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EDITOR'S NOTE

State Senator Lucas J. De Koster has alerted us to an error that appeared in our recent article on the beginnings of extension work in the early twentieth century ("P. G. Holden and the Corn Gospel Trains," *The Palimpsest*, May/June 1981). We stated incorrectly that seed corn specialist Perry Holden's meeting with Sioux County farmers in 1903 — a meeting that gave rise to the idea of county agricultural extension work in Iowa — took place in Orange City. Actually, as Mr. De Koster points out, the event was held in Hull, Iowa — a village nearly a dozen miles from the Sioux County seat — and had been arranged by several of Hull's leading citizens, including B. F. Hawkins, on behalf of the Sioux County Farmers Institute. Discussions in Hull led to the creation of demonstration plots, corn shows, and other precursors of the statewide extension service later organized by Professor Holden at Iowa State College. The members of the Sioux County Farmers In-



stitute shared Professor Holden's desire to improve the quality of seed corn and participated in these subsequent efforts to encourage modern cultivation techniques.

We wish to thank Mr. De Koster for setting the record straight and providing the accompanying photograph of the historical marker erected at Hull on the site of the Sioux County Farmers Institute meeting of 1903.

—William Silag and Rosanne Sizer