

SOUVENIR  
PROGRAM



State Center

the

*Rose Capital of Iowa*

Dedication

June 27, 1959

2:00 P.M.

AT THE STATE CENTER  
ROSE GARDEN

### *Expression of Appreciation*

God created many wonderful things to beautify the earth. Among them is the beautiful Rose, known by all as the flower of Love.

We do publicly thank and express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way to create the Rose Capital of Iowa.

Through many willing hearts and hands, another place of distinction graces our beautiful State.

**THE IOWA ROSE SOCIETY  
THE CITY OF STATE CENTRE, IOWA**

## PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ----- Mr. W. L. Haesemeyer  
 Singing Raising Ceremony ----- Harland G. Pfantz  
 American Legion Post No. 122  
 Dedication Prayer ----- The Rev. E. J. Braun  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 Cognitions ----- Mr. Haesemeyer  
 Dress of Welsome ----- Mr. George Speers  
 Mayor of State Center  
 Response ----- Mr. Charles Lieberstein  
 President Iowa Rose Society  
 Meetings ----- Mr. John R. Patterson  
 President American Rose Society  
 Presentation of the Honorable Herschel C. Loveless, Governor of  
 the State of Iowa ----- Senator Howard Buck  
 Dedication Address ----- Governor Loveless  
 Nominating Queen Candidates ----- Mrs. Marshall C. Watson  
 Crowning of Queen ----- Governor Loveless  
 Presentation of Roses ----- Wendy Watson  
 Formal opening of Garden ----- By Queen  
 Music ----- State Center High School Band  
 Directed by Harold Gamble

## Past History of State Centre

In 1865, two years after the Chicago and Northwestern railway reached this point the John I. Blair Company laid out the original settlement of State Centre.

July 6, 1867, a plat and petition for incorporation with 42 signers was filed in the office of the county judge and on August 26, 1867, the prayer of the petitioners was granted by Judge T. A. Lampman and State Centre was incorporated.

According to early historical records State Centre originally belonged to Eden and part of Washington townships. William Barnes was the first resident. He was followed by John Anselme, pioneer settler in the French Grove settlement, who opened a hotel in a building which he had moved from Marietta, Iowa. At this time there were only two or three houses in the town besides those belonging to the Cedar Rapids and Missouri railroad company.

W. Walker was the first mayor and other officers were T. B. Carpenter, recorder, Samuel Nichol, J. H. Lay, C. R. Richards, R. R. Bullock, trustees.

A post office was established in State Centre as early as 1864 when Cyrus F. Culver was appointed postmaster. It is said that the first postoffice was a room off the depot and that the mail was just put into the room and individuals came and looked it over and sorted out their own letters.

The first church organized in State Centre was the First Presbyterian in 1866. Sunday School classes were held in the old school house and in January 1867 the first minister, Rev. John Pebles came. The Methodist church was organized in 1868 and the first minister was Rev. Jacob Haymond. St. Joseph's Catholic church organized in 1871 and in 1880 Father B. A. Schute came as the first resident pastor. St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized sometime before 1884, however records are not available before this time. The first minister of record was Rev. E. J. Buehrer.

In 1945 the Trinity Lutheran Church was organized with Rev. Karl Baumgart as pastor. St. John's Lutheran Church which is four miles northwest of State Centre was organized in 1865.

The first public school was started in a one story building in 1865 with Jennie Bradbury as teacher at a salary of \$20 per month.

## Present History of State Centre

State Centre today is a thriving town of 1038 inhabitants situated in the geographical center of Iowa on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad and U. S. Highway No. 30.

There are over 50 places of business in State Centre and about 10 homes many of which are new.

The intellectual and spiritual relationships of the town are founded on a consolidated public school system with accredited high school and six churches representing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic faiths. There is also a public library.

State Centre has its own municipal Electric Light Plant, an adequate supply of good water from a deep well, and a modern waste disposal plant. It has an active Volunteer Fire Department with modern equipment. There is a municipal building built in 1950 which houses the city hall, council room, fire station, library, rooms for the American Legion and a large community hall. Its police department has an up to date police car equipped with two way radio.

State Centre was chosen for the Rose Capital of Iowa partly because of its central location and because it is a small town.

The site of the present rose garden was given to the town several years ago by the late Dr. A. D. Woods and his wife. For a number of years it was used in the winter for ice skating. About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goodman gave the town \$1000 to be used to beautify the spot.

After many days and nights of hard work donated by loyal citizens of the town and community, the careful planning and signing of the garden by members of the Iowa Rose Society and the splendid cooperation of the many nurseries throughout the country, we now have a beautiful rose garden of over 2000 roses with a future goal set at 3000.

The present officers of the town are: Mayor, George Speers; Incilmen, Harold Nolte, Donald Shelton, Dan Shortley, Dr. J. Berquist, Donald Lane; treasurer, Ralph Watson; City Clerk, Ber Jensen.

## IOWA ROSE SOCIETY

The Iowa Rose Society officially designated State Centre as the "Rose Capital of Iowa" on November 23, 1958. The project was conceived with the aim of increasing the membership of the society, as well as publicizing the rose as a desirable addition to home plantings in Iowa. Through the efforts of the society, over 2000 roses have been donated by nurserymen throughout the United States, for the municipal rose garden this year.

The Iowa Rose Society, an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society and of the American Rose Society, was organized in 1928. At present, it is composed of four organized districts; each district holds regular meetings each spring and fall, and district rose shows have become very popular among the membership.

The Annual State Rose Show (held this year in Davenport, June 7) is an important event. It is held in conjunction with the Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

The Iowa Rose Reporter, official publication of the society going to members each month, carries timely articles concerning all phases of rose culture and tells of events of mutual interest. A Rose Short Course is presented each year through the facilities of Iowa State College.

The officers of the Iowa Rose Society are as follows:

President—Mr. Charles Lieberstein, Davenport, Iowa

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