

1943; sponsor, Mrs. B. B. Hickenlooper, wife of the Iowa governor; built at Wilmington, Cal.

S. S. JAMES B. WEAVER, Cargo Ship, named in honor of Iowa member of congress, publicist and Civil War soldier; launched March 23, 1943; built at Wilmington, Cal.

S. S. ROBERT G. COUSINS, Liberty Ship, named in honor of Iowa congressman; launched Dec. 23, 1943; built at Richmond, Cal.

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## THE AGUE IN IOWA

It is well known that all along the American frontier as the virgin soil was being turned over for the first time, there was a disposition to epidemics of the fevers and chills, and Iowa suffered from this in early days. It has been declared that at least some of the emigration from the Mississippi valley to the Oregon country a hundred years ago was hastened by the prevalence of illness in the new country. A footnote to an article on the Oregon trail in No. 94 of the *Columbia Studies in History, Economics and Public Law*, quotes a letter by R. Bond, M.D., dated August 25, 1845, to the American Bible Society, written from Iowa saying:

“Such was the sickness here (Van Buren county) that there was scarcely any business done in any stores of this place, except at the drug stores and the groceries. Religious meetings on the Sabbath were suspended for lack of hearers, all of whom were sick, or engaged in taking care of the sick. Our physicians say that some of their patients died for want of proper care and nursing. A sufficient number of persons in health could not be found to take care of them.”

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## EARLY Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITY

Journal of the Iowa Census Board August 29, 1868:

Resolved, that permission be given to the Young Men's Christian Association to occupy the main stand in Capital Square, and the grounds within 120 yards thereof, on each Sabbath afternoon, for religious exercises, until otherwise ordered by the Census Board.

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