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THE Department of History presents its annual
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fessional interest of both faculty and graduate students

Faculty

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Professor Root was elected president of the Social Science group of the State Teachers' Association at Des Moines, November 6, 1936. Professors Root, Thornton, Livingston, Andrews and Anderson attended this meeting. Professor Root gave the dinner address at the American Historical Association, meeting in Providence, December 29, 1936. His subject was "The Historian as Teacher." Professors Livingston and Daley attended the meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago during the holidays. On February 19, Dr. Livingston spoke on the Lecture Series at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on "The British-Commonwealth: An Experiment in Freedom." Professor C. W. de Kiewiet has returned to his duties after a semester's leave of absence in order to gather material for a book. This he was enabled to do through a grant from the Social Science Research Council. His book on the "Imperial Factor in South Africa" will soon appear from the Cambridge University Press.

Professor and Mrs. H. G. Plum spent the summer of 1936 in study and rest in England. Professor Pelzer gave a lecture under the auspices of the Graduate College on June 24 on the subject: "Westward by Concord Stage Coach." Early in May he also spoke to the Historical Society of Augustana College, Rock Island. Professor Thornton is serving this year as chairman of the Baconian Lecture Series, and as president of the Political Science Club. Professors Plum, Andrews, Livingston and Thornton attended the meetings of the Iowa Political Science and Iowa Historical Associations in Des Moines May 1, 2, 1936. Dr. Andrews gave a paper at one session on "New Evidence on the Life of Napoleon."

Professor Anderson was one of the speakers at the Seventh Annual Conference of History Teaching at Madison, Wisconsin, May 2, 1936. He spoke on "The Development of Basic Skills in the Social Studies." He also appeared on the program of the 16th Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Detroit, Michigan, November 27, 28, 1936, and at the Northeast Iowa Teachers Association in Waterloo on October 9, 1936, where he spoke on "The Importance of Current Events Instruction." An article by Dr. Anderson on "Classroom Evaluation of the Awareness of Propaganda" appears in the *Yearbook* for 1937 of the National Council for the Social Studies.

Professor Andrews has an article on "The Use of Historical Sources" in *The Social Studies* for November, 1936. For the use of his freshman-sophomore class Dr. Andrews has published a *Study Plan for Modern European History, 1500-1936*. It contains a minimum reference library, assignments and exercises, and selected lists for book reports. Miss Daley was the speaker at the luncheon session of the Chicago University of Iowa Alumni on Saturday, April 11, 1936. Later she spoke before the Business and Professional Women's Club of Muscatine on the general subject of "Mexico." Dr. William J. Petersen was the speaker at the centennial celebration in Washington, Iowa, on June 30. On August 10, 1936, he also appeared at the Council Bluffs centennial celebration speaking on "Centennials in Iowa History." Dr. Andrews will teach in the summer session at Cornell University this summer. Dr. Paul L. Dengler, Director of the Austro-American Institute of Education, returned to Iowa on March 5, 6, for a lecture and round table on "Danger Zones of

Central Europe" and "Universities in a Changing Europe."

Professor Howard R. Anderson has resigned at Iowa, to accept a post beginning next summer in History and Education at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Professor Pelzer spoke before the Teachers' Social Science Association of Des Moines on January 11, 1937, on the subject of "Biography." Professor Root gave one of the Baconian lectures this spring on the subject: "The American Revolution—A Reappraisal." Dr. Thornton contributed an essay "Theodore Roosevelt—Historian" to the volume on *The American Historians*, published by the University of Chicago Press. He also had an article on "American Citizenship" in the *National Republic* for April, 1936. During the year Professor Thornton gave several addresses in the state, the most important being before the Davenport Forum, the Iowa Loan and Mortgage Bankers' Association of Cedar Rapids, and the Johnson County Bar Association.

Graduate Students

Degrees were granted to five Ph.D. candidates during the year just passed. The candidates and their theses were: Vernon Carstensen, *The History of the University of Iowa: The Liberal Arts College to 1880*, now teaching at State Teachers College, Ellensburg, Washington; Harold T. Hagg, *The Congress of Paris of 1856*, State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota; Hans F. Swansen, *The Norwegians in Iowa*, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska; Merrill G. Burlingame, *Military Indian Frontier in Montana*, State College, Bozeman, Montana; and Neil H. Baxter, *Laurier's Influence in British Imperial Relations*, Park College, Parkville, Missouri. We are sorry to record that soon after his return to his teaching in September, Dr. Baxter suffered a breakdown and passed away on December 3, 1936.

Thirty M.A. degrees were granted during the year. Of these candidates, many are teaching, some have returned to this or other institutions for further graduate work. Millard W. Hansen is teaching at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin; John H. Powell is pursuing his research work at the Huntington Library; George Cuttino received a Rhodes Scholarship and is now in England studying at Oxford. Herbert Canine is teaching at the High School at Waukegon, Illinois; Charlotte Dege in the High School at Maywood, Illinois; Bertha Gilman in the High School at Iowa City; Dagny Hansen at Plano, Illinois; Muriel Keenan at Shenandoah, Iowa;

Thomas Tweitto at the Junior College, Elkader, Iowa; William C. Lang at Kennebec, South Dakota; Beulah Shinn, Indianola, Iowa; Lucile Coleman at Tallahassee, Florida; Myrlin Feller at Moorhead, Iowa; Ross O. Johnson at Rosenwald High School, Trenton, Tennessee; Elaine Leeka, Central City, Nebraska; W. Robert Livingston, Story City, Iowa; William H. Tate at Manly, Iowa. Cornelius Bontekoe is continuing graduate work at the University of Michigan, and Homer L. Calkin, Harry B. Kies, William G. Ruppert and Wilfred W. Black at the University of Iowa.

Herbert Rhoads, M.A., 1935, is teaching in the Junior College at Bloomfield, Iowa; George Ehman, M.A., 1934, in the High School at Fort Madison, Iowa; Lyle Shelmidine, M.A., 1935, at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington; and Alvin White, M.A., 1934, at the Junior College, Estherville, Iowa. Ellsworth Carlstedt, M.A., 1929, is dean of the Junior College at Bloomfield, Iowa. Myron Koenig, M.A., 1933, now teaching at Coe College, was recently appointed acting Dean of Men. James H. Van Schreeven, M.A., 1933, winner of a Roberts Scholarship, is now employed in the Manuscript Division of the National Archives, Washington, D. C. Lawrence Olson, M.A., 1931, was reappointed as Roberts Fellow at Columbia University for 1936-37. Howard Chase, winner of the Sanxay Price in 1933, is on the staff of the *Des Moines Register*. Melvin Gingerich, M.A., 1930, of the Junior College, Washington, Iowa, attended the meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies at Detroit, November, 1936 and gave a paper before the Iowa Historical Association in Des Moines, May, 1936, on "The Mennonites in Iowa."

Edwin H. Cates, Ph.D., 1932, resigned at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, to accept an assistant professorship in history at Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. His place at Fayette was filled by Willis H. Walker, Ph.D., 1928. Dr. Cates was on the program of the Iowa Historical Association in Des Moines in May, giving a paper on "American Military Defense and Public Opinion since the World War." Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D., 1935, taught during the summer of 1936 at Creighton University and returned this year to his regular duties at St. Ambrose College. During the summer of 1937 he will also teach at Creighton, and beginning with the fall of 1937-38 his position there will be permanent. Raymond Welty, Ph.D., 1923, resigned at Texas Christian University last year to accept an appointment in the History Department at the State Teachers College, Fort Hays, Kansas. Maurice Latta, M.A., 1925, taught in the summer session at

the University of Miami, while Dr. Briggs was on leave of absence. Harold Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, spent the summer in the Northwest doing research on a grant from the Social Science Research Council. Charles H. Norby, Ph.D., 1935, resigned at State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, to accept a post in the History Department of Iowa State College, Ames. John A. Greenlee, Ph.D., 1935, was promoted to the deanship of the junior college, and principal of the high school at Emmetsburg, Iowa, for 1937. At the Des Moines meeting in November he was elected secretary of the junior college section of the Iowa State Teachers Association. Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D., 1929, was advanced to an associate professorship at Washington State College, Pullman. C. C. Regier, Ph.D., 1922, formerly of New River State College, is now head of the social science department of West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia. Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, of the University of Missouri, was elected president of the National Council for the Social Studies this year.

Bernard J. Holm, M.A., 1930, last year a research assistant in the Department, received an appointment as research assistant in the University of California at Berkeley for 1936-37, where he is continuing his research in medieval history. Grover C. Platt, graduate assistant last year, received a scholarship to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts. Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D., 1932, is on leave of absence from Stout Institute to study at Columbia University. In connection with his research there he is also teaching some classes in the department of history. Felix J. Vondracek, M.A., 1924, has been promoted to an associate professorship at the University of North Dakota. Chellis N. Evanson, Ph.D., 1930, has been promoted to the headship of the Department of Social Sciences at Luther College. During the summer of 1936 Dr. and Mrs. Evanson toured England, Norway and Denmark as manager and press agent for the Luther College Band. Professor B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, of the University of Pittsburgh, has been made director of the Department of Public Welfare of the City of Pittsburgh. Professor Paul Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, of Allegheny College, has been on leave of absence for the first semester of 1936-37 to assist Miss Ida M. Tarbell in gathering and preparing material for a history of the early oil industry in Pennsylvania to about 1872. Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D., 1935, River Falls, Wisconsin, was a member of the program committee for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Austin, Texas, last spring. He has been promoted to an associate professorship at the State Teachers College, River Falls.

Allen G. Umbreit, Ph.D., 1932, Director of Muskegon Junior College, attended summer school at Columbia University in 1936, taking advanced courses in education. Edwin A. Davis, M.A., 1931, now of the University of Louisiana, will teach at the University of Texas this summer. The graduate assistants this year are Gordon W. Prange, Exchange Fellow in Germany last year; Henri C. Meyer, Exchange Fellow in Vienna last year; Carl Cone, A.B., Iowa, 1936; Martin L. Cole, M.A., University of Wisconsin, 1930; Carlyle Klise, A.B., Iowa, 1935; and Wilfred Black, M.A., Iowa, 1936. The scholars are Franklin A. Doty, B.A., University of Omaha, 1935; and the Fellows are Harry B. Kies, M.A., Iowa, 1936 and Peter M. Flaa, M.A., University of North Dakota, 1935.

Research and Publications

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D., 1929, has an article on "Dutch Diplomacy in the Baltic Grain Trade" in the *Pacific Historical Review* for December, 1936. Wasył Halich, Ph.D., 1934, published an article on "Ukrainian Farmers in the United States" in *Agricultural History*, January, 1936. E. M. Eriksson, Ph.D., 1922, with Trent H. Steele, both of the faculty of the University of Southern California, are authors of a book called *The Constitutional Basis for Judging the New Deal*, which appeared last fall. Maurice Latta, M.A., 1925, published an article "The Background for the Social Gospel in American Protestantism" in *Church History*, September, 1936. W. D. Houlette, Ph.D., 1933, has an article on "Political Philosophy of the Revolutionary Era" in Vol. XXIV of *The Journal of American History*. E. Douglas Branch, Ph.D., 1928, of the University of Pittsburgh, edited the "Plan for the Western Lands, 1783" in the July, 1936, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. He spoke at the December meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society on "Success to the Railroad." Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, read a paper before the Maryland Historical Society, January 13, 1936, on "Colonial Aristocracy of Maryland, 1753-1769." He has an article on "Bibliography of Maryland during the time of Governor Horatio Sharpe" in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for March, 1936, and another on "Governor Horatio Sharpe Retires" in the same magazine for September, 1936. Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D., 1935, of River Falls, Wisconsin, contributed an article on "Grand Junction's First Year" to the *Colorado Magazine of History* for July, 1936. Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, edited the Seventh Year Book (1937) for the Na-

tional Council of Social Studies. This volume is devoted to a series of articles dealing with "Education against Propaganda." Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D., 1935, Goshen College, Indiana, has an article on "The Quaker Experiment in Politics, 1682-1756" in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review* for October, 1936. Wasyl Halich, Ph.D., 1934, had a chapter on "Distribution of Ukrainians in the United States" published in the *Jubilee Book*, Jersey City, 1935; and his manuscript on *Ukrainians in the United States* has been accepted for publication by the University of Chicago Press.

The Historical Conference

The Seventeenth Annual Conference met on Friday and Saturday, February 5, 6, 1937. The attendance once again indicated the real interest shown in the Conference in the state. Professor Howard Anderson and Professor Elmer Ellis of the University of Missouri, addressed the Friday morning session on propaganda in the social studies. At the luncheon for College Teachers of History, Professor C. F. Littell of Cornell College led the discussion on an introductory course to the social sciences for freshmen. At the luncheon for High School Teachers of History, Professor Newburn led the discussion on curricula in the social sciences. The principal address of the Conference was given on Friday night by Professor J. T. Shotwell of Columbia, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. His subject was "History and a Changing World." In the afternoon, devoted to current problems, Professor Kirk Porter spoke on "New Problems of Neutrality" and Professor H. D. Gideonse of the University of Chicago, gave "Some Reflections on Freedom and Order." On Saturday morning Dr. Nelson Vance Russell, Chief of the Division of Reference in the National Archives at Washington, gave an illustrated lecture on the work of the Archives. The Conference came to a close on a leading note with a lecture on "Democracies and Dictatorships" by Professor R. C. Brooks of Swarthmore College.

The Summer Session 1937

The Summer Session this year will no longer, as in the past, last for eleven weeks and be divided into two distinct terms. Instead it will run for a single term of eight weeks, beginning on June 14 and continuing until August 6. To meet some of the problems caused by the change, it will be noticed that most of the courses can be taken for either two or three hours credit. It need scarcely be pointed out that the teaching staff is a strong one. Professor Howard Anderson will give a general survey of Europe from 1500-1815, and will also give courses on the Methods of Teaching the Social Sciences, and on Curriculum Problems in the Social Studies. Professor Livingston will give a general survey of United States History since 1829, and a course on the British Empire 1763-1870. Factors and Problems in American History will be discussed by Professor Root. The Social and Economic History of the United States will be the title of Professor Thornton's lectures on American history. Professor Thornton will also conduct a seminar on American Civilization. It will be noted that all these and the following courses are unit courses that are given for the entire summer session. Professor Pelzer will give both a lecture course and a seminar on the History of the West, and Professor Petersen will discuss the History of Iowa to 1865. In European history Professor de Kiewiet will handle the period of the Renaissance, and hold a seminar in Modern Europe. The Department feels fortunate in being able to secure the services of Professor Russell M. Cooper of Cornell College, who will lecture on Europe 1870-1914 and on The World War and the New Europe.

The entire staff also holds itself responsible for the conduct of directed readings, the purpose of which is to take care of special needs not served by the individual course. Though the summer session gives the same type of work that is given during the regular semester, a special effort is made to provide for the needs of graduate students working towards higher degrees. In American history advice and guidance will be given by Professors Root, Pelzer and Thornton, and in the European field by Professors Livingston and de Kiewiet.