover up the theft of the mules.)

# Driving Park Association Formed in '88

Drawn together by a common interest, a love for horses, riding or racing, 40 Anamosa men came together in 1888 and formed the first Anamosa Driving Park association. From this organization the Anamosa Fair association gradually evolved.

The signatures of these men as they wrote them on a document in 1890 has been saved and a reproduction of it has been produced on this page.

Pat Washington was at one time mayor of Anamosa and J. G. Cudworth was in the Hardware business where the Monroe hardware store is now located. C. H. Monger was a former editor of the Journal, the Osborne brothers were farm stock dealers, M. P. Sigworth ran a drug store and Frank Fisher had a harness shop where the Mills grocery now stands. John Watters was a partner in the Niles and Watters Bank, H. Hellberg and Sons had a meat market where the Farmer's beer parlor is now located; J. P. Scruggs was a former mayor.

E. W. Gawley was a doctor with his office in the lower apartment in the Howard building, C. L. Niles was of the Niles and Watters banking establishment and E. C. Holt was a contractor with his headquarters in the present Holt's hall. B. H. Smith had a brick yard in East Anamosa; Kaufman and Lawrence, a butcher shop at the present Atlantic and Pacific grocery store location; and H. S. Dutton a grocery store. A railroad contractor was W. E. Foley and a wagon manufacturer was Burr Huggins. His shop was in the Metcalf building.

W. O. Jackells was a former mayor. M. Gavin owned a shoe store where Chiodini has a similar establishment. J. A. Green was the owner of the Stone City stone quarry and he is remembered for having built the Columbia Hotel there, Green Mansions, and Mercy hospital in Anamosa. A. S. Atkinson was a Standard Oil man; C.H. Lull was in the Farmers and Traders bank; G.E. Noble had a grocery

store where the County business is now located. I. B. Collis was a farmer.

T. E. Booth is remembered as editor of the Anamosa Eureka. John McNaley was a farmer from Cass township who bought tax

## SIGNATURES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO



This list of authentic signatures comprises the membership in the Anamosa Driving Park association in 1888. It includes the names of most

of the leading citizens of the town a half century ago, and is probably the only one of its kind in existence. It is the property of Clifford L. Niles.

titles, E. M. Harvey, builder and contractor, and Thomas Foarde, a blacksmith. George Watters was a partner in the Niles and Watters bank. Leroy Pitcher was a farmer and a horse trader and C. M. Beam had a furniture store where Aments mercantile store is now in business.

F. O. Ellison is one of the two men named still living, the other being George C. Lawrence of Kaufman and Lawrence. Ellison is a judge in the 18th district. E. J. Wood ran a clothing store where the Quality restaurant is now, and

J. F. Brown was a groceryman in the Holt building. W. T. Bromley, a great enthusiast, was a farmer who lived in the country just north of what is now the old county fair grounds racing track. W. E. Hodgins was a dentist and J. F. Kinney a baker.

N. S. Noble is widely remembered as the Iowa experimentalist in tobacco growing. His patch of land was on the west side of town not far from the present cemetery. Lyman J. Adair was a doctor, one of the earliest and the best, and John Foley was a contractor.

# Antioch Church Centennial Observance Planned Sunday

"On a little green hill is a little brick church

And it stands without song or fame;

By the side of the road in a good neighborhood And Antioch is its name."

Above verse, written for dedication of the new church in 1952, is appropriate today as it was when the original Antioch church was established 100 years ago during the waning years of the Civil War.

Centennial rededication ceremonies, sponsored by the Antioch Social circle, will be at the church Sunday, Aug. 2, with a potluck supper to be served at 6 p.m. and services at 8. Church is located five miles east of Anamosa on highway 64 — the same site as the original church.

### History Told

History dates back to February, 22, 1864, when a small band of pioneer settlers of the Christian denomination met in the Hay school house to make plans for the first Antioch church.

Site-finding committee appointed at that time eventually located a suitable spot "on the raise of the hill on north side of road running from Anamosa to Maquoketa and between the Hay school house and southeast corner of the same tract of land."

### Structure Started

Construction of the 32 x 40-foot brick building was started and then completed the following year. Rev. Joseph H. Johnson was one of the first pastors and he officiated at the church's first wedding that year.

First record of a burial dates back to 1806, almost 50 years before the original church was built.

Records also show that the United Brethren replaced the Christian denominational group around 1885 and continued services until 1905. At that time the Presbyterians were established in the church.

### Circle Begun

Few years later first meeting of the Ladies' Aid, now called Antioch Social circle, was held. Group has continued to be active in maintenance of the church to the present.

Fire, which started in the basement around a coal furnace, destroyed the building, in 1950. It was then the oldest church in Jones county.

### Meeting Held

Records reveal that on March

3rd of that year a meeting was called for purpose of rebuilding the church. Meeting was held in the Antioch schoolhouse on exactly the same site as the Hay schoolhouse where the first meeting was held in 1864.

In addition to the \$2,000 insurance, all money for the project was donated. Church was

dedicated two years after the fire.

Same minister who conducted services for the 1952 dedication, the Rev. Roland A. Badger, will hold the service Sunday. He presently is living in Colorado.

Building presently is used for a meeting place by community organizations and groups such as the 4-H.

Mrs. Keith White, Anamosa, chairman of the centennial committee of the Antioch Social circle, reports that the history of the church partially was written by the late Mrs. Albert Benadom. It will be read by

Mrs. John Meek who also will read an original poem by Mrs. Arthur Meeks.

Mrs. White reports that the circle hopes that in the future ministers will conduct non-denominational services in the church at least twice a year.

ANTIOCH CHURCH refused to give up the ghost when the original structure, built in 1863, burned to the ground on Jan. 3, 1950.

People in the community of all church faiths rallied to raise funds to build a new Antioch church as a center of activities. Church was completed and rededicated on June 22, 1952.

Sunday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. a potluck supper will be followed with an 8 p.m. program as the Antioch community observes the Centennial and rededicates its church.

Event is a symbol of Christian determination which had its roots in pioneer times while Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States.

## Hannah Smith <sup>1970</sup> Of Canton Dies Tuesday, July 14

CANTON — Mrs. Hannah Smith, 81, Canton, died Tuesday, July 14, at the Jackson County Public hospital.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 17, at 1:30 p.m., at the Carson Funeral home. Rev. Ed Roustio, pastor of the Canton Community church, conducted the service. Burial was in the Canton cemetery.

She was born Jan. 11, 1889, daughter of Uhria and Emma Hovey Ralston. On Nov. 29, 1909, she was married to Fred M. Smith, at Canton.

### Survivors Listed

Survivors include two sons, Charles and Dacil, Maquoketa; two daughters, Mable, Mrs. Gene Edwards; and Mrs. Esther Techau, both of Canton; 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and her parents.



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*Wyoming*

The town was laid out in 1855, on the line of the old Air Line railroad, and grew until that project failed through the folly of the President and managers. The building of the Davenport Northwestern railroad gave it another start and since then its growth has been steady. In point of population it is the 3rd town in the county. (more)

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*Blue Club, 15 Jan 1878*

The Lyceum met at Black Oak, as per announcement, and organized by choosing JAMES BROWN president and J. L. BROWN and J. D. BENNETT secretary and editor. The question, "Shall the death penalty be restored?" was discussed by J. L. BROWN and J. D. BENNETT and their assistants. The verdict was given in favor of "pulling the hempen cord," but the experiment on the negative was postponed until the close of the lyceum session, in order that the editor's ideas might have free access to the outer world for a season.

BENJAMIN FURST met with a serious accident, the small bone above the ankle being broken and the ankle joint badly injured by a rolling log. Dr. CARLISLE is in attendance.

A "hefty discuss" is now talked of to take place between Mr. WILDE, present teacher of the Jackson Center school, as affirmative, and J. D. BENNETT, as negative, on the question, "Should woman be allowed the franchise?" Preliminaries not yet perfected.

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**MARRIED**

In Anamosa, on 10 Jan, CHARLES V. MAY, of Audubon county, Ia, and SAMANTHA I SHOEMAKER, of Linn county.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in LeMars, 1 Jan, FRED M. TOMLINSON and CLARA C. SAWYER.

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**DIED**

On 9 Jan, at Prairieburg, Linn co., Mrs. MARY, wife of NEELY PARSONS, aged 49 years and 4 months.

Mrs. P. was born in Fountain county, Ind. With her parents she removed to Iowa in 1842, and has resided in Boulder township 18 years. She was the mother of 9 children, 5 of whom survive her. (more)

At Fairview, 8 Jan, after an illness of less than a day. Mrs. RETTIE DUMONT PEET, wife of JOHN PEET and only daughter of FREDERIC DUMONT, aged 17 years, 5 months and 5 days. (more)

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HARMON IRELAND was brought before Justice CHAPMAN on Monday, charged with stealing a pair of gloves from LEWIS A. RICHARDS. After a hearing of the case IRELAND was fined \$5.00 and given until Saturday to pay it; otherwise to go to jail for 3 days.

**SAD AFFLICTION**

Mr. C. A. PARSONS, formerly a well-known brick mason in Anamosa, writes us from Witchita KS, that he has been in that place - 4 years and 2 months - he has lost 5 of his family by death, his wife and child being buried a few days ago. Stagnation in business is universal and working men can find little or nothing to do. The many friends of Mr. PARSONS will regret to hear of these sad misfortunes.

**ANAMOSA MAN'S FATHER  
DIES IN CEDAR RAPIDS**

Manfred Sisler, band leader at the men's reformatory, was called to a Cedar Rapids hospital late Monday night by the death of his father, George W. Sisler, 82.

The elder Mr. Sisler had been postmaster at Stanwood, his home from 1911 to 1916 and from 1923 to 1934 when he resigned because of ill health. He had been a farmer and later was in the farm implement and well drilling business at Stanwood. He had served as a member of the town council.

Mrs. Sisler died in 1933. Survivors are four children, Byron, of Stanwood, Manfred of this city, Mrs. Myrtle Werner of Aurora, Ill., and Harold of Winthrop, Mass.

The following is a record of the birth of Ernest Everett SMITH which was requested to be placed in the Fairview Church Record. Ernest Everett SMITH, born in Fairview, Jones County, IA., Sept. 15 1861.

This record was placed in this book by James E. Remley, Feb. 27, 1931.

**William A. Taylor**

William A. Taylor, 76, formerly of 1343 C avenue NE., and a resident of Crestview Acres nursing home, Marion, died Sunday following a lingering illness *July 7, 1968*

Born at Amber, June 17, 1891, he came to Cedar Rapids in 1924. He was married to Mildred Daniels on Feb. 7, 1917 in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Taylor was a retired employe of the Morf Concrete Products Co.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Max T. Knudsen of Marion; and three brothers, Alexander and David, both of Springville and Thomas of Alburnett.

Memorial services: Turner chapel east at 3 p.m. Wednesday by the Rev. J. P. Hauter of Marion. Burial: Cedar Memorial cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel.

**CARL HENRY HUSMANN  
MONTICELLO**--Carl Henry Husmann, 60, died suddenly of a heart attack while working at the Iowa Mfg. Co., in Cedar Rapids, Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m. at Goettsch Funeral home with the Rev. J. Benj. Wild officiating. Burial was at the Amber cemetery. *1964*

Born April 16, 1904 at Monticello, he was a son of Fred and Minnie Thuman Husmann. He was educated in the rural schools of Jones county and was a member of the First Presbyterian church in Monticello. He was married Sept. 30, 1926 to Pearl Bailey of Amber. They farmed in the Amber and Scotch Grove communities until 1947 when they moved to Monticello. He had been employed at Iowa Mfg. for the past 8 1/2 years.

Survivors include his wife Pearl of the home, one son, Harold of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters; John Husmann, Mrs. John (Hannah) Null, August Husmann, Emil Husmann, Mrs. E. B. (Augusta) Null and Mrs. Emil (Matilda) Zimmerman, all of Monticello.

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