

and the place in which a new concept in hospital care began—a man and a place that have been important in the health care of rural people and in the continuing education of country doctors.

The plaque is inscribed:

IN MEMORIAM, ELBERT ERVIN MUNGER, M.D.,
1867-1946, PHYSICIAN, AMERICAN HUMANITARIAN,
AUTHOR OF THE RURAL COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL
LAW UNDER WHICH THIS HOSPITAL WAS THE FIRST
BUILT IN THE NATION. THIS PLAQUE IS PRESENTED
BY HIS CHILDREN TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHING-
TON COUNTY, IOWA.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

● Of interest to students of Fairfield and Jefferson County history is a new book by Susan Fulton Welty, *A Fair Field* (Harlo Press, Detroit, Mich. 434 pages, index, price \$7.50).

● The Iowa Civil War Centennial Commission has recently published *Years of Valor* by Edith Wasson McElroy. The paper-back centers around a fictitious Iowa family during 1863-1865. 258 pages, price \$3. Copies may be ordered from the author at 1141 28th Street, West Des Moines 50265.

● A conference on the history of the Trans-Mississippi West will be held at the University of Kansas in honor of Prof. George Anderson. The meeting, to be held on Oct. 16 and 17, 1969, will include sessions devoted to regional development, Indian policy and economic growth. Among the participants will be Allan Bogue, Robert Johannsen, Oscar Winther, Paul Gates, Rodman Paul, Francis Prucha, William Hagan, Earl Pomeroy and Vernon Carstensen. For further information, write Dana Seibengood, University Extension Building, Lawrence, Kan. 66044.

● Articles to appear in future ANNALS include "The Great Railroad Raid" by Edwin C. Bearss of Washington, D. C. and "E. T. Meredith and the Farm Problem (1921-1928)" by Dr. Catherine Grollman of Coralville, Iowa.

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