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The 1910 OSD program seemed to follow the familiar pattern through the years. Music was by Brahm’s Orchestra, the Laud and Larwill bands. W H Carter, local druggist, as president reviewed the history of the homecoming event and the invocation was by the M E minister, the Dr. F G Browne.

Following there were songs and orchestral numbers. Mayor B J Bloom made the welcoming address and the list of pioneers who had died during the past 12 months was read by the OSD Secretary, W F Rossman.

Getting the loving cup as the oldest person registered was William Van Orsdoll, 89, while the cup for longest continuous residence in the county went to Mrs. Rebecca Merriman, South Whitley, age 73.

Old Settlers so moved to speak publically, were next heard from. Noted was that the attendance at the baseball game between the Columbia City Grays and the Churubusco Giants was “Poorly attended”. They Grays won 6 – 1.

Sixty-Four of the counties 172 horseless carriages, the proud possessions of local automobile owners, paraded during the 1910 OSD. All old folks, especially the old settlers are invited to ride in the parade, traveling 5 or 6 miles over the principal streets and to see the city and for the novelty of the auto ride. The autos were bedecked with flags and bunting. Starting point was from the Soldiers Monument on the north side of the courthouse.