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### *The Faculty*

The department announces with deep regret the death of Professor Harrison John Thornton. Dr. Thornton died suddenly on September 22, 1952 at the age of 60.

Professor W. Ross Livingston returned to the State University of Iowa campus in September, 1952 after having spent a year as visiting professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, California.

Professor Stow Persons participated in a session of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in April, 1952 and will read a paper at the next meeting of the Association in May, 1953. He edited, in collaboration with Donald Drew Egbert, *Socialism and American Life* which was published in two volumes by the Princeton University Press in 1952.

Dr. Charles Gibson was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship in the spring of 1952 and will use this to do research in Mexico in the fall of 1953. His book, *Tlaxcala in the Sixteenth Century* was published by the Yale University Press in 1952. During the past year he has published book reviews in the *Hispanic American Historical Review* and has served as the editor, for Colonial South American History, of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. He was promoted to an associate professorship effective July, 1953.

Associate Professor Robert S. Hoyt has published book reviews in *The Columbia Law Review* and in *Speculum*. He read a paper before the Research Club of the State University of Iowa entitled "The *Terrae Occupatae* of Cornwall and the Domesday Survey", which will be published in the next volume of *Traditio*.

Associate Professor George L. Mosse has just published a book entitled *The Reformation* in the Berkshire Studies (Henry Holt & Co.). He contributed "Die Amerikanische Geschichtschreibung: Ein Ueberblick" to *Welt als Geschichte* and published reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *Iowa Law Review*. He has been awarded a research grant by the Henry E. Huntington Library for the summer of 1953. During the past year he spoke before the Iowa History conference at Luther College, as well as in Fairfield, Iowa, as part of the "Fairfield Ex-

periment", and appeared on the "Mind of Man" series over WOI-TV. He also spoke before the State meeting of the Iowa League of Women Voters, and at Toledo, Iowa.

Assistant Professor James E. Roohan resigned from the department in June, 1952, in order to accept a position at Yale University. In his place we have appointed as assistant professor effective September, 1952, Dr. Allan G. Bogue, formerly of the department of history of the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Bogue took his Ph.D. at Cornell and has also worked at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He is the author of a number of articles in the field of American Economic history and has dealt particularly with the financing of farm mortgages in the Middle West in the second half of the 19th century. During the last year he published "Farmer Debtors in Pioneer Kinsley," in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly*. He delivered a paper at the meeting of the American Historical Association in December, 1952, entitled "Administrative and Policy Problems of the J. B. Watkins Land Mortgage Company". This paper will appear in amplified form in the *Bulletin of the Business Historical Society*.

Assistant Professor J. F. Gilliam has published during the last year the following articles: (1) "The Minimum Subject to the *Vicesima Hereditatum*," *American Journal of Philology*; (2) "The Praefects in Papyrus Dura Inventory 3 verso," *Classical Philology*; (3) "The Ostrakon from Mons Claudianus," *Chronique d'Egypte*. He also published a review in *The Classical Weekly*.

Assistant Professor Ralph W. Greenlaw addressed the Humanities Society at the State University of Iowa in March, 1953, on "Attitudes of the French Nobility on the Eve of the Revolution". He has also appeared recently on the "Mind of Man" series on WOI-TV.

Assistant Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky published *Russia and the West in the Teaching of the Slavophiles*, Harvard University Press, 1952. This is the eighth book to be published by a member of this department in the last four years. He also published "Old Russia, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe" in *The American Slavic and East European Review* and contributed book reviews to *The Journal of Central European Affairs*. During the year he made a number of public addresses in Iowa City and elsewhere in the state, including speeches to the Daven-

port Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Winfield Methodist Youth Fellowship and at the Onslow high school commencement exercises. He also spoke to the Humanities Society at the State University of Iowa in October, 1952, on "Fourierism in Russia: an Estimate of the Petrashevtsy". This paper has subsequently been accepted for publication in *The American Slavic and East European Review*.

Assistant Professor Philip A. M. Taylor attended the Fulbright Conference on American Studies at Cambridge, England, in July, 1952, as a representative of Cambridge University. He took part there in the Seminar on "The Atlantic Migration" and read a paper on "Missionary and Emigration Activities of the Mormon Church in Britain in the Nineteenth Century."

W. O. Aydelotte spent the summer of 1952 doing research in England and has received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to enable him to continue his research in Iowa City during the academic year 1952-53. He has published book reviews in the *Journal of Modern History* during the past year.

The following have served during 1952-53 as sectional instructors or graduate assistants in the Western Civilization Core Course: Janice Clark, Dwight Hoover, Anne Kingsley, Lawrence McCaffrey, Benton Moeller Jr., Robert S. Moth, David Riede, George R. Poage, Philbrook Smith, Dorothy T. Walker, and Donald Weinstein. Among former instructors in the Western Civilization Core Course, Leo F. Solt has accepted a position in the history department of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mary H. Ruigh is spending the present academic year at Oxford, England, on a Fulbright grant (her husband, Robert Ruigh, is also working this year in Oxford on another Fulbright grant), and Gilbert A. Cahill, who had a research grant from the Ford Foundation for 1951-52, has been teaching during 1952-53 at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

### *Graduate Students*

Frank Harmon Garver, Ph.D. 1912, died on September 22, 1952, at the age of 77. He had been professor of history at the University of Southern California for 19 years until his retirement in 1945 and had served for three years as chairman of that department. He was well known as a writer in the Colonial and Revolutionary periods of American history. He was a former president of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Association. A volume of his collected essays and papers will be published in April, 1953.

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, read a paper at the AHA meeting in December, 1952 on "The Baltic Policy of the Western Maritime Powers, 1639-1660." He has written a number of reviews for the *American Historical Review* and other professional journals. He has been elected National Vice-President of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honorary, for 1952-54. Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D. 1929, chairman of the department of history at State Teachers College, Carbondale, Illinois, has just pub-

lished, in collaboration with Ernestine Bennett Briggs, a book entitled *Nancy Hanks Lincoln: A Frontier Portrait*. He has also been working, in collaboration with Mrs. Briggs, on an extensive study of the American Frontier Theater which he expects to have ready for publication within the next year and on which he has already published a preliminary article. Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D. 1929, of the University of Arkansas, has published (with Robert F. Smith) "The Katyn Forest Massacre" in the *World Affairs Interpreter* and "State and Church Relations in Russia: Then and Now" in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. He has had two further articles accepted for publication.

Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, contributed "Some Criteria for the Evaluation of Social Studies Programs for the Middle Grades" to *Social Studies for Older Children*, published in 1953. He served as consultant in the planning and direction of the program of UNESCO seminars sponsored by the UNESCO Relations Section of the Department of State. He has also rendered consultant services to a number of universities. He spoke at the UNESCO Conference on museum education in Brooklyn in September, at regional meetings of the Colorado State Education Association in Denver and Pueblo in October, and at the annual meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies in Dallas in November, 1952. He was responsible for planning and reporting on the Conference on Services in General Education in the Office of Education in Washington in May, 1952. Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri, returned from The Netherlands in August, 1952 and has resumed his regular duties.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, who has been on the faculty of Allegheny College for 21½ years and has served since 1938 as head of the department of history and political science there, resigned in March, 1953, to become President of Hamline University at St. Paul, Minnesota. His manuscript on the History of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has been completed except for minor revisions and should be published during the next year. He has written "When the Wooden Oil Barrel was Supreme" and "From Teakettle to Cat Cracker" for the *Du Pont Magazine*.

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, was appointed chairman of the history department of the University of Arkansas in August, 1952. He published "Men Are More Alike" in the *American Historical Review* in April, 1952. William D. Houlette, Ph.D. 1933, of Drake University, was appointed in July, 1952, a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa for a two-year term. He spent a part of the summer of 1952 doing research at the Henry E. Huntington Library. Justin Williams, Ph.D. 1933, who was in Japan with SCAP until the occupation ended and with the army as a civilian since then, has resigned his position and is returning to the United States. Wasyl Halich, Ph.D. 1934, taught last summer at the Northern College of Education in Marquette, Michigan. During the last year he has published several reviews in

the *Ukrainian Quarterly* and in *Books Abroad*.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, of the University of Minnesota, published *Uncle Sam of America* in 1953. He also published book reviews in a total of seven different learned journals and has, during the past year, done a good deal of consulting work and public speaking. Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D. 1935, of Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, has made a number of speeches during the past year in both Nebraska and Iowa and has also appeared in a series of television broadcasts under private and university auspices. Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, of Wisconsin State College, River Falls, Wisconsin, edited *California Emigrant Letters* which appeared in 1952 and published "The Historian Discovers the Frontier" in *Frontier Magazine*. He also published book reviews in the *Saturday Review*, the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, and *Minnesota History*.

Merrill G. Burlingame, Ph.D. 1936, head of the department of history at Montana State College, read a paper on "National Movements in the Making of a Western State—Montana" at the meeting last December of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association at Vancouver, B.C. Laura M. Nanes, Ph.D. 1938, of Central College, Pella, Iowa, will teach this summer in Northeastern Missouri State Teachers College. She was the moderator at the Centennial meeting of Central College in March, 1953.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, has had a paper, "The United States Government and the Irish: a Bibliographical Study of Research Materials in the National Archives", read before the Irish Historical Society in Dublin in April, 1953. Martin L. Cole, Ph.D. 1939, Dean of Eastern New Mexico University, is contributing to the *History of Civilization* edited by Dr. J. E. Swain, and has also completed the manuscript of a book. He has been appointed to the Executive Committee on Christian Education for the Synod of Texas of the Presbyterian Church and has for the last four years served as chairman of the Graduate Council of his institution. Millard Hansen, Ph.D. 1939, Director of the Social Science Research Center at the University of Puerto Rico, has been serving as acting dean at his institution during the present semester. In collaboration with Professor Wells of Yale University he edited the January, 1953, issue of *The Annals* of the American Academy of Political and Social Science which dealt with the Development of Puerto Rico.

R. L. Lokken, Ph.D. 1939, is in his seventh year as President of the State Teachers College in Valley City, North Dakota. He is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Valley City Chamber of Commerce and is a past-president of the local Rotary Club. Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, had an article, "Pamphlet Replies to Burke's *Reflections*", reprinted in *The Making of English History* (edited by R. L. Schuyler and H. Ausubel), participated as a discussant in the meeting of the Southern Historical Association in November, 1952, and taught summer school at the University of Missouri in the sum-

mer of 1952. Kenneth Rossman, Ph.D. 1940, published in 1952 his book, *Thomas Mifflin and the Politics of the American Revolution*, with The University of North Carolina Press. Alfred S. Martin, Ph.D. 1941, has received the Bronze Star Medal, as well as the Ulchi Medal from the Republic of Korea, for meritorious service in Korea. He returned to the United States in August, 1952 and has resumed his duties as President of the King Fifth Wheel Company.

John Miller, Jr., Ph.D. 1942, is still with the Office of Military History, Special Staff, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C., and is writing one of the volumes of the series on *The U.S. Army in World War II*. Wilfred W. Black, Ph.D. 1942, of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania published "Historians and American Foreign Policy" in *The Social Studies*.

John H. Haefner, Ph.D. 1942, is associate professor of Social Studies Education and head of Social Studies, University High School at the State University of Iowa. He served during 1952 as first vice-president of the National Council for the Social Studies; he organized and planned the annual meeting of that organization in Dallas in November, 1952; and he has been elected its President for 1953. He is a member of the National Education Association's Citizenship Committee. He attended and served as "summarizer" for the Seventh National Conference on Citizenship in Washington in September, 1952. He has been active in in-service training work with teachers through county institutes and in addressing groups of social studies teachers in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and Kansas. He has served as adviser and collaborator for two books published by Scott-Foresman, *Man's Story* and *Citizens Now*, and has published "Teachers—Textbooks— and Common Sense" in the *NEA Journal*.

John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, has returned from London to his duties at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he has been promoted to an associate professorship. He is writing a book on the Hudson's Bay Company. Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, associate editor, State Historical Society of Iowa, has published "Southern Iowa Agriculture, 1865-1870" and "The Repeal of the Iowa Granger Law, 1878" in the *Iowa Journal of History*, and "The Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Iowa" and "Iowa and the Presidential Election of 1912" in *The Palimpsest*. She also edited "The Civil War Diary of Cyrus F. Boyd, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry" which appeared in four issues of the *Iowa Journal of History*.

Maxwell O. White, Ph.D. 1946, became in June, 1952 chairman of the department of history and government, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Harold McCleave, Ph.D. 1947, has been for the last four years dean of the College of Emporia at Emporia, Kansas. Eugene E. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, has been appointed Director of the Graduate Study Group of the Air War College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Dr. Emme has been associated with the Air University for the last several years.

George C. Coleman, Ph.D. 1951, has been for the last

several years chairman of the department of history and government at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he is serving as a member of the Graduate Council and co-director of the Institute of Public Affairs. He published "The Good Neighbor Tested: 1938" in *The Southwestern Social Science Quarterly*. Robert W. Iversen, Ph.D. 1951, of Drake University, is on leave during 1952-53 as a Carnegie Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Columbia University. He will return to Drake at the conclusion of the present semester. Walter F. Peterson, Ph.D. 1951, has become chairman of the department of history and political science at Milwaukee-Downer College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Since the last News Letter, Ph.D. degrees in history have been granted to the following: Norbert J. Gossman, who is teaching at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Harry M. Hutson, who is a member of the history department at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon; Robert W. Green, who is a member of the department of history at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

M.A. degrees in history since our last News Letter have been granted to the following: Robert L. Brady, Harold Davidson, Leander D. Fast, Calvin D. Hewitt, Duane G. Meyer, Benton G. Moeller, David E. Silver, Philbrook W. Smith, Lynwood Barlow, Julius Briller, Winifred Collins, George Dobrovolny, Chester Korf, Howard Lawrence, George Poage, James Reneau, Alex Stasopolis, James Tatterson, Rina Villaverde, Harold Wilson, Allen Wise, Robert Boyd, William Cumberland, Anthony DeRoma, and Robert Ruigh.

### *The Historical Conference*

At the thirty-first annual History Conference on Friday, May 1, 1953, the following papers will be delivered: David M. Potter, Yale University, "Changing Concepts of National Character"; Frank Freidel, University of Illinois, "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Rebuilding of the Democratic Party in the 1920's"; and David Thomson, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, "The French Political Scene".

### *The Summer Session*

The regular summer session of eight weeks will open Tuesday, June 16th and close Wednesday, August 12th. Courses offered in the department this summer will be as follows: *Ancient and Medieval Culture*, Mr. Hoyt; *Europe in the Seventeenth Century*, Mr. Greenlaw; *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*, Mr. Greenlaw; *History of France, 1815 to the Present*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *History of Russia, 1800 to the Present*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *Recent American History, 1877-1914*, Mr. Isely (of Princeton University); *American Foreign Relations*, Mr. Livingston; and *History of Iowa*, Mr. Petersen.

In addition, the following seminars will be offered: *British American Relations*, Mr. Livingston; *Recent American History*, Mr. Isely; and *Historiography and Philosophy of History*, Mr. Hoyt.