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The Department of History presents its annual bulletin of items concerning the scholarly and professional interests of both faculty and graduate students

Faculty

At the Chicago meeting of the American Historical Association Dr. Livingston read a paper on "The Commonwealth of Australia"; Dr. Root a paper on "The American Revolution Reconsidered", published in the *Canadian Historical Review*, March, 1942; Dr. Goldwin Smith participated in the session on English Life and Thought and Dr. George Cuttino in the session on the Age of the Renaissance. Dr. Chester W. Clark is a member of the Editorial Board of the new *Journal of Central European Affairs* of which the University of Iowa is one of the sponsors. Dr. Clark is chairman of the nominating committee for the Modern European section of the A. H. A. In December Dr. Clark was a member of the panel forum at the Drake Institute of Pan-American Relations. At the series of forums presented by Augustana College, Rock Island, Dr. Livingston spoke on the Backgrounds of the World War and Dr. Thornton on America as a World Power. Dr. Livingston also participated in a Conference on Pacific Affairs held in Des Moines dealing with Japan and Understanding the South Pacific.

Dr. Thornton spent part of last summer and part of the Christmas recess in research at Chautauqua, N. Y. He is giving a series of addresses over WSUI on "The United States in the Twentieth Century." Dr. Clark's article with documents on "Bismarck, Russia and the Origins of the War of 1870" will appear in the *Journal of Modern History* for June, 1942, and his article on "The Black Sea Question in 1866" has been accepted for publication in the *American Historical Review*. Dr. Cuttino received a grant from the American Philosophical Society to help in the pursuit of his researches this summer. He has an ar-

ticle on "Memorandum Book of Elias Joneston" in *Speculum*, Jan., 1942, and another on "The Process of Agen" accepted by that publication. His article "Henry of Canterbury" will appear in the *English Historical Review*, July, 1942. Dr. Goldwin Smith has published the following: "Co-operation of the North Atlantic Nations in the First World War," *Canadian Institute of International Affairs*; "The Reform of the Laws of England", *University of Toronto Quarterly*, July, 1941; "Karl Marx and St. George", *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Oct., 1941; "The Science of Cornelius Drebbel," *Scientific Monthly*, Sept., 1941. Dr. Livingston edited the fourth volume of *The Abstracts in History* containing the abstracts of fourteen Ph.D. theses in history published by the University of Iowa. Dr. Thornton has an article on "Teaching Democracy to Our Youth" in *Midland Schools*, Jan., 1942, and another on "A Dakota Camp Meeting" in *South Dakota Historical Review*, vol. XX.

John Haefner spoke at the session on the Junior High School at the meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies held at Indianapolis in November and appeared on the program at the State Teachers Meeting in Des Moines. Dr. W. J. Petersen taught at Washington University, St. Louis, during the summer of 1941. Dr. Petersen contributes an article on "Iowa Editors and the Second World War," *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, April, 1942.

Graduate Students

OVER forty graduate students of the department attended an Iowa Breakfast at the Chicago meeting of the American Historical Association. The guest of honor was Veva Cox,

for many years the faithful and efficient secretary of the department.

The following are in the United States service: Cecil O. Hahn, Ph.D., 1938, Captain in the Air Corps, Randolph Field, Texas; Edwin H. Cates, Ph.D., 1932, Major in the Army, Fort Benning, Ga.; Alfred S. Martin, Ph.D., 1941, served with the Engineer's Corps as Staff Sergeant in Hawaii and has returned for officer training at Fort Belvoir, Va.; Kenneth R. Rossman, Ph.D., 1940, is in training with the Quartermaster's Corps, Fort Warren, Wyoming; and Franklin Doty, candidate for the Ph.D., will report for duty at Fort Crook, on April 30. James Steinhart, M.A., 1941, is with the Coast Artillery, Portland, Maine; and Allen Hackbarth, M.A., 1939, is with the Engineers, Portland, Oregon.

Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, has been promoted to a full professorship at the University of Illinois. Vernon Carstensen, Ph.D., 1936, is on leave of absence to teach at the University of Washington, Seattle. Melvin Wren, Ph.D., 1939, American University, will teach this summer at the University of Montana. Maurice Latta, M.A., 1925, is now professor of history at Doane College, Neb., and Cecil E. Marshall, Ph.D., 1933, is on the faculty of the Teachers College, Hays, Kansas. Grover Platt, Ph.D., 1941, and Virginia Bever Platt, Ph.D., 1940, are located at the Teachers College, Fairmont, West Va. Richard Drost, Ph.D., 1934, is now an associate professor at Albion College, Mich., and Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, has joined the staff of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. R. L. Welty, Ph.D., 1924, has been made head of the history department at the Teachers College, Hays, Kansas. Philip A. Crowl, M.A., 1938, is teaching at Princeton University.

Bessie L. Pierce, Ph.D., 1923, University of Chicago, was chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Chicago meeting of the A. H. A., and presided at a session of the Milwaukee meeting of the M. V. H. A. Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, Allegheny College, spent several summer months in travel in South America and attended classes at the University of San Marcos. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, Cornell University, gave the following addresses: "Education and the World Situation" at the National Education Association, Boston; "Developing Skill in Critical Thinking," National Council for Social Studies, Indianapolis; "Historical Perspective in Teaching the World War," American Historical Association, Chicago; "Role of the Social Studies Teacher in Time of War," American Association of School Administrators, San Francisco. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, is chairman of the program committee of the M. V. H. A. for 1942; member of Alvord Memorial Commission, M. V. H. A., read a paper at a meeting of the Southern His-

torical Association, Atlanta, Ga.; also papers at several other historical gatherings. Floyd A. McNeil, Ph.D., 1930, Principia College, gave his presidential address before the Greater St. Louis Historical Association on "The Ubiquitous Jeffersonian Idea in American History." Justin Williams, Ph.D., 1935, Teachers College, River Falls, Wis., is serving on the Executive committee of the Association of Wisconsin Teachers Colleges and gave an address at the Teachers College, La Crosse, Wis., on "Democracy and World Revolution." Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D., 1932, Stout Institute, Wis., read a paper on "Our Heritage of Hope" at the Milwaukee meeting of the M. V. H. A. and discussed Howard Anderson's paper on "Teaching World War I" at the Chicago meeting of the A. H. A. Richard L. Beyer, Ph.D., 1929, Teachers College, Carbondale, Ill., spoke on "Increasing the Membership of Historical Societies" at the Chicago meeting of the A. H. A. and gave a paper on "Reflections on Book Reviewers" at the Lexington meeting of the M. V. H. A.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, University of Maryland, read a paper on "Hitler's Propaganda Techniques" at a meeting of the Middle States Association of History Teachers, Atlantic City. Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D., 1935, Creighton University, spoke on "An Historian Looks at the War" at the Founders Day Banquet of Phi Beta Kappa, Omaha. Eugene R. Fair, Ph.D., 1938, Teachers College, Mankato, Minn., is president of the history section of the Minnesota Educational Association, chairman of the social studies instructors of the Minnesota Teachers Colleges, and gave an address before the Minnesota Academy of Sciences. Wallace Taylor, Ph.D., 1941, Albany Teachers College, is on leave of absence to work for the League of Nations Association in New York, and is co-author of "A Unit on City Planning" in the book *Units and Courses in Social Studies*, published by the National Council for the Social Studies. Charles H. Norby, Ph.D., 1935, is chairman of the college lecture committee at Iowa State College. William H. Sener, M.A., 1938, resigned his post with WSUI to accept membership in the Radio Council of Chicago Public Schools. Paul O. Carr, Ph.D., 1932, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., will teach again this summer at the Catholic University of America. W. D. Houlette, Ph.D., 1933, lead the discussion on "Americanism" at the Regional Conference on Adult Education, St. Paul, Minn., and joined with others in preparing a pamphlet on "Our Country" for use in citizenship training classes for adults. Myron Koenig, Ph.D., 1938, Coe College, was elected to the School Board of Cedar Rapids. S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D., 1921, pastor of a large rural church in Minnesota, has been in demand as a speaker on war issues. Howard Harpham, assistant in history last year, is teaching in the high school at Hobbs, N. M., and Homer

L. Calkin, Ph.D., 1939, is teaching at La Grange, Ill. Mary Condon, M.A., 1941, is teaching at Colo, Iowa; Emmett Dohse, M.A., 1941, at Ida Grove, Iowa; Ruth M. Morrison, M.A., 1941, at Waterloo, Iowa, and Gilbert Snow, M.A., 1941, at Petersburg, Neb.

Six Ph.D. degrees were granted in 1941: H. C. Fox, University of Dubuque; Lulu M. Johnson, Tougaloo College; William C. Lang, Yankton College; Wallace Taylor, State Teachers College, Albany, N. Y.; Augustus C. Low, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.; Alfred S. Martin, Fort Belvoir, Va.

The teaching assistants at present are Luther Allen, A.B., Williams, 1941; Eileen Henderlider, A.B., Iowa, 1941; John Miller, M.A., Iowa, 1940; Robert B. Rockwood, M.A., Iowa, 1940; W. H. Seiler, M.A., Iowa, 1941; Lloyd Young, M.A., Iowa, 1941; Norman Taylor, A.B., Iowa, 1940. The holders of scholarships are Franklin A. Doty, A.B., University of Omaha, 1934, M.A. Iowa, 1937; Wilfred Black, A.B., Miami, 1936, M.A. Iowa, 1936; Selmer Norland, A.B., Luther College, 1938. Carl B. Cone, Ph.D., 1940, holds a research fellowship. Paul Davis, M.A., Miami, 1940, and Howard Kramer, M.A., Miami, 1939, are editorial assistants to Dr. Pelzer, editor of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*.

Research and Publication

ELMER ELLIS, Ph.D., 1930, University of Missouri, presents *Mr. Dooley's America: A Life of Finley Peter Dunne* (Knopf, 1941). Merrill G. Burlingame, Ph.D., 1936, Montana State College, is the author of *The Montana Frontier* (State Publishing Co., Helena). Wasyl Halich, Ph.D., 1934, published a translation of the *History of the Ukraine* by Hruskevsky (Yale Univ. Press, 1941). Charles L. Green, Ph.D., 1939, Teachers College, Moorhead, Minn., published *The Administration of the Public Domain in South Dakota* (vol. xx, *Collections*, So. Dak. State Historical Society). Kenneth Rossman, Ph.D., 1940, has an article on "Conway and the Conway Cabal" *South Atlantic Quarterly*, Jan., 1942, and C. W. Tebeau, Ph.D., 1933, University of Miami, Fla., writes on "Visitors' Views of Georgia Politics and Life, 1865-1880", *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, March, 1942. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, Cornell University, presents "Evaluation and Appraisal in the Social Studies", *Review of Educational Research*, Oct., 1941, and is co-author on "Historical Perspective in Teaching First World War" *Social Education*, March, 1942.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930 Allegheny College, published an article on "Beginnings of the Petroleum Industry in Pittsburgh" *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*,

Sept., 1941. Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, University of Maryland, presented a pamphlet on "Hitler's Speeches and the United States" in the Oxford University Press series on *America in a World at War*. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, has to his credit a volume on *Songs of Yesterday: a Song Anthology of American Life* (Doubleday Doran, 1941) and five articles in various historical journals. R. L. Lokken, Ph.D., 1939, Teachers College, Dickinson, No. Dak., presents three articles: "The Significance of the Corporate State" *Social Education*, May 1941; "The Turner Thesis", *The Social Studies*, Dec., 1941, and "Articles Concerning North Dakota", *The North Dakota Teacher*, Sept., 1941. His book on *The Public Domain in Iowa* is in the process of publication by the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Oscar A. Kinchen, Ph.D., 1934, Texas Technological College, contributed to the *Canadian Historical Review* an article on "Stephen's Circular Dispatch and Russell's Canadian Policy". His paper on "No Man's Land," read before the West Texas Historical Society, will be printed in the journal of the Society and he gave a paper before the Texas Academy of Science on "British Unemployment Insurance." A. G. Umscheid, Ph.D., 1935, Creighton University, presents an article "America at the Crossroads", *Creighton Alumnus*, May, 1941. Lulu Johnson, Ph.D., 1941, Tougaloo College, prepared an outline history of *The Negro in American Life* published by the Tougaloo Campus Press. Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, Bethel College, has an article on "Helps in History Research", *Menonite Historical Bulletin*, Oct., 1941. Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D., 1936, Teachers College, Bemidji, Minn., read a paper on "Bemidji a Pioneer Community of the Nineties" before the Minnesota Historical Society, which will appear in *Minnesota History*. Martin L. Cole, Ph.D., 1939, Augustana College, So. Dak., published an article on "Education for Democracy" in the *South Dakota Educational Journal*. Thomas E. Tweito, Ph.D., 1939, Morningside College, wrote on "Gem of the West" in *The Palimpsest* Jan., 1942. W. O. Mishoff, Ph.D., 1933, Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., is co-author of an article on the defense activities of Missouri colleges in *School and Community*, May, 1941, and with Mrs. Mishoff published an article on "Friends of the Library at Work" *Missouri Library Association Quarterly*, Sept., 1941. H. L. Calkin, Ph.D., 1939, has an article on "What Your Family Map Reveals" *Social Education*, Nov. 1941, an article in *School Review*, Jan., 1942, on local history, and two articles in *The Palimpsest*.

John H. Powell, Ph.D., 1938, is spending the year in research and writing, and Millard Hansen, Ph.D., 1939, Teachers Aberdeen, So. Dak., spent the past summer in Mexico in research and study. Dr. Powell's book on *Richard*

Rush, 1780-1857, has been accepted for publication by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

The Twenty-second Historical Conference

THE conference met on April 10-11, 1942, with a generous attendance on the several sessions. The visiting speakers were Professor Crane Brinton, Harvard, "The Prospects for an European Settlement"; Professor Troyer Anderson, Swarthmore, "The Decline of the National State"; Professor W. T. Hutchinson, University of Chicago, "The American Historian in War Time"; and Professor J. Fred Rippy "Building the Latin American Front."

From the Iowa campus the speakers were Dr. L. A. Van Dyke, "Pressing Problems in High School Social Studies"; Dr. H. R. Bowen, "The Role of the Social Sciences in World Reconstruction" and Colonel H. H. Slaughter, "Japan, the Problem Child of the Far East."

The Iowa chapter of the National Council for the Social Studies held a luncheon conference arranged by Alice V. Myers of Des Moines. At this session Howard Cummings, Clayton High School, Mo., lead the discussion on "The Social Studies and the Present Emergency".

Summer Session, 1942

The Summer Session opens for registration on Saturday June 6; for instruction Monday, June 8; and closes Friday, July 31.

In the field of American history the following courses are offered: Political Principles and Practises in America to 1789, Professor Root; The Growth of American Democracy, 1800-1865, Professor Thornton; American Foreign Relations in the 20th Century, Professor Livingston; Significance of the Frontier, Professor Pelzer. In the field of British history Professor Goldwin Smith offers The Growth of British Democracy, and Professor Livingston The British Empire Commonwealth since 1900. In the European field Professor Troyer Anderson of Swarthmore College offers Nineteenth Century Europe: Age of Illusion, and Europe since 1914.

For graduate work two seminars are offered. Professor Thornton on American Civilization, and Professor Smith on European Imperialism 1870-1914.

For practical courses in teaching the social studies there will be offered two oportunities: Supervision of the Social Studies by John Haefner, and Social Studies Workshop in charge of Miss Snedaker and Mr. Haefner.

The staff holds itself responsible for the conduct of directed readings. This is in the nature of individual study and the purpose is to care for the needs of students not served by formal courses. Though the Summer Session provides for the same type of work that is given during the regular semester, a special effort is made to meet the needs of graduate students working toward higher degrees.

An Independent Study Unit of three weeks following the regular session is available for qualified graduate students.