

That portion of the report of the secretary dealing with matters of general interest is presented here. Other matters required in the report as to Iowa cities and the official canvass of Iowa election results are presented in tables elsewhere.

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### Corporations Authorized to Issue Stock in Exchange for Property or Out of Surplus

1967

Aug. 15—Farm Bureau Service Company of Benton County, Vinton, Iowa.

Sept. 19—Louisa Farm Service Company, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Oct. 31—Salsbury Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa.

1968

Aug. 19—Par Loan and Finance Company, Marshalltown, Iowa.

### State Historical Society of Iowa

Established by Law in 1857

Iowa City

W. HOWARD SMITH, President.

WILL J. HAYEK, Treasurer.

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



#### PETERSON, 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 Westerners, 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.

### Board of Curators

Elected by the Society—Sutherland Dows, Cedar Rapids; Herman Lord, Muscatine; Dr. Henry G. Moershel, Homestead; James Nesmith, Iowa City; L. C. Rummels, West Branch; Walter F. Schmidt, Iowa City; W. Howard Smith, Cedar Rapids; Edward W. Lucas, Iowa City.

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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 11,000 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, *Studies in Iowa 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 Menonites 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 Galand'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*. In 1968 the Society issued an enlarged reprint of Petersen's *Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi*.

The library of the society includes 93,000 books and about 30,000 pamphlets. It also contains over 10,000 volumes of newspapers. In addition, hundreds of volumes of Iowa newspapers are preserved on microfilm.

## The State Libraries

A board of trustees composed of the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction and a member of the supreme court controls the state law library and the state medical library. The law library is located in the state house, the other in the Historical Building.

### Iowa State Traveling Library

(East Wing Historical Building)

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