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THEO. C. RESSLER was born on a farm in Sharon Township, Johnson County, Iowa in 1905. When he was five years old, his mother died, leaving him to be reared in the home of a bachelor uncle and two maiden aunts who lived in the old home place of their father, John Jacob Ressler of the Forty-niner account. His first education was in a one-room rural school, but he attended Iowa City High School, graduating in 1924. He received a B.A. from The University of Iowa in 1924 and an M.A. in 1939. In 1926, he began an eighteen year teaching career which included superintendencies in Johnson, Scott, Jones, and Fayette Counties. In 1928, he was married to Dorothy Bell of Wellman, Iowa. From 1944 until 1971, Ressler was a partner in a hatchery and feed business in Williamsburg, Iowa. For the last two years, he has been engaged in part-time work as a broom maker in a broom and basket shop in West Amana, Iowa. One of his major hobbies is historical research. The selection presented in this issue is part of a longer work entitled, "Trails Divided" which covers the story of the Sacramento Mining Company to California and back. Ressler is also active in the Iowa County Historical Society.



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