

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Democracy's College The Land-Grant Movement in the Formative Stage. By Earle D. Ross. Ames, Iowa: The Iowa State College Press. 1942. Pp. 267. This volume describes one phase of the evolution of higher education in the United States from the church or privately endowed classical college to the technical school maintained by the State and subsidized by the Federal government—the so-called land-grant colleges for teaching agriculture and associated subjects. It includes a history of the debate on the two bills of Justin S. Morrill for Federal aid to State agricultural colleges, presents a study of the attitude of the States in accepting the offer of land, and traces the organization of the land-grant colleges. One chapter is devoted to curriculum and students; another to the relation between science and practice in agriculture. There are numerous and valuable notes and references, a bibliography, and an index. The volume is an excellent general background for a history of the Iowa State College of Agriculture.

Lincoln and the Radicals. By T. Harry Williams. Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press. 1941. Pp. 413. Plates. This is an analysis of the struggle between the radical and conservative elements within the Republican party for the control of the policy to be followed by Abraham Lincoln as President. The book is a graphic presentation of the quarrels which made Lincoln's way so difficult and finally culminated in the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson. Footnotes, a bibliography, and an index add to the value of the work. From the viewpoint of Iowa history, it is interesting to note that only one Iowan seems to have been mentioned as a participant in the bitter struggle for control of the Republican party. This was James W. Grimes, who was associated with the radical wing, but in the end defied it for the sake of maintaining the presidency as an independent part of the government.

A pamphlet entitled *Glimpses of Prairie du Rocher* (Illinois)

has been published by the Buechler Printing Company of Belleville, Illinois. It was compiled by Adolph B. Suess.

The National Resources Planning Board has issued a pamphlet entitled *The Protection of Cultural Resources Against the Hazards of War*, prepared by the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources. The chairman of this committee is Waldo G. Leland.

American Prime Meridians, by Joseph Hyde Pratt; *The Oklahoma Ozarks as the Land of the Cherokees*, by Leslie Hewes; and *A Functional Analysis of Population Distribution*, by Harold H. McCarty, are three articles in the April issue of the *Geographical Review*.

The Kansas State Highway Commission and the Industrial Development Commission have issued a booklet entitled *Kansas Points of Interest — Historic, Scenic, Recreational*. It includes texts of fifty-seven historical markers. The Kansas State Historical Society compiled the historical information.

Jefferson as an Agriculturist, by Alfred C. Miller, Jr.; *An Introduction to Canadian Agricultural History*, by V. C. Fowke; *The Food Administration-Educator*, by Maxey R. Dickson; and *Food Purchases of the Allies, 1917-1918*, by Almon R. Wright, are four articles in *Agricultural History* for April.

Peter John De Smet: Missionary to the Potawatomi, 1837-1840, by W. L. Davis, is one of the articles of special interest to Iowans in *The Pacific Northwest Quarterly* for April. Two other articles are *Range Sheep Industry in Kittitas County, Washington*, by R. M. Shaw, and *The Oregon Free Press*, by Leslie W. Dunlap.

The Kansas Historical Quarterly for May contains the following four articles: *The Fort Leavenworth-Fort Gibson Military Road and the Founding of Fort Scott*, by Louise Barry; *The Fourth of July in Early Kansas 1858-1861*, by Cora Dolbee; *The Ingalls Amendment to the Sherman Anti-Trust Bill*, by David F. McFarland, Jr.; and *Some Notes on Basketball in Kansas*, by Harold C. Evans.

The Evolution of Government in Allegheny County, 1788-1808,

by Virginia Beck; *The Influence of Western Pennsylvania in the Campaign of 1860*, by C. Maxwell Myers; *New Castle in 1860-61: A Community Response to a War Crisis*, by Bingham Duncan; and *Some Presbyterian Backgrounds of the Declaration of Independence*, by Edward B. Welsh, are articles in *The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* for December, 1941.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review for March contains four articles: *Eastward Sheep Drives from California and Oregon*, by Edward N. Wentworth; *Russia and the American Acquisition of the Philippines*, by James K. Eyre, Jr.; *Charles Juchereau de St. Denys: A French Pioneer in the Mississippi Valley*, by Norman W. Caldwell; and *Sheep Trailing from Oregon to Wyoming*, by Hartman K. Evans and Robert H. Burns.

The "Latin Peasants" [educated Germans] of Belleville, Illinois, by Oswald Garrison Villard; *Illinois in 1941*, by Mildred Eversole; and *Illinois Indians on the Lower Mississippi, 1771-1782*, by Stanley Faye, are the three articles in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* for March. The number also includes *The Last Resting Place of Edward D. Baker*, by Milton H. Shutes, and *Illinois in the Eyes of a Visiting Scholar*, by John Van Horne.

The New-York Historical Society has recently published a biographical volume, *The Life of Emma Thursby 1845-1931*, by Richard McCandless Gipson. Emma Thursby was one of the outstanding American singers and the story of her life is a valuable contribution to the history of music in America. On two of her tours she sang in Iowa towns, at Burlington, on January 10, 1880, and at Keokuk, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines in January and February, 1884.

The first number of *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, published by the newly organized Arkansas Historical Association, appeared in March, 1942. In addition to the *Salutatory*, written by the editors, and a list of the charter members, the number contains three articles: *The Organization of Arkansas Municipalities*, by Henry M. Alexander; *History of the Petroleum Industry in Arkansas*, by Gerald Forbes; and *Arkansas and Its Early Inhab-*

itants, by Norman W. Caldwell. There is also a list of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Arkansas, compiled by Clara B. Eno.

The March number of *Minnesota History* contains *The Minnesota Historical Society in 1941*, by Arthur J. Larsen; *The 1942 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society*, by Mary W. Berthel; and four papers presented at the 1942 annual meeting — *The Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota*, by Theodore C. Blegen; *Local Historical Museums and the War*, by Bertha L. Heilbron; *The Local Historical Society in Wartime*, by G. Hubert Smith; and *Collecting War Records*, by Lewis Beeson. In addition to these articles there are two others: *Bemidji: A Pioneer Community of the 1890's*, by Harold T. Hagg; and *Some Sources for Northwest History — Railroad Archives*, by Richard C. Overton.

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Iowa Ornithologists of Other Days — Rudolf Martin Anderson, by Mrs. H. J. Taylor, is one of the articles in *Iowa Bird Life* for March.

Mark Twain's Letters in the Muscatine Journal, edited by Edgar M. Branch, has been published in pamphlet form by the Mark Twain Association of America.

Continuations of *Medical History of Webster County*, by William W. Bowen, M. D., appear in the April, May, and June numbers of *The Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society*.

A brief account of the Tipton Consolidated School which celebrated its centennial on April 20-24, 1942, by the superintendent, H. C. DeKock, appears in *Midland Schools* for April.

The Indians of Iowa Yesterday and Today, a paper by Mrs. W. G. MacMartin, was published in the *Toledo Chronicle* for October 9, 1941. Another article by the same author, *History of Education in Tama County*, appeared in the issue for December 4, 1941.

The Iowa Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration has recently published two volumes in the series of inventories of county archives. The *Inventory of the County*

Archives of Iowa Montgomery County is Number 69 in the series. The inventory for Polk County is Number 77.

Demacourier, a publication of the Demco Library Supplies of Madison, Wisconsin, devotes the May number to Grant Wood. It contains brief articles by Thomas Hart Benton, Margaret Thoma, Reginald Marsh, John Steuart Curry, and William A. Kittridge, with copies of six of Grant Wood's paintings.

The *Equiowa* for May contains a biographical sketch of Henry Scholte Nollen, president of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa from 1921 to 1941. Mr. Nollen was a grandson of Henry Peter Scholte of Pella. There is also a biographical sketch of Mr. Nollen in the May issue of the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M.*

The Iowa Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration has published histories of ten Iowa counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Monroe, Ringgold, Osceola, and Scott. The series as a whole is sponsored by the State Superintendent of Schools. The individual histories are sponsored by the county superintendents. There is also a pamphlet entitled *Historical Jasper County — The First White Men in Jasper County*, sponsored by the Jasper County Historical Society, and *A History of Burlington Post No. 52, Iowa Department, The American Legion*, sponsored by that post.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

Discovery of draft notice, issued to John House for Civil War service, in the *Oskaloosa Herald*, January 9, 1942.

The Rand Lumber Company of Burlington began in 1842, in the *Burlington Hawkeye*, January 9, 1942.

Mrs. William Mineck witnessed Japanese attack on Hawaii, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, January 11, 1942.

Iowa Wesleyan College begins centennial celebration, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, January 12, 1942.

Carriage once belonging to Governor Francis Drake is stored in a Waukon garage, in the *Waukon Republican*, January 14, 1942.

Five negro slaves were traded for eighty acres of Grundy County land in December, 1849, in the *Lineville Tribune*, January 15, 1942.

Ghost town of Austin is recalled by old resident, by Roy Grimes, in the *Corydon Times-Republican*, January 15, 1942.

Old Rorer home was sold for taxes, in the *Burlington Hawkeye*, January 16, 1942.

The story of Governor Buckingham's (of Connecticut) cane, made from Sioux City oak tree, in the *Traer Star-Clipper*, January 16, 1942.

Verses to "Tama Jim of Ioway", in the *Traer Star-Clipper*, January 16, 1942.

Picture of Jasper County log cabin used as schoolhouse in the 1850's, in the *Newton News*, January 17, 1942.

Story of a blizzard on January 12, 1888, told by Erick O. Nervig, in the *Humboldt Independent*, January 20, 1942.

1856 map of Clayton County reveals interesting statistics, in the *Elkader Register*, January 21, 1942.

Old programs of Patrons of Husbandry institute, in the *Manchester Press*, January 22, 1942.

How farmers waited for opening of ice roads across river in the early days, in the *Dubuque Tribune*, January 23, 1942.

Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa celebrates seventy-fifth anniversary, in the *Des Moines Register*, January 25, 1942.

History of the Jefferson telephone service, in the *Jefferson Bee*, January 27, 1942.

Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Lansing Presbyterian Church, in the *Allamakee Journal*, January 28, 1942.

- Ed Sadd is Allamakee County's 74-year-old hermit, in the *Waukon Republican-Standard*, January 28, 1942.
- Matthew Weir receives award for military merit in World War I twenty-four years late, in the *Rock Rapids Reporter*, January 29, 1942.
- Old bill advertises farm sale to be held November 20, 1857, in the *Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune*, January 29, 1942.
- Early churches in Tama County, by Mrs. W. G. MacMartin, in the *Toledo Chronicle*, January 29, 1942.
- A decade of Des Moines history from 1870 to 1880, an address by William M. McLaughlin at the Des Moines Pioneer Club banquet, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, January 29, 1942.
- Shenandoah issued quarantine passes during smallpox epidemic in 1885, in the *Indianola Herald*, January 29, 1942.
- John C. Bennett, Mormon leader, author of the Nauvoo Charter, mayor of Nauvoo, and major in the United States Army, came to live in Polk City in 1853, in the *Madrid Register-News*, January 29, 1942.
- Belmond built mud fort in 1857, in the *Belmond Independent*, January 29, 1942.
- The real Black Hawk, by Thomas P. Christensen, in the *Sioux City Unionist*, January 29, 1942.
- John J. Hamilton tells of the *Des Moines News*' scoop on Manila battle in the Spanish-American War in 1898, in the *Pasadena Post*, January 30, 1942.
- Death of Mrs. Ann Marie Murphy, widow of John S. Murphy, long-time editor of the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, and mother of the late Senator Louis Murphy, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, and the *Des Moines Register*, January 30, 1942.
- Sixty-two years in business, life story of Gum Kirby, in the (Mount Ayr) *Ringgold County Bulletin*, February, 1942.
- Northwest Iowans in Hollywood, by Hoadley Dean, in the *Sioux City Journal*, February 1, 1942.

Sketch of the career of Professor Charles A. Fullerton and his "choir method" of music teaching, by Francis C. Veach, in the *Waterloo Courier*, February 1, 1942.

Some biographical data on Harry E. Downer, Davenport citizen and author of a history of Davenport and Scott County, in the *Davenport Democrat*, February 1, 1942.

Some early Grinnell folklore concerning "Heavy" Graham and Jack Watson, in the *Grinnell Herald-Register*, February 2, 1942.

Some statistics on Iowa liquor sales, in the *Hampton Times*, February 3, 1942.

Saga of the house of Luvbraate, story of pioneer life in Winneshiiek County, by Clarence M. Peterson, in the *Decorah Public Opinion*, February 4, 11, 1942.

Sketch of the life of Gus A. Laubenfels, for fifty-five years with the Burlington railroad, in the *Burlington Hawkeye*, February 4, 1942.

Frank Dudley talks over pioneer times in Delaware County, in the *Manchester Press*, February 5, 1942.

"True Tallcorn Tales" in the *Greenfield Press*, February 5, 24, 1942.

Bird and wild life notes of early Ringgold County, in the *Mount Ayr Record-News*, February 5, 1942.

William Ristan receives distinguished service medal for action in Argonne forest twenty-four years ago, in the *Davenport Times*, February 5, 1942.

Fort Donelson post of G. A. R. (Webster County) passes from existence after fifty-eight years, in the *Fort Dodge Messenger*, February 7, 1942.

County names commemorating Mexican War events, in the *Des Moines Register*, February 8, 1942.