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THE FACULTY

Professor George E. Mowry has published an article, "The California Progressive and His Rationale: a Study in Middle Class Politics," in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, September 1949, and book reviews in the *Saturday Review of Literature*, *The Journal of Economic History*, and the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the MVHA in April 1950. At the annual meeting of the association in 1950, he led a discussion at a session on "Recent Political Movements." His book, *The California Progressives*, will shortly be published by the University of California Press at Berkeley. Dr. Mowry will be a visiting professor at the University of California during the summer session of 1950.

Professor Harrison J. Thornton has published the following articles since our last News Letter: "Chautauqua and the Midwest," *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, December 1949; "The United States and World Affairs," *Internationalism and Democracy*, Syracuse University Press, 1949; "The State University of Iowa and the Civil War," *Annals of Iowa*, January 1950. He has also published two book reviews in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. He continues as a member of the MVHA committee on the Missouri River Valley conservation project. During the year, Dr. Thornton has delivered addresses before the Schoolmasters' Club of Cedar County, Iowa; the Burlington Consistory; the Iowa-Nebraska District of Kiwanis at Waterloo, Iowa; the Chautauqua Assembly at Lake Okoboji, Iowa; the Chautauqua Institution at Chautauqua, New York; the Rotary Club and the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs, Iowa; and the Tenth Annual Conference on Educational Problems at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Dr. Robert S. Hoyt has been promoted to an associate professorship. During the academic year 1949-50, he has been on leave of absence doing research in London at the Public Record Office. He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for the year 1949-50 and also a Fulbright grant for the same period. He has also been given the Carnegie award, by the terms of which his book, *The Royal Demesne in English Constitutional History, 1066-1272*, will be published by the American Historical Association as the book selected by the Carnegie Re-

volving Fund Committee of the AHA. The book will be published by the Cornell University Press and is scheduled for appearance in December 1950. Dr. Hoyt published, "Royal Taxation and the Growth of the Realm in Mediaeval England," in *Speculum* for January 1950.

During the absence of Dr. Hoyt, Professor Sylvia L. Thrupp of the University of Chicago has been visiting professor at Iowa for the year 1949-50, and has been teaching Medieval History and European Economic History. Miss Thrupp published a paper, "Entrepreneurial Theory and the Middle Ages," in *Explorations in Entrepreneurial History*, March 1950.

Dr. George L. Mosse has been promoted to an associate professorship. He will publish an article on Sir John Fortescue in the next issue of *Medievalia et Humanistica*. He spoke at a public forum in Marshalltown, Iowa, in March 1950, and is participating in a panel on "The Stranglehold of Education" at a joint meeting of the Iowa AAUP chapters at Iowa State Teachers College in May 1950.

Professor W. Ross Livingston served during the summer of 1949 with the United States Air Forces at the Air University. Associate Professor William J. Petersen led the discussion at a session of the MVHA in April 1950 on "Western Entertainment." Assistant Professor Charles Gibson has published "Las Cuatro Cubeceras en el Siglo XVI" in *Acta Americana*, and book reviews in *The Magazine of Art* and the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. Assistant Professor James F. Gilliam has published two book reviews in the *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Associate Professor W. O. Aydelotte published "The Detective Story as a Historical Source" in the *Yale Review*, Autumn, 1949, and a book review in the *American Historical Review*. He spoke at Augustana College in April 1950. He has been made an associate editor of the *Journal of Modern History*.

Professor Harry G. Plum has been made Professor Emeritus, and Miss Clara M. Daley has been made Assistant Professor Emeritus as of October 1949.

The Department announces the appointment of James E. Roohan as assistant professor in American History, effective September 1950. Mr. Roohan is a graduate of Williams College and is completing his Ph.D. at Yale. He has taught for one year at Williams and for two years at Yale. We also announce the appointment of Mr. P. A. M. Taylor as instructor, succeeding Mr. Francis L. Broderick in the Western Civilization core course. Mr. Taylor took his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Cambridge, England, and is at present a lecturer in history at the University of Aberdeen. He will receive his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in the spring of 1950.

The following have acted as instructors in the core

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course in Western Civilization during the year 1949-50: Francis L. Broderick; Gilbert A. Cahill; Norbert J. Gossman; Robert W. Green; Paul L. Hughes; Harry M. Hutson; Ellen E. Johnson; John J. Kamerick; Robert E. McMinn; Walter P. Metzger; Robert S. Moth; Phyllis A. Nelson; Walter F. Peterson; Lenore M. Rickels; Ernest F. Sixta; Glenn H. Smith; and Neelak S. Tjernagel. Mr. Metzger is the author of an article in the *Journal of Philosophy of Science* for April 1949, entitled, "Ideology and the Intellectual: a Study of Thorstein Veblen." He will go to Columbia as an instructor in September 1950. Mr. Tjernagel has been appointed principal of the Lutheran High School, Racine, Wisconsin, effective September 1950. Mr. Sixta has been awarded a Pre-doctoral Fellowship by the Graduate College for the year 1950-51. Leo F. Solt, M.A. 1948, who was an instructor in the Department, 1947-48, has been awarded a Lydia Roberts travelling fellowship for 1950-51. Joseph J. Stephens, M.A. 1948, who was a member of the core course staff for the last three years, died on February 11, 1950.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Frank H. Garver, Ph.D. 1912, Professor Emeritus at the University of Southern California, has, during the past year, contributed to the special pages of the *Los Angeles Times* a number of articles dealing with historical backgrounds of modern events. Dr. Eli C. Christofferson, Ph.D. 1924, died on July 3, 1949. President Bryn J. Hovde of the New School for Social Research, Ph.D. 1924, spoke at the International Conference on Comparative Education held in Germany in April 1949, and attended a meeting of UNESCO in Paris in November 1949 on the question of an international convention on education for peace and security.

James H. St. John, Ph.D. 1927, continues as professor of history and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Science, University of Miami, Oxford, Ohio. Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, professor of history, University of Southern California, has written a handbook in historiography which is now being prepared for publication, and will spend the summer of 1950 on a research trip to Europe. Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D. 1929, chairman, department of history, Southern Illinois University, published (in collaboration with his wife, Ernestine Bennett Briggs) "The Early Theatre in the Upper Mississippi Valley" in the July 1949 issue of *Mid-America*. He presented a paper on "Some Early Variety Theatres in the Trans-Mississippi West" at the annual meeting of the MVHA in April 1950.

Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D. 1929, head, department of history and political science, University of Arkansas, published (in collaboration with J. W. Grisson) "Francis Rawdon Chesney: a Reappraisal of his Work on the Euphrates Route" in *The Historian*, Spring, 1949. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, Chief, Instructional Problems Division of Elementary and Secondary Schools, U. S. Of-

fice of Education, published during the last year the following items: *Teaching of United States History in Public High Schools*, Office of Education Bulletin 1949, No. 7; "Offerings and Registrations in Social Studies," *Social Education*, February 1950; "Sources of Material for Evaluation in World History," in the Twentieth Yearbook of the National Council for the Social Studies; and "United States History is Taught in Our High Schools," *School Life*, December 1949.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, head, department of history, Allegheny College, has been on leave of absence since February 1948 to write a history of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. During the year, he has published the following articles: "Pioneers of Petroleum Progress," *Our Sun*, Autumn, 1949; and "The Birth of the Oil Industry," *American Heritage*, Winter, 1950. Dr. Giddens has become a member of the Editorial Board of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, and third vice-president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. A. G. Umbreit, Ph.D. 1932, director of Muskegon Junior College, was appointed Director of Secondary Schools Curriculum for the Muskegon public schools, effective August 1949. William D. Houlette, Ph.D. 1933, professor of history, Drake University, is offering a new course in Iowa History beginning with the 1950 summer session. Charlton W. Tebeau, Ph.D. 1933, chairman, department of history, University of Miami, has been elected president of the Florida Historical Society.

E. W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, chairman, department of history, Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, has published during the past year: "The Origins of our Philippine Policy," *Social Studies*, May 1949; and "The Colonial Schoolmaster," Faculty Studies, *Bulletin of Oklahoma Baptist University*, June 1949. He also served as a member of the committee on local arrangements for the MVHA meeting in Oklahoma City in April 1950.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, professor of history, University of Minnesota, published (in collaboration with Theodore C. Blegen) *With Various Voices*, St. Paul, 1949. During the year 1949-50, he has published the following articles: "Use of Folklore in History Teaching," in *American Heritage*; "Rural Minnesota as Seen by an Artist," in *Minnesota History*; "Moses Dillon Jordan," in *The Palimpsest*; and "History and Folklore," in *Missouri Historical Review*. He has also published two book reviews in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, two in *Minnesota History*, and one in *The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. He has served as a consultant for the St. Paul Public Library and for the National Conference of American Folklore for Youth, and as a director of the American Folk Arts Foundation. Merrill G. Burlingame, Ph.D. 1936, chairman, department of history, Montana State College, presented a paper on "Social Security in a Frontier Mining Camp" at the December meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, of which he is a member of the Executive Council. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the

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Montana Historical Society. Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D. 1936, of State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, has published "The Mistakes of 1919 and the Peace Settlements of World War II" in *Social Education*, April 1949, and has been reelected as a director of the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, director of research, Mennonite Research Foundation, published *Youth and Christian Citizenship* in December 1949. During the present year, he has been teaching part-time in Goshen College, substituting for G. F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, who is in Europe on sabbatical leave. Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D. 1937, was appointed Deputy Chief of the Military Historical Division, G-2, GHQ, FEC, in June 1949, and will continue to serve in that capacity until he returns to his professorship at the University of Maryland late in 1950. John H. Powell, Ph.D. 1938, published *Bring Out Your Dead* in November 1949, and an article in the April 1950 number of *Readers' Digest*. He also delivered a paper on "The Issue of Independence" at the April 1950 meeting of the MVHA. Herbert W. Rice, Ph.D. 1938, of Marquette University, presented a paper on "Early Rivalry Among Wisconsin Cities for Railroads" at the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Wisconsin in April 1949.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, was appointed, last January, Archivist and Assistant Records Retirement Officer of the Department of State. He has published during the past year "Organization, Functions and Records of the War Shipping Administration During World War II" and "Organization, Functions, and Records of the United States Maritime Commission During World War II," both issued by the National Security Resources Board. Martin L. Cole, Ph.D. 1939, dean of Eastern New Mexico University, published "Education for Democracy" in the *New Mexico School Review*. Thomas E. Tweito, Ph.D. 1939, dean of Morningside College, read a paper on "The American Home" at the Iowa convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in June 1949. Melvin C. Wren, Ph.D. 1939, professor of history, Montana State University, published "London and the Twenty Ships, 1626-1627" in the *American Historical Review*.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, has been promoted to an associate professorship at the University of Kentucky. Kenneth R. Rossman, Ph.D. 1940, of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, has virtually completed his biography of Mifflin. William C. Lang, Ph.D. 1941, formerly acting president of Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota, has accepted a position in the social sciences at Iowa State Teachers College. Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, of New York State College for Teachers at Albany, is spending the academic year 1949-50 teaching as a Fulbright fellow at the University of Bergen, Norway. Wilfred Black, Ph.D. 1942, of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, published "Social Studies and the Public Schools," in *The Social Studies*, October 1949, and "The

Teacher of History in Public Schools," in *The Social Studies*, April 1950.

John H. Haefner, Ph.D. 1942, has been appointed associate professor of social studies education at the State University of Iowa, which is a joint appointment between the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education. He was visiting professor at the University of Minnesota in the summer session of 1949. He presented a paper, "Problems of Organizing the World History Course," at the annual meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies in November 1949, and has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Council. He was co-author of tests prepared by the American Council on Education and by the Educational Testing Service. He served as an instructor for the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction series of Multiple-County Institutes for elementary and secondary teachers in Iowa in September 1949, and participated in the UNESCO seminar on social studies at the University of Illinois in May 1950.

John Miller, Jr., Ph.D. 1942, Chief of the Pacific Unit of the Historical Division, Department of the Army, published *Guadalcanal: the First Offensive* in August 1949. In April 1949, he addressed the Ohio Academy of History on "The Strategic Background of the Northern Solomons Campaign," a paper which was subsequently published in *The Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, of the University of California at Los Angeles, has published: "The United States, Britain, and the Creation of the Irish Free State," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, October 1949; "The Hudson's Bay Land Controversy, 1863-69," *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, December 1949; and "The Hudson's Bay Company Under Fire, 1847-62," *Canadian Historical Review*, December 1949. Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D. 1943, of Iowa State Teachers College, will direct a branch summer session of his college to be held in Denison, Iowa, in 1950. Franklin A. Doty, Ph.D. 1946, of the University of Florida, has been appointed chairman of a staff committee to revise the syllabus used in the freshman general education course in the social sciences.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, Associate Editor, State Historical Society of Iowa, published during the year the following articles: "Southern Iowa Agriculture, 1833-1890: the Progress from Subsistence to Commercial Corn-Belt Farming," *Agricultural History*, April 1949; and "The Grange in Iowa, 1868-1875," *Iowa Journal of History*, October 1949. Dwight L. Agnew, Ph.D. 1947, of Stout Institute, Menomomie, Wisconsin, published "Iowa's First Railroad," *Iowa Journal of History*, January 1950. Donald F. Howard, Ph.D. 1947, of Iowa State Teachers College, has been making a special study of the operations of the United Nations and has lectured extensively on the subject. Aubrey C. Land, Ph.D. 1948, has been visiting assistant professor at Princeton University, 1949-50, and has accepted a position at Vanderbilt University begin-

ning September 1950. He read a paper at the April 1950 meeting of the MVHA entitled, "Fortune and Freedom in the Revolutionary Era."

William H. Seiler, Ph.D. 1948, has published, "Land Processing in Virginia," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, July 1949, and "The Church of England as the Established Church in 17th Century Virginia," *The Journal of Southern History*, November 1949. Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, has been for the last year a member of the Historical Division of the Department of the Air Force Library, and has completed "National Air Power and International Politics—a Select Bibliography," which was published and distributed by the Air University. He has also published book reviews for the *Des Moines Register*. Keach D. Johnson, Ph.D. 1949, is a member of the department of history at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine. Donald F. Pierce, Ph.D. 1949, is teaching at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Raleigh A. Wilson, Ph.D. 1949, has been promoted to a full professorship at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College at Nashville, and has been working out a general research program relating to Negro life and history in Tennessee.

Since our last News Letter, Ph.D. degrees in history have been granted to the following: Morris R. Boucher; Paul M. Davis; Eugene M. Emme; Keach D. Johnson; Lee C. Johnson; Donald F. Pierce; and Raleigh A. Wilson. M.A. degrees in history since our last News Letter have been received by the following: Gerald A. Baughman; Robert Berquist; Joseph W. Cassidy; Charles E. Chapman; Corwin D. Cornell; Mildred Enich; Lon A. Gault; Clarence T. Griep; Orville C. Hannum; Doris Mae Havercamp; Lillian M. Martin; Charles T. Mindling; John J. Minges; Willie H. Morton; John A. Oostendorp; Isabel Rigby; Donald T. Schmidt; Aeilt E. Sents; Donald K. Sunde; Alfred O. Swenson; Douglas M. Tompkins; Charlotte C. Wan; and Philip E. York.

THE HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

At the Twenty-Eighth Annual Historical Conference which met Friday and Saturday, March 3, 4, 1950, the following papers were delivered: Hans Rothfels, University of Chicago, "International Aspects of the German Opposition to Hitler"; Walter L. Dorn, Ohio State University, "American Military Government and the Problem of Germany"; Richard Hofstadter, Columbia University, "The Crisis of the 1890's in the United States"; Leland L. Sage, Iowa State Teachers College, "Senator William Boyd Allison: last of the Radical Republicans"; and Earl S. Johnson, University of Chicago, "The Social Process Approach to the Teaching of History."

THE SUMMER SESSION

The regular Summer Session of eight weeks will open Monday, June 12, and close Wednesday, August 9. Courses offered in the Department this summer will be as follows: *Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1500-1648*, Mr. Greenlaw; *French Revolution and Napoleon*, Mr. Greenlaw; *Survey of Modern Europe, 1815-1870*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *History of Russia, 1800 to the Present*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *Modern England*, Mr. Aydelotte; *Social and Economic History of the American People since 1865*, Mr. Thornton; *American Foreign Relations*, Mr. Livingston; *History of Iowa*, Mr. Petersen.

In addition, the following seminars will be offered: *American Civilization*, Mr. Thornton; *American Constitutional History*, Mr. Livingston.

The Department will offer again the general course in *Western Civilization in Modern Times*, under Mr. Mosse.