

BOOK REVIEWS

One of Iowa's greatest resources is its educated young people, and the interest Iowans take in this resource is obvious. Iowa not only has high-quality state supported colleges and universities but it also has numerous fine privately owned and operated colleges. One of these is Buena Vista College in Storm Lake; its humble beginning and its struggle to survive is the story of many of our smaller colleges.

Although each college in our state had its peculiarities, its special personalities and its individual set-backs, each college faced the same problems of lack of finances, of trying to survive national periods of war and depression, and of finding qualified personnel to carry out the college's objectives. The story of Buena Vista, its problems and its triumphs, has been published by the Iowa State University Press. *The History of Buena Vista College*, by William H. Cumberland, was written to coincide with the 75th anniversary of Buena Vista. Dr. Cumberland's book is an encomium to the college and the many persons who have supported Buena Vista during the past 75 years. *The History of Buena Vista College* may be obtained by writing the Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa.

Harry S. Truman, 1952-53, Public Papers of the Presidents is one of a series of volumes, published by the Office of the Federal Register, making available the public messages and statements of the Presidents of the United States. This volume contains the full text of President Truman's news conferences, published for the first time; it contains special messages to Congress; Presidential letters; formal addresses; toasts of the President and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands; campaign addresses and remarks. For instance, on Oct. 8, 1952, President Truman campaigned in Pacific Junction, Iowa, for the Democratic candidate for Congress, Thomas J. Keleher, and for Gov. Loveless. In his opening statements, President Truman recalled his trip to Pacific Junction on his 66th birthday in 1950, when Mr. Keleher presented him with a birthday cake. On Oct. 8, 1952, President Truman also spoke in Shenandoah, Iowa. "It's a real personal pleasure for me to come to Shenandoah," he then said. "I like this corner of Iowa, not only because it's one of the real garden spots of the world—but also because it's about as close as you can come to Jackson County, Mo., and still be in Iowa."

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