The Faculty

Professor Louis Pelzer, a member of the department for thirty-five years, died June 28, 1946.

Dr. George E. Mowry, Ph.D., Wisconsin, 1938, Mary Treat Morrison Professor of History at Mills College, has accepted a call to be professor in the department at Iowa beginning next fall. He is the author of Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Movement. R. Stuart Hoyt, A. M., 1942, Harvard, joined the staff as assistant professor of history in the fields of Mediaeval and Renaissance History. Before the war he taught at Harvard and acted as assistant dean of Harvard College. During the war he served in the Historical Section, Replacement and School Command, AGF, writing a history of ground forces replacement training. Ernest E. Ramsaur, Jr., M. A., University of California, 1938, joined the faculty as instructor with a special interest in Eastern and Southern Europe. He served as a tutor at Roberts College, Istanbul, and saw active service in the Navy as an Intelligence Officer in the Mediterranean theater.

George L. Mosse has been promoted to an assistant professorship and received the Ph.D. from Harvard in February, 1947.

Professors Pelzer, Root and Thornton attended the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society at the University of Indiana, March, 1946, and the following attended the annual convention of the American Historical Association in New York: Hoyt, Mosse, Root, Smith. Dr. Smith read a paper on "Interrelationships of American and European History."

Professor Thornton is the author of a volume on Samuel Calvin, Centennial Memoirs, University of Iowa, a series of volumes of which he is editor. He contributed to the Journal of New York History (July, 1946, Jan., 1947) "The White House and Chautauqua" and "The Two Roosevelts at Chautauqua," and to the Midland Schools (Nov., 1946, Feb., 1947) "Education for Human Understanding" and "What does the College Expect from High School Graduates."

Dr. Thornton addressed the Executive Club of Burlington, the students at Mt. Clair College, Clinton, the Nebraska Teachers Association, and spoke before several Tri-County Institutes on "Education for Human Understanding."

John H. Haenner, Ph.D., 1942, assistant professor, was a member of a Commission of experts from American High Schools invited by the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department to inspect and report on the secondary schools in Germany.

Dr. George L. Mosse has published an article on Thomas Hobbes in the Toronto Quarterly (June, 1946) and one on the Tudor Constitution in Speculum (Jan., 1947); and two articles have been accepted for publication, "The Anti-League: Conservatism and Political Action", Economic Review and "Liturigical Uniformity and Absolutism, XVI Century" (with D. Hecht), Anglican Theological Review. Dr. Mosse was a member of a Round Table, Iowa Forum, over WHO on European Problems and is engaged with W. H. Seiler on the compilation of a Syllabus and Source Book for the general course on Western Civilization.

During the year the following instructors carried the discussion groups in the general course on Western Civilization: W. H. Seiler, D. F. Howard, Herbert B. Smith, L. F. Young, Norman Taylor, Keach Johnson, Robert Iversen, J. W. Platt, Mrs. Eileen Clark, Mrs. Mary Iversen.

Graduate Students

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D., 1937, was promoted to a full professorship at the University of Maryland and granted leave of absence to serve at GHQ, Tokyo, as
Chief of the Historical Section. Justin Williams, Ph.D., 1933, was given an extension of leave from the Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, to serve as Chief of the Legislative Branch, GHQ, Tokyo. Howard D. Kramer, Ph.D., 1942, returned in the fall from Manila where he had been in charge of the international information program of the State Department.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1934, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri, gave the commencement address at the University of South Dakota last summer and received the LL.D. H. R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, U. S. Office of Education, was a member of the commission to examine the social studies program of the German schools. Melvin Wren, Ph.D., 1939, returned to his post at Montana State University after a year of study in Russian history at the University of California, under a grant-in-aid from ACLS, and under a leave of absence next year will work in the Public Record Office, London. Lulu M. Johnson, Ph.D., 1941, received a grant from the American Council of Education to attend the Workshop of Inter-group Relations at Detroit sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Johnson is now dean of Women at the Teachers College, Cheyney, Pa., and read a paper at the annual meeting of the Association for the study of Negro Life, Philadelphia.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, has been promoted to a full professorship at the University of Minnesota. C. W. Tebeau, Ph.D., 1935, is now full professor and head of the history department at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Everett Sterling, Ph.D., 1940, has been promoted to an assistant professorship at the University of South Dakota. Roscoe Lokken, Ph.D., 1939, is president of the Teachers College, Valley City, North Dakota. Thos. E. Tweito, Ph.D., 1939, is now dean of the faculty at Morningside College, Iowa. Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D., 1938, has been advanced to an associate professorship at Bethel College, Kansas. Dr. Gingerich spent last summer as an UNRRA supervisor of a relief shipment to Poland. Cecil Hahn, Ph.D., 1939, is deputy chief of Historical Research Division of the Air University at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

W. D. Houlette, Ph.D., 1933, is assistant professor of history at Drake University. Wasyl Halich, Ph.D., 1934, joined the faculty of the State Teachers College, Superior, Wis. Vergil Fogdall, M.A., 1935, resigned his post as dean of the Junior College, Burlington, Iowa, to join the faculty at the State College, Havre, Montana. Edwin H. Cates, Ph.D., 1933, has joined the staff of the Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn. Grover C. Platt, Ph.D., 1941, is assistant professor of history at Bowling Green University, Ohio. Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D., 1943, is a member of the history faculty at the Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Kenneth R. Rossman, Ph.D., 1940, is head of the history department Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. John S. Galbraith, Ph.D., 1943, is head of the history department at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and next year will join the staff of Ohio University at Athens.

Carl Cone, Ph.D., 1940, now at Louisiana State University, will join the history faculty at the University of Kentucky next fall. Wilfred W. Black, Ph.D., 1942, is associate professor of history, Grove City College, Pa. Robert Rockwood, M.A., 1940, is associate professor of history at Upsala College, East Orange, N.J. Aubrey C. Land, M.A., 1938, is on the history staff at Carnegie Tech., Pittsburgh. H. L. Calkin, Ph.D., 1939, is on the staff of the National Archives, Washington, D.C., and last summer taught at American University.

Four Ph.D. degrees were granted during the past year: R. W. Crary, now at Teachers College, Columbia; F. A. Doty, University of Florida; H. D. McClave, University of Tulsa; Mildred Throne, Washburn University, Kansas; M. O. White, Teachers College, Aberdeen, S.D.


Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1924, University of Illinois, will teach during the coming summer at Columbia University; Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D., 1935, of Teachers College, River Falls, at the University of Maine; and Lyle S. Shelmidine, Ph.D., 1938, of the College of Puget Sound, at the University of Washington, Seattle.

John Haefner, Ph.D., 1942, Harry Berg, Ph.D., 1940, University of New Hampshire, and Wallace Taylor, Ph.D., 1941, Teachers College, Albany, N.Y., attended last November the meeting of the National
Council for the Social Studies at Boston.

Clifford Harding M.A., 1945 and William R. Arnold, M. A., 1946 are holders of Roberts Fellowships at Columbia University. The following are research Fellows in the department: Dwight Agnew, Paul Knights, Donald Howard, F. G. Davies.

Publications

Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D., 1921, professor of history, University of Illinois, has edited "The Civil War Letters of Sergeant Andrus" (Univ. of Ill. Press). Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, head of the department of history, Allegheny College, has to his credit the following articles: "History Looks at Oil" Bulletin Business Historical Society (Feb. 1946); "First Trans-Atlantic Flight," Orange Disc (March-Apr. 1946); "Oidom's Camera Man," Ethyl News (Oct. 1946); "Visit by the President," Service, Jan. 1947. His book Pennsylvania Petroleum 1750-1872, a Documentary History will soon be published by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.


The Historical Conference

The Twenty-fifth Annual Historical Conference met April 18-19 in Old Capitol. It proved to be a successful gathering. Dr. J. R. Strayer, professor of history, Princeton University, spoke on "American History and World History"; Dr. Stanley Pargellis, Librarian, Newberry Library, on "Why not Teach the History of the Universe?"; Geoffrey Bruun, visiting professor, Columbia University, on "Toward a Better Balanced History of Western Civilization"; Bessie L. Pierce, professor of history, University of Chicago, on "Teaching Modern American History: Considerations and Perplexities; and W. Francis English, associate professor of history, University of Missouri, on "Curricular Problems and Plans in Our Age." From the Iowa faculty Dean Earl J. McGrath, College of Liberal Arts, spoke on "History in the Liberal Arts Program" and W. L. Daykin, professor of Labor Economics, on "The Labor Problem".

At a luncheon conference, sponsored by the Iowa Branch of the National Council for the Social Studies, Professor English spoke on "There are Things Which we Can Do."

The Summer Session

The Summer Session of eight weeks opens for registration on June 10 and closes August 6. The following courses will be offered: Factors and Problems in American History, Professor Root; Emergence of Modern America, Professor Thornton; American Foreign Relations, since 1865, and United States in the Middle Period, Professor Myron Koenig of George Washington University; Modern Britain, Assistant Professor Mosse; Europe since 1870 and French Revolution, Dr. W. O. Aydelotte, Lecturer in Princeton University; History of Iowa, Dr. W. J. Petersen, Lecturer in History.

There will be a seminar in American Civilization under Professor Thornton and one in English history under Dr. Mosse. There will be afforded opportunity to do individual work under direction and to carry on thesis research.

There will be offered the general courses in Western Civilization in Modern Times under Professor John T. Horton of the University of Buffalo and assistant professor G. L. Mosse.