

SOME PUBLICATIONS

The Changing West and Other Essays. By Laurence M. Larson. Northfield, Minnesota: Norwegian-American Historical Association. 1937. Pp. xii, 180. Plates. The eight essays that comprise this volume aim to explore the domain of Norwegian-American life and activity, especially in the West and in the Northwest. It is largely a work of appraisal and interpretation by a scholar who has labored long in the field. The first essay gives its title to the book and emphasizes the fundamental processes at work in modern America. The next essay treats of the Norwegian in the field of American scholarship and includes such distinguished names as Knut Gjerset and Karl T. Jacobsen of Luther College. Chapter three tells of the convention riot at Benson Grove in Winnebago County, Iowa, in 1876 and evaluates the supremacy of the Norwegians in this area down to 1916. The essay on Norwegian-American fiction tells of the work of notable Norse from Tellef Grundysen to O. E. Rolvaag. Grundysen was once a drug clerk in Decorah. An essay on the Norwegian element in the northwest is followed by an estimate of the library work of Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen. Chapter seven is of interest to Iowans because it treats of such subjects as Luther College and the attitude of the Norwegians toward the common or "Yankee" school. The activity of Rasmus B. Anderson as a protagonist of the common school is emphasized. The book closes with an essay on the lay preacher in pioneer times.

The November, 1937, number of *The National Geographic Magazine* contains an article, *America's First Settlers, the Indians*, by Matthew W. Stirling.

The Army and the Oregon Trail to 1846, by Henry Putney Beers, is one of the articles in *The Pacific Northwest Quarterly* for October, 1937, which is of interest to students of Iowa history.

The Colorado Magazine for November, 1937, contains an article entitled *Diary of a Pike's Peak Gold Seeker in 1860*, by Harry E. Pratt. Although the outfit did not cross Iowa, there are a number of references to Iowa gold seekers.

American Cooperation, 1937, is a collection of papers presented at the thirteenth annual session of the American Institute of Cooperation, held at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Ames, Iowa, on June 21-25, 1937.

Minnesota History for September, 1937, contains the following articles and papers: *Fort St. Charles and the Northwest Angle*, by Theodore C. Blegen; *Quakers in Minnesota*, by Thomas E. Drake; *Minnesota Farmers' Diaries*, by Rodney C. Loehr; and *The State Historical Convention of 1937*.

The Official Publications of American Counties A Union List, compiled by James G. Hodgson, Librarian of the Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado, has been recently issued in a volume of 594 pages. It lists 5248 different county publications in 184 libraries throughout the United States. The volume is provided with an index. For Iowa there are 155 publications, many of which include a series published in the various years.

Was the West a Safety Valve for Labor?, by Joseph Schafer; *Middle Western Agricultural History as a Field of Research*, by Everett E. Edwards; *The Background and Legal Aspects of the Pendleton Plan*, by Max L. Shipley; *Oberholtzer's History of the United States Since the Civil War*, by Earle D. Ross; and *Excerpts from Fulkerson's "Recollections of the War Between the States"*, by P. L. Rainwater, are the papers and articles in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for December, 1937.

Bulletin 115 of the Bureau of American Ethnology, published by the Smithsonian Institution, contains the *Journal of Rudolph Friederich Kurz*, translated by Myrtis Jarrell and edited by J. N. B. Hewitt. The journal covers the years 1846 to 1852 and describes Kurz's experiences among the fur traders and American Indians on the Mississippi and the Upper Missouri rivers. The volume con-

tains much interesting material on the Indian tribes which formerly lived in Iowa as well as on the western tribes.

Genesis of Wisconsin's Income Tax Law, an interview with D. O. Kinsman; *Some Recollections of Thomas Pederson*; 'On Wisconsin' — *The Football Song*, by Louise Phelps Kellogg; *Reminiscences of Nine Decades*, by Burr W. Jones; and *Burr W. Jones*, by Edward A. Birge, are the articles and papers in *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* for September, 1937. An immigrant's letter, written in July, 1848, by Gerhard Kremers, and an editorial comment, *Peopling the Middle West*, by Joseph Schafer, are two other contributions.

The Historical Records Survey has issued *A Preliminary Check List of Missouri Imprints 1808-1850*. The publication is a part of the American Imprints Inventory and was compiled and prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration. The compilation includes 694 imprints printed in Missouri before 1850, including laws and statutes, journals of the legislature, and other government publications. The preface is by Douglas C. McMurtrie, consultant to the National Director of the Historical Records Survey.

Houghton Mifflin Company has recently issued the guide books for the States of Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine. These guide books were prepared by the workers of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. They contain: essays on the people, physical setting, flora and fauna, history, agriculture, industry and commerce, transportation, education, recreation, architecture, and literature of the State as a whole; descriptions of cities and towns, under the heading "Main Street and Village Green"; tours over the State; a chronology of events; and a bibliography. There are also a series of pictures and maps.

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A Project in Iowa Ornithology, by T. C. Stephens, appears in *Iowa Bird Life* for September, 1937.

A Memorial of James Henry Lees, by George F. Kay, has been

recently reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Geological Society of America* for 1936.

A third installment of *Historical Sketches of College of Medicine*, by John T. McClintock, appears in *The Bulletin of the Linn County Medical Society* for October, 1937.

Reminiscences of a Volunteer, by Lloyd Thurston, Congressman from Iowa, is one of the articles in *The Volunteer* for September, 1937. This is the story of an Iowa soldier in the Philippines in 1898.

County Seats of Jones County, by James E. Remley, was issued in pamphlet form by the business and professional men of Anamosa in honor of the dedication of the new courthouse of Jones County on September 10, 1937.

A pamphlet entitled *St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church Eldorado, Iowa*, has been issued as a part of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church. The services were held on September 20-22, 1936.

W. H. Stepanek has compiled and published a *History of the Municipal Affairs of Cedar Rapids*. This pamphlet presents statistics of municipal affairs beginning with the establishment of commission government in 1908 and a list of officers and employees.

Human Relations and Land Values, by W. H. Stacy; *The Ever Normal Granary For Corn*, by Geoffrey Shepherd and W. W. Wilcox; and *The Growth of Farm Tenancy in the United States*, by John D. Black and R. H. Allen, are articles in the *Iowa Farm Economist* for October, 1937.

A continuation of *Physicians—Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa*, by M. R. Hammer, appears in *The Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society* for September, 1937. *The Story of Bacteriology at the University of Iowa*, by Walter L. Bierring, is included in the issues for October, November, and December, 1937.

The Marion Sentinel issued a centennial edition on August 26, 1937. It contains much valuable material on the early history of

Linn County, including the founding of schools, libraries and churches, tragedies, agricultural changes, industrial development, early settlers, and town histories.

The *Annals of Iowa* for October, 1937, contains the following articles: *History of the Guthrie County High School*, by Lawrence Andrew Logan; *The Guthrie County High School*, by O. E. Klingaman; and *The Place-Names of Des Moines County, Iowa*, by T. J. Fitzpatrick. There is also an editorial on *The Heavy Breaking Plow*.

John L. Benbow of Fort Madison, Iowa, is the author of *The Will To Be Free*, a volume which presents various historical events and movements in the form of fictional drama and dialogue. The short scenes are grouped under three headings, "Visions of America", "The Will To Be Free", and "The Earth Encircling Aryans". A number of the scenes portray events in Iowa.

Under the heading *Iowa Governors Who Were Masons*, Earl B. Delzell presents biographical sketches of Francis Marion Drake, Albert Baird Cummins, and William Lloyd Harding in the September, October, and November, 1937, issue of the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M.* The September issue contains also *Masonic Clubs in the A. E. F.*, by Ray R. Douglass, and *Research Lodges Here and Abroad*, by Burton H. Saxton. The latter article is continued in the October number.

Ralph W. Cram, editor of the *Davenport Democrat*, has been publishing a series of reminiscences in his paper, the first one appearing on September 26, 1937. The weekly articles portray the writer's experiences as a boy, his early printing work, events which happened in Davenport, business activities, and many interesting sidelights on the political happenings of the period. A few of the headings will illustrate the field covered — *Boyhood in the 1870's*; *Printer's Deviling in the 1880's*; *A Peep at Davenport's First Incineration*; *The Rafting Era on The Mississippi*; *Horace Boies, Democratic Political Rocket*; and *A Bicycle Trip Across Iowa, in 1892*.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

Early recollections of Independence, by Ed. Woods, Sr., in the *Independence Conservative*, June 2, 1937.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is a former Iowan, in the *Mason City Globe-Gazette*, June 2, 1937.

Sketch of the life of Matt D. Cooney, in the *Dyersville Commercial*, June 2, 1937.

Father of Ruth Suckow is prominent Congregational leader in Iowa, by Harvey Ingham, in the *Des Moines Register*, June 2, 1937.

Burial spot of pioneers from Canada found, in the *Cascade Pioneer*, June 3, 1937.

Iowa Bankers' Association's fiftieth anniversary recalls first meeting, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, June 3, 1937.

Sketch of the life of A. E. McDole, in the *Sabula Gazette*, June 3, 1937.

Some Delhi school history, in the *Manchester Press*, June 3, 1937.

Grand Lodge meeting recalls Iowa Masonic history, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, June 6, 1937.

Sketch of the life of W. H. Thompson, in the *Des Moines Register*, June 7, 1937.

West Point Congregational Church celebrates centennial, in the *Fort Madison Democrat*, June 9, 1937.

History of the Lisbon Methodist Church, in the *Mt. Vernon Record*, June 10, 1937.

The Brown family, pioneers of Richland-Ollie Road Community, by Mrs. Dora H. Chacey, in the *Sigourney News*, June 10, 1937.

Account book of 1856-57 reveals business of early Bellefontaine (Henry County) store, in the *Winfield Beacon*, June 10, 1937.

Crawfordsville Methodist church has one hundred years of history, in the *Burlington Hawkeye-Gazette*, June 12, and the *Davenport Democrat*, June 13, 1937.

Pioneer Park of Des Moines has unique features, in the *Des Moines Register*, June 13, 1937.

Former President Hoover plans restoration of birthplace at West Branch, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, June 13, 1937.

Gopher "College" beginnings in old files of *Algona Bee*, in the *Des Moines Register*, June 14, 1937.

Historical sketch of West Chester, in the *Washington Democrat-Independent*, June 16, 1937.

Mrs. Anna M. Dalander is one of the founders of Madrid (called Swede Point), in the *Madrid Register-News*, June 17, 1937.

C. W. Gaston gave Madrid its name, in the *Madrid Register-News*, June 17, 1937.

Hamilton Campbell, Winneshiek County's first white child, recalls pioneer days, in the *Postville Herald*, June 17, 1937.

Elk once roamed around Le Mars, in the *Le Mars Globe Post*, June 17, 1937.

J. L. Harter of Sibley owns a pre-revolutionary musket, in the *Sheldon Mail*, June 17, 1937.

Sketch of life of John F. Riggs, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, June 19, 1937.

Mrs. Nancy Hurst, 106, is Iowa's oldest woman, in the *Shenandoah Sentinel*, June 22, 1937.

Bronze tablet marking Blake Mansion House is unveiled, in the *Jefferson Bee*, June 22, 1937.

Five generations of the J. S. Wise family meet, in the *Sioux City Journal*, June 22, 1937.

History of Noble, in the *Washington Democrat-Independent*, June 23, 1937.

Former State Representative H. C. Lounsberry dies, in the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, June 23, 1937.

Cigar Indian valued as relic, in the *Lake Mills Graphic*, June 23, 1937.

Amana Colonies, as seen by George C. Ulen, in the *Decorah Journal*, June 24, 1937.

Town of Dean recalls personality of Henry Clay Dean, in the *Centerville Iowegian*, June 26, 1937.

Crawford County has its original "first log cabin", in the *Carroll Herald*, June 26, 1937.

Plaque marks Old Military Trail, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, June 26, 1937.

A. B. Funk's notable public service, by Harvey Ingham, in the *Des Moines Register*, June 30, 1937.

Ivester Church, oldest in Grundy County, has seventieth anniversary, in the *Grundy Center Register*, July 1, 1937.

Sketch of the life of Harvey Ingham, in the *Des Moines Register*, July 1, 1937.

Bowman Chapel's fiftieth anniversary recalls Bowman history, by Mrs. Warren Baker, in the *Guthrie Center Times*, July 1, 1937.

Newton girl became prima donna, in the *Newton Mirror*, July 1, 1937.

Ida Grove was "Ida" sixty years ago, in the *Ida Grove Pioneer Record*, July 1, 1937.

Mormons camped on old site of Garden Grove, in *Wallace's Farmer and Iowa Homestead*, July 3, 1937.

Toledo Presbyterian Church observes eightieth anniversary, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, July 4, 1937.

One hundredth anniversary of Tipton South Bethel Church, in the

Tipton Advertiser, July 8, and the *Davenport Democrat*, July 11, 1937.

"Old Joe" Rhomberg was a civic builder, by Anne Bormann, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, July 11, 1937.

Reminiscences of Mrs. Ellen C. Keeler, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, July 11, 1937.

The Old Settlers' Association of Hardin County, in the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, July 12, 1937.

Mrs. Sarah Smith recalls pioneer days on her hundredth anniversary, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, July 14, and the *Washington Journal*, July 17, 1937.

History of the Oak Hill church at Afton, in the *Afton Star-Enterprise*, July 15, 1937.

Grant Tyler recalls early Hardin County history, in the *Eldora Herald-Ledger*, July 15, 1937.

Homecoming at oldest log cabin church in Iowa, in the *Carroll Herald*, the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, and the *Mason City Globe-Gazette*, July 15, 1937.

Historical data on Logan, in the *Logan Observer*, July 15, 1937.

W. R. Harold played in band for Grant's presidential campaign, in the *Toledo Chronicle*, July 15, 1937.

Decorah in 1860, by A. S. Bailey, in the *Decorah Public Opinion*, July 16, 1937.

Mrs. Jackson M. Smith, 100, is Confederate widow, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, July 17, 1937.

Lyons will observe 102nd anniversary, in the *Davenport Democrat*, July 18, 1937.

Guttenberg's centennial celebration, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, July 18, and the *Guttenberg Press*, July 29, 1937.

Dubuque's "visiting excursion" of 1902, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, July 18, 1937.

- Historical facts about Jones County, in the *Anamosa Eureka*, July 22, 1937.
- Early history of Poweshiek County towns in 1875, in the *Montezuma Republican*, July 22, 1937.
- Naming of Brooklyn, in the *Grinnell Herald-Register*, July 22, 1937.
- Old Settlers Day at Wellman, by Frances Fisher, in the *Washington Journal*, July 24, 1937.
- Reunion at pioneer school near Jacobs, in the *Grinnell Herald-Register*, July 26, 1937.
- Historical facts concerning Iowa and Mahaska counties, by Howard Ray Allgood, in the *Oskaloosa Herald*, July 27, 1937.
- Giant boulder uncovered at Cedar Falls, in the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, July 27, 1937.
- Mystic was once an Indian camp, in the *Centerville Iowegian*, July 27, 1937.
- Naming of Waverly, in the *Waverly Independent*, July 28, 1937.
- Sketch of the life of Eugene H. Reilly, in the *Des Moines Register*, July 28, the *Dubuque Tribune* and the *Cascade Pioneer*, July 29, and the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, July 30, 1937.
- New London observes 100th anniversary, in the *New London Journal*, July 29, 1937.
- The Grinnell Cyclone, in the *Montezuma Republican*, July 29, 1937.
- The marker at site of J. L. McCreery home, in the *Delhi Leader*, July 29, 1937.
- Exodus Colony of Massachusetts settled in Sand Spring, in the *Hopkinton Leader*, July 29, 1937.
- Towns battled for Delaware County courthouse, in the *Hopkinton Leader*, July 29, 1937.
- Early history of Lenox College, in the *Hopkinton Leader*, July 29, 1937.

Only hanging in Delaware County, in the *Hopkinton Leader*, July 29, 1937.

Richland will observe 99th birthday, in the *Keota Eagle*, July 29, 1937.

Moville celebrates golden jubilee, in the *Sioux City Journal*, July 30, 1937.

N. T. Wells, Civil War veteran, recalls pioneer days, in the *Sioux City Tribune*, July 30, 1937.

Plymouth County's first incorporated church, in the *Le Mars Sentinel*, July 30, 1937.

Guttenberg's centennial festival, in the *Des Moines Register*, July 31, 1937.

History of Wellman Methodist Church, by Kittie May Maddock, in the *Washington Journal*, July 31, 1937.

Marker is placed at site of old Fort Robinson, in the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, July 31, 1937.

H. H. Jack has document used in transfer of prisoners in Civil War, in the *Perry Chief*, July 31, 1937.

The centennial jubilee of the Dubuque Diocese, in the *Catholic Daily Tribune*, July 31, 1937.

William Bray rode in the Pony Express, in the *Davenport Democrat*, August 1, 1937.

Old Military Road marker dedicated at Crawfordsville, in the *Washington Democrat-Independent*, August 4, 1937.

Eli Perkins describes ride on old Iowa Central Railroad, in the *Knoxville Express*, August 5, 1937.

An Indian adventure at New Oregon, in the *Cresco Plain Dealer*, August 5, 1937.

Some Van Buren County history, in the *Cantril Register*, August 5, 12, 26, 1937.