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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.

The Faculty

Five of the faculty continue on leave of absence. Dr. Troyer Anderson is in Washington engaged in historical work for the War Department. Dr. Ross Livingston, Captain in the Army, is in England connected—with the Historical Section of the USSTAF. Dr. Goldwin Smith continues his services with the Department of External Relations of the Dominion of Canada. Dr. George Cottino, Lieutenant in the Army, is stationed in Italy. Dr. Cottino has been promoted to an assistant professorship. Dr. John Haefer, Lieutenant USNR, was detached from service in the Pacific area to teach Communications for the Navy at Harvard.

Dr. Louis Pelzer attended a meeting of the Economic History Association at Princeton and at the same time met with the National Advisory Committee on the Study of the Western Range Cattle Industry of which he is a member. He also is active as chairman of a committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association planning new projects for the Association's work. Dr. H. J. Thornton gave the following addresses: Commencement at Yankton College; Fiftieth Anniversary at Morningside College; Honors Convocation, Luther College; Convocation at Teachers College, Kirksville, Missouri; and spoke before civic groups in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. He has published articles in Survey of Current Literature, The French Forum, The Palimpsest, and broadcasts twice weekly on "The United States in the Twentieth Century." Dr. Chester W. Clark continues on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Central Euro-

pean Affairs and on the advisory board of the Drake Institute of Inter-American Relations. Dr. Clark served as a member of the Iowa Committee of Inter-American Affairs and spoke over WSUI on "Latin-American Heroes."

Professors Anderson, Pelzer and Thornton attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago. Professor Anderson gave a paper on "The Influence of Military Production and Supply on History" and Professor Thornton was on the panel to discuss a paper on "The Role of Patriotism in American Life." Professor Thornton also read a paper on "Social Reformers and Crusaders before Chautauqua Audiences" at the St. Louis meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Mr. George L. Mosse, M.A., Harvard, and Mr. David M. Pletcher, M.A., University of Chicago, joined the staff as instructors. They are principally engaged in assisting with the new basic course on Western Civilization in Modern Times. Together with Professor Root, Mr. Mosse and Mr. Pletcher prepared a Source Book for use in this course. Mr. Mosse taught at the University of Michigan in the summer session of the past year. Mr. Pletcher read a paper on "Political Implications in the Venezuelan Oil Trade" at the Drake Institute of Pan-American Relations at Des Moines.

Dr. William J. Petersen published "Legal Holidays in Iowa" in the January and April numbers of the Iowa Journal of History and Politics; edited the Log of the Nery M. Shreve to Fort Benton in 1869 in the March issue of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. He is acting as co-chairman of the National
Committee established by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association to continue the publication of the Territorial Papers of the United States, and is a member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Graduate Students

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1939, Major in the Army, has been appointed vice-president of the University of Missouri in charge of extra-divisional activities. He will assume the office when discharged from military service. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, has been made Director of the College of Education and Director of the Summer Session at Cornell University. William C. Lang, Ph.D., 1914, continues as acting president of Yankton College, South Dakota, and is chairman of a committee to prepare a course of study in geography soon to be published. Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D., 1929, is now head of the Department of History and Politics at the University of Arkansas. W. D. Houlette, Ph.D., 1933, is Training Officer in charge of the Veterans Rehabilitation Program in Iowa. Martin L. Cole, Ph.D., 1939, has resigned from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D., to accept the deanship at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, head of the department of history, Allegheny College, has been appointed Curator of Drake Well Memorial Park at Titusville, Pa. He appeared on a broadcast to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the birth of the petroleum industry at Tulsa at the invitation of the Mid-Continent Oil Association. Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, received the Cooper-Ohioana Library Medal for his volume on Ohio Comes of Age, chosen as the book for 1943 with the "best Ohio background." Dr. Jordan also received a University of Minnesota Regional Writing Fellowship in 1941 to do a volume on the Hutchinson Family, a travelling group of singers, and he served as judge for the publications of the East Tennessee Historical Society. Vernon Carstensen, Ph.D., 1936, on leave from Teachers College, Ellensburg, Washington, is engaged in government service in the National Capitol.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, associate professor University of Maryland, now on leave as Lieutenant in the Navy, is teaching in the Naval School of Military Administration at Princeton University. Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D., 1935, is serving as Director of the Summer Session at the Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin. Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D., 1943, Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy, has been assigned to the Bureau of Navy Personnel at Washington. Justin Williams, Ph.D., 1933, Lieutenant, U.S. Army, completed training in Oriental languages at Yale. Carl Cone, Ph.D., 1940, assistant professor, Louisiana State University, served as moderator for the Junior Town Meeting League of Baton Rouge which put on programs broadcast for high schools with high school speakers. Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D., 1935, Creighton University, Omaha, was principal speaker at the banquet of the Nebraska State Convention of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and at the Midwestern States Convention of the Building Owners and Managers Association.

Wasy1 Halich, Ph.D., 1934, taught in the Summer Session of 1941 at the State Teachers College, Superior, Wisconsin. Charles L. Green, Ph.D., 1939, late professor of history, Moorhead State Teachers College, died last June from a heart attack. William J. Ruppert, M.A., 1936, of the Junior College, Austin, Minnesota, taught in the past summer at the University of Omaha. Eleanor Norton, M.A., 1934, is now resident counsellor at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Charles S. Emery, M.A., 1940, is with the Division of Investigation of the Civil Service at St. Paul, Minnesota. Darrell Ross, M.A., 1941, is teaching in the Howe Military School in Indiana, and Mary T. Collins, M.A., 1940, is teaching at Brawley, California.

The following former students attended the Chicago meeting of the American Historical Association: Bessie L. Pierce, University of Chicago; Philip D. Jordan, Miami University; R. C. Werner and Fred Shannon, University of Illinois; Francis L. Moats, Simpson College; Raymond Welty, State Teachers College, Hays, Kansas; Herbert Rice, Marquette University; Virginia Bever Platt, Oxford College for Women, Miami, Ohio; Laura M. Nanes, Central College, Pella, Iowa; John H. Powell, University of Delaware; Melvin Gingerich, Bethel College, Kansas; E. P. Alexander, Wisconsin Historical Society; Bernard Holm; Darrell Ross; Charles F. Strong; Howard Turner.

Eight master's degrees were granted last year and the only Ph.D. was conferred on Father Norbert C. Barrett, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.
Publications of Graduate Students


Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, Bethel College, Kansas, published the following articles in the Mennonite Historical Bulletin: "The Federal Census of 1860," (March, 1944), "Custom Built Coffins" (June, 1944), and "Vachel Lindsay and the Mennonites" (December, 1944), and in the Palimpsest, "The Okaloosa Road" (December, 1944). He also writes a weekly column of book reviews under the title "On My Desk" for the Mennonite Weekly Review.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, Allegheny College, has an article on "The Drake Well Memorial Park," Pennsylvania History (January, 1945). Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, Miami University, has to his credit a number of articles in various journals; among them several to the Ohio State Medical Journal; others to the Indiana Magazine of History, Saturday Review of Literature, Filson Club Quarterly, Palimpsest, and one on "Toward the Better Teaching of History," Journal of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars (April, 1944). Dr. Jordan is the editor of the Teachers' Section of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and contributed a special research report to the Committee on American History in Schools and Colleges (wide American History in Schools and Colleges, Macmillan, 1944). Carl Cone, Ph.D., 1940, Louisiana State University, has contributed "The Iowa Firemen's Association," Iowa Journal of History and Politics (July, 1944), "A Trading Expedition among the Crow Indians," Mississippi Valley Historical Review (December, 1944). And an article on "Edmund Burke, the Farmer" soon to be published in Agricultural History.


The Library

The Library during the past year has increased the facilities for historical research by the purchase of much material available in microfilm. Among the important items are: American Culture Series representing writings in the original editions about America and the Americans 1493-1800; American Periodical Series consisting of all known and extant magazines published in the United States 1711-1799; over four hundred rolls of films pertaining to Texas, Mexico and Latin America; books printed in England before 1600 and of English books printed abroad 1475-1640, numbering over three hundred rolls and more to
come. We have secured microfilm copies of two German periodicals, *Zeitschrift fur geopolitik* and *Der deutsche volkswirt*. The Library has concentrated in collecting the publications of native fascist groups and other major propaganda agencies in this country. The collection now consists of 2,000 separate titles and 400 issues of periodicals, a body of material available as primary sources for the study of America in the war years.

We hope former students and faculty members in the national service will continue to gather material for the Library wherever they may be.

**Graduate Students in Service**

Information available as News Letter goes to press.

**ARMY**

Agnew, Dwight, M.A., 1938, Sgt., APO, San Francisco

Allen, Luther, M.A., 1942, T/Sgt., APO, New York

Barron, James R., M.A., 1942, Capt.


Calkin, Homer L., Ph.D., 1938, Pvt., Washington, D. C.


Colton, Kenneth E., M.A., 1942, Sgt., APO, San Francisco

Cottino, George P., M.A., 1936, Lt., APO, New York

Coppola, Robert, M.A., 1941, Sgt., Van Nuys, Cal.


Ellis, Elmer, Ph.D., 1930, Major, Washington, D. C.

Galbraith, John S., Ph.D., 1943, Sgt., Tampa, Fla.


Hackworth, Allen, M.A., 1939, Lt., P.M., San Francisco

Hahn, Cecil O., Ph.D., 1938, Lt. Col., APO, New York

Hall, Howard, M.A., 1910, Lt., APO, San Francisco

Hamman, Bernard, M.A., 1937, Capt.

Howard, Donald F., M.A., 1935, Pvt., Clarinda, Iowa

Johnson, Lee C., M.A., 1941, Lt., New York

Johnson, Paul E., M.A., 1916, Sgt., Fort Bliss, Texas

Kelsey, Robert, M.A., 1941, Lt.


Lang, Aubrey C., M.A., 1939, Lt., APO, New York

Libakken, Leslie, M.A., 1939, T/Sgt., APO, New York

Low, Augustus C., Ph.D., 1914, Lt., Fort Benning, Ga.

Martin, Alfred S., Ph.D., 1911, Major, APO, San Francisco

Moults, George R., M.A., 1940, Camp Stewart, Ga.

Norland, Selmer, M.A., 1942, Lt., APO, New York

Platt, Grover, Ph.D., APO, San Francisco, Calif.

Rockwood, Robert B., M.A., 1940, S/Sgt., APO, New York

Rossman, Kenneth R., Ph.D., 1940, Lt., POW Camp Campbell, Ky.

Sener, William H., M.A., 1938, Lt., St. Louis, Mo.

Shafer, Boyd C., Ph.D., 1932, Lt., Washington, D. C.

Sterling, Everett W., Ph.D., 1940, Lt., Washington, D. C.

Stinehart, James S., M.A., 1941, Lt., Fort Tilden, N. Y.

Taylor, Wallace, Ph.D., 1911, Capt., APO, New York


Williams, Justin, Ph.D., 1933, Lt., Yale Univ., New Haven

Young, Lloyd F., M.A., 1941, Sgt., APO, New York

**NAVY**

Berg, Harry D., Ph.D., 1946, Lt. (j.g.), Pensacola, Fla.

Black, Wilfred W., Ph.D., 1945, Lt. (j.g.), FPO, San Francisco

Crary, Ryland, M.A., 1937, Lt. (j.g.), Fort Huene, Cal.

Crowl, Philip A., M.A., 1939, Lt. (j.g.), FPO, San Francisco

Greenlee, John A., Ph.D., 1934, Lt. (j.g.), Miami Univ., Oxford, Ohio

Hagg, Harold T., Ph.D., 1936, FPO, San Francisco

Miller, John J., Ph.D., 1942, S/Sgt.

Norby, Charles H., Ph.D., 1931, Lt. Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Iowa

Pendergraft, Daryl, Ph.D., 1943, Lt. (j.g.), Washington, D. C.

Prange, Gordon W., Ph.D., 1937, Lt., Princeton, N. J.

Seiler, William H., M.A., 1931, Lt. (j.g.), Norfolk, Va.

Shelmide, Lyle S., Ph.D., 1939, Lt. Comdr., FPO, San Francisco

Haefner, John H., Ph.D., 1942, Lt. (j.g.), Cambridge, Mass.

**RED CROSS**

Condon, Mary, M.A., 1941 (India)

Morrison, Ruth M., M.A., 1941 (Italy)

Rugland, S. L., M.A., 1929 (England)

Kramer, Howard D., Ph.D., 1942, OWI (Australia)

**Summer Session, 1945**

The Summer Session of fifteen weeks is divided into two parts; one of seven weeks April 23 to June 9, and the usual eight week term June 13 to August 12.

In the seven weeks term the following courses will be offered: Renaissance and Reformation, Mr. Mosse; Germany, Russia, Poland and the Peace, Professor Clark; American Colonial Era to 1713, Professor Root; Main Currents in American History, Professor Thornon; First World War and After, Professor Pelzer.

In the eight week term: Modern Britain, Mr. Mosse; Russia and Her Neighbors; Professor Clark; American Colonial Era, 1713-1763, Professor Root; Main Currents in American History, Professor Thornton; American Foreign Relations, Mr. Pletcher; The Nations of Latin America, Mr. Pletcher.

In both terms opportunity is given to both undergraduate and graduate students to do individual study designed to meet the needs of those not served by formal lecture courses.

Also a special effort is made to satisfy students working toward advanced degrees. In the eight week term Professor Thornton will offer a graduate seminar in American Civilization.

In the core area, Western Civilization in Modern Times will be presented in both terms by Mr. Mosse. The Independent Study Unit of three weeks following the regular session is available for qualified graduate students.