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JOSHUA TONKEL examines a principle that defined Iowa State's agricultural mission from its founding in the 1850s and into the twentieth century: Iowa State's agricultural scientists should account for local environmental conditions in their research. By studying how scientists made their work useful for farmers by anchoring research in local environments, Tonkel argues that the early history of Iowa State's agricultural research and extension exemplifies how science was grounded in both society and the environment.

SCOTT PATE studies the story of Charles Aikins, a World War I captain who led the local Iowa National Guard based in Winterset as it prepared for and eventually served in Europe. In particular, his research illuminates how chemical weapons challenged expectations of military service and created longstanding challenges for survivors. He also explores how this new approach to warfare indirectly affected the rural Iowa community of Winterset.

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