

The Fiftieth General Assembly has been asked to appropriate to buy the Kasson Memorial building, now used as the main workroom and storage for the Archives of Iowa. It is only one block from the State Historical building, and is desirable because it is substantially fire-proof, detached from other buildings, will not contain outside offices, can be air-conditioned, moisture-controlled and will go far toward remedying the neglect of many years in caring for Iowa's valuable papers. The Department secured an option on this building and the plan is to take up this option by special appropriation, the building to be in fact an addition to and a part of the State archives division.

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The fine appreciation of the President, Lars W. Boe, of St. Olaf college, was read by Dr. C. A. Mellby, of the college faculty at the funeral of Dr. Boe in Northfield. It was written with special reference to his educational and church work, but he is well remembered in Iowa as a forceful member of the Iowa State Senate.

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Kenneth E. Colton, former associate editor of the *Annals*, is stationed at Camp Phillips, Salina, Kansas, assigned to duty in the Signal corps, but is quite certain the army will discover his unusual talent for original thinking and capacity for action on many varied lines and will make good use of him while he is in the service.

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An appreciation of the late George Washington Carver, famous Negro scientist, is given in this issue by Charles D. Reed, who was his classmate and long time friend, presenting a decidedly unconventional consideration of the remarkable talents of this useful man.

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