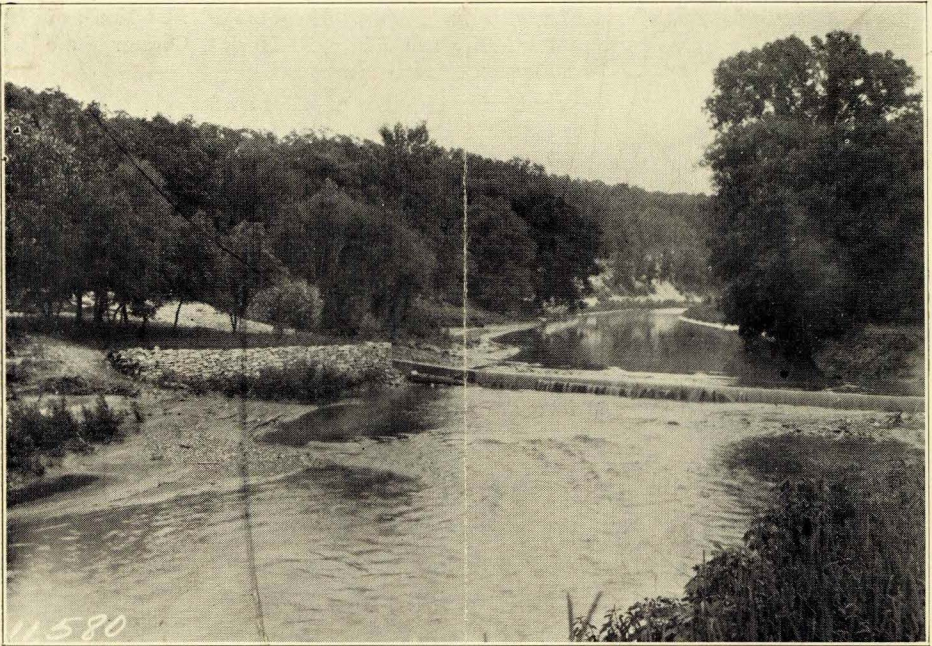


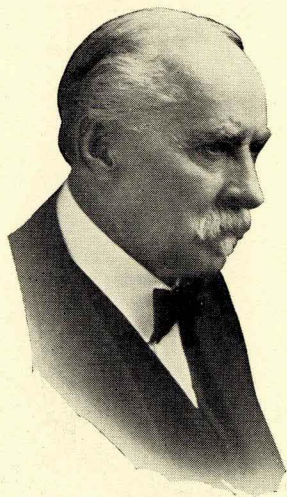
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Dedication  
of  
Pammel State Park



*Monday, June 30, 1930*  
*Madison County, Iowa*

**D**R. LOUIS H. PAMMEL, after whom the park is named, is known and loved for his devotion to Iowa and to the cause of conservation. Born in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, which later conferred on him the honor degree of Doctor of Science, Dr. Pammel became one of the leading botanists of the United States and has held the chair of Professor of Botany at the Iowa State College, Ames, since 1889.

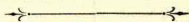


Under his tireless leadership, Iowa became one of the first states to adopt a state park system. He was aided by many private citizens and legislators and especially by the Iowa Academy of Science, chief among whom are Dr. B. Shimek of Iowa City and Edgar R. Harlan, Curator State Historical Department.

During his term of office as first chairman of the Iowa Board of Conservation, 1918 to 1927, Iowa acquired thirty-eight state parks. No group was too small for him to travel many miles to bring to them the message of saving Iowa's scientific, historic and beautiful spots; no site was too far away for him to see and appreciate. In addition to his constant travels over the state at

all hours and in any kind of weather, Dr. Pammel has found time to write and lecture continually in behalf of the cause he has espoused.

He is author of most of the bills now governing the conservation work in the state. His vision, energy and force are felt by all with whom he comes in contact.



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# Program

HON. W. E. G. SAUNDERS, *Chairman, Iowa Board of Conservation, Presiding*

3:00 to 3:45 P. M.

## CONCERT

MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ORCHESTRA

MR. ANDREW VOGEL, *Conductor*

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4:00 P. M.

## INVOCATION

REV. A. P. KEAST, *Winterset*

## APPLIED CONSERVATION

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## A GREAT TEACHER'S CODE

DR. D. W. MOREHOUSE, *President of Drake University*

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THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WILD LIFE PROTECTION

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## THE PAST AND PRESENT OF CONSERVATION

DR. L. H. PAMMEL, *Professor of Botany, Ames*

*Chairman of Iowa Board of Conservation 1918-1927*

## PRESENTATION OF PARK TO THE STATE

HON. W. E. G. SAUNDERS

## ACCEPTANCE AND DEDICATION

A TRIBUTE TO THE PIONEERS

HON. ED. M. SMITH, *Secretary of State*

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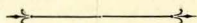
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# Pammel State Park



**K** NOWN for many years as DEVIL'S BACKBONE State Park and consisting of two hundred twenty-five acres of beautiful hardwood forest, meadow and limestone bluffs, is situated five miles southwest of Winterset in a country of rugged timber covered bluffs. Middle River twisting and turning, doubles back on itself around the ridge known as the Devil's Backbone. The early settlers arriving in 1846 found evidences that the Indians had loved and dwelt in this area.

In 1923 two hundred and ten acres were purchased by the state and in 1928 fifteen more acres were saved from the axe with the aid of Madison County residents who paid one-half of the purchase price of the fifteen acres. Because of the danger of falling rock the state rebuilt the tunnel; gravelled roads, a paved ford and a fine shelter house built of native rock and logs were added by the state. In 1929 the county built the graceful bridge over Middle River near the east entrance.

William Harmon who came to Madison County in 1847 and moved on the park site in 1849 conceived the idea that by tunnelling through the shale stratum at the narrowest part of the ridge, a stream of water could be diverted from the higher level on the west side to the lower on the east side. With the aid of his three sons John, Linvill and Tilman G. (the latter now living in Grant's Pass, Oregon) and with a wooden level as their only engineering implement, the original tunnel of six by six feet was finished in 1858 after three years' labor. The picturesque mill built at the east of the tunnel was first used as a saw mill and later as grist mill and was operated until 1904; later it was burned. The mill wheels are still to be seen in the park.

Geologically the ridge is most interesting with its exposed layers of limestone between which there is a layer of shale. Wild life is abundant and unusual, from the colony of snails on the ridge to the turkey buzzards which are always to be seen sailing over the park. Unusual prairie plants and a great variety of fine trees help make this one of the most beautiful spots in our beautiful state.