

THE ANNALS OF IOWA

The Arch began in 1962. But Bob Arteaga, the official architectural photographer, has left hundreds of photographs for us to enjoy. These color photos are presented in this handsome book, together with the miraculous life of Arteaga written by his long-time friend R. Ted Pepple. Arteaga not only photographed The Arch, but as the book illustrates, many of the best-known architectural structures in St. Louis also caught his camera's eye. This book is a real credit to the author and should attract anyone interested in architecture and photography.

A Frontier Family in Minnesota: Letters of Theodore and Sophie Bost, 1851-1920, edited and translated by Ralph H. Bowen. (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1981. pp. 391, photographs, notes, index, \$25.00 cloth, \$12.95 paper.)

Professor Bowen of Northern Illinois University has done a remarkable job in making this collection of letters available to Americans. The letters were originally published in France, but are now available for our thorough enjoyment. Theodore Bost was a French-speaking Swiss immigrant who came from a wealthy family and after teaching school in New England moved to the Territory of Minnesota. Later his childhood sweetheart, Sophie Bonjour, joined him on a farm near Lake Minnetonka and they spent the next sixty years of their lives there. Both were gifted writers and their letters evoke their surroundings, their daily lives, in a prose that is vivid, precise, vigorous, and often profoundly moving. These letters go beyond the external life of an immigrant family and delve into the psychological dimensions of the immigrant experience, the feelings of exile, uprootedness, and loneliness. This collection of letters really amounts to a true-life novel about the first decades of settlement in the Big Woods of Minnesota. Intriguing reading which will hold the interest of scholar and casual reader alike.

On the Illinois Frontier: Dr. Hiram Rutherford, 1840-1848, ed. Willene Hendrick and George Hendrick. (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1982. pp. 115, illustrations, bibliography, index, \$19.95 cloth.)

Through the letters and newspaper articles written by Hiram Rutherford, a native of Pennsylvania who sought his fortune in the newly settled area of eastern Illinois (Oakland), the reader learns a great deal about frontier medical practices and the concerns of people on the Illinois frontier in the mid-1800s. Perhaps the most interesting portion of the book concerns Rutherford's lawsuit over a family of

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