

is an outstanding exhibit of fossil crinoids from LeGrand, an area known throughout the world for the fine specimens which have come from it.

Many study collections are of interest and use to the citizens of the state—a large collection of maps of Iowa and of the country as a whole; an extensive collection of Iowa wildlife, many of which are record specimens; specimens of mounted birds and animals, some of which were common in pioneer days but are gone from the state today; the beautiful and elaborate silver service of the Battleship Iowa; a collection of photographs of people and places of historic interest, many of them the only pictures available. In addition many thousands of items are catalogued and stored for future display, and the collection is constantly growing.

In connection with the museum, the department maintains guided tour service for school groups, approximately 1,500 annually, covering all phases of history and natural history, and at all levels, from kindergarten through college; each group is given a special tour, depending on the age of the students and the subject they are studying. The museum serves as an "identification bureau" for all manner of objects of natural and historic interest which citizens, teachers, and students bring in.

The department has a large collection of autographed letters and papers of authors, explorers and statesmen, including several letters signed by Abraham Lincoln. On this foundation has been built the manuscript division, used for research by historians from all over North America.

On the shelves of the Historical Library are approximately 50,000 books by Iowa authors or about Iowa, Iowa state and county histories, family records and references for research in genealogy.

The census department is used in establishing records of birth and genealogy and in many cases can supply the only records of birth and residence available to many citizens.

The newspaper division receives all the leading daily and weekly newspapers in the state, adding them to a systematic collection which dates back to the very earliest newspapers published in Iowa. These publications are an invaluable source for the historian and the growing file of present day papers is part of the department's work of recording history day by day. All current newspapers are now preserved in permanent form on microfilm.

Portraits of many outstanding Iowans hang in the portrait gallery. A war history division contains many manuscripts, reports, official publications, enlistment records and other materials pertaining to Iowa's participation in six great wars.

The ANNALS OF IOWA, a historical magazine issued quarterly, contains interpretive studies and articles on the history of the state.

The Iowa public archives comprise more than 35 million items beginning with the territorial government, all catalogued, so as to be readily available when needed by state officials or for historical research.

The department also has jurisdiction over all monuments and mementos on the statehouse grounds.

All these divisions of the department contribute to realization of its objectives to preserve the history of the state of Iowa and make it readily available to the citizens of the state.

## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Established by Law in 1857

Iowa City

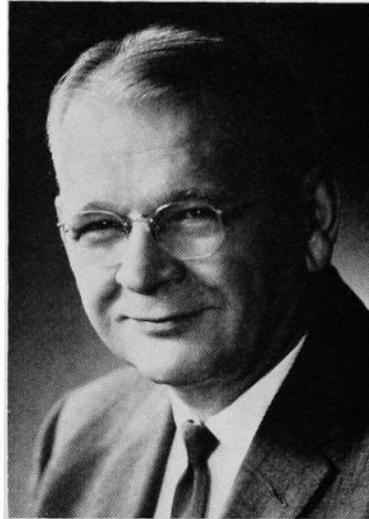
W. HOWARD SMITH, President.

WILL J. HAYEK, Treasurer.

DR. WILLIAM J. PETERSEN, Iowa City, Superintendent-Editor.

**PETERSEN, William J., Superintendent**

William J. Petersen was born in Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 30, 1901. Educated in the Dubuque public schools, received B.A. from the University of Dubuque in 1926, M.A. from the University of Iowa in 1927 and Ph.D. from the same school in 1930. Appointed research associate in the State Historical Society of Iowa in 1930 and became superintendent in 1947. In 1937 he married Bessie Rasmus. Author of the following books: "True Tales of Iowa"—joint author (1932), "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi" (1937), "Iowa—The River of Her Valleys" (1941), "A Reference Guide to Iowa History" (1942), "The Story of Iowa"—2 vols. (1952), "Iowa History Reference Guide" (1952), "The Pageant of the Press" (1962); "Mississippi River Panorama" (1965). In addition, he has edited a dozen volumes and authored some 300 articles and monographs. Membership: American Historical Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, American Association for State and Local History, Society of American Archivists, Southern Historical Association, State Historical Society of Iowa (life), Minnesota Historical Society (life), Kansas Historical Society (life), and The West-erners, Caxton Club, and Cliff Dwellers of Chicago. He has served on the editorial and executive board of three national professional groups. Honors: Doctor of Laws, Iowa Wesleyan College (1958); five Merit Awards—American Association for State and Local History, Distinguished Service Award—Mississippi River Parkway. Committees: Iowa Centennial, Mississippi River Parkway (Iowa and National Historian), Civil War Centennial, Iowa Tourism. Presbyterian, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, Rotarian.

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Organized in February, 1857, the society's purposes are to preserve the history of Iowa and further its dissemination among the people of the state, almost 8,000 of whom are members of the society.

In fulfillment of these purposes a permanent program of activities has been gradually developed and put into execution. This includes (1) the discovery, collection and preservation of materials of Iowa history; (2) research in the field of Iowa history; (3) publication of the materials of Iowa history; (4) dissemination of the materials of Iowa history through public depositories and members. The society publishes a monthly magazine, *The Palimpsest*, and a quarterly magazine, the *Iowa Journal of History*. In addition, it issues numerous books on the political, social, economic and religious history of Iowa. It has published seven volumes on the *Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa*, six volumes in the *Applied History Series* dealing with the state, county and local government. Among the better known books are Mrs. Shambaugh's *Amana That Was and Amana That Is*, Gingerich's *The Mennonites in Iowa*, Swisher's *Iowa—Land of Many Mills*, Petersen's *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi* and *Iowa—The Rivers of Her Valleys*, Richman's *Ioway to Iowa*, and Cole's *Iowa Through the Years and I Remember, I Remember*. Books recently published include Gal-land's *Iowa Emigrant* (reprint), Ross's *Iowa Agriculture*, Petersen's *Iowa History Reference Guide*, Scholl's *Arnewood—The Story of an*

*Iowa Dairyman*, Nollen's *Grinnell College*, Younger's *John A. Kasson*, Sage's *William Boyd Allison*, Newhall's *A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846* (reprint), Ross's *Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver*, Petersen's *The Pageant of the Press*, and *The Annals of Iowa—1863*.

The library of the society now includes about 109,000 titles. It also contains over 10,000 volumes of newspapers. In addition, hundreds of volumes of Iowa newspapers are preserved on microfilm.

### COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

(Office located on the ground floor, State Office Building)

Term, four years. Appointed by the Governor

Term expires June 30, 1971

LORNE R. WORTHINGTON, Decatur County, Insurance Commissioner.

LLOYD G. JACKSON, Clinton County, First Deputy Commissioner.

E. ARNOLD SMITH, Polk County, Second Deputy.

RICHARD S. BALDWIN, Boone County, Chief Examiner.

ROBERT OETH, Dubuque County, Superintendent of Securities.

The office of commissioner of insurance, as the executive head of the Insurance Department of Iowa, was created by chapter 146, of the laws of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly (1913) and the first commissioner took office July 1, 1914. Previous to that time, the supervision of insurance had been under the direction of the auditor of state.

The commissioner of insurance has general control, supervision, and direction over all insurance business transacted in the state, and is charged with the responsibility of administering the laws of the state relating to insurance.

Under the law, all securities in which the reserves of Iowa life insurance companies are invested are required to be deposited with the commissioner and complete records are kept showing each item on deposit at all times.

The commissioner supervises all transactions relating to the organization, reorganization, liquidation and dissolution of domestic insurance corporations. He supervises the sale in the state of all stock or other evidences of interest either by domestic or foreign insurance companies.

#### WORTHINGTON, LORNE R., Lamoni

Democrat

#### Insurance Commissioner

Born on June 14, 1938, in Penticton, B. C., Canada, of American parentage. Moved to Iowa from Spokane, Washington, in 1956 in order to attend college. Attended State University of Iowa and graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, receiving a B.A. degree, cum laude, in Business Administration. He now serves as a director of the College Alumni Council. Married Veneta Snethen of Lamoni in 1959 and they have three daughters—Penny, Debbie and Suzanne. Active in community affairs and served as board member and president of the Chamber of Commerce. Served in 60th and 60th extra sessions of state legislature and selected by Press Association for annual award, "Outstanding Freshman Legislator." Elected 1964 to the office of Auditor of State. While serving as auditor he also served as a member of the Governor's Committee on Public Health, The Intergovernmental Relations Commission and Chairman of the State Consumer Protection Advisory Council. Appointed Iowa's Commissioner of Insurance on January 3, 1967.

