

U. S. S. REMEY LAUNCHED

Admiral George C. Remy, distinguished Iowa naval officer, has been honored by having named a new combat vessel of the destroyer class to be the "Remy." The destroyer "Remy" was launched July 25, 1943, at the yards of the Bath Iron Works corporation, at Bath, Maine, on the Kennebec river. The sponsor at the launching was Miss Angelina G. Remy, of Jamestown, R. I., daughter of the late admiral. Readers of THE ANNALS are familiar with the colorful and useful life of Rear Admiral Remy, born in Burlington when Iowa was a territory and graduated from the Annapolis academy in 1859, and for sixty-five years served with great ability in the navy of the United States. The suggestion that the destroyer be named for the Iowa naval officer came from Mr. Sumner Salter, of New York city, also an Iowa man, long time friend of the Remy family, whose keen interest in Iowa men and Iowa history has been steadily maintained. When the matter was brought to the attention of Secretary Frank Knox the propriety of the name soon became apparent and the christening followed. Among the prized possessions of the Department of History and Archives is an oil portrait of Rear Admiral Remy, also a bronze portrait bust, and a portrait of his wife, the daughter of Chief Justice Mason of the Iowa supreme court.

NEW WAR RECORDS ACCUMULATING

Substantial progress is being made by the war records division of the State Department of History and Archives. This work was entered upon early, the purpose being to secure, at a time when records are fresh and available, the printed, manuscript, photographs and other records relating to Iowa's part in the present war of the nations. This will be for the use of historians, students, friends and relatives of participants, and all who are in any way interested. Material is being as-

sembled as to all war activities in Iowa or by Iowa people, such as bond drives, salvage work, war plants, bond sales, draft boards, the state guard and its units, volunteer organizations for war work, and also facts as to the personnel of Iowa's fighting and working forces, both men and women. The department is likewise gathering material for permanent display by the state in the Historical building, corresponding to that for World War I and the Civil war, only far more complete and extensive. This includes war posters, war photographs, uniforms, letters, manuscripts, trophies, camp publications and war maps. Very fine cooperation has been given by all the various organizations and agencies, and in due time there will be a special room or hall for the display of the material.

The Curator reports that an interesting item for the museum division of the State Department of History and Archives has been acquired. This is an Edison phonograph made at East Orange, N. J. about 1912, for Mr. Edward C. Horne, of Des Moines, and used by him in many cities in the "tone test" demonstrations, at a time when the phonograph business was making its first great strides. The department has also received the gift of an American made music box, a "Regina," which was at one time popular, but is no longer a novelty. This was from Mr. A. A. Badgley, of Pleasantville, who also gave a melodeon made a century ago. The department appreciates all these historic additions, but it is to be regretted that the state has not made provision for their full and proper display. Some day the people will demand and secure an enlargement of the state historical building.

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