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Foreword

After 43 years of work on the same newspaper for which he started in 1920 at the age of 22 as managing editor and after three decades during which he had been generally recognized as Iowa's most eminent journalist, W. Earl Hall reached the mandatory retirement age at the Mason City *Globe-Gazette*.

In those 43 years had been crowded a term as Iowa State commander of the American Legion; 12 years (1937-1949) on the State Board of Education (now known as the Board of Regents); the founding of the Iowa State Safety Council; selection as a member of a Carnegie fact-finding mission to South America in 1941; membership on the World War II Advisory Wartime Censorship Committee; a term as correspondent in the European theatre during World War II; membership on the Red Cross national Board of Governors; winner of the Dr. C. C. Criss \$10,000.00 award for safety work along with J. Edgar Hoover, Dr. Jonas Salk, and others; the recipient of honorary

degrees from two colleges and the SUI Distinguished Service Citation, as well as other honors and recognition.

What such an individual believes is important and the article which follows immediately expresses those beliefs so well as Hall wrote in his column, "One Man's Opinion," printed April 1, 1963, in the *Mason City Globe-Gazette* and presented over Radio Stations KGLO at Mason City, WOI at Ames, WTAD at Quincy, and WSUI at Iowa City. The column was the last of a twenty-year series on radio and in print, Number 1,037 of the weekly stint.

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