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Ninety years ago the pioneers came to Kansas.

New England^{ers} led the crusade, but crusaders came from many northern states. Some were seeking new homes and hoping to better their condition, but the majority were impelled to come because of their hatred of human slavery.

These pioneers had a real, but a rough and undefined belief in God, and with his help they won out. All else was against them, there were no paved highways, no railways west of St. Louis; and access to the state was thru enemy territory. But these crusaders won over all difficulties and thru trial and tribulation made Kansas a Free State.

We are here today, to honor these heroic men and women and to keep alive in the minds of the young, that great causes are worth fighting for, and that they must ever be alert to defend the freedom won by their forebears.

I have just seen the movie "Dragon Seed" by Pearl Buck, who is an authority on China, the Chinese and their mode of thought and action.

As I saw upon the screen the savage Japs invading China, destroying or taking possession of her property; as I saw them