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fessional interest of both faculty and graduate students

### Faculty

Dr. Chester Wells Clark, Ph.D., Harvard, and formerly of the faculty of Princeton University, joins the department next fall as associate professor of history. Dr. Clark is the author of *Franz Joseph and Bismarck*, published by the Harvard Press (1934). Dr. Goldwin Smith, A.M., Toronto, 1934, Ph.D., Cornell, 1937, is acting instructor in history during 1938-39. He has contributed articles to the *Canadian Historical Review* and other learned journals.

Dr. de Kiewiet early in November gave two addresses at Sweet Briar College, Virginia, one before the faculty on "College and the Nation," the other before the student body on "The Race Problem in South Africa." His essay on "The Constitution in South Africa" was published in the American Historical Association's collected essays entitled *The Constitution Reconsidered*. He was also on the December program of the American Historical Association meeting at Chicago, leading the discussion on the Constitution of the British Empire. Dr. Root presided at the banquet of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Indianapolis, and on June 7, he gave the Commencement address at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Professor Thornton addressed the State Teachers Association, Southeast Division, at Ottumwa, and the Monroe County Teachers Institute.

Dr. Pelzer taught at Cornell University in the Summer Session of 1938. On February 22, he gave the annual Washington Birthday Address before a joint

session of the Iowa Senate and House on the subject "Washington: A Human Personality." He served as a member of the Committee for the observation of Iowa's Centennial. Dr. Pelzer and Dr. Petersen were official speakers for the Centennial; the latter gave a total of twenty addresses in Iowa on the Centennial theme. Dr. Petersen was adviser for the State Fair Pageant held August 22-23. In May, 1938, he gave an illustrated lecture on steamboating before the Illinois Historical Society meeting in Quincy and in March addressed the D.A.R. state convention in Des Moines. He contributed various articles to the *Palimpsest* and one on "The Use of Local History as a Tool in Studying History" to the *Ninth Yearbook* of the National Council for the Social Studies, 1938. His book on *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi* was awarded the plaque given annually by the Iowa Library Association for the best contribution to literature by an Iowa author for 1937.

Professors Root, Pelzer, Thornton, and Dr. Petersen contributed articles to the forthcoming Dictionary of American History. Professors Root, Pelzer, Livingston, Thornton, and Dr. Petersen attended the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Indianapolis, April 28-29, and the entire staff was present at the convention of the American Historical Association in December. Professor Livingston and Dr. Petersen attended the State Teachers Convention in Des Moines in November.

*Napoleon in Review*, a collection of essays by the late Professor G. G. Andrews, has been announced by the Alfred A. Knopf Company for release in May.

## Graduate Students

The degree Ph.D. was awarded to eight candidates during 1938. Five were on leave of absence and returned to their respective posts: Herbert Rice, Marquette University, Milwaukee; Myron L. Koenig, Coe College, Cedar Rapids; Eugene R. Fair, State Teachers College, Mankato, Minnesota; Laura M. Nanes, Junior College, Ottumwa, Iowa; Melvin Gingerich, Junior College, Washington, Iowa. John H. Powell joined the history faculty of Iowa State College; Cecil O. Hahn became head of the history department in the Junior College, Ironwood, Michigan, and Ruth Friedrich is teaching at the State Teachers College, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D., 1927, is president of the National University Extension Association for 1939, and this year completes his tenth year as Director of the Extension Division of the University of Iowa. Wallace Taylor, M.A., 1937, is assistant professor of history in the Teachers College, and head of the social studies department in Milne High School, Albany, New York. Fred H. Tilberg, Ph.D., 1928, has been appointed historian of the National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. William J. Van Schreeven, M.A., 1933, and Roberts Fellow at Columbia, has been appointed Chief Archivist of the State of Virginia, beginning January 1, 1939. Edwin H. Cates, Ph.D., 1932, was promoted to an associate professorship at Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington. Charlton W. Tebeau, Ph.D., 1933, resigned from the faculty of the Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota, to accept a position in history at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, is serving as visiting professor during the present academic year at Randolph-Macon Womens College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Vernom Cooper, Ph.D., 1927, joined the staff of the Eastern Montana Normal School, Billings. Maurice Latta, M.A., 1926, Ph.D., Ohio State, at present at Olivet College, Michigan, will teach next year at Iowa Wesleyan. Paul O. Carr, Ph.D., 1932, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C., is secretary of the Middle States Association of Social Science Teachers.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, was promoted to the headship of the Department of History at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. Fred Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, is visiting professor at Williams College. George P. Cuttino, M.A., 1936, Rhodes Scholar, received the D. Phil. at Oxford, 1938.

Graduates have taught in various Summer Ses-

sions. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, was on the staff at the University of Iowa, summer of 1938. James H. St. John, Ph.D., 1927, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, taught last summer at the Teachers College, Albany, New York, and will return for the session of 1939. This summer Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, will teach at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Everett H. Thornton, Ph.D., 1933, Sioux Falls College, will teach at the University of South Dakota. Richard Drost, Ph.D., 1934, Central College, Pella, Iowa, taught at Simpson College, during the summer of 1938, and Eugene H. Fair, Ph.D., 1938, joins the staff of the State Teachers College, Buffalo, New York, for the summer of 1939. W. G. Swartz, Ph.D., 1929, Teachers College, Carbondale, Illinois, is a member of the National Council of the American Association of University Professors.

George F. Reynolds, M.A., 1928, is teaching at Buena Vista College, Iowa; Carlyle Klise, M.A., 1937, at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Kentucky; Herbert Rhoads, M.A., 1935, resigned his position at Bloomfield, Iowa, to teach in the high school, Savannah, Missouri; Franklin H. Doty, M.A., 1937, is teaching at Webster City, Iowa; Grover Platt, graduate assistant 1936-37, M.A. Tufts, 1937, is employed in New York City. Avery Gage, graduate student 1938-39, is the holder of a fellowship this year at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy. Charles F. Strong, M.A., 1931, is continuing graduate work at the University of Chicago. Charlotte Dege (Mrs. Rouse) M.A., 1936, died August 9, 1938, in St. Louis, following an operation for appendicitis.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon forty-four candidates in history. Many of them returned to positions they already held. Others returned for further graduate work. Some found teaching positions as follows: in junior colleges in Iowa: Dwight Agnew at Waukon, Mitchell Carter at Elkader, and S. Laird Swagert at Estherville. Fred Halley has charge of the social studies in the Training High School at the Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska, and Esther Humphrey is teaching in Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Illinois. Darwin Kelly is teaching in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Hubert Turner at Keystone, South Dakota, and Coy James at Kennett, Missouri.

Everett H. Thornton, Ph.D., 1933, Sioux Falls College, South Dakota, and Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D., 1932, attended the meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Indianapolis in April. About forty former graduates were present at the sessions of the American Historical Association at Chicago and

about twenty attended the Iowa Breakfast session.

The graduate assistants this year are: Philip A. Crowl, A.B., Swarthmore, 1936, M.A., Iowa, 1939; Kenneth Rossman, A.B., University of Toledo, 1933, M.A., Ohio State, 1936; Alfred S. Martin, A.B., Dartmouth, 1937, M.A., Iowa, 1938; Aubrey Land, B. E., Illinois State Teachers, 1934, M.A., Iowa, 1938; Thomas E. Tweito, A.B., St. Olaf, 1927, M.A., Iowa, 1936; Frank Bailey, A.B., Allegheny College, 1937, M.A., Iowa, 1938; Everett Sterling, A.B., Morning-side College, 1935, M.A., Iowa, 1938; Melvin Wren, A.B., Iowa, 1936, M.A., 1938; Millard Hansen, A.B., Grinnell College, 1933, M.A., Iowa, 1936. Holders of scholarships include Paul F. Kromer, B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1937, M.A., 1938, John Galbraith, A.B., Miami University, 1938, Ada Berkey, A.B., Mt. Holyoke, 1938, and Lyle S. Shelmidine, A.B., Grinnell, 1930, M.A., Iowa, 1936. W. C. Lang, A.B., Yankton College, 1931, M.A., Iowa, 1936, on leave of absence from Yankton College, holds a research assistantship and is engaged in continuing the history of the University College of Liberal Arts. William H. Sener, M.A., 1938, spent the first semester at the University of Minnesota as program director at Station WLB, but returned to Iowa as research assistant in history and radio.

## Research in Publications

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, University of Missouri, is the editor of *Mr. Dooley at his Best* (Scribners, 1938). His article on "The Dilemma of the Social Studies Teacher" appeared in *Social Education*, February, 1938. Dr. Ellis has received a Guggenheim Fellowship to enable him to prepare a study of the life and times of Mr. Dooley (Finley Peter Dunne). B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, is Administrator of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, and his work on Scandinavian History 1725-1865 in two volumes will be published this year.

*The Birth of the Oil Industry* by Paul H. Giddens, Ph. D., 1930, Allegheny College, was published by Macmillan Company, December, 1938. Dr. Giddens read a paper on "Pennsylvania Petroleum during the Civil War" at a meeting of the Pennsylvania History Association in October, 1938, and during the winter gave a series of lectures at Erie, Pennsylvania. He has one article "News from Kansas in 1870" in *Kansas Historical Quarterly*, May, 1938, another on "Letters to S. Newton Pettis, Associate Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court written in 1861" in the *Colorado Magazine of History*, January, 1938. Howard R.

Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, Cornell University, is president-elect of the National Council for the Social Studies and has an article on "Increased Efficiency in Grading Examinations" in *Social Education*, January, 1939.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, has an article on "Local History in Junior College American History Courses" in the *Social Studies for Secondary School Teachers*, January, 1939. His book on *The History of the Mennonites in Iowa*, will shortly be published by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D., 1936, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, read a paper on "Pacifism and the State in Colonial Pennsylvania" at a session of the American Society of Church History meeting in Chicago in December. His paper appears in the March issue of *Church History*.

The *History of the Disciples of Christ in Iowa before the Civil War* by Mrs. Mina Hargis, M.A., 1937, is soon to be published. Richard L. Beyer, Ph.D., 1929, Illinois State Teachers College, Carbondale, presented a paper on "The Teaching of Illinois History" at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, May, 1938. This paper will appear in the *Papers in Illinois History* published by the Society. Lyle E. Mantor, Ph.D., 1934, Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, read a paper on "Military Posts along the Oregon Trail" before the Nebraska Academy of Science in May.

R. L. Welty, Ph.D., 1924, Kansas State College, Fort Hays, has two articles in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly*, "Supplying the Frontier Military Posts," May, 1938, and "Policing of the Frontier by the Army 1860-1870," August; also two articles in the *Aerend* for 1938, "The Western Frontier of 1860" and "Aims of the Framers of the Constitution." C. C. Regier, Ph.D., 1922, State Teachers College, West Liberty, West Virginia, is editor and author of a history of West Liberty Teachers College, soon to appear. H. F. Swansen, Ph.D., 1936, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, presents a study on "The Norwegian Quakers of Marshall County, Iowa" in volume X of *Studies and Records* published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association. *Frontiers of the Northwest*, by Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D., 1929, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, has been announced by the Appleton-Century Company.

Philip A. Crowl and Harry Berg, graduate students, spent part of the past summer in research in eastern archives. Everett H. Thornton, Ph.D., 1933, Sioux Falls College, South Dakota, spent the past summer in study and travel in Europe. Elmer Ellis, Ph.D.,

1930, University of Missouri, spent the summer in Colorado completing his study of Senator H. M. Teller.

## The Historical Conference

The Nineteenth Annual Conference met on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15. The meetings were well attended by the teachers from high schools and colleges from Iowa and nearby states. Professor Wallace Notestein of Yale University gave two addresses, one on "History and the Imagination," the other on "History and Character." Chancellor Chauncey S. Boucher of the University of Nebraska spoke on "History and the Social Studies—Whither?" From the University of Minnesota, came Professor Herbert Heaton to tell about "Clio in Overalls" and from the University of Chicago, Professor J. Fred Rippy who interpreted "The New Pan-Americanism and the Fascist Threat." Professor Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, now at Cornell University, formerly a member of the department in the University of Iowa, spoke on "Training in History as Education for Citizenship." At the Friday luncheon conference for High School teachers Dr. Anderson discussed the work of the National Council for the Social Studies during the past eighteen years.

Professor James B. Stroud of the faculty of the College of Education at Iowa, discussed "History and Human Nature" and Professor Ernest Horn of the College of Education gave the after-dinner address, Friday evening, on "Method and Scholarship." Professor Herbert Feigl of the Department of Philosophy at Iowa, addressed the Luncheon Conference for College Teachers on "Explaining, Understanding, Predicting."

## Summer Session 1939

The Summer Session opens for registration on June 10, and for instruction Monday, June 12, and closes Friday, August 4.

In the field of American history Professor Root offers a course on the Revolutionary Era from 1750-1789, Professor Pelzer on American Biographical History, Professor Thornton on the Growth of the American Nation 1800-1865, Professor Livingston on American Constitutional History to 1860, and Dr. Petersen on Iowa to 1865.

In the European field Dr. Chester Kirby of Brown University offers two courses, Eighteenth Century Europe and Europe since 1918. Dr. Goldwin Smith will teach Modern Britain 1815-1914.

Professor Pelzer will conduct a seminar on the History of the West, Professor Thornton on American Civilization, and Professor Livingston on British-American Relations since 1900. Dr. Smith will hold a seminar on Europe 1870-1914.

The entire staff also holds itself responsible for the conduct of directing readings, the purpose of which is to care for the special needs not served by the individual courses. 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 toward higher degrees.

Two courses are provided in the methods of teaching, one on the Supervision of Social Studies, the other a Curriculum Laboratory open to graduate students, both in charge of Mr. Murra. He has taught at Harvard and at Syracuse University where he has assisted in laboratory courses and was connected with the recent inquiry into the Schools of New York.

At the close of the session there follows a three weeks' Independent Study Period. This is open to those graduate students who have the approval of the Department.