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During the past year, additional water recreation facilities were developed on the Missouri, Mississippi Rivers and the natural lakes. More of these facilities are planned for the coming season. Additional water safety officers were provided in areas of increased boating activity during the past season to provide maximum safety.

Recreation planning was given considerable attention during the past year by the Governor's Committee on Conservation of Iowa's Outdoor Resources. The committee completed and submitted a report of 147 pages to the Governor in December 1964. A number of changes in laws relating to conservation and outdoor recreation were proposed. Bills introduced to date include banning of billboards along Interstate Highways; the establishing of a system of State Preserves; salvage of archaeological, paleontological and historical features to be disturbed by highway construction; and a resolution calling for the development of an Interstate Recreation Area along the Mississippi. Each of these proposals has received favorable action in at least one house of the legislature. Other bills are pending.

Eighty-three counties now have County Conservation Boards.

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IN MEMORIAM

ALISON AITCHISON

1874-1964

After 41 years of service at the State College of Iowa and 20 years of retirement, Alison Aitchison quietly passed away in her home in Cedar Falls. She was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on August 28, 1874. She spent most of her adult life at the State College of Iowa as either a student or a teacher. The years away from the college were spent as a student at the State University of Iowa where she received her bachelor's degree in 1907 and at the University of Chicago where she earned her master's degree in 1914. She enhanced her background in her favorite field of geography by extensive travel and exchange with scholars of other countries.

Miss Aitchison joined the Iowa State Normal School (now SCI) faculty in 1903 as a critic in the training program of teachers at the campus high school. Except for leaves spent in advanced study, she continued teaching at the college until 1944. Professor Aitchison was instrumental in the development of the Geography curriculum at SCI and the development of Geography in the public schools of Iowa. She was primarily

interested in future teachers. If it be true that the first obligation of a teacher is to exhibit a love for learning, surely her attitude toward knowledge amply fulfilled this requirement. The thirst for knowledge marked every day of her life, even during retirement. With her, teaching was a joyous process of sharing in the search for truth.

Miss Aitchison was recognized as one of the leaders in her field. She served as President of the National Council of Geography Teachers in 1936, and received the Distinguished Service Award from that organization in 1945, the first woman in the United States to be so honored. She was active in the American Association of University Women, being local and state president of A.A.U.W. She was a member of the PEO of the Cedar Falls area. Alison was a founding member of the College Hill Interdenominational Church in 1939. She was author and co-author of six books and countless pamphlets, guides, and teachers manuals in geography aimed at helping the public school teacher. The two books, *Europe: The Great Trader*, and *Geography of Iowa*, illustrate the caliber of her activities.

Those who knew Miss Aitchison need no reminders of her legacy to the college she loved and to the state of Iowa.

EMMETT J. CABLE **1877-1964**

The death of Dr. Emmett J. Cable on February 20, 1964 removed one of the builders of Science at the State College of Iowa. Dr. Cable was born on November 12, 1877 in Eldora, Iowa. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa and continued his studies at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1900. He did his graduate work in the field of geology at the University of Chicago where he received his master's degree in 1902. Later he attended the State University of Iowa where he received his PH.D. degree in 1917.

In 1905 he joined the faculty of the then known as Iowa State Normal School in Cedar Falls as Assistant Professor of Geology. In 1917 he was made Head of the Department of Natural Science and in 1936 he became Head of the Department of Science which he occupied until his retirement in 1947. From 1947 until 1963, he served as Curator of the Museum at the State College of Iowa, completing 58 years service at the College.

One of Dr. Cable's outstanding traits was his loyalty to the College. He helped it grow from a small normal school to a bona fide college of over 5000 students. He was recognized by his students as being an outstanding teacher. He took a personal interest in his students and continued to be interested in them long after their graduation. For nearly fifty years he was a sponsor of the Alpha Chi Epsilon Fraternity on the campus, and he took great pride in these men.

J. HAROLD ENNIS **1902-1965**

Dr. J. Harold Ennis, 62, Alumni Professor of Sociology and Economics and chairman of the Cornell College Department of Sociology, died suddenly at his home Sunday morning, March 21, 1965.

A member of the Cornell faculty since 1938, Professor Ennis had been hospitalized in Cedar Rapids for several weeks that winter for treatment of an embolism, but had returned home three weeks before his death.

An ardent conservationist, Dr. Ennis was president of the Linn County Conservation Board and had been instrumental in the recent acquisition and restoration of the Abbe Creek School near Mount Vernon and the Jay G. Sigmund Park near Waubeek.

Born in Tama in 1902, he earned the B.A. degree from Cornell College in 1925, the M. A. degree from Columbia University in 1926, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa in 1936. He held a Roberts Fellowship during 1926-7 while at the Brookings Institute at Washington, D. C.

Dr. Ennis was the author of a biography of Alexander James Dallas, a co-author of *Principles of Sociology*, and a contributor to *Dictionary of Sociology* and *Dictionary of American Biography*, both standard reference works. Dr. Ennis was also curator of the Cornell Ornithology Library and had written numerous articles on birds for "Iowa Bird Life", "Iowa Conservationist", and other journals.

Professor Ennis had taught on the faculty of Doane College, Nebraska, from 1928 to 1935 and at the University of Nebraska from 1936 to 1938.

In addition to his continuing study of the native Indian cultures in Iowa, Dr. Ennis was the Cornell faculty representative to the Midwest Athletic Conference and served as its president from 1962-1963. He also conceived the idea and did much of the research which resulted in the publication in 1964 of a history of the Midwest Athletic Conference.

Professor Ennis was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Gamma My, Phi Kappa Delta, American Sociological Association, American Ornithologists Union, Iowa Academy of Science, and the Midwest Sociological Society. He was a former president of the Iowa Ornithologists Union and was the first president of the Cornell chapter of Tau Kapp Alpha forensics society.

In 1949 he was appointed by the governor to a four-year term on the Iowa Natural Resources Council, and he also served as an arbitrator in labor-management disputes. He was active in Boy Scout Work and served as vice-president of the six-county Hawkeye Area Boy Scout Council.

Dr. Ennis was a longtime member of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church and held a local preacher's license. He was also a member of the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Rotary Club.

MYRON EARLE GRABER

1880-1964

Myron Earle Graber was born at Mount Eaton, Ohio, July 25, 1880. He earned his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. There he met and married Martha Bucher on July 25, 1907.

He continued his studies by completing the requirements for the Divinity Ordination but his real interest was his work with young people as a college instructor first in mathematics and then in physics and engineering. Further advanced studies included Case Institute of Applied Science, the

University of Chicago and the State University of Iowa where he received the Ph.D. degree in 1924.

His teaching experiences included work at the Heidelberg University, Graduate Fellow at the University of Chicago, and the State University of Iowa, and as Professor of Physics and Dean of Men at Morningside College from 1919 until he was given Emeritus status in 1952. His interests were definitely in the advancement of the Kingdom of God and his teaching by precept and example have inspired countless hundreds of his students to achieve in scholarship and service those high ideals which he sought to portray.

The scope of his scholastic and scientific interests is indicated by his memberships in the American Physical Society, American Mathematical Society, and as a fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science. Dr. Graber's ability has been recognized by National Societies of Sigma Xi, and Sigma pi Sigma. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by his alma mater and also by Morningside College where he served with distinction as Head of the Physics Department and Dean of Men.

Through his own work as a physicist and more especially in his inspirational teaching of countless men and women now serving their nation, their communities and their God, Dr. Graber has truly earned the recognition given him by Who's Who in Aviation, Who's Who in American Education and International Who's Who.

Dr. Graber was not only a man of the Morningside campus but his interests were community wide with membership in Rotary and Inter-professional Institute. He served on the board of the Y.M.C.A. for twenty-five years and was a member of Morningside Lodge A. F. and A. M.

GEORGE WILLIAM HEITKAMP

1887-1964

The unexpected death of Professor G. W. "Bill" Heitkamp on Sunday, May 3, 1964, took from the Iowa Academy of Science one of its most widely known and respected members. On Monday, May 11, he was to have been honored at a reception and testimonial dinner for 50 years service on the faculty of Loras College.

A native of Menominee, Illinois, he held a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree from the University of Illinois. An honorary Doctor of Science degree, planned as part of the testimonial, was awarded posthumously by Loras College.

Professor Heitkamp played a key role in the development of science education at Loras College, particularly in his own fields of Physics and Geology. He was the teacher of many teachers and he left an indelible impress upon thousands of students and associates.

He was a member of the Iowa Academy of Science, and of the Iowa State Board of Basic Science Examiners from 1937 to 1945. Professor Heitkamp was President of the Iowa Athletic Conference in 1927-28. In 1946, he was named a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII in recognition of his work in science and education.

This dedicated teacher, keen and alert to the moment of his sudden and unexpected death, has left us a noble tradition.

JAMES M. VINJE
1914-1964

James M. Vinje was born April 18, 1914 in Superior, Wisconsin. His death occurred on February 12, 1964 in Davenport, Iowa.

He attended the University of Wisconsin from 1931 to 1934. In 1938 he married Mary M. Taylor in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Vinje held positions with the Gustave A. Larson Company, Eagle Signal Corporation, and at the time of his death was associated with Mast Development Company of Davenport. He was a member of the Iowa Academy of Science.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Vinje, Professor of Biology at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa.

ROSCOE W. WOODS
1889-1963

With the death of Professor Roscoe Woods on June 19, 1963 Iowa lost one of its distinguished mathematicians. Dr. Woods was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky on October 8, 1889. He received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College in 1914, his M.S. from University of Maine in 1916 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1920, all in mathematics.

Dr. Woods was an instructor at Georgetown College for one year and for three years at the University of Maine. Upon receiving his Ph.D., he joined the mathematics faculty at the State University of Iowa where he rose from the rank of instructor to professor during his 43 years at the University, and he served as acting head of the mathematics Department from 1942 to 1946. Following his retirement in 1957, he was invited by Grinnell College to be a visiting professor for one year, 1958-59. As further indication of his esteem, he was a visiting lecturer at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, from 1960 to 1961.

Besides his lecturing, Dr. Woods wrote four textbooks in the fields of geometry and trigonometry, among them, *Plane and Spherical Trigonometry*, 1936, and *Analytic Geometry*, 1939. In addition he published numerous articles in the *Mathematic Monthly*, the *National Mathematics*, and the *Iowa Academy of Science Proceedings*.

As an active participant of his profession, Dr. Woods was a member of the *Mathematical Association of America*, the *American Mathematics Society*, *National Council of Mathematics*, *Sigma Xi*, and the *Iowa Academy of Science*. He served his community as a board member of the *Iowa City Community Chest* for six years. He was a member of the *First Baptist Church*, *Knights Templar*, and was a 32nd degree Mason.