

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Minnesota Its History and Its People: A Study Outline with Topics and References. By Theodore C. Blegen, with the assistance of Lewis Beeson. Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press. 1937. Pp. 237. Maps. This syllabus was prepared as a guide for teachers, students, and study clubs interested in the history of Minnesota. It includes an introduction presenting a survey of the history of the State, a list of fifty-three topics covering Minnesota history, with suggestions for the study of each topic and a list of references, and a number of maps.

The Older Middle West 1840-1880. By Henry Clyde Hubbart. New York: D. Appleton-Century Company. 1936. Pp. ix, 305. Maps. This volume is written to portray the "Social, Economic and Political Life and Sectional Tendencies" of the Older Middle West "Before, During and After the Civil War". The area covered includes the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, but the study is not limited to those States. The author describes the growth of western democracy, the conflict between the cultures of the East and South as they were carried into the West, trade, political ideas, leaders such as Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, the attitude of the West toward the issues of the Civil War, peace movements during the Civil War, and the changes following the war. The book is a study of the people's interests, activities, and motives rather than an account of governmental activities. It attempts to tell why people acted as they did as well as how the government functioned. The main emphasis is on political affairs. The volume is provided with footnotes, a comprehensive bibliography, and an index.

Whither Agrarian Economy in the United States, by Louis Bernard Schmidt, has been reprinted in pamphlet form from *Social Forces*, December, 1936.

Illinois Place-Names, by William D. Barge and Norman W. Caldwell, makes up the entire number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for October, 1936.

James William Hook has recently published a volume entitled *Judge Karl Bechtel of Hanau, Germany, His Forbears and Some of His Descendants*. In addition to material on the Bechtel family, the volume includes data on the Laufer, Waldburger, Leopoldt, and Kampe families. Many of the descendants are listed as Iowans.

Joseph Kellogg's Observations on Senex's Map of North America (1710), by Raymond P. Stearns; *A Quarter-Century of a Mississippi Plantation: Eli J. Capell of "Pleasant Hill"*, by Wendell H. Stephenson; *The Middle Western Antecedents of Woodrow Wilson*, by Francis P. Weisenburger; and *Lincoln and the Governorship of Oregon*, edited by Paul I. Miller, are the four articles in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for December, 1936.

The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine for December, 1936, includes the following articles and papers: *The Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line: Minute Book, 1851-1853*, by Elizabeth M. Sellers; *The Glass Industry of Western Pennsylvania, 1797-1857*, by William Bining; *A Cultural Oasis in Northwestern Pennsylvania*, by Russell J. Ferguson; *The Birth and Growth of the Oil Industry*, by Charles L. Suhr; *The Survey in Retrospect*, by Franklin F. Holbrook; and *The Harmar Papers of the Clements Library*.

The Winter number (1937) of the *Michigan History Magazine* contains the following articles: *History of Radio in Michigan*, by Robert L. Kelly; *This Was the Forest Primeval*, by Frank P. Bohn; *Painting and Sculpture in Michigan*, by Clyde H. Burroughs; *Michigan and the Transcontinental Railroad*, by Howard H. Peckham; *A Vanishing Art of the Chippewas*, by Beula Mary Wadsworth; *The Hungarians of Michigan*, by Erdmann Doane Beynon; and *Growth and Shifting of the Business Area of Detroit*, by Eric Kocher.

Mark Twain on the Upper Mississippi, by John T. Flanagan; *Some Sources for St. Croix Valley History*, by Theodore C. Blegen; *Sidelights on the History of the Swedes in the St. Croix Valley*, by

George M. Stephenson; *Finnish Charms and Folk Songs in Minnesota*, by Marjorie Edgar; *The "New York Tribune" and the Minnesota Frontier*, by Ruby G. Karstad; *Making a Motion Picture in 1848 — Journal of Canoe Voyage from the Falls of St. Anthony to St. Louis* (a section of the diary of Henry Lewis); *William Joseph Snelling's Western Narratives*, by John T. Flanagan; and *John McLoughlin, Jr., and the Dickson Filibuster*, by Grace Lee Nute, are articles and documents in *Minnesota History* for December, 1936.

A Trip to the States, a reprint of a diary by J. Allen Hosmer; *Reminiscences of Spink County*, by C. B. Billinghamurst; and *Survey of Military Reserve at Ft. Pierre*, by G. K. Warren, are the three articles in the July, 1936, number of the *South Dakota Historical Review*. J. Allen Hosmer was the son of the Chief Justice of Montana Territory. The account written by the fifteen-year-old boy describes a journey from Virginia City, Montana, to Detroit, Michigan, in the fall of 1865, and was printed by young Hosmer himself in 1867. Hosmer crossed Iowa from Sioux City to Clinton.

Military Posts and Camps in Oklahoma, by William Brown Morrison, has been recently published by the Harlow Publishing Corporation of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The volume includes sketches of the following forts — Fort Smith, Fort Gibson, Fort Towson, Fort Coffee, Fort Wayne, Fort Washita, Fort Arbuckle, Fort Sill, and many more. Oklahoma, the converging point of white settlements, was a part of the Indian-military frontier for many years, since it was occupied by or was near to the hunting grounds of many warlike tribes. The volume is provided with notes, a bibliography, and an index.

The Political Turmoil of 1874 in Missouri, by Walter B. Stevens; *Social Life in St. Louis from 1840 to 1860*, by Helen Davault Williams; and a continuation of *Missouri In The Spanish American War*, by Ruby Weedell Waldeck, are the three articles which make up the October, 1936, number of *The Missouri Historical Review*. *A Day and Night With "Old Davy": David R. Atchison*, by Walter B. Stevens; *The Battle of Carthage*, by Ward L. Schrantz; and

Missouri, 1804-1828: Peopling a Frontier State, by Hattie M. Anderson, are the articles in the issue for January. Under *Missouriana* are items on *Paroquets in Missouri*; *The Whipping Post and the Pillory in Missouri*; and *Vignettes of Mountain Men*.

James Whitcomb Riley, by George C. Hilt; *John W. Foster, Soldier and Politician*, by Daniel W. Snepp; *Octave Chanute: Pioneer Glider and Father of the Science of Aviation*, by Frank F. Fowle; *James Woodburn: Hoosier Schoolmaster*, by James Albert Woodburn; *Judge Horace P. Biddle*, by Sarah S. Pratt; and *A Search After Truth* (reprinted), by George W. Julian, are articles and papers in the *Indiana Magazine of History* for September, 1936. There is also a third installment of *Beginnings of a Possible Autobiography By a Man of Common Clay*, by the editor. This issue also contains a special section entitled *Indiana Genealogy*, edited by Martha Tucker Morris. This contains *Harrod Deeds in the Clark Grant*, by Susan W. Atkins; *Bible Records*; and *Marriage Records of Tippecanoe County, Indiana*. The December number includes the following articles and papers: *Water-Powered Mills of Flat Rock River*, by Denzil Doggett; *New Indiana Archival Documents*, by Harvey Wish; *Jennings County in the Frontier Period*, by Alice Bundy; *The Century-Old Wright Home*, by Julie LeClerc Knox; *Legend of Cedar Isle*, by Benjamin W. Nevis; *The Indiana Historical Society*, by Christopher B. Coleman; *History for Its Own Sake*, by William O. Lynch; and the *Journal of John T. Williams*.

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When Audubon Visited Iowa, by Fred J. Pierce, is one of the articles in *Iowa Bird Life* for December, 1936.

The Farm West Speaks to the Industrial East, by W. W. Waymack, is one of the articles in the *Iowa Farm Economist* for January.

Lincoln Visits My Home Town (Council Bluffs), by Joyce E. Grubb, is one of the articles in the fall, 1936, number of the *Prairie Schooner*, published at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Farm Organization and Management in Webster County, by John A. Hopkins, appears as Bulletin No. 350, issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids has recently issued *A Second Handful of Western Books*, by J. Christian Bay. The first — *A Handful of Western Books* — appeared in 1935. These books contain comments on many books relating to early western history.

Part two of the *History of Iowa Soldiers' Home*, by Dr. Charles E. Irwin, is published in the December, 1936, number of *The Bulletin of the Linn County Medical Society*. The January and February numbers contain a *History of Iowa Training School for Boys*, by O. S. Von Krog.

Judicial Districts in Northwestern Iowa, by O. H. Montzheimer; *Suel Foster*, by David C. Mott; a continuation of *An Original Study of Mesquakie (Fox) Life*; *Letter from Hon. Delazon Smith*; and a continuation of the *Diary of William Savage* are articles and papers in the *Annals of Iowa* for January.

The series *Iowa Governors Who Were Masons*, by Earl B. Delzell, is continued in the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M.*, for December, 1936, and January and February, 1937. Samuel Merrill, Cyrus Clay Carpenter, and John Henry Gear are the men whose life stories appear in the series for these months.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

Highlights of early Iowa newspapers, in the *Aplington News*, November 4, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Nathan E. Kendall, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, November 4, 1936.

Early history of Dickinson County, in the *Milford Mail*, November 5, 1936.

The first five voters in Madison County, in the *Winterset Madissonian*, November 5, 1936.

The story of Odebolt, by Neil L. Mauer, in the *Sioux City Journal*, November 8, 1936.

A survey of the schools of Iowa, in the *Dubuque Tribune*, November 10, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Julian C. Calhoun, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, November 11, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Harve Ruble, raised near Leon, in the *Leon Journal-Reporter*, November 12, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Mrs. J. M. White of Monticello, in the *Monticello Express*, November 12, 1936.

Mrs. Rosalie De Jaeger is Tama County's oldest resident, in the *Traer Star-Clipper*, November 13, 1936.

The old courthouse at Dakota City, by Harvey Ingham, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 14, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Charles M. Dutcher, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 18, 1936.

Ten Civil War veterans given dinner at Cedar Rapids, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 19, 1936.

Inman brothers, formerly of Manly, have a flying circus at Coffeyville, Kansas, in the *Manly Signal*, November 19, 1936.

Congregational churches of Anamosa and Jones County celebrate anniversaries of founding, in the *Anamosa Eureka*, November 19, 1936.

McGregor was named for Alexander McGregor, by Florence Clark, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 22, 1936.

The Spirit Lake massacre, by Hattie P. Elston, in the *Sioux City Journal*, November 22, and the *Spirit Lake Beacon*, November 26, 1936.

The political situation in Iowa, by William G. Kerr, in the *Grundy Center Register*, November 26, 1936.

- Toolesboro and the mound builders, by Martha Butler, in the *Columbus Junction Gazette*, November 26, 1936.
- Stolen corn caused Spirit Lake massacre, in the *Anamosa Eureka*, November 26, 1936.
- Thanksgiving Day at Iowa City before the Civil War, in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, November 26, 1936.
- Charles A. Laurance's story of Cedar Rapids, by Fred C. Henson, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 29, 1936.
- West Union was known as Knob Prairie until 1850, by Blanche M. Beall, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 29, 1936.
- Sketch of the life of George W. Clarke, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 29, 1936.
- George W. Matsell left New York to live in Iowa, by Ernest P. Mickel, in the *Des Moines Register*, November 29, 1936.
- Sioux City in the eighties, by Paul F. Sturges, in the *Sioux City Journal*, November 30, 1936.
- Sketch of the life of George W. Clarke, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, December 2, 1936, and the *Adel News*, December 2, 1936, and February 3, 1937.
- Iowa's Capitol is sixty-five years old, in the *Onawa Democrat*, December 3, the *Oelwein Register*, December 5, and the *West Union Union*, December 10, 1936.
- Diary of Esther Pillsbury who came to Iowa lake region in 1863, in the *Milford Mail*, December 3, 1936.
- The Cruikshank family at Fort Madison, in the *Mt. Pleasant Free Press*, December 3, 1936.
- Pioneer stories of Boone County, by C. L. Lucas, in the *Madrid Register-News*, December 3, 1936, February 18, 1937.
- Pulaski Mennonite Church is seventy-five years old, in the *Bloomfield Democrat*, December 3, 1936.

The Hamlin Garland schoolhouse, by Calvin H. Jones, in the *Charles City Press*, December 4, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Will C. Whiting, in the *Sioux City Journal*, December 6, 1936.

Decorah was named for Indian grandson of French trader, by E. C. Bailey, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, December 6, 1936.

Amana corporation buys out electric equipment company, by Adeline Taylor, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, December 6, 1936.

Site of Indian village found near Glenwood, in the *Glenwood Opinion-Tribune*, December 7, and the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, December 9, 1936.

Fairview is one of Monroe County's oldest towns, in the *Albia News*, December 7, 1936.

Story that Kate Myers, a teacher at Shenandoah, was the inspiration of Riley's "That Old Sweetheart of Mine", in the *Estherville News*, December 8, 1936.

Sketch of the life of A. Springer, in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette*, December 9, the *Columbus Junction Gazette*, December 10, and the *Wapello Republican*, December 10, 17, 1936.

A version of the Spirit Lake Massacre, in the *Ocheyedan Arrow*, December 10, 1936.

Sketch of the life of Mrs. Emil Beuck, widow of the founder of Reinbeck, in the *Reinbeck Courier*, December 11, 1936.

When Iowa City was the capital of Iowa, by Robert W. Houston, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, December 13, 1936.

The story of the battleship *Iowa*, in the *Davenport Democrat*, December 13, 1936.

The Ringling family formerly lived in McGregor, in the *Cedar Falls News*, December 17, 1936.

The Half Breed Tract was a romance of early Iowa, in the *Knoxville Express*, December 17, 1936.

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Missouri Historical Society held a meeting at the Jefferson Memorial at St. Louis, on January 29, 1937. The speaker was Wm. Glasgow Bruce Carson, who spoke on "The Santa Fe Trail and New Mexico Motion Pictures".

The American Historical Association held its fifty-first annual meeting at Providence, Rhode Island, on December 29, 30, and 31, 1936. Among the papers of special interest to the Middle West were the following: "Agricultural Pressure and Government Response, 1919-1929", by Alice M. Christensen; "The Place of Chicago Grain Elevators in Mid-Western Agricultural History", by Guy A. Lee; "The Sabbath in the West, 1800-1865", by Frederick L. Bronner; "The Historiography of Middle Western Agriculture", by Everett E. Edwards; "Early Land Speculators and the Westward Movement", by Wayne E. Stevens; "Jacksonian Democracy and the Public Lands", by Roy M. Robbins; and "The Historian as Teacher", by W. T. Root.

The Minnesota Historical Society held its eighty-eighth annual meeting at St. Paul on January 18, 1937. Associated with it was the seventeenth annual conference on local historical work in Minnesota. The program included the following papers and addresses: "Local History Work in Minnesota in 1936: A Survey", by Willoughby M. Babcock; "Interviewing the Pioneer and Writing His Biography", by Marjory D. Carter; "Problems in the Historical Records Survey", by Ralph D. Brown; "Minnesota Census Records and Old Age Assistance", by Sara D. Boyce; "My Father's Diary, 1858-1865", by Edward C. Gale; "Old Fort Ridgely as Revealed by the Spade", by G. Hubert Smith; "A Novelist Looks at History", by Mrs. Darragh Aldrich; "George W. Northrup, Frontier Scout", by Gertrude W. Ackermann; "A Footnote on Fire Steels", by Milo M. Quaife; and "History and Democracy", by Robert C. Binkley.

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The Webster County Historical Society is inviting the public to visit the historical museum located in the basement of the Fort Dodge Public Library. Maude Lauderdale is the curator.

Ellison Orr, who has spent over half a century studying Indian mounds in northeastern Iowa, spoke at a meeting of the business and professional women's club of Charles City on January 11, 1937. His subject was "Prehistoric Indian Mounds and History".

A series of illustrated articles describing the museum of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department at Des Moines has been prepared by James R. Harlan and is being published in more than fifty weekly newspapers of Iowa. The collection includes much interesting Iowa material.

The series of lessons entitled "Exploring the History of Iowa", prepared by John Ely Briggs for an Iowa newspaper syndicate, is continued. Unit three deals with "The Press". The topics presented are: The First Iowa Newspaper, The Territorial Press, Pioneer Journalism, Leading Editors, Farm Journals, and Literary Magazines. Unit four presents the general subject "Agriculture". Lessons so far presented have dealt with Corn, Oats, Hay, Hogs, and Cattle.

The annual meeting of the Howard County Historical Society was held at Cresco on January 12, 1937. The following officers were re-elected: W. H. Tillson, president; Mrs. J. H. Howe, vice president; William Kellow, treasurer; Mrs. C. E. Farnsworth, curator; and C. J. Harlan, secretary. The Historical Society also sponsored a school assembly at Cresco on the evening of February 3rd which was addressed by Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa, and by Jonas M. Poweshiek, a Mesquakie Indian.

An informal committee met at Des Moines on February 13, 1937, to consider plans for celebrating the centennial anniversary of the creation of Iowa Territory which will occur in 1938. The call for the meeting was issued by W. Earl Hall, editor of the *Mason City*

Globe-Gazette. Representatives of the business and professional men of the State and of various organizations such as the American Legion, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Federation of Women's Clubs attended the conference. The committee decided to ask the Governor to appoint an unsalaried committee of twenty-five or more representative men and women of Iowa to make plans for the celebration and a small committee was selected to present the matter to the Governor.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

The State Historical Society and the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs are again celebrating Iowa History Week. The dates for 1937 are April 19-24 and the general theme is "Iowa in 1837", commemorating the events which occurred in the Iowa country during that year. Among these were the session of the legislature of Wisconsin Territory at Burlington, the movement to divide Wisconsin Territory, the organization of the Miners' Bank at Dubuque, and the land surveys.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. S. P. Benson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Lena B. Hecker, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Harry R. Jenkinson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Jack Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. William Larrabee, Jr., Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. O. H. Montzheimer, Pringhar, Iowa; Mr. William H. F. Sener, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss Dorothy Engle Buschbom, State Center, Iowa; Mr. John D. Adams, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Mina W. Ellis, Charles City, Iowa; Mr. E. C. Fishbaugh, Sr., Shenandoah, Iowa; Mrs. Sara Jordan Schlotfeldt, DeWitt, Iowa; and Dr. O. E. Van Doren, Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Alfred C. Mueller of Davenport, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Greater Iowa Commission, of which Otto S. Muntz is chairman, has issued a number of bulletins and pamphlets on Iowa. The report for 1936 is entitled *Iowa, the Future Inland Empire*.

The Hydraulics Laboratory of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City has installed a collection of old water wheels illustrative of the mills of Iowa. The oldest of the wheels came from the Terrill mill on the Iowa River north of Iowa City and was installed in 1841.

The seventeenth annual history conference was held at the State University of Iowa on February 5 and 6, 1937. The speakers included James T. Shotwell of Columbia University, Nelson V. Russell, formerly of Coe College, now chief of the reference division of the National Archives, Elmer Ellis of the University of Missouri, Harry R. Gideonse of the University of Chicago, Robert C. Brooks of Swarthmore College, and Kirk H. Porter of the State University of Iowa.

The State University of Iowa celebrated its ninetieth anniversary on February 24, 1937, by holding an educational conference in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. The speakers in the afternoon were President Eugene A. Gilmore of the State University of Iowa, President Lotus D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota, and President James Bryant Conant of Harvard University. Speakers at the dinner, at which President Gilmore presided, included Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, who gave a brief but dramatic sketch of the historical background, Governor Nelson G. Kraschel, President Charles E. Friley of the Iowa State College of Agriculture, President Orval R. Latham of the State Teachers College, President Harry M. Gage of Coe College, and President Walter A. Jessup, of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Portraits of George T. Baker, a member of the State Board of Education since 1909, and president of the Board

since 1925, and William R. Boyd, chairman of the Finance Committee since its organization, were presented to the University.

George W. Clarke, former Governor of Iowa, died at his home in Adel on November 28, 1936. He was born in Shelby County, Indiana, on October 24, 1852, and four years later removed with his family to Davis County, Iowa. As a youth he worked on the farm and attended school as opportunity was afforded. He attended Oskaloosa College, where he was graduated in the class of 1877. The following year he was graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa. He located for practice at Adel in Dallas County. In 1900 he was nominated and elected to the Iowa House of Representatives where he served four terms, for two of which he was Speaker of the House. He then served for two terms as Lieutenant Governor of the State. In 1912 he was elected to the office of Governor, where he served for two terms. During these years he resided in Des Moines. After leaving the Governor's office he served for one year as Dean of the College of Law at Drake University. He then returned to Adel to re-enter the practice of law. During the later years of his life he was active in social and fraternal affairs, and was always interested in the political activities of the State.

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