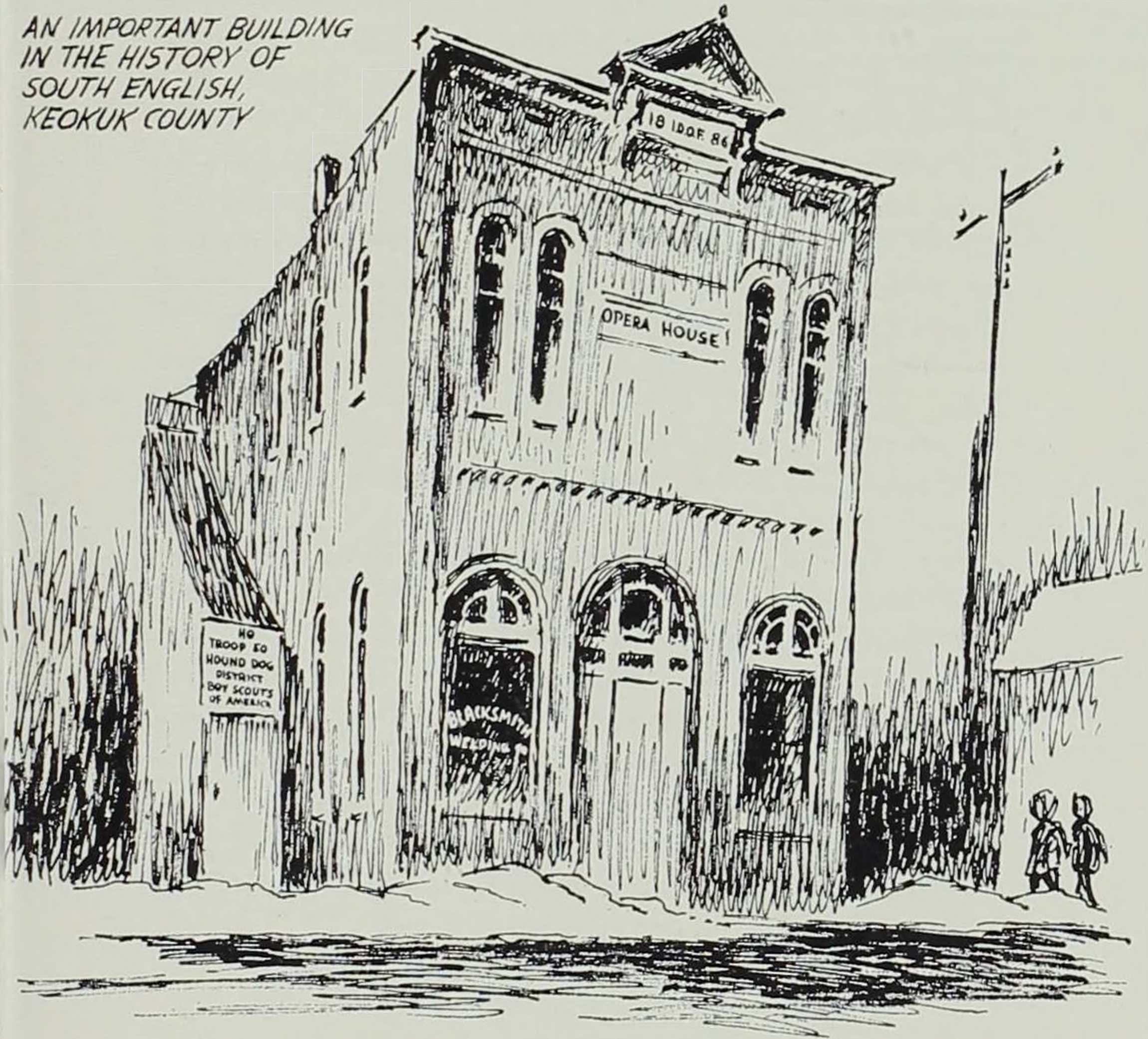


# FEBRUARY 1969

AN IMPORTANT BUILDING  
IN THE HISTORY OF  
SOUTH ENGLISH,  
KEOKUK COUNTY



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## FEBRUARY—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Thursday, February 1.* Cold weather continued. The thermometer fell as low as sixteen degrees below zero at Dubuque. Nevertheless, the mail was coming regularly, and so the settlers west of the river were "once more in the world."

*Tuesday, February 13.* At Dubuque the temperature went down to twenty-five degrees below zero, but at Burlington the thermometers were "all too short" to measure the cold. Everything was "friz up," including the pockets of newspaper subscribers and the hearts of creditors.

*Friday, February 16.* "Stolen, I expect," advertised John W. Markle, "but missing anyhow, a small black 'Fiste,' or if that ain't spelt right, a *little* dog, well known by the name of 'Toney,' with a plain, smooth, honest countenance, dressed in a blue stockinet jacket, decorated with ribbons; but as he took all his clothing with him, it is quite likely he may change his dress."

*Thursday, February 22.* The ice bridge was being used by Illinois farmers to market produce in Burlington.

*Wednesday, February 28.* Residents of Des Moines County began to dig out of the deepest snow of the season. The storm was "interspersed with varieties of rain and hail, and accompanied with a due proportion of thunder and lightning."

### A MILLION LITTLE DIAMONDS

*A million little diamonds  
Twinkled on the trees;  
And all the little maidens said:  
"A jewel, if you please!"  
But while they held their hands outstretched,  
To catch the diamonds gay,  
A million little sunbeams came,  
And stole them all away.*

—MARY FRANCES BUTTS

## FEBRUARY HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**February 1, 1806** Zebulon M. Pike reached Leech Lake and erroneously described it as source of the Mississippi.

**February 5, 1851** Governor approved "Code of 1851."

**February 6, 1846** Mormons crossed Mississippi and began long trek across southern Iowa.

**February 7, 1857** Constitution of the State Historical Society adopted.

**February 12, 1875** Brilliant meteor fell at Amana.

**February 12, 1909** Lincoln's Birthday first celebrated as legal holiday.

**February 22, 1897** Washington's Birthday became a legal holiday in Iowa.

**February 22, 1936** End of most severe and prolonged cold spell in 127 years.

**February 25, 1847** State University of Iowa established by law.

**February 25, 1847** Great meteor fell near Marion.

**February 26, 1874** Death of William Williams, founder of Fort Dodge and commander of the Spirit Lake Massacre Relief Expedition.

### THE BELLS

*Hear the sledges with the bells,  
Silver bells!*

*What a world of merriment their melody foretells!*

*How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,*

*In the icy air of night!*

*While the stars, that oversprinkle*

*All the heavens, seem to twinkle*

*With a crystalline delight;*

*Keeping time, time, time,*

*In a sort of Runic rhyme*

*To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells*

*From the bells, bells, bells, bells,*

*Bells, bells, bells—*

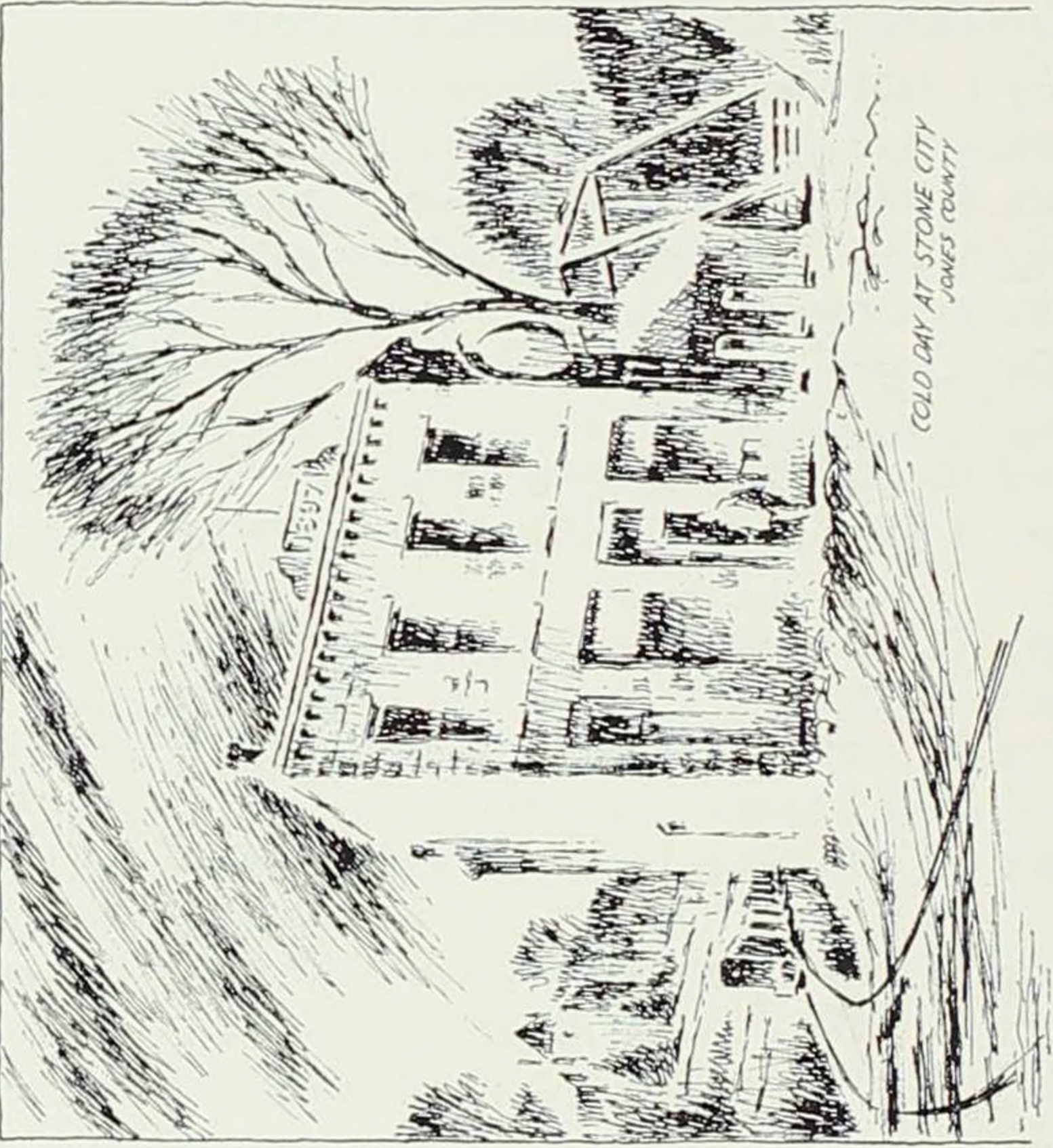
*From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.*

—EDGAR ALLAN POE

I SHALL DO NOTHING THROUGH MALICE;  
WHAT I DEAL WITH IS TOO VAST FOR MALICE



FEBRUARY, 1966



# MARCH 1969



MARCH SNOW  
IN IOWA COUNTY

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## MARCH—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Thursday, March 1.* March came in like a lion, bringing a snowstorm.

*Friday, March 9.* The weather was "clear and pleasant" at Dubuque where the thermometer rose to 40° at noon and fell to about 20° at night.

*Thursday, March 15.* At Dubuque the frost was nearly all out of the ground, the streets were "perfectly dry," and business was "pricking up its ears with the fair prospect of seeing a boat puffing up soon."

*Friday, March 16.* Early risers at Burlington, where the weather had been "more like May than March," were "greeted with a two inch carpet of virgin snow upon nature's floor."

*Sunday, March 18.* The ice began to go out of the river at Burlington.

*Thursday, March 22.* Black Hawk and his son, Nash-easkuk, attended a ball in Fort Madison. Black Hawk wore his full "court dress."

*Saturday, March 24.* "If a division of the Territory is affected, we propose that the Iowans take the cognomen of Hawkeyes," wrote James G. Edwards in the *Fort Madison Patriot*. "Our etymology can then be more definitely traced than can that of the Wolverines, Suckers, Gophers, etc., and we shall rescue from oblivion a memento, at least, of the name of the old chief. Who seconds the motion?" The Reverend Mr. McCoy, appointed by the Schuyler Presbytery to form a church in Fort Madison, preached at early candlelighting in Mr. O'Neil's house. The *Gypsy* was the first steamboat up the river.

*Sunday, March 25.* The weather was "as bland as May;" the ice was all out of the river, and the water at a high stage.

*Tuesday, March 27.* The handsome new steamboat, *Demoine*, landed a large number of enterprising Ohio farmers at Fort Madison.

*Friday, March 30.* The *Demoine* arrived at Dubuque, bringing forty kegs of blasting powder.

## MARCH HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**March 3, 1845** President Tyler signed bill admitting Iowa and Florida as States. Rejected by Iowa!

**March 4, 1929** Herbert Hoover, first Iowa-born President, was inaugurated.

**March 8, 1857** Spirit Lake Massacre began at the Gardner cabin.

**March 9, 1804** Captain Amos Stoddard, representing France, received Upper Louisiana from the Spanish Governor at St. Louis.

**March 15, 1842** Chief Wapello died on hunting trip in Keokuk County and at his request was buried beside his white friend, Joseph Street, at Agency.

**March 22, 1858** Bill approved for organization of State Agricultural College.

**March 24, 1810** Death of Julien Dubuque.

**March 24, 1838** James G. Edwards suggested the nickname "Hawkeyes" for the people of Iowa.

**March 25, 1837** Incorporation of City of Dubuque voted at meeting in Methodist Church.

**March 31, 1838** John Plumbe, Jr., called meeting at Dubuque to discuss the possibility of building a railroad to the Pacific Ocean.

## SNOWFLAKES

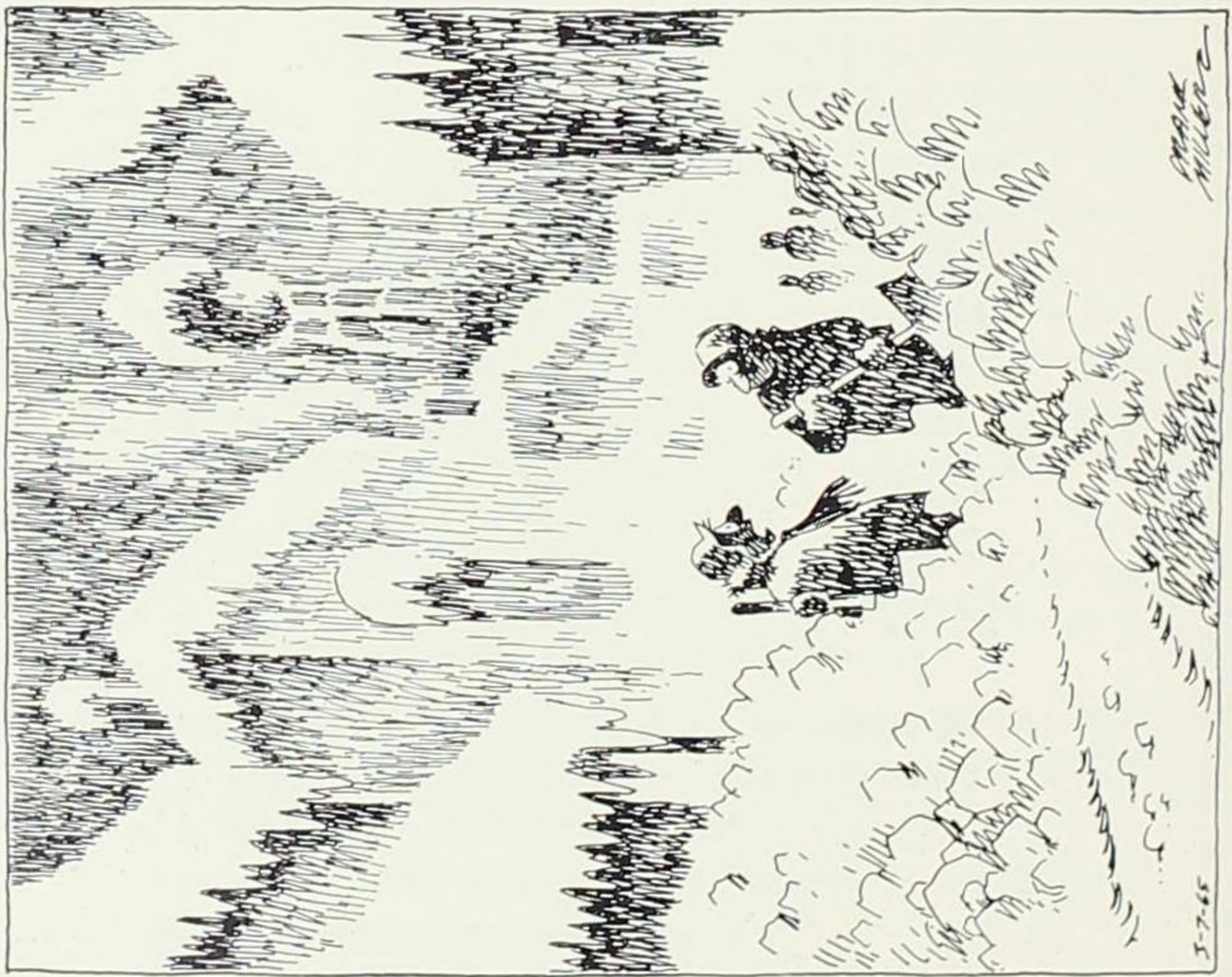
*Whenever a snowflake leaves the sky,  
It turns and turns to say "Good-by!  
Good-by, dear clouds, so cool and gray!"  
Then lightly travels on its way.*

*And when a snowflake finds a tree,  
"Good-day!" it says — "Good-day to thee!  
Thou art so bare and lonely, dear,  
I'll rest and call my comrades here."*

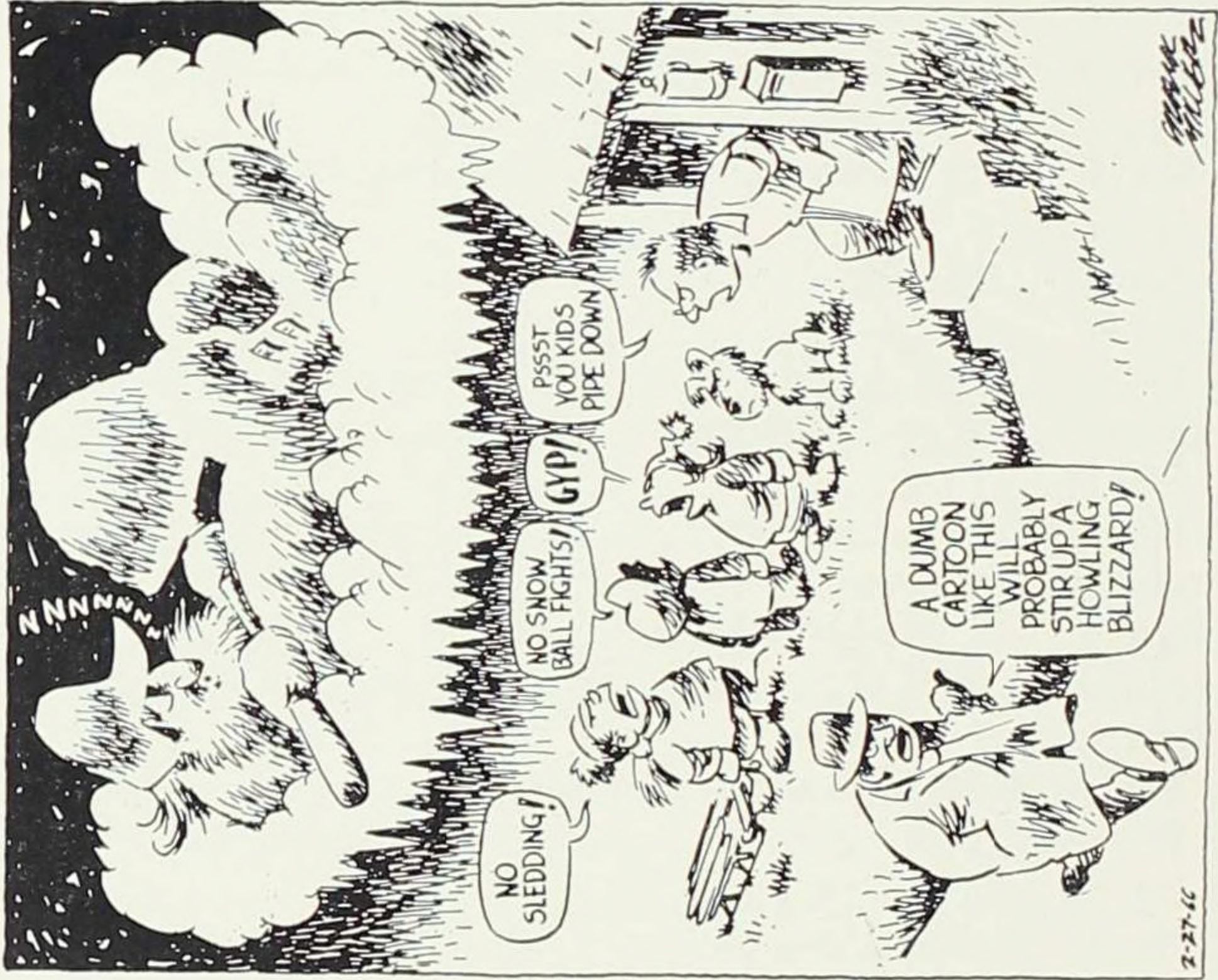
*But when a snowflake, brave and meek,  
Lights on a rosy maiden's cheek,  
It starts — "How warm and soft the day!  
'Tis summer!" — and it melts away.*

—MARY MAPES DODGE

'ON TOP OF THIS, WE HAVE THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BLIZZARD COMING UP THIS WEEK!'



VERY LITTLE SNOW IN IOWA THIS WINTER





# APRIL 1969



SPRING ALONG THE  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER — GUTTENBERG

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## APRIL—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Tuesday, April 3.* Sauk and Fox warriors were reported to be assembling, "dressed out in all their paraphernalia of warlike preparation" to make "a belligerent excursion into the country of the Sioux."

*Tuesday, April 10.* A "slight fall of snow" caused some injury to vegetation. The *Burlington*, Captain Joseph Throckmorton commanding, stopped at Fort Madison on her first trip up the river.

*Friday, April 13.* The river was "in a fine stage for navigation."

*Monday, April 23.* Considerable damage was done to streets and gardens in Dubuque by a severe thunderstorm. "The rain poured down in torrents for the principal part of the night."

*Saturday, April 28.* At Burlington the river was higher than "the oldest residents" had ever seen it. Waves blown up by a strong wind at Fort Madison washed away seventy-five cords of wood belonging to Peter Miller.

## APRIL

*Weary at heart with winter yesterday,  
I sought the fields for something green to see,  
Some budded turf or mossbank quietly  
Uncovered in the sweet familiar way.  
Crossing a pasture slope that sunward lay,  
I suddenly surprised beneath a tree  
A girlish creature who at sight of me  
Sprang up all wild with daintiest dismay.  
"Stay, pretty one!" I cried,—"who art thou, pray?"  
Mid tears and freaks of pettish misery,  
And sighing, "I am April," answered she;  
"I rear the field flowers for my sister May."  
Then with an arch laugh sidewise, clear and strong,  
Turned blithely up the valley with a song.*

—O. C. AURINGER

## APRIL HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**April 1, 1840** A pitched battle known as "Bellevue War" fought in Jackson County.

**April 6, 1839** The first municipal election in Davenport.

**April 10, 1886** Iowa divided into eleven Congressional Districts.

**April 14, 1809** American troops occupied Fort Madison.

**April 14, 1856** First trains crossed Rock Island railroad bridge.

**April 15, 1865** News of Lincoln's death reached Iowa.

**April 16, 1861** News of outbreak of Civil War reached Iowa.

**April 19, 1735** Joseph de Noyelles fought first battle between Indian and white man on Iowa soil at present site of Des Moines.

**April 20, 1836** Territory of Wisconsin created.

**April 21, 1856** Site of Capital at Des Moines selected.

**April 27, 1838** Temperance society formed at Fort Madison.

**April 29, 1862** Iowa troops began march on Corinth.

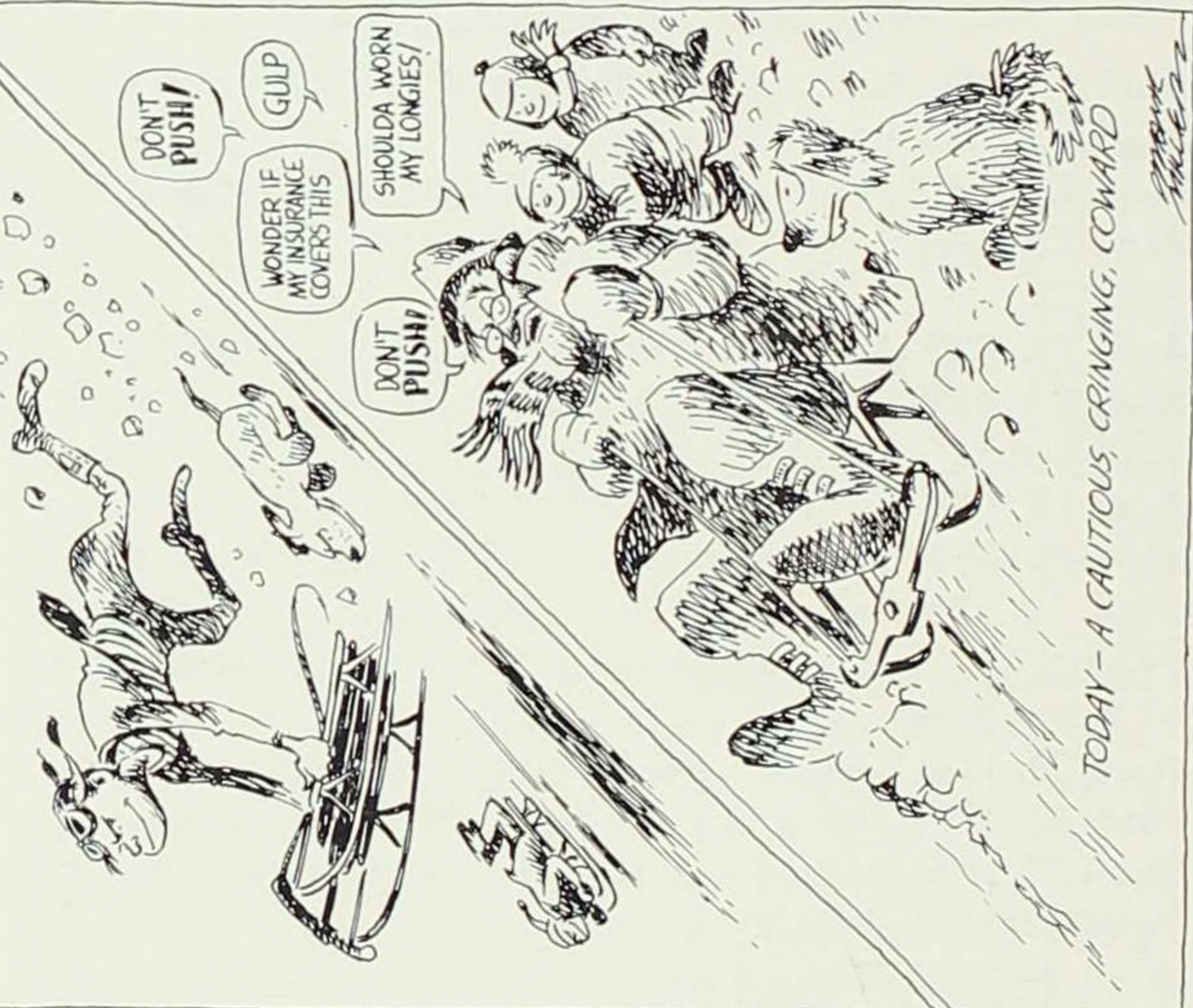
**April 30, 1803** Louisiana Purchase Treaty signed.

### BLOSSOM TIME

*Spring came with tiny lances thrusting,  
And earth was clad in peeping green;  
In russet bark, the twigs incrusting,  
Tenderest blossom-points were seen;  
A robin courier proclaimed good cheer:  
Summer will soon arrive, for I am here.*

—WILBUR LARREMORE

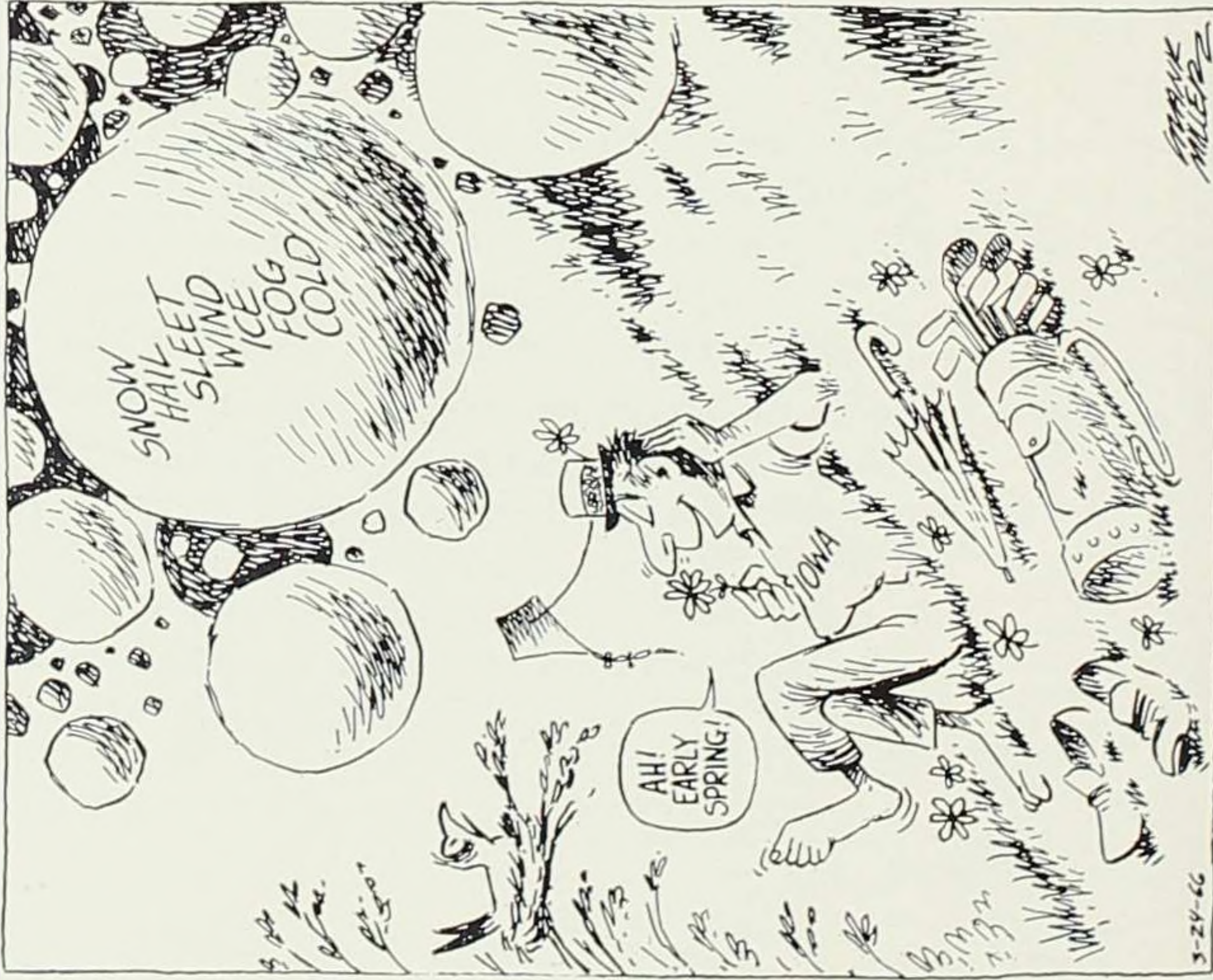
30 YEARS AGO - A DASHING, DARING, DAREDEVIL



TODAY - A CAUTIOUS, CRINGING, COWARD

MARK MILER

POOR FELLA, DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE



MARK MILER

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# MAY 1969



THE OLD ONE ROOM  
SCHOOLHOUSE

GENESEO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NO. 7  
CERRO GORDO COUNTY

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## MAY—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Tuesday, May 1.* The Dubuque county commissioners met at the courthouse. The fee for a tavern license to sell wines, beer, ale, and cider "by the drink, and in no larger quantities" was fixed at \$20. A grocery [saloon] license cost \$100.

*Saturday, May 12.* Signs of spring were not yet visible because the buds had been nipped by frost. Though the river was still high, few steamboats were running. Little freight was being shipped and rates were low. Money was scarce. Times were hard.

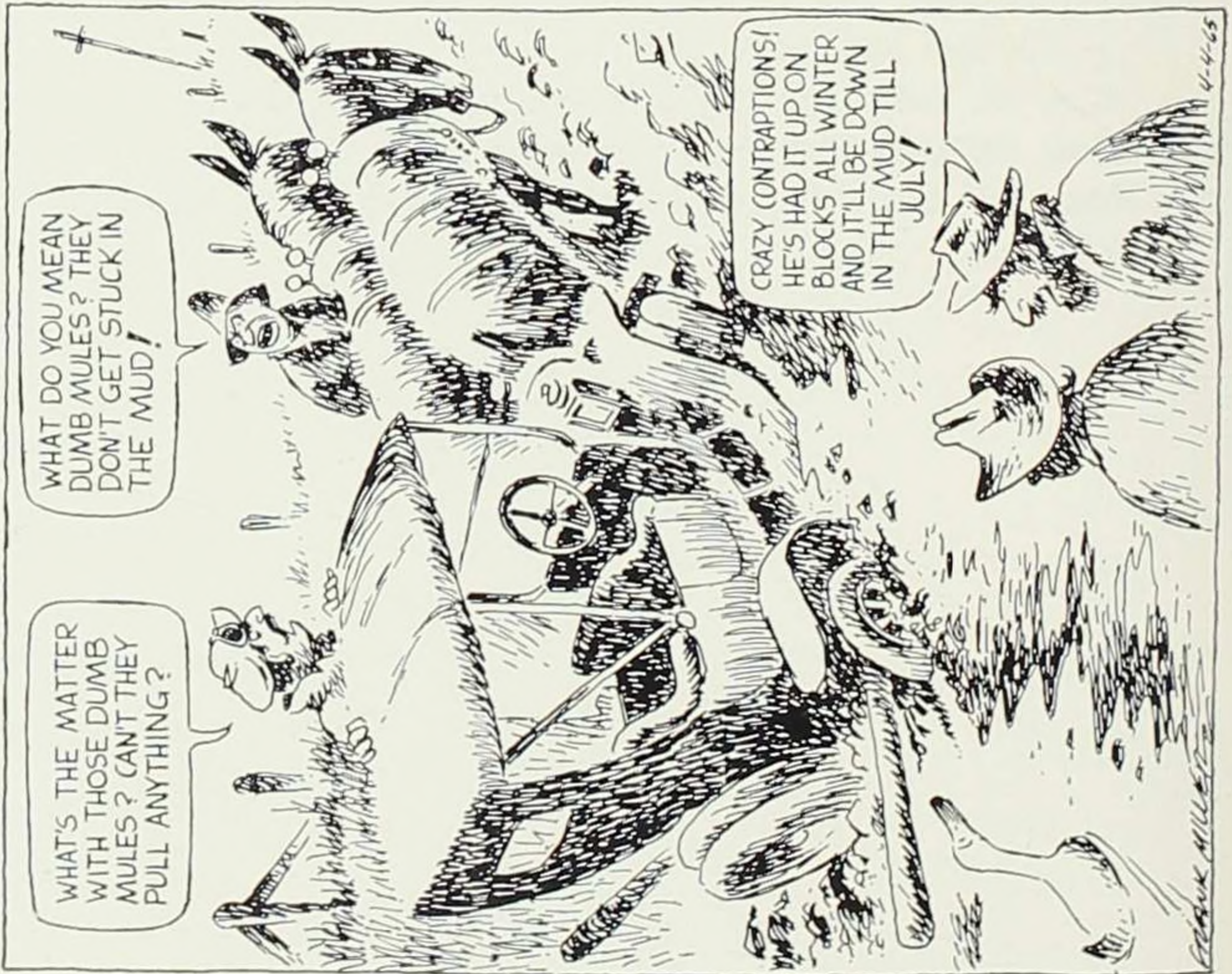
*Sunday, May 26.* The cold, unseasonable weather continued.

*Thursday, May 31.* A severe frost destroyed the corn and many garden vegetables. "Nearly 2,000 savages, in their finest rigs and carefully painted in all sorts of patterns" met Father Pierre De Smet when he landed from a Missouri River steamboat to establish a mission among the Pottawattamie Indians where Council Bluffs is now located.

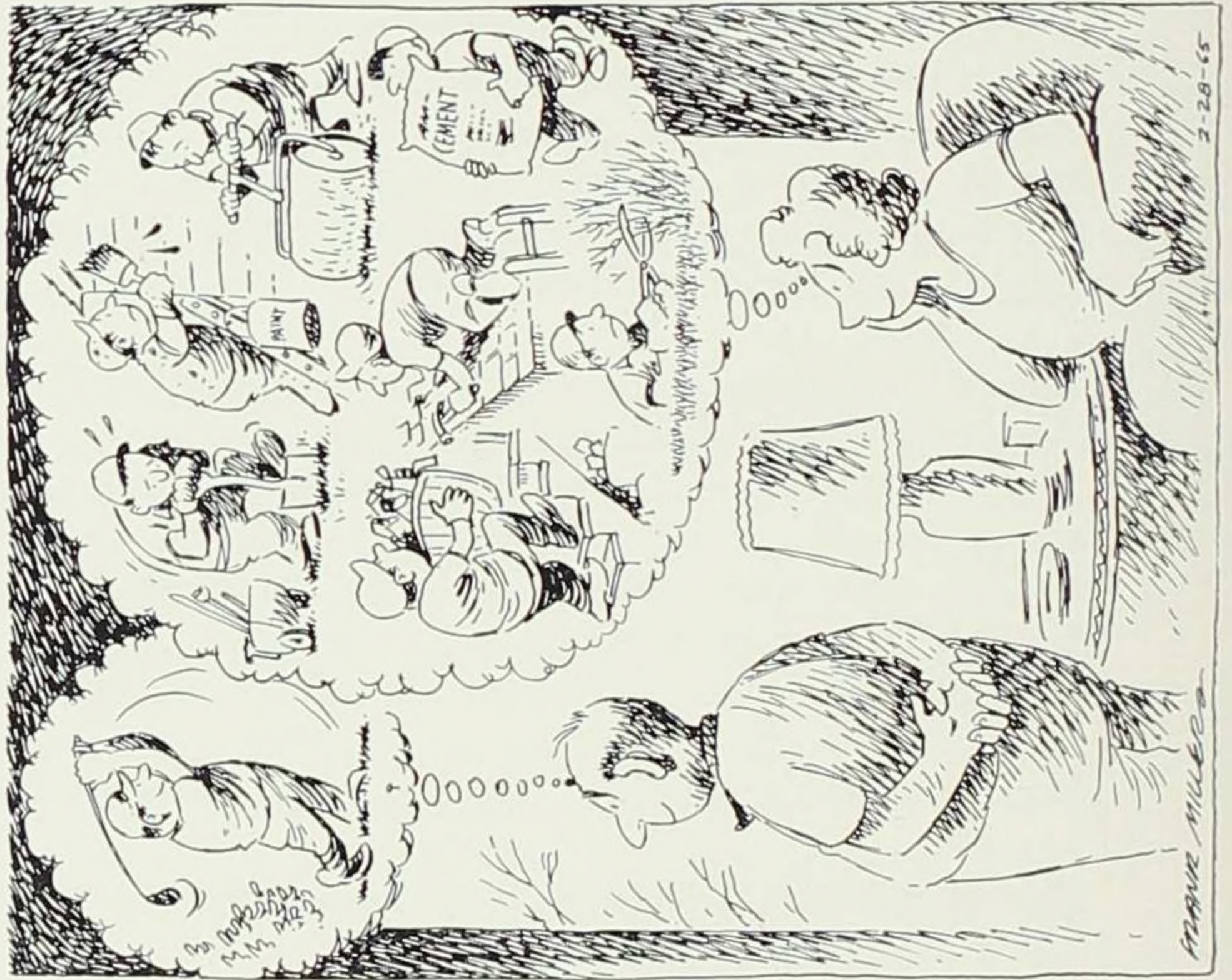
## MAY HISTORICAL CALENDAR

- May 1, 1844** Census of Territory of Iowa.
- May 2, 1890** Forest City meteor.
- May 3** Average date of last killing frost.
- May 5, 1840** Joseph M. Street, Indian agent, died at Agency.
- May 6, 1856** Steamboat **Effie Afton** wrecked on Rock Island Bridge.
- May 10, 1896** Driving of golden spike at Promontory Point, Utah, completed the first transcontinental railroad.
- May 10, 1879** Date of Estherville meteor, largest iron-stone type ever seen to fall.
- May 11, 1836** First newspaper in Iowa, **Du Buque Visitor**, made initial appearance.
- May 14, 1804** Lewis and Clark set out up the Missouri River.
- May 17, 1899** Cornell May Music Festival presented first program.
- May 18, 1834** First Methodist Society organized in Iowa by Barton Randle at Dubuque.
- May 21, 1851** Cloudburst between Fort Dodge and Fort Des Moines and steady rains caused great flood of 1851 on the Des Moines.
- May 30, 1849** Last troops evacuated Fort Crawford.
- May 30, 1868** First celebration of Memorial Day in Iowa.
- May 30, 1880** Memorial Day became a legal holiday in Iowa.

BACK WHEN SPRING WAS REALLY MUDDY



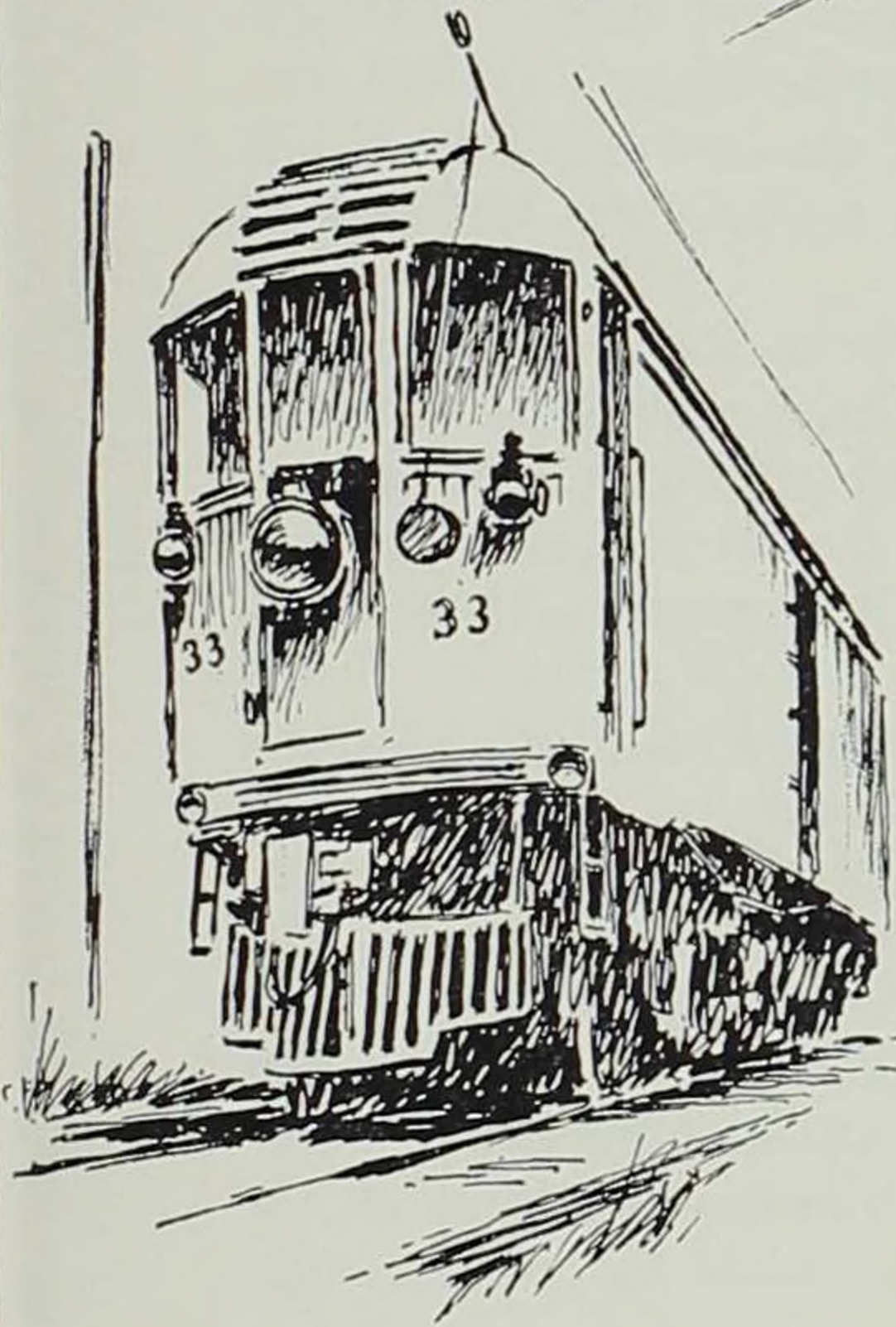
THIS TIME OF YEAR THOUGHTS TURN TOWARD  
SPRING



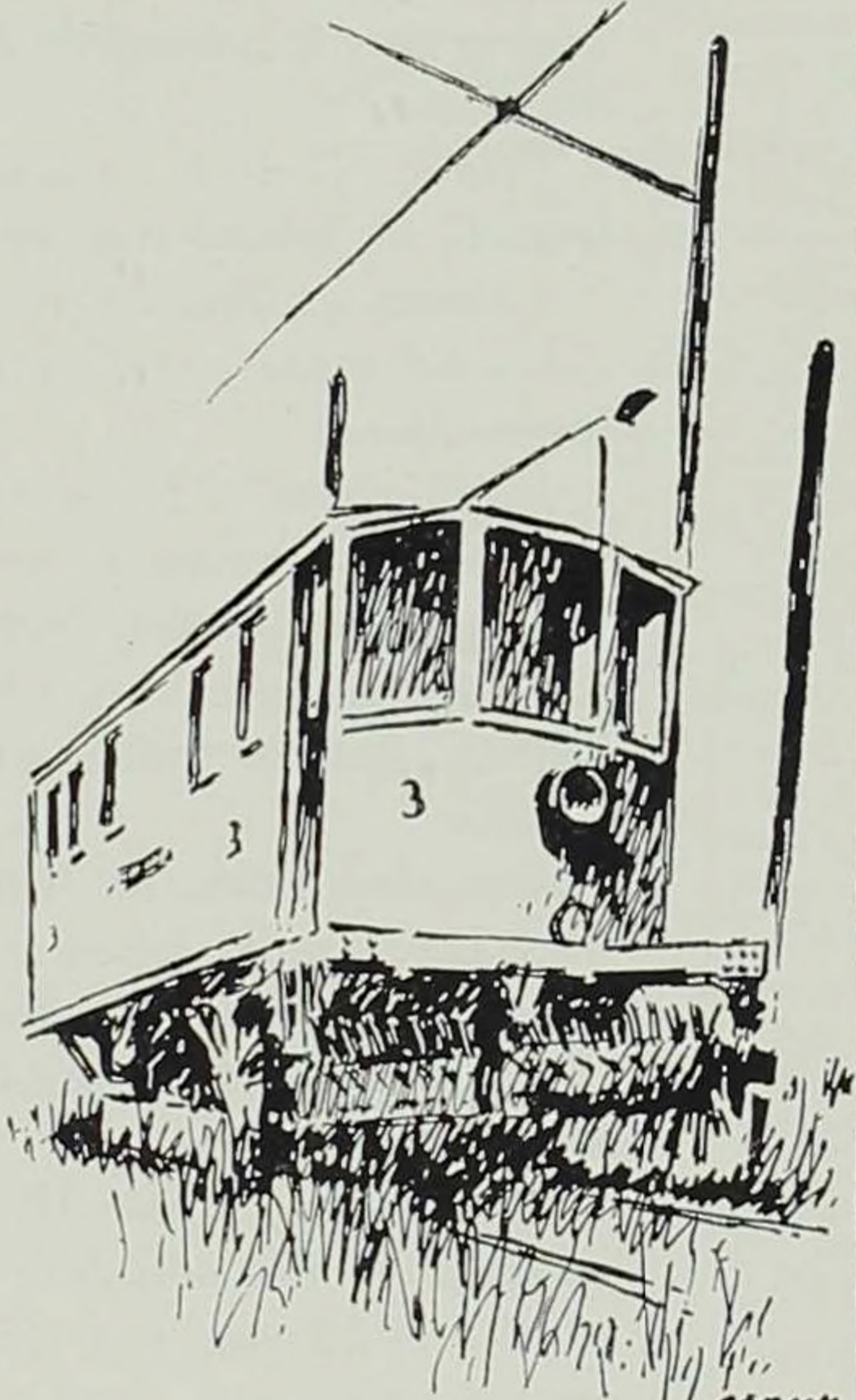


# JUNE 1969

SOME OLD CARS OF THE  
IOWA TERMINAL RAILROAD  
MASON CITY - CLEAR LAKE



A LINE CAR... NOW THE MAIN  
OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD



DANK  
MILLER

A SWEEPER CAR... USED TO  
SWEEP THE STREETS OF MASON CITY

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## JUNE—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Friday, June 1.* The bill to create the Territory of Iowa was debated, amended, and passed by the United States Senate.

*Friday, June 8.* Though it was still cold in southern Iowa, "refreshing showers" broke the drought in Dubuque.

*Thursday, June 14.* Frequent showers and a warm sun calmed the fears and excited the hopes of the "industrious husbandmen."

*Friday, June 15.* Secretary W. B. Slaughter submitted the census returns to the legislature. Citizens of Fort Madison met at the Madison Hotel to plan a celebration of Independence Day. A flock of wild pigeons lighted in Dubuque on the building occupied by the pre-emption commission.

*Tuesday, June 19.* A flatboat, heavily loaded with stone and lime, sank when it was struck by a squall while crossing the river between Appanoose and Fort Madison. Two of the crew swam ashore but the third, Samuel Oliver, was drowned.

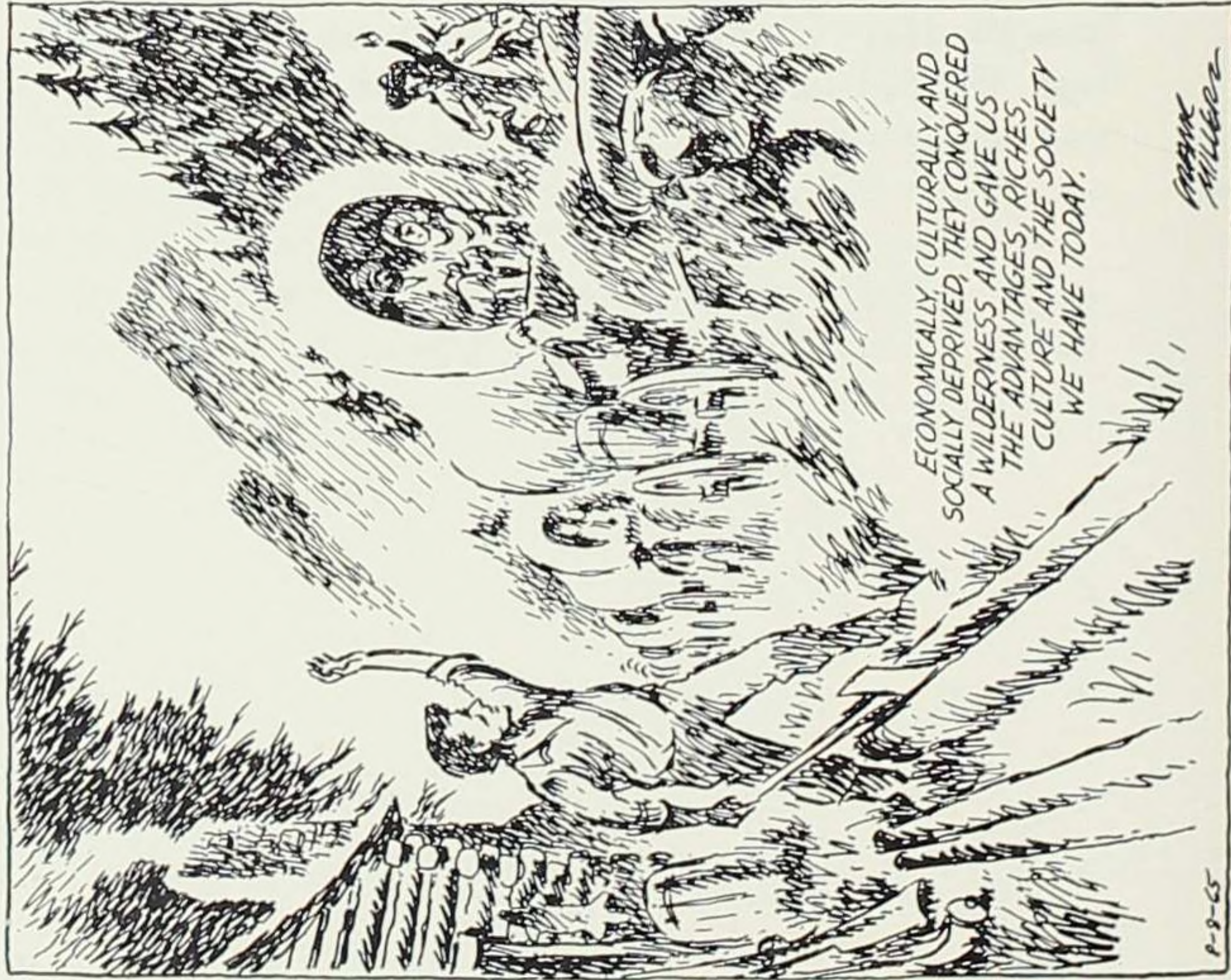
*Wednesday, June 27.* A bad storm did "considerable damage to the standing grain" in southern Iowa. Some of the hailstones that fell at Montrose were "*ten inches in circumference,*" and very few "could be got in a *common sized tumbler!*"

*Saturday, June 30.* In spite of the late spring, crops looked better than in any season since the country was settled.

## JUNE HISTORICAL CALENDAR

- June 1, 1833** Beginning of permanent white settlement in Iowa.
- June 2, 1853** United States troops vacated Fort Dodge.
- June 3, 1860** Many lives lost and property damaged by Camanche Tornado.
- June 5, 1884** The Rainsbarger brothers lynched at Eldora.
- June 5, 1917** Iowans registered for World War I draft.
- June 6, 1944** Iowa troops participated in invasion of European continent.
- June 7, 1835** U. S. Dragoons under Stephen Watts Kearny set out on 1100-mile tour up Des Moines Valley.
- June 9, 1856** First Mormon handcart expedition left Iowa City.
- June 13, 1873** Swarms of grasshoppers reached Emmet and Pocahontas counties.
- June 17, 1673** Joliet and Marquette first white men to see Iowa.
- June 17, 1830** The "Miner's Compact" signed at Dubuque.
- June 17, 1882** The Grinnell Cyclone.
- June 20, 1834** Execution of Patrick O'Connor at Dubuque.
- June 20, 1841** Steamboat **Ripple** arrived at Iowa City.
- June 25, 1673** Joliet and Marquette first white men to set foot on Iowa soil.

OUR "DISADVANTAGED" PIONEERS—HOW DID THEY DO IT?



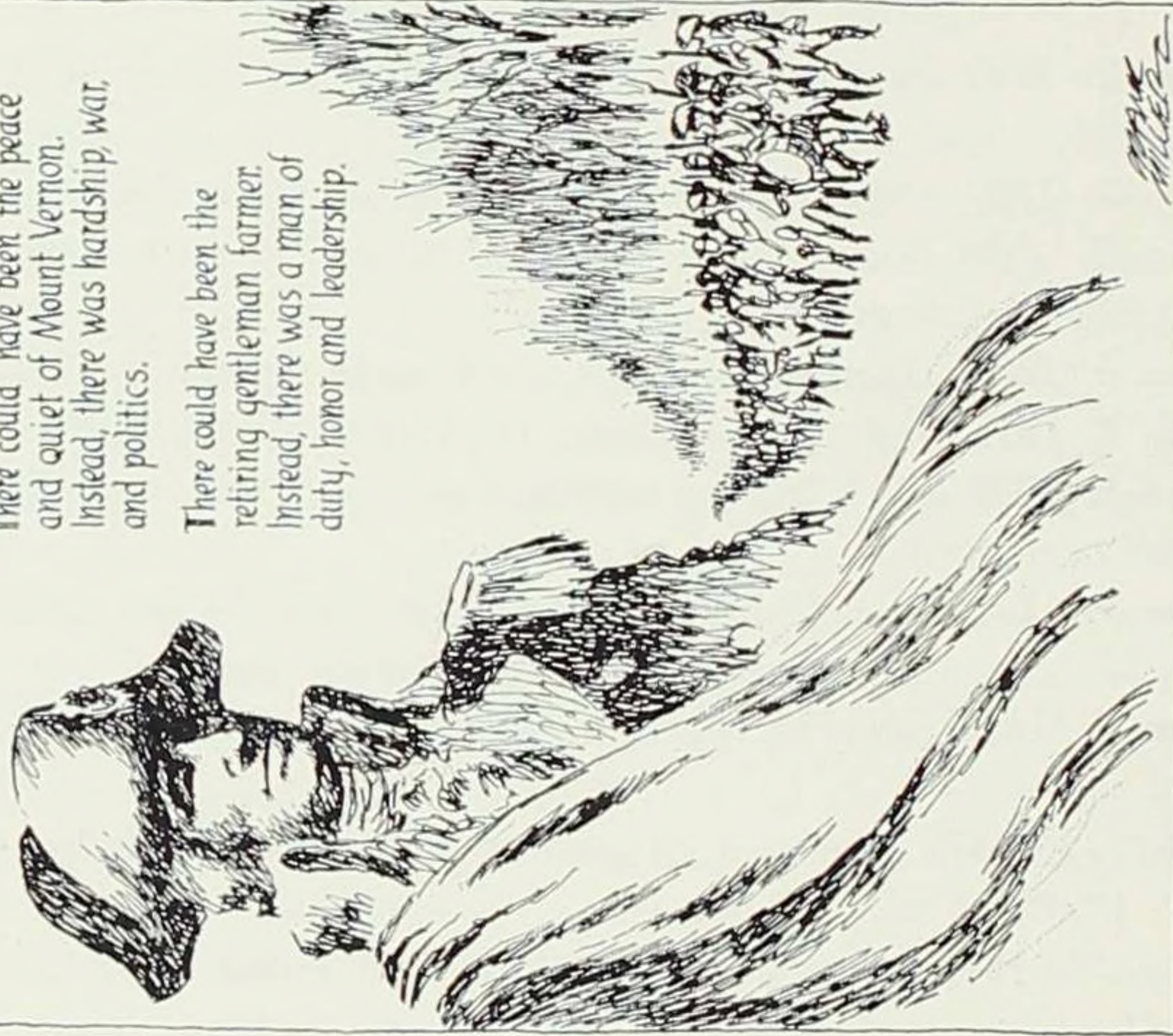
ECONOMICALLY, CULTURALLY, AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED, THEY CONQUERED A WILDERNESS AND GAVE US THE ADVANTAGES, RICHES, CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY WE HAVE TODAY.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON

There could have been the peace and quiet of Mount Vernon. Instead, there was hardship, war, and politics.

There could have been the retiring gentleman farmer. Instead, there was a man of duty, honor and leadership.



# JULY 1969

IOWA'S GREATEST TOURIST ATTRACTION-  
ITS BEAUTIFUL FARMLANDS



INTERSTATE 80 IN  
WESTERN IOWA

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## JULY—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Tuesday, July 3.* A raft containing 100,000 feet of pine plank arrived at Fort Madison from the Chippewa country.

*Wednesday, July 4.* The birthday of the Territory of Iowa and the sixty-second anniversary of the independence of the nation were celebrated with patriotic ceremonies. At Fort Madison old Chief Black Hawk participated in the festivities. "A few winters ago I was fighting against you," he said. "I did wrong, perhaps, but that is past—it is buried—let it be forgotten." Temperance prevailed. Even in Dubuque "the immoral practice of drinking spirits to excess was unknown."

*Tuesday, July 10.* Since the game of nine pins "is productive of great waste of time, and leads to habits of idleness and dissipation, and is attended with great noise and disturbance" it was prohibited in Fort Madison.

*Sunday, July 15.* Hot and dry. Yet "all kinds of grain and vegetables have grown very well this season, and in much greater abundance than that of any previous one."

*Thursday, July 19.* The river was rising at the rate of a foot a day at Dubuque.

*Tuesday, July 24.* Rattlesnakes were plentiful.

*Thursday, July 26.* During a "severe thunderstorm" a stable in Dubuque was struck by lightning but the horses were not injured.

*Friday, July 27.* The river at Burlington rose "nearly four feet within a day or two."

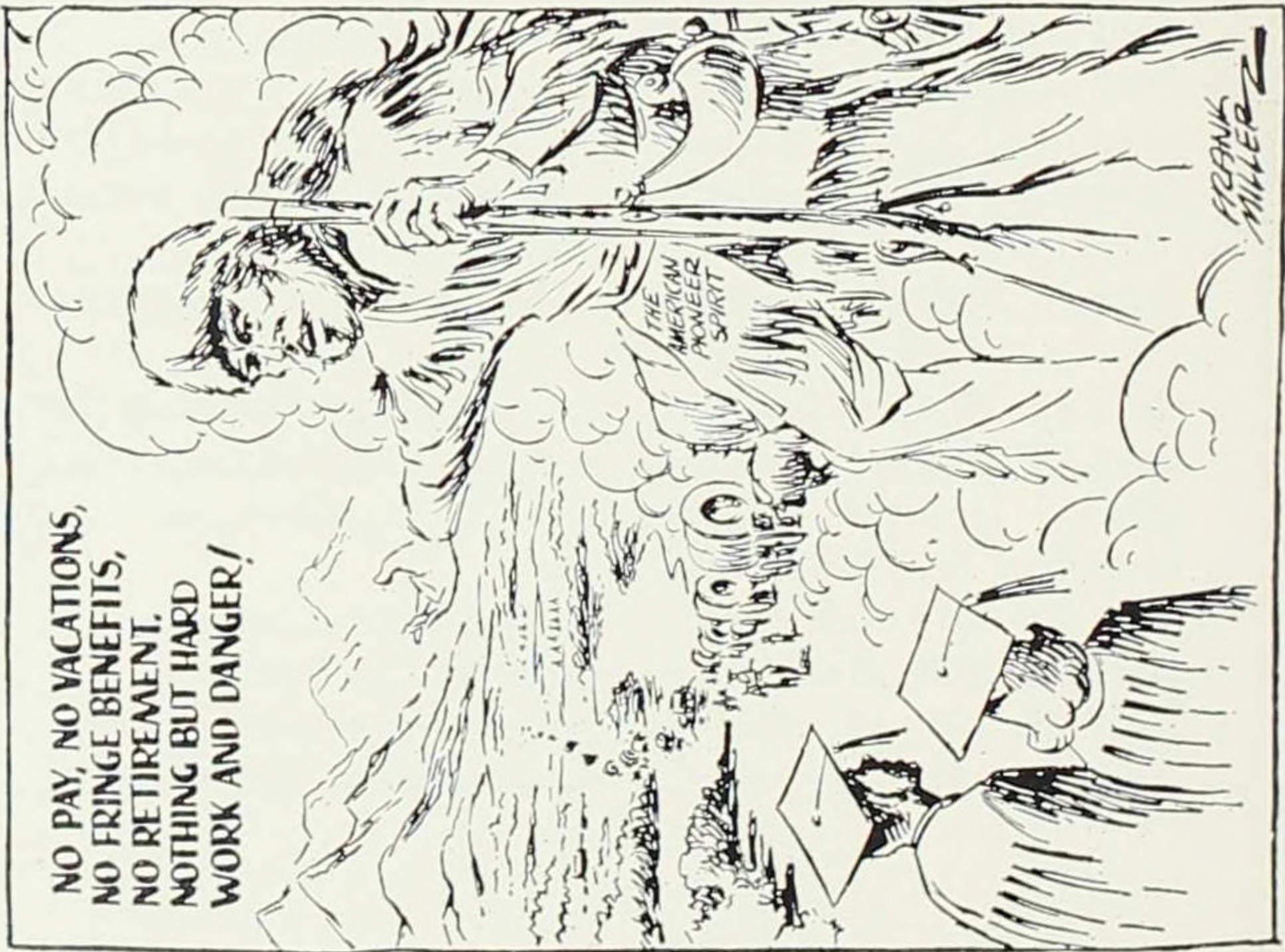
*Saturday, July 28.* At Dubuque the river, which had been ten feet above low water mark, highest for many years, began to recede.

## JULY HISTORICAL CALENDAR

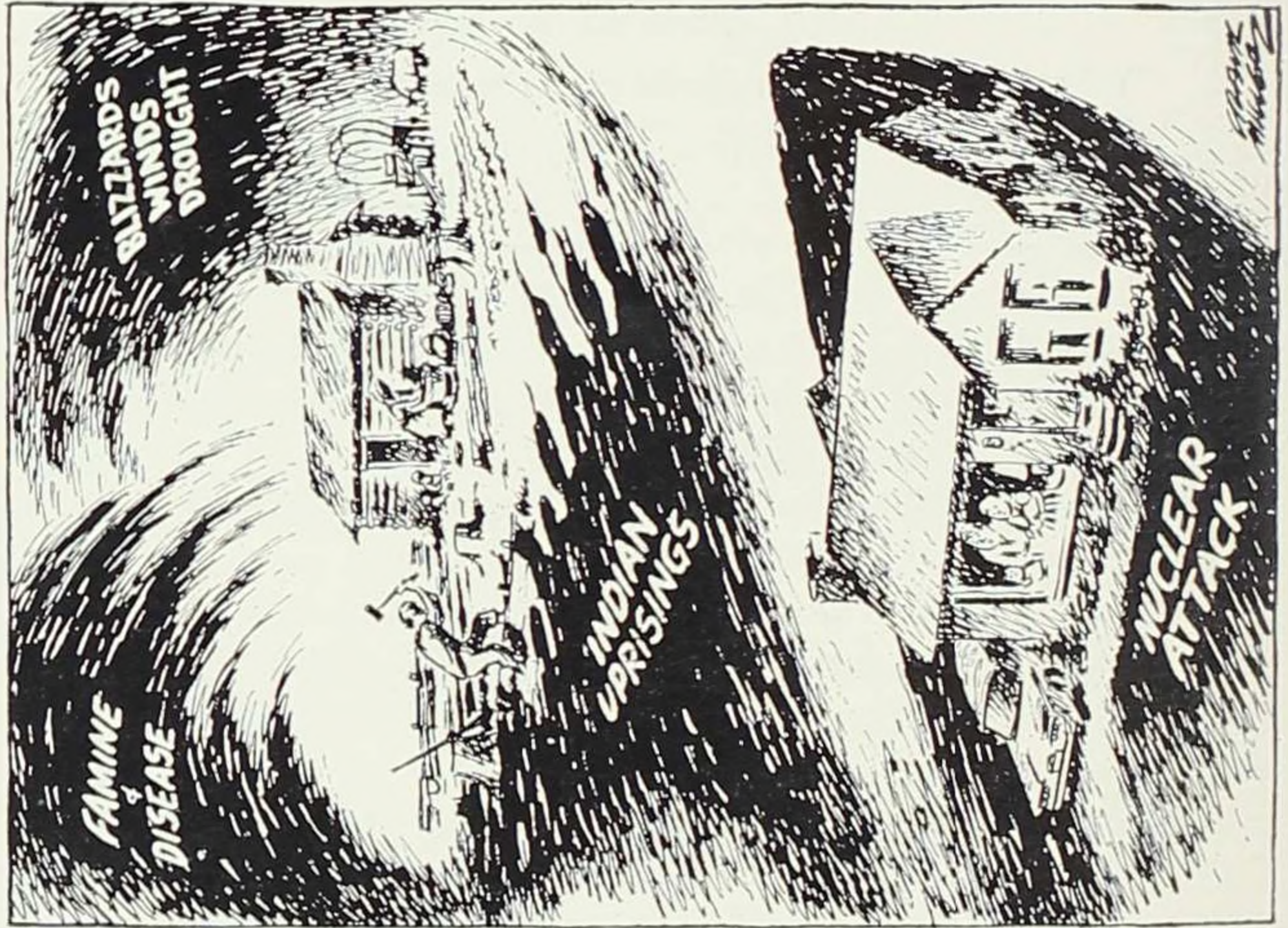
- July 1, 1839** Surveyors began survey of Iowa City.
- July 1, 1851** First real Code of Iowa, **Code of 1851**, went into effect.
- July 3, 1858** Second earthquake known to have occurred in Iowa, recorded in Sioux City.
- July 4, 1828** Galena excursionists raised American flag in Independence Day celebration at Dubuque's grave at mouth of Catfish Creek.
- July 4, 1838** Chief Black Hawk participated in Independence Day celebration at Fort Madison.
- July 4, 1840** Cornerstone of Stone Capitol laid at Iowa City.
- July 4, 1862** First Fourth of July celebration after the General Assembly made that day a legal holiday by a law approved on April 7, 1862.
- July 4, 1863** Iowa troops in capture of Vicksburg.
- July 5, 1876** Thirty-nine lives lost in the Rockdale flood.
- July 6, 1881** Kate Shelley saved midnight flyer of the Chicago & North Western from destruction.
- July 6, 1893** The Pomeroy Cyclone.
- July 10, 1838** The game of nine-pins was prohibited at Fort Madison because it was "attended by a great noise" and was productive of "idleness and dissipation."
- July 15, 1830** Neutral Ground created by treaty between the Sauk and Fox and the Sioux Indians at Prairie du Chien.
- July 15, 1856** Iowa General Assembly granted Tama Indians permission to live in Iowa.
- July 16, 1849** Abbot Bruno laid foundation of Trappist monastery at New Melleray near Dubuque.
- July 18, 1804** Lewis and Clark reached southwestern Iowa.
- July 20, 1934** A temperature of 118°, the highest ever recorded in Iowa, was registered in a sub-station at the mouth of the Des Moines River.
- July 21, 1873** Adair train robbery by Jesse James.
- July 22, 1839** Abner Kneeland arrived at Salubria.
- July 28, 1902** Western Iowa recorded an earthquake.
- July 29, 1869** Race riot on the steamboat **Dubuque**.

HOW MANY OF TODAY'S GRADUATES WOULD  
HAVE TAKEN THIS JOB?

NO PAY, NO VACATIONS,  
NO FRINGE BENEFITS,  
NO RETIREMENT,  
NOTHING BUT HARD  
WORK AND DANGER!



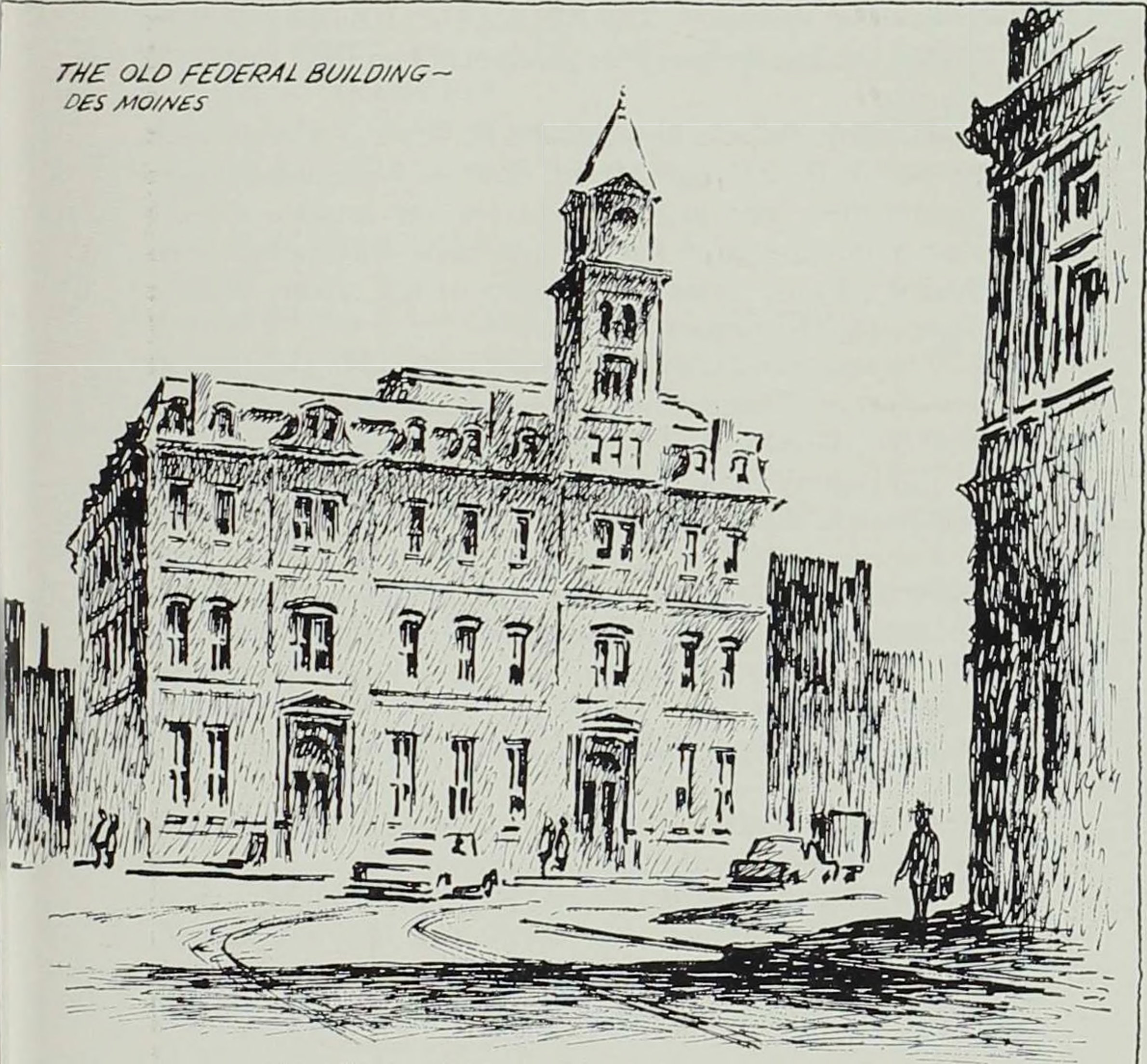
REMEMBER—WE AREN'T THE ONLY AMERICANS  
WHO HAVE LIVED IN A SHADOW





# AUGUST 1969

THE OLD FEDERAL BUILDING—  
DES MOINES



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## AUGUST—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Sunday, August 5.* The Methodists of Burlington were pleased to see the progress being made on their new brick church.

*Tuesday, August 7.* Benjamin F. Wallace made a short speech in Burlington. Mrs. Catharine M. Bronson, aged twenty-three and distinguished for her amiable disposition and "reverence for the principles and duties of revealed religion," died at the home of her father, William Janes, in Burlington.

*Thursday, August 9.* A deputation from the Mississippi Emigration Company in Upper Canada was reported to be "now in our country" seeking a location for a colony in the vicinity of Rock Island. Rainy weather was spoiling grain in the shock.

*Thursday, August 16.* Settlers formed an association at Rock Springs to protect their claims against speculators at the land sale. The opening of the Burlington land office was delayed because the plats had not been received.

*Saturday, August 18.* The Mississippi was falling rapidly.

*Sunday, August 19.* The Iowa Temperance Society met at the Methodist Church in Dubuque.

*Tuesday, August 28.* The Mississippi was falling about a foot a day.

*Friday, August 31.* Samuel Bronson, aged thirty, survived his wife, Catharine, less than a month.

## AUGUST HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**August 1, 1832** Steamboat **Warrior** repulsed Black Hawk at Bad Axe.

**August 2, 1832** Sauk and Fox under Black Hawk crushed in Battle of the Bad Axe.

**August 3, 1846** People of Iowa adopted Constitution of 1846.

**August 3, 1857** People of Iowa adopted Constitution of 1857.

**August 4, 1825** Great Indian Council began at Prairie du Chien.

**August 8, 1846** Land Office at Iowa City authorized.

**August 10, 1861** Iowa troops fought fierce battle at Wilson's Creek, Missouri.

**August 15, 1835** Cornerstone of first Catholic church in Iowa laid at Dubuque.

**August 17, 1878** Court decree dissolved Icarian community in Adams County.

**August 19, 1825** The Neutral Line was established between the Sioux and the Sauk and Fox at Great Council at Prairie du Chien.

**August 20, 1804** Sergeant Charles Floyd died near site of Sioux City, the first white man known to have died on Iowa soil.

**August 20, 1805** Zebulon M. Pike reached present site of Keokuk.

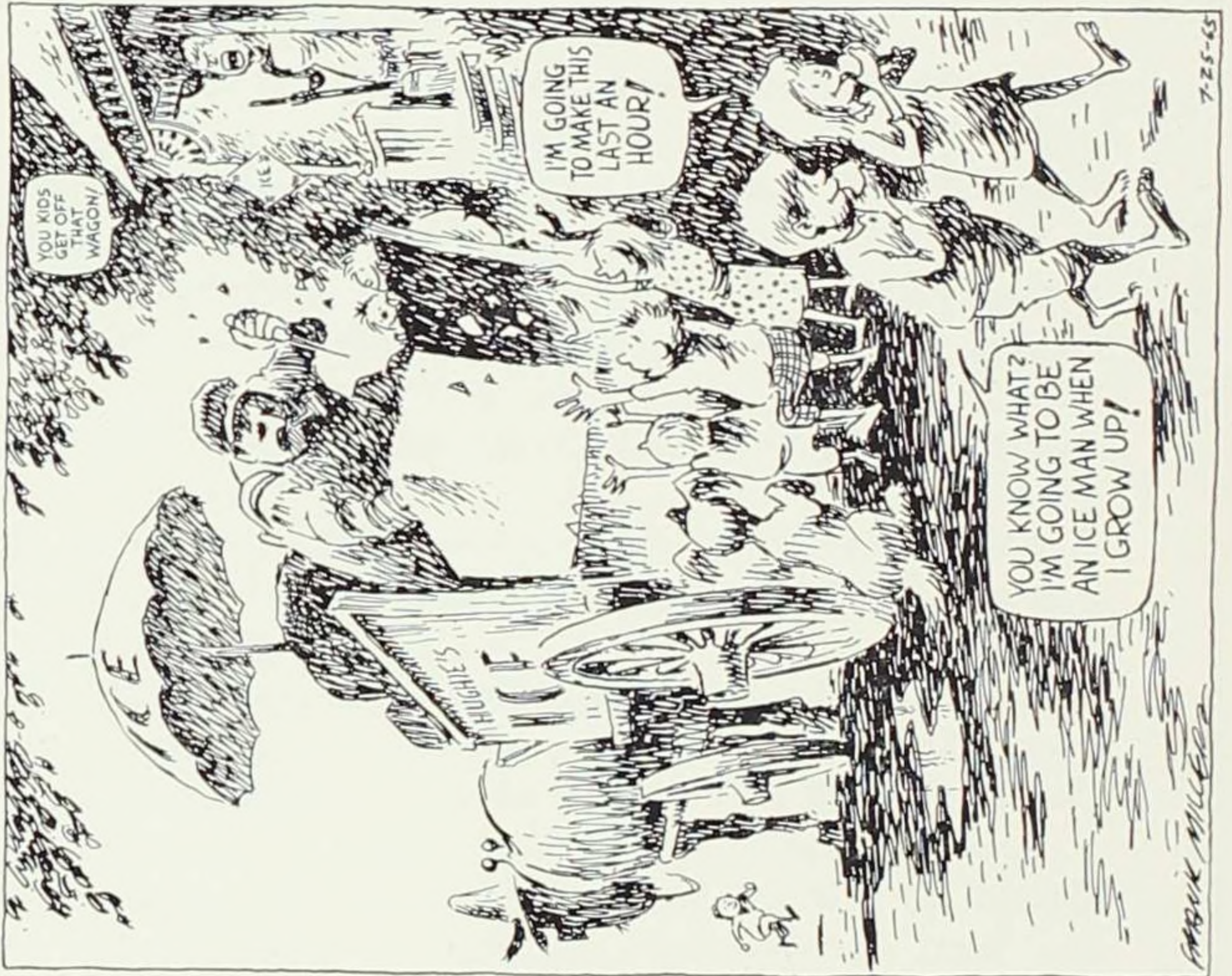
**August 21, 1890** The Blue Grass Palace opened at Creston.

**August 26, 1890** Ten thousand spectators jammed Rush Park race track at Independence on opening day.

**August 27, 1805** Zebulon M. Pike encamped on west bank of the Mississippi opposite Rock Island.

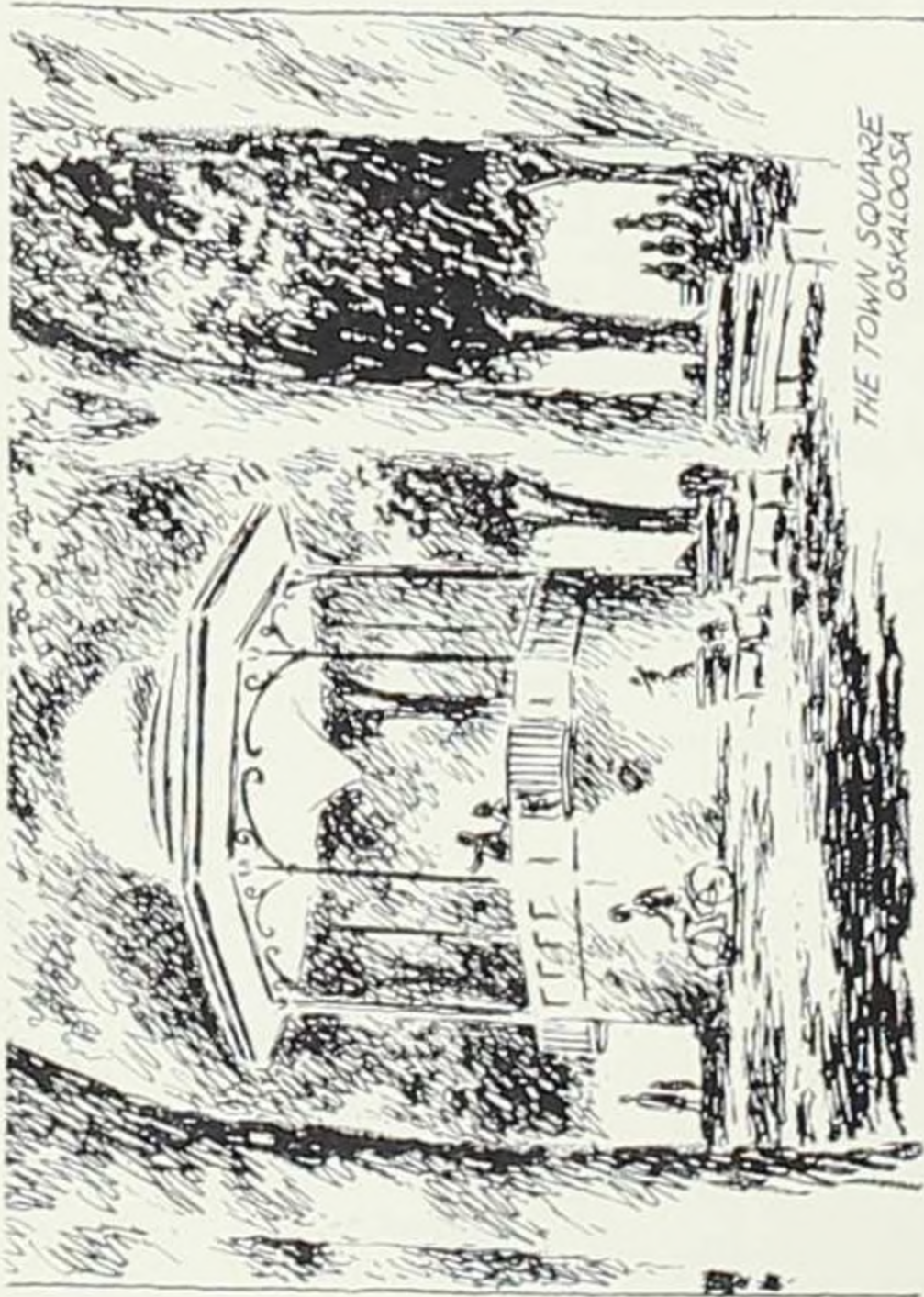
**August 31, 1886** Several towns in eastern Iowa "distinctly felt" Charleston, South Carolina, earthquake.

A BIG EVENT ON A HOT DAY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO

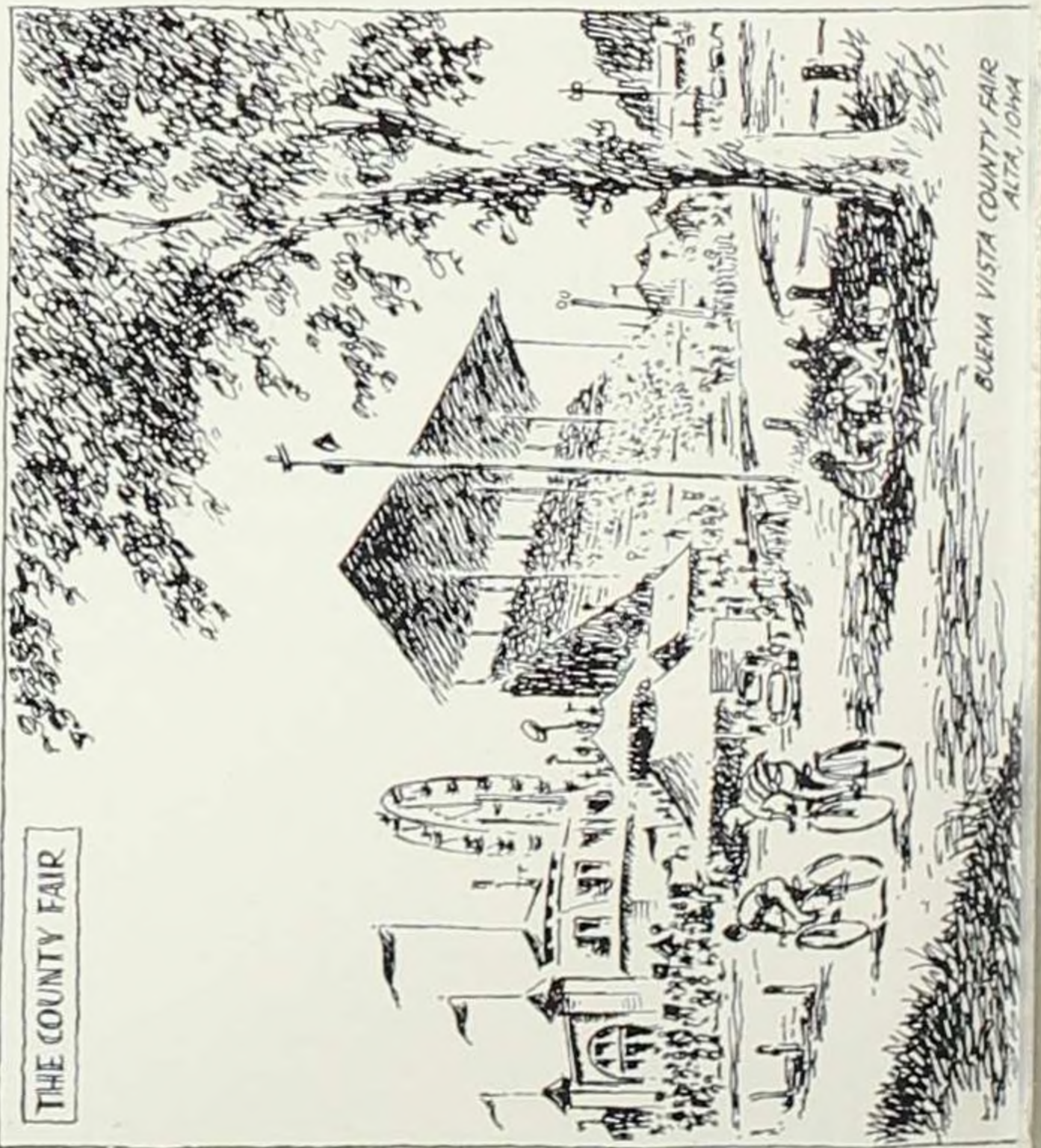


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THE TOWN SQUARE  
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THE COUNTY FAIR

BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR  
ALTA, IOWA

# SEPTEMBER 1969

## PICTURESQUE IOWA HOMES

THE GORDON STEELE  
HOME — CHEROKEE



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## SEPTEMBER—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Monday, September 3.* The Temperance Society of Dubuque met at the Methodist Church to discuss whether its object could be best attained by adhering to the pledge of total abstinence or by prohibiting the use of spirituous liquors.

*Friday, September 7.* With no news in the mail, no editorial written, the "devil" sick, and many election tickets to print, the editor of the *Iowa News* found the music from the circus distracting and the "bills of mosquitoes" more annoying than the landlord's.

*Sunday, September 9.* Settlers were busy studying the regulations for proving their land claims and adjusting boundaries.

*Wednesday, September 12.* The Dubuque fish market was well supplied with large pike.

*Friday, September 14.* Joseph M. Street at the new agency on the Des Moines River wrote to Governor Lucas that he could not keep liquor and unscrupulous traders away from the Sauk and Fox Indians.

*Sunday, September 16.* No steamboat had reached Burlington from below for a week due to low water. Two or three were stranded on the Des Moines Rapids.

*Saturday, September 22.* James Clarke proposed forming a "Historical Society of Iowa."

*Tuesday, September 25.* After a perilous trip of fourteen weeks "across an uninhabited country, without roads, and in small carts drawn by oxen," several "hardy and industrious" Scotch families from Selkirk's colony on the Red River settled on the Big Maquoketa in Jones County.

*Saturday, September 29.* Editor Logan warned his readers that the "people have much more to fear from the encroachments of congressional acts than they have from any other source" and might "shortly expect to see our state rights sink before the powerful arm of a central or consolidated government."

*Sunday, September 30.* Corn was ripe.

## SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**September 1, 1805** Zebulon M. Pike arrived at Dubuque's Mines.

**September 3, 1813** Fort Madison abandoned and burned by U. S. troops.

**September 3, 1857** The Constitution of 1857 went into effect.

**September 6, 1834** The first counties in Iowa, Dubuque and Demoiné, were created by the Territory of Michigan.

**September 10, 1805** Zebulon M. Pike held conference with Chief Wabasha at mouth of Upper Iowa River.

**September 11, 1844** U. S. Dragoons encountered first frost of season on Big Sioux above Sioux Falls.

**September 16, 1890** Opening of the Ottumwa Coal Palace. University of the Northwest, later Morningside, opened classes.

**September 17, 1847** Last Mormons evacuated Nauvoo.

**September 18, 1839** David Dale Owen set out on survey of lead mining region in Iowa.

**September 21, 1832** The Black Hawk Treaty or Scott's Purchase, which had been negotiated in Iowa, was signed at Fort Armstrong on Rock Island.

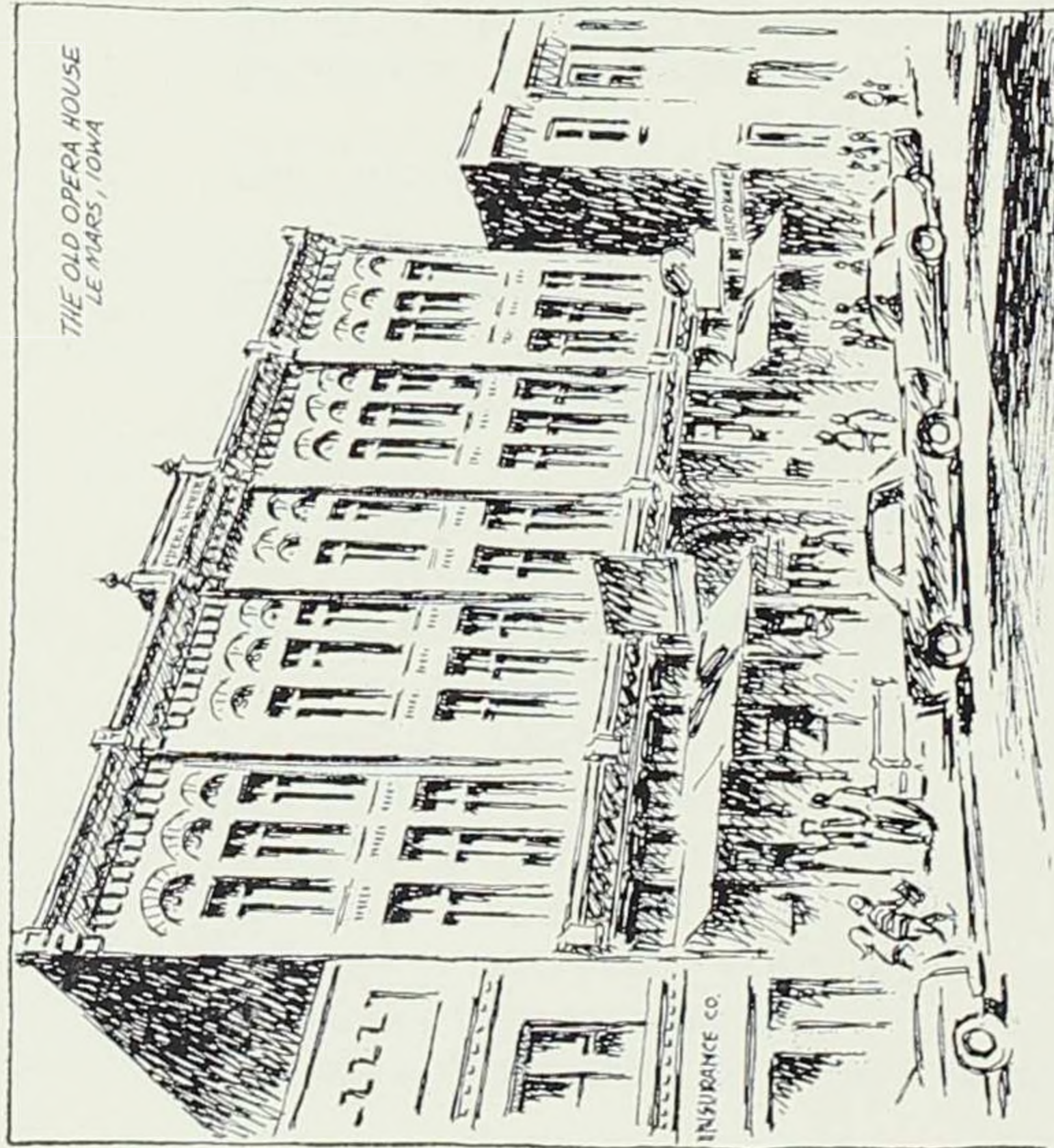
**September 23, 1806** Lewis and Clark returned to St. Louis from expedition.

**September 26, 1891** Earthquake felt throughout eastern Iowa.

**September 27, 1909** Earthquake recorded in southwestern Iowa.

**September 28, 1882** **Oskaloosa Herald** announced appearance of comet of 1882.

**September 29, 1875** President Grant delivered his famous Des Moines speech.



## THE LAST LEAF

I saw him once before,  
 As he passed by the door,  
 And again  
 The pavement stones resound,  
 As he totters o'er the ground  
 With his cane.

But now his nose is thin,  
 And it rests upon his chin  
 Like a staff  
 And a crook is in his back,  
 And a melancholy crack  
 In his laugh.

I know it is a sin  
 For me to sit and grin  
 At him here;  
 But the old three-cornered hat,  
 And the breeches, and all that,  
 Are so queer!

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

## INDIAN SUMMER

No more the battle or the chase  
 The phantom tribes pursue,  
 But each in its accustomed place  
 The Autumn hails anew:  
 And still from solemn councils set  
 On every hill and plain,  
 The smoke of many a calumet  
 Ascends to heaven again.

—JOHN BANISTER TABB



# OCTOBER 1969

THE OLD ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE  
TAMA COUNTY



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—JOHN BANISTER TABB

## OCTOBER—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Monday, October 1.* The Burlington land office opened; John H. Murphy was the first to buy the land he had pre-empted.

*Tuesday, October 2.* Robert E. Lee was making rapid progress in blasting reefs to deepen the channel over the Des Moines Rapids.

*Wednesday, October 3.* Chief Black Hawk died of "a violent billious attack" in his lodge on the Des Moines River near the Agency.

*Tuesday, October 9.* Work on the Des Moines Rapids was practically suspended because laborers refused to go into the cold water, "even for \$3 a day."

*Friday, October 12.* From Bellevue and the mines "several sporting fellows" went to hunt elk and buffalo at the head of the Maquoketa and Turkey rivers.

*Saturday, October 13.* The weather was delightfully clear and balmy, though on account of having no rain "worth talking about" for two months the Mississippi was very low, small streams were dry, the soil was parched, and dust was "something less than ten cubic feet deep" in Burlington.

*Monday, October 15.* Citizens of Dubuque were respectfully invited to attend a lecture on temperance. Anxious to make Burlington the "most eligible point for the seat of Government," the *Gazette* urged that the deep gullies in the streets be filled up so that strangers would not break their necks at night in the dark of the moon.

*Wednesday, October 17.* Frosty weather had done wonders to improve health. Soon, ague patients predicted, the doctors would have nothing to do. Completion of the Methodist Church in time for the legislature seemed doubtful.

*Monday, October 22.* The weather was "squally" with a prospect for rain.

*Saturday, October 27.* The Burlington *Gazette* was a "dull paper indeed" because the editor had received few exchanges, partly due to poor mail service.

## OCTOBER HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**October 1, 1875** Sixty weather stations in Iowa began making regular reports to Professor Gustavus Hinrichs of the State University of Iowa.

**October 3, 1838** Death of Black Hawk.

**October 3, 1887** First Corn Palace Exposition opened at Sioux City.

**October 5, 1891** "World Series" baseball game opened at Sioux City between Sioux City Huskers and Chicago Colts.

**October 7, 1844** First State Constitutional Convention convened in Iowa City.

**October 9, 1872** Earthquake recorded at Sioux City.

**October 10, 1910** First Dairy Cattle Congress opened at Waterloo.

**October 11, 1842** Sauk and Fox signed treaty ceding central Iowa to the United States.

**October 12, 1844** Governor John Chambers issued first official Thanksgiving Day proclamation in Iowa.

**October 13, 1838** Lack of rain for two months made the Mississippi very low at Burlington.

**October 19, 1838** Ioway Indians gave up claim to territory in what is now Iowa.

**October 20, 1839** David Dale Owen completed survey of lead mining area in Iowa.

**October 20, 1870** Earthquake recorded at Dubuque.

**October 21, 1837** Second Black Hawk Purchase consummated.

**October 25, 1854** First annual Iowa State Fair began at Fairfield.

**October 31, 1895** Keokuk felt "hardest shock" since New Madrid earthquake.

## THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS

*The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year,  
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere.  
Heaped in the hollows of the grove, the autumn leaves lie dead;  
They rustle to the eddying gust, and to the rabbit's tread.  
The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrubs the jay,  
And from the wood-top calls the crow through all the gloomy day.*

—WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

### THE FIRST SNOW-FALL

The snow had begun in the gloaming,  
And busily all the night  
Had been heaping field and highway  
With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock  
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,  
And the poorest twig on the elm-tree  
Was ridged inch deep with pearl.

From sheds new-roofed with Carrara  
Came Chanticleer's muffled crow,  
The stiff rails softened to swan's-down,  
And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window  
The noiseless work of the sky,  
And the sudden flurries of snow-birds,  
Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in sweet Auburn  
Where a little headstone stood;  
How the flakes were folding it gently,  
As did robins the babes in the wood.

Up spoke our own little Mabel,  
Saying, "Father, who makes it snow?"  
And I told of the good All-father  
Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snow-fall,  
And thought of the leaden sky  
That arched o'er our first great sorrow,  
When that mound was heaped so high.

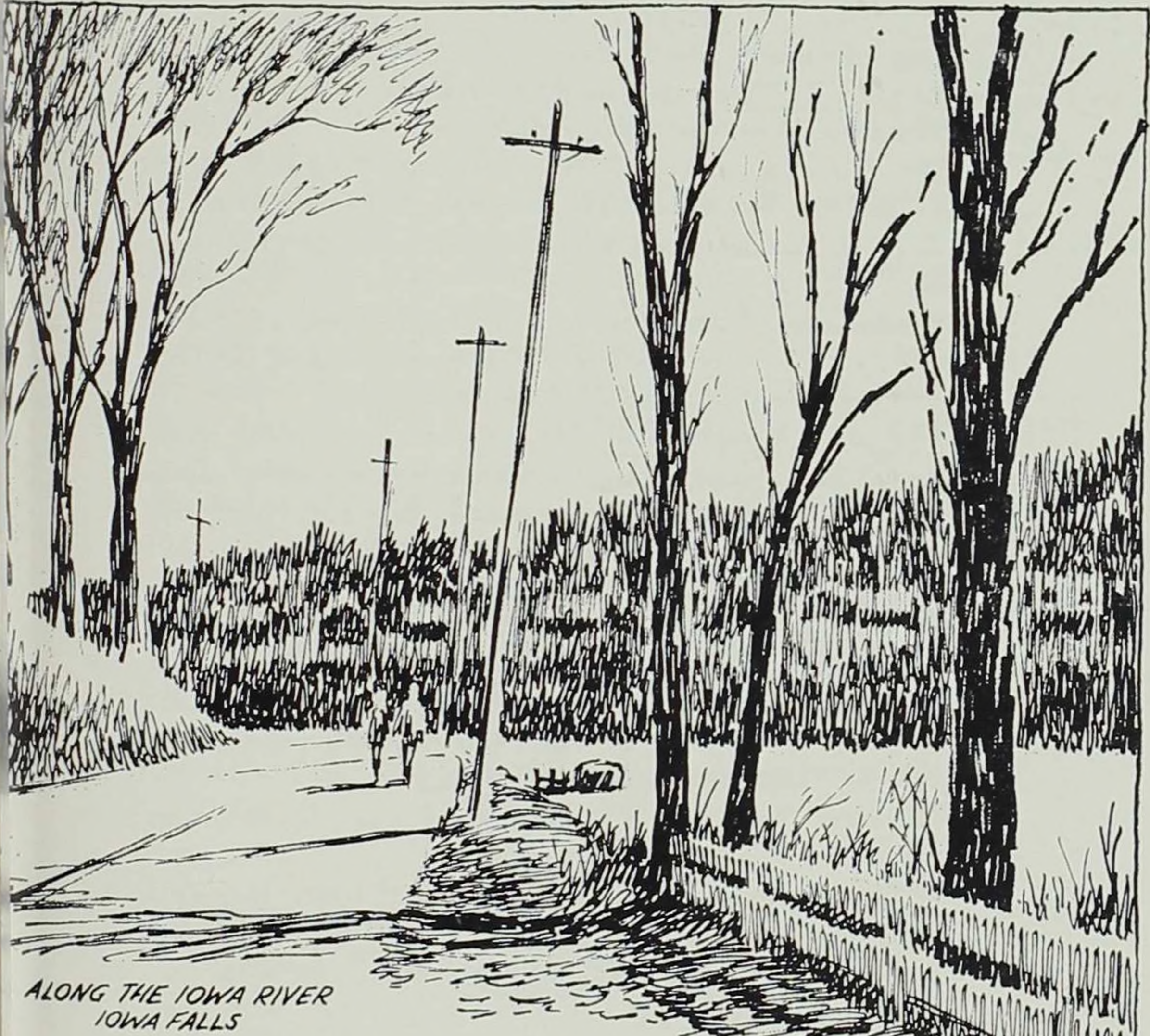
I remembered the gradual patience  
That fell from that cloud like snow,  
Flake by flake, healing and hiding  
The scar that renewed our woe.

And again to the child I whispered,  
"The snow that husheth all,  
Darling, the merciful Father  
Alone can make it fall!"

Then, with eyes that saw not, I kissed her;  
And she, kissing back, could not know  
That my kiss was given to her sister,  
Folded close under deepening snow.

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

# NOVEMBER 1969



ALONG THE IOWA RIVER  
IOWA FALLS

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*GEORGE MILLER*

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## NOVEMBER—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Thursday, November 1.* Cyrus S. Jacobs died of the wound inflicted by David Rorer. The *Gypsy*, passing Burlington on her way downstream, reported that the *Palmyra* had sunk on the upper rapids.

*Monday, November 5.* The first public land sale began at Dubuque. The town was crowded with settlers ready to buy "the places upon which they have expended their labor."

*Wednesday, November 7.* "Winter is upon us." The ground was covered with snow, five inches deep at Dubuque, and the weather turned "bitterly cold."

*Thursday, November 8.* Ice began to form in the river. Some of the Dubuque legislators abandoned their canoe at Lyons and went on by carriage. Proceeds from the Dubuque land sale at the end of the fourth day amounted to nearly \$30,000.

*Sunday, November 11.* The Reverend Mr. Reynolds preached in Burlington. Neighbors in Bellevue exclaimed over Kirkpatrick's cucumber—18" long, and 16" around.

*Monday, November 12.* The First Legislative Assembly met in the Methodist Church at Burlington.

*Tuesday, November 13.* The river was full of ice at Dubuque.

*Wednesday, November 14.* The mail from the east failed to reach Burlington, but from Van Buren County came a letter that had been four weeks on the way.

*Thursday, November 22.* Cash receipts from the land sale at Burlington were averaging over \$25,000 a day!

*Sunday, November 25.* Citizens in southern Iowa were wondering whether the Mormons, driven out of Missouri, would settle in Iowa.

*Wednesday, November 28.* The first session of the Territorial Supreme Court met in a Burlington home.

*Thursday, November 29.* Thanksgiving Day was not yet observed.

## NOVEMBER HISTORICAL CALENDAR

- November 1, 1840** First Federal census in the Territory of Iowa completed.
- November 2, 1880** Amendment allowing Negro to hold office in the General Assembly was ratified at election.
- November 3, 1868** First five amendments enfranchising the Negro were ratified at State election.
- November 8, 1856** Etienne Cabet, French socialist and founder of Icaria, died at St. Louis.
- November 10, 1796** Governor Carondelet granted Julien Dubuque permission to work his "Mines of Spain."
- November 11, 1918** Iowa celebrated end of World War I.
- November 14, 1839** A "Temperance Convention" at Burlington formed "The Iowa Territorial Temperance Society" with Robert Lucas as president.
- November 14, 1910** Eugene B. Ely, a native Iowan, made first ship to shore flight in airplane.
- November 15, 1877** Earthquake felt throughout Iowa.
- November 19, 1838** Public land sales began at U. S. Land Office in Burlington.
- November 28, 1839** First poor relief measure enacted in Territory of Iowa was introduced in Council.
- November 30, 1846** First General Assembly convened at Iowa City.

### NOVEMBER

*Much have I spoken of the faded leaf;  
Long have I listened to the wailing wind,  
And watched it ploughing through the heavy clouds,  
For autumn charms my melancholy mind.*

*When autumn comes, the poets sing a dirge:  
The year must perish; all the flowers are dead;  
The sheaves are gathered; and the mottled quail  
Runs in the stubble, but the lark has fled!*

—ELIZABETH STODDARD

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE FAITH AND STRENGTH  
OF OUR FATHERS . . . MAY OUR CHILDREN BE ABLE  
TO DO THE SAME.



THANKSGIVING IS SO MUCH EASIER WHEN YOU  
DON'T KNOW THE TURKEY PERSONALLY





# DECEMBER 1969



WINTER IN WEST AMANA

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## DECEMBER—1838

### Weather Calendar

*Saturday, December 1.* The weather turned cold. Large cakes of ice filled the river at Dubuque. At Burlington, Theodore S. Parvin commenced his daily "Journal of the weather." Wells were so scarce in Dubuque that drinking water was being sold.

*Thursday, December 6.* The river at Burlington was covered with ice.

*Tuesday, December 11.* In response to a request from a farmer on the Little Maquoketa, who was concerned with the disparity between the prices of agricultural products and the cost of merchandise in the stores, the *Iowa News* published current retail prices in Dubuque. Salt was listed at \$5 a bushel, fresh pork at \$9 a hundred, beef at \$6 a hundred, country flour at \$12 a barrel (for which local millers got only \$4), corn 75 cents a bushel, oats 75 cents a bushel, potatoes 72 cents a bushel, butter 50 cents a pound, wood \$3.50 a cord, sugar 20 cents a pound, and coffee 25 cents a pound.

*Tuesday, December 18.* Lamson, Bridgman & Co. had on hand, perhaps for Christmas trade, 20,000 cigars, four boxes of "smoking pipes," ten boxes of "lump tobacco," a big supply of coffee, tea, and sugar, and 300 yards of "elegant Lowell carpeting."

*Wednesday, December 19.* Burlington temperature zero.

*Sunday, December 23.* Five degrees below zero. T. S. Parvin read a sermon on "Gospel doctrine and Christian duty."

*Tuesday, December 25.* Christmas Day. Governor Lucas signed a law to prevent gambling.

*Saturday, December 29.* A bright day, 5° below zero.

*Monday, December 31.* T. S. Parvin started for Saint Louis with team and wagon to get the stationery he had bought in Cincinnati. Secretary Conway refused to pay for this material or the expenses of Parvin's trip until the goods were delivered.

## DECEMBER HISTORICAL CALENDAR

**December 1, 1838** Theodore S. Parvin began his famous weather journal at Burlington, which he continued at Muscatine and Iowa City until 1873.

**December 3, 1846** Ansel Briggs inaugurated as first Governor of the State of Iowa.

**December 7, 1836** Des Moines, Lee, Van Buren, Henry, Louisa, Muscatine, and Cook counties created out of Des Moines County.

**December 8, 1854** Governor Hempstead called attention of General Assembly to our unprotected frontier.

**December 12, 1837** Fire destroyed capitol at Burlington.

**December 16, 1811** Terrible New Madrid earthquake.

**December 21, 1837** Dubuque, Clayton, Jackson, Benton, Lynn [sic], Jones, Clinton, Johnson, Scott, Delaware, Buchanan, Cedar, and Fayette counties established—including the first with present boundaries.

**December 25, 1838** Governor Lucas signed a law to prohibit gambling.

**December 25, 1839** **Iowa Sun** invited Davenport citizens to join in a wolf hunt on New Year's Day.

**December 25, 1849** Trappist monastery at New Melleray consecrated and occupied.

**December 25, 1862** First Christmas celebrated as a legal holiday under act of the General Assembly passed on April 7th.

**December 28, 1846** President Polk signed act admitting Iowa into the Union as the twenty-ninth State.

**December 29, 1864** Dedication of the Little Brown Church.

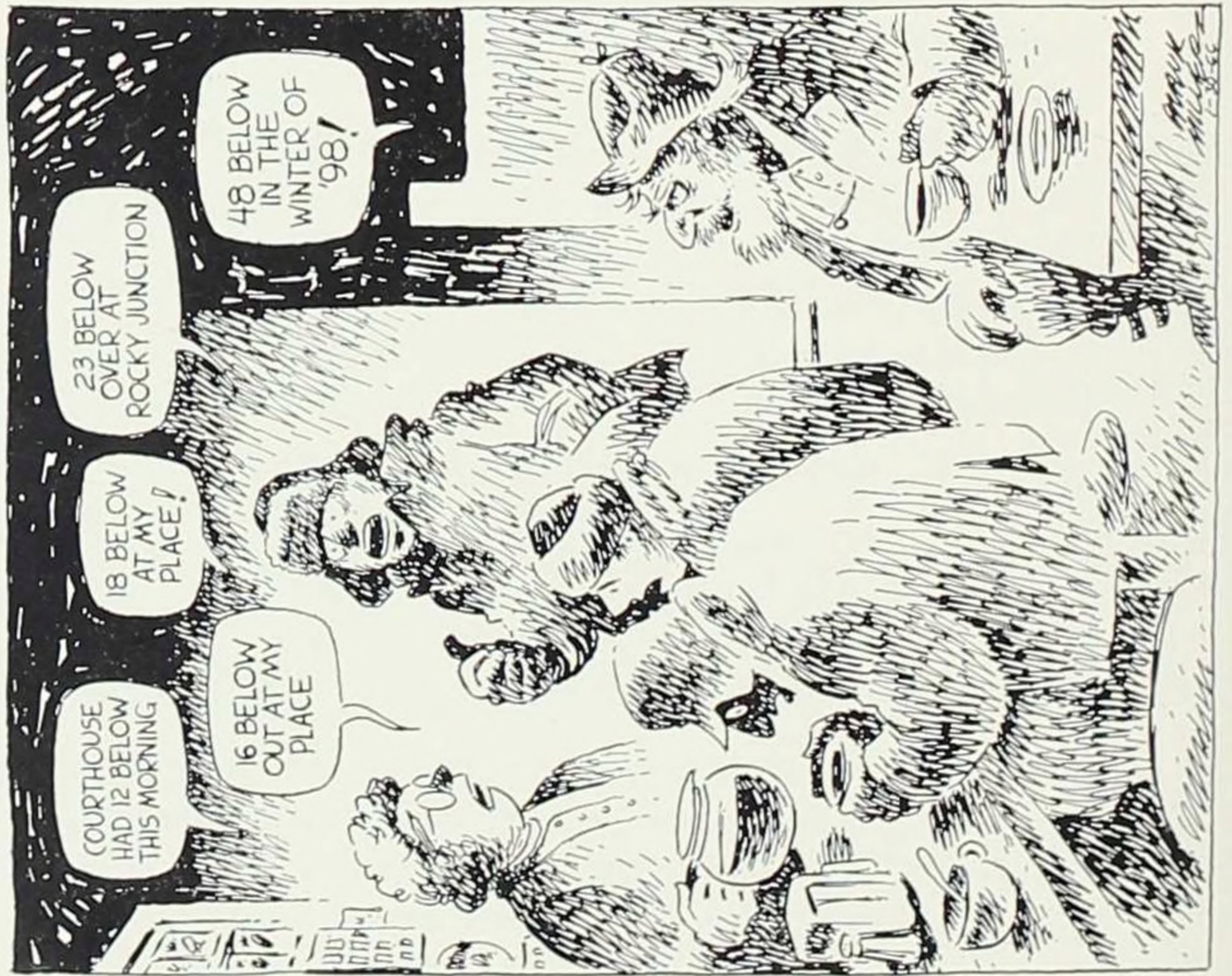
### *CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF '62*

*The wintry blast goes wailing by,  
The snow is falling overhead;  
I hear the lonely sentry's tread,  
And distant watch-fires light the sky.*

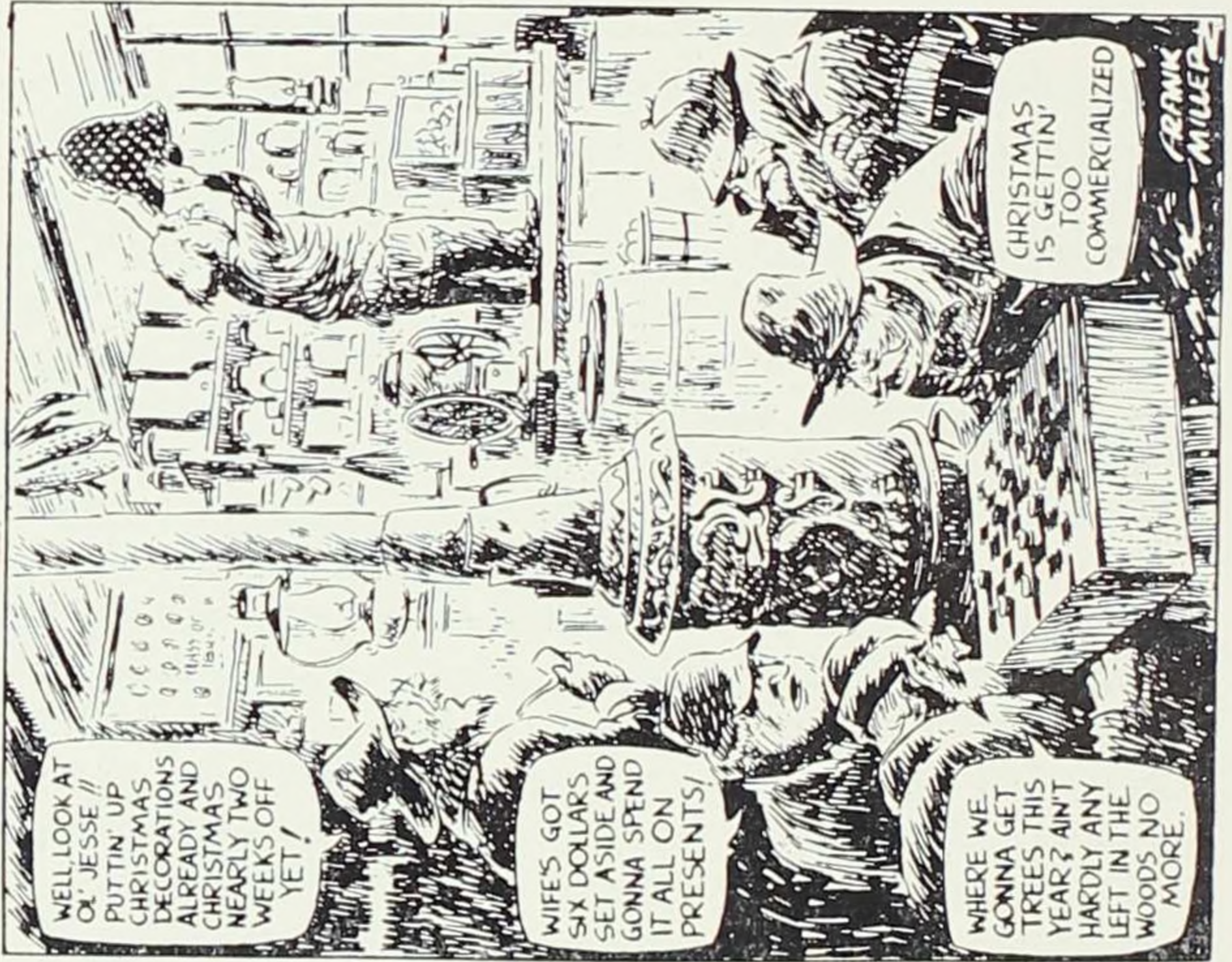
*Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;  
The soldiers cluster round the blaze  
To talk of other Christmas days,  
And softly speak of home and home.*

—WILLIAM GORDON MCCABE

THE FIRST TEMPERATURE REPORT DOESN'T HAVE  
A CHANCE



BACK WHEN THINGS FIRST STARTED GETTING  
COMPLICATED



"SNOW-BOUND"  
THE WORLD TRANSFORMED

*Unwarmed by any sunset light  
The gray day darkened into night,  
A night made hoary with the swarm  
And whirl-dance of the blinding storm,  
As zigzag, wavering to and fro,  
Crossed and recrossed the winged snows  
And ere the early bedtime came  
The white drift piled the window-frame,  
And through the glass the clothes-line posts  
Looked in like tall and sheeted ghosts.*

*So all night long the storm roared on:  
The morning broke without a sun;  
In tiny spherule traced with lines  
Of Nature's geometric signs,  
In starry flake, and pellicle,  
All day the hoary meteor fell;  
And, when the second morning shone,  
We looked upon a world unknown,  
On nothing we could call our own.  
Around the glistening wonder bent  
The blue walls of the firmament,  
No cloud above, no earth below,—  
A universe of sky and snow!  
The old familiar sights of ours  
Took marvelous shapes; strange domes and towers  
Rose up where sty or corn-crib stood,  
Or garden-wall, or belt of wood;  
A smooth white mound the brush-pile showed,  
A fenceless drift what once was road;  
The bridle-post an old man sat  
With loose-flung coat and high cocked hat;  
The well-curb had a Chinese roof;  
And even the long sweep, high aloof,  
In its slant splendor, seemed to tell  
Of Pisa's leaning miracle.*

## FIRELIGHT

*Shut in from all the world without,  
We sat the clean-winged hearth about,  
Content to let the north-wind roar  
In baffled rage at pane and door,  
While the red logs before us beat  
The frost-line back with tropic heat;  
And ever, when a louder blast  
Shook beam and rafter as it passed,  
The merrier up its roaring draught  
The great throat of the chimney laughed;  
The house-dog on his paws outspread  
Laid to the fire his drowsy head,  
The cat's dark silhouette on the wall  
A couchant tiger's seemed to fall;  
And, for the winter fireside meet,  
Between the andirons' straddling feet,  
The mug of cider simmered slow,  
The apples sputtered in a row,  
And, close at hand, the basket stood  
With nuts from brown October's wood.*

—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER