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BEAUTIFUL LAND BETWEEN TWO GREAT RIVERS

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Iowa's Only President

In a 33-acre park at West Branch, is the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, one of four such libraries in the nation. It houses the papers of the country's 34th President . . . the first born west of the Mississippi. A 200-seat auditorium is used for lectures and meetings.



The library was dedicated in 1962 and has been toured by thousands since. The museum reveals many of the President's memorabilia, and includes a 5,000 square feet area for storage of Mr. Hoover's manuscripts. The graves of President and Mrs. Hoover are in a wooded setting.



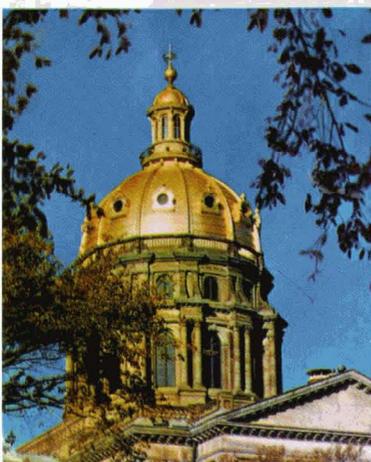
Adjacent to the library is the little house in which the President was born. And nearby is a reproduction of his father's blacksmith shop, filled with equipment and tools of the period. The Quaker meeting house has also been restored.

Welcome to Inviting Iowa...

LAND BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

Iowans warmly cherish their heritage of the past, their accomplishments of the present, and their potential for the future. It is in the spirit of this pardonable pride that I join with my fellow citizens in extending to you my personal greetings and official best greetings for an enjoyable stay within the borders of our state. May your journey be a pleasant one and a safe one.





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Little Brown Church

In 1864, William S. Pitts wrote a hymn with the first line being, "Come to the church in the wildwood, Come to the church in the vale . . ." The inspiration for that popular hymn can be found at Nashua, the famed Little Brown Church. Thousands of couples annually seek the placid beauty of this setting to repeat their marriage vows.

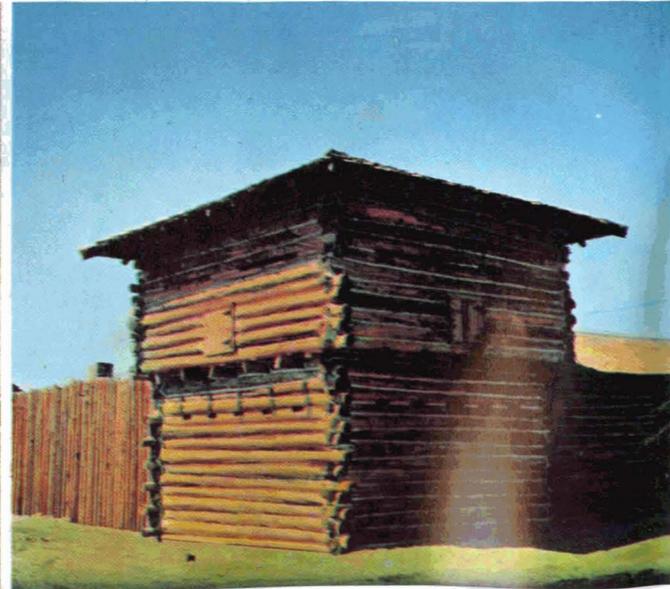


Hiawatha-Pioneer Trail

This historical trail enters Iowa from the east just a few miles from the Hoover Memorial, and exits from the state northwest of the area where the Grotto is located at West Bend. It winds past areas of scenic beauty and points of historic interest and Iowa's heritage. It can be easily followed through a series of distinctive highway markers in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, affording the visitor a purposeful route.

Pioneer Forts:

Visitors in Iowa looking for memories of the early settlers will find them at Fort Atkinson, the only fort ever built by the government to protect one tribe of Indians from another; and Fort Dodge, an impressive pioneer fort and museum.



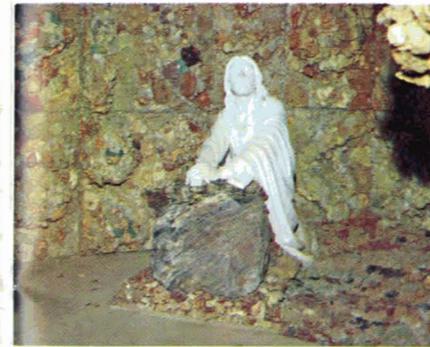
Tulip Festivals

Touches of Old World heritage amidst blazing color are yours for the viewing at the Orange City and Pella Tulip Festivals. These major tourist attractions are held each May in the two Dutch communities. This is the coronation of a Pella Festival Queen.



Magnificent Grotto

Sometimes called the Eighth Wonder of the World, the unique Grotto of the Redemption is found at West Bend. This largest collection of rocks and semi-precious stones in the world, covers a block-long area, depicting events in the life of Christ. The efforts of two men since 1912, the Grotto is valued at over 2½-million dollars.





Resort Areas

Sun-worshippers and water-sports enthusiasts will cherish the major resort areas at Clear Lake, and the Iowa Great Lakes in the Spirit Lake-Okoboji area. These inviting waters provide boating, swimming and fishing. All types of accommodations are available.



Mighty Miss'

Majestic hills along the Mississippi and towering bluffs along the Missouri rivers provide some of Iowa's most beautiful scenery. The two rivers, which border the state on the east and west, are noted for fishing and water sports. Excursion rides are available at some Mississippi river ports.

River Boat Museum

The Mighty Mississippi harbors memories of the early days of Mark Twain and the proud stern-wheelers. The haughty "Verity" at Keokuk is now diesel-powered and houses an extensive museum of the by-gone steamboat days of yore.



The Heritage of the

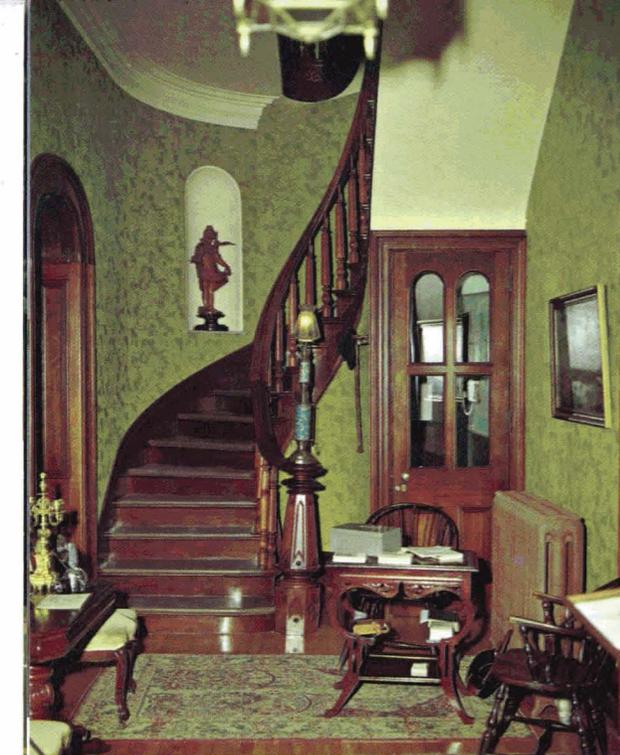
The civil war home of General Grenville M. Dodge, at Council Bluffs has been designated a National Historic Landmark. The handsome Victorian Dodge House features magnificent bookcases, an Italian marble fireplace, parquet floors, and personal items of the famous builder of the Union Pacific.

Dodge House was built in 1869 for \$35,000 by the statesman, financier and counselor of Presidents, to shed lustre on the frontier town.

Past is Preserved Throughout Iowa...

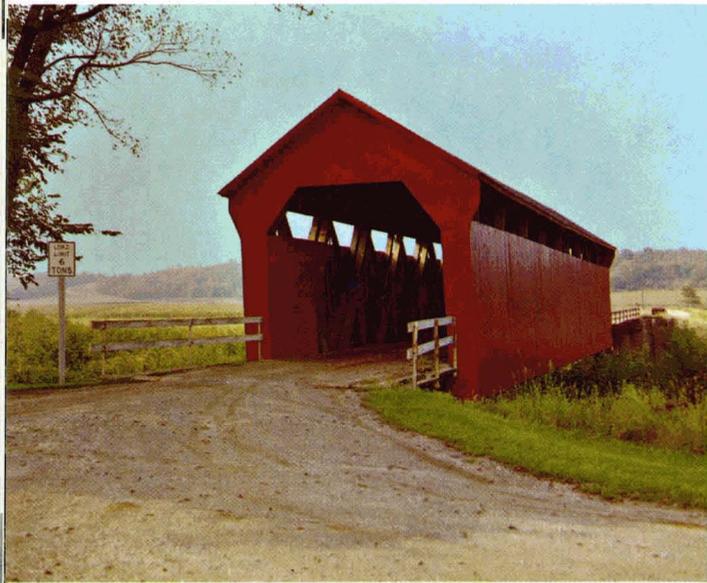
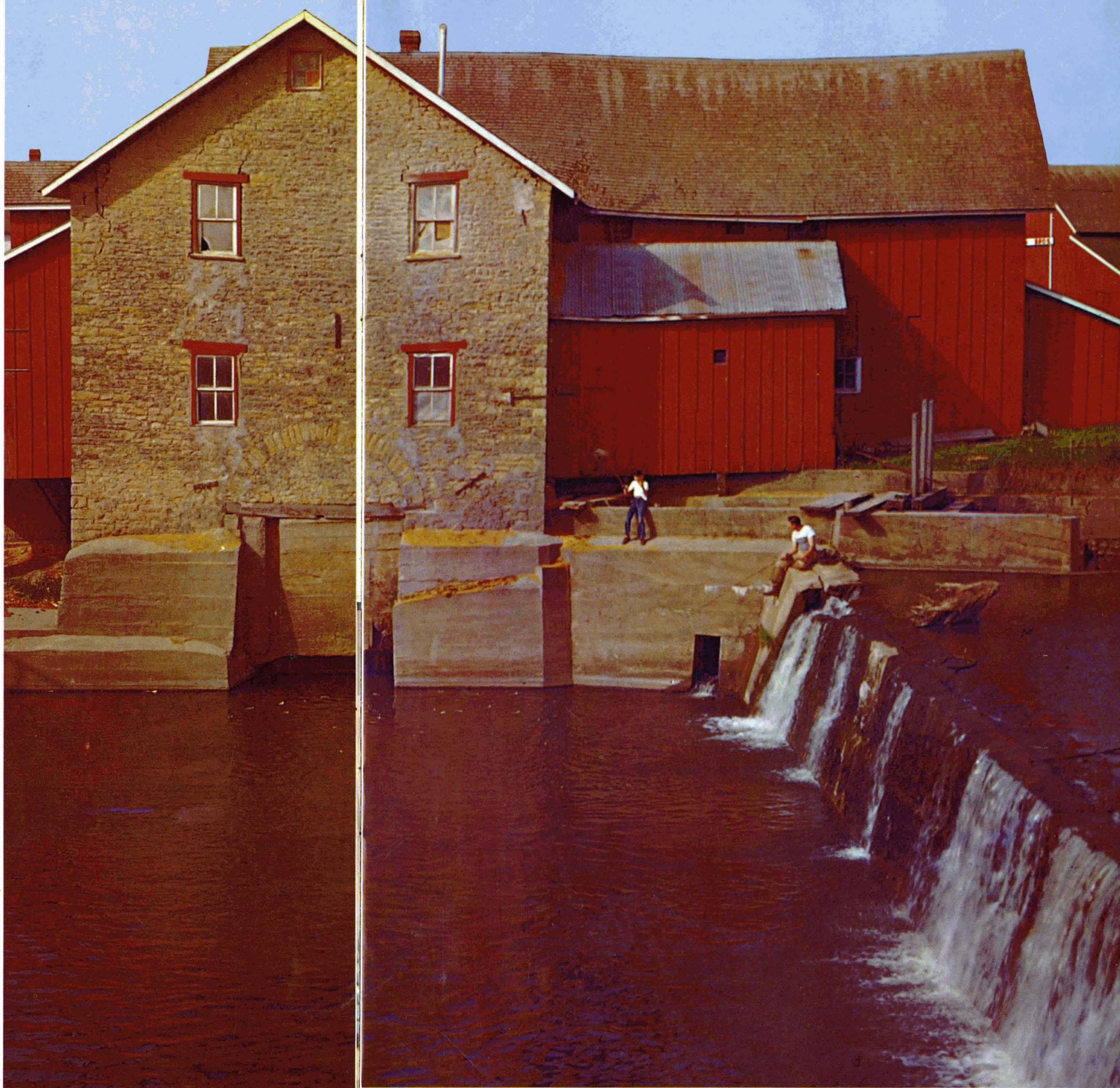
Bentonsport in southeastern Iowa was once a thriving river terminal. Today, it is the state's liveliest ghost town, featuring historic Mason House, now a museum. Other old Mormon homes have been restored with nostalgic remnants of steamboat era glory.

Mason House, with its lavish Victorian furnishings, offered luxury to the weary traveller.



Vanishing America

Relics of the initiative and enterprise of early Iowa settlers dot the countryside. Best known of the old grist mills still remaining is one in Spillville, in north-east Iowa. There are many others scattered throughout the eastern part of the state.



More than a dozen of the rapidly vanishing covered bridges are located in Iowa. They were built to prevent horses from slipping on timbered floors during rainy weather. Though off the beaten path, most covered bridges are easily accessible in the southern Iowa counties of Madison, Keokuk and Marion.



Red Rock Dam

This \$80,000,000 project now under construction will create a 9,000-acre permanent pool, the largest body of water in the state. It will be spanned by the longest bridge. A road over the dam itself will link Pella and Knoxville. Along the shores of Lake Red Rock will be access roads, picnic and parking areas, campgrounds, overlooks, and boat launching ramps.



Rodeo Circuit

The top rodeo performers in the United States can be seen in hair-raising action in August and September. Old West spirit fills the air at the Iowa Championship Rodeo at Sidney, in southwest Iowa, while the saddle-stars move on for more thrills and spills at the Championship Rodeo in Fort Madison, in southeast Iowa.



Hobo Days

Thousands of visitors make it a point each August to be in Britt, for the unique convention of professional hoboes . . . a vanishing American. Enjoy a pot of Mulligan Stew, and watch the campaigning for the honor of being King and Queen of these Knights of the Road.



Cable Car

The old and historic city of Dubuque offers a civil war shot tower, and the Fourth Street Cable elevator. The world's shortest railway affords a glimpse of the beginning of the Mississippi bluffs country, often referred to as "Little Switzerland."

Where To Go . . .
What To See . . .

- 26.** Dutch Settlement, Tulip Time celebration, Orange City
- 27.** Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend
- 28.** Farm tours at your convenience, Rock Rapids
- 29.** Iowa Great Lakes region, resort area, Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Arnolds Park
- 30.** Gardner Cabin, site of Indian massacre in 1857, Arnolds Park
- 31.** Kalsow Prairie, virgin land untouched by the plow, as early pioneers saw it, Manson
- 32.** Old Fort Dodge, replica of original, now housing historical museum, Fort Dodge
- 33.** Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower, Jefferson
- 34.** Iowa State University, U.S. Atomic Energy Laboratory, Ames
- 35.** Kate Shelley High Bridge, highest and longest double track railroad bridge in the United States, Boone.
- 36.** Rose Capitol of Iowa, featuring beautiful display of long-blooming roses, State Center
- 37.** Clear Lake, popular summer resort area, Clear Lake
- 38.** North Iowa Band Festival, home of the "Music Man", Meredith Willson, Mason City
- 39.** Buffalo herd, Nora Springs
- 40.** Birthplace of farm tractor, Charles City
- 41.** Little Brown Church in the Vale, Nashua
- 42.** State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls
- 43.** Doll Museum, expert wood carvings, 45 settings, dolls, Indian craft, LeGrand
- 44.** Bily Clock Museum and Antonin Dvorak Memorial, Spillville
- 45.** Restored fort, Fort Atkinson
- 46.** Norwegian Museum, Decorah
- 47.** Effigy Mounds National Monument, prehistoric Indian burial grounds, Marquette
- 48.** "Little Switzerland", rugged hills overlooking the Mississippi River, Marquette-McGregor area.
- 49.** Spook Cave, longest underground water tour in America, McGregor
- 50.** Cable Car, shot tower, Dubuque
- 51.** St. Francis Basilica, reminiscent of the great cathedrals of Europe, Dyersville
- 52.** Picturesque Old World village, St. Donatus
- 53.** Birthplace of Buffalo Bill Cody, Le Claire

Golden Splendor

The golden dome of the Iowa State Capitol building in Des Moines towers above the city and is a favorite of sight-seers. The main dome, flanked by four smaller ones, is covered with 22-karat gold leaf. The building houses major state offices, and is of typical Romanesque design. The stone used in construction came from the area where the Red Rock Dam is now being constructed. The annual Easter egg hunt for the children of the city is held on the grounds.



Old Capitol

The pride of statehood is reflected in the stately grandeur of Old Capitol at Iowa City. The building, which served as Iowa's statehouse until the seat of government was moved to Des Moines, now houses administrative offices of the State University of Iowa and is the focal point of the bustling campus, 26th largest in the United States.



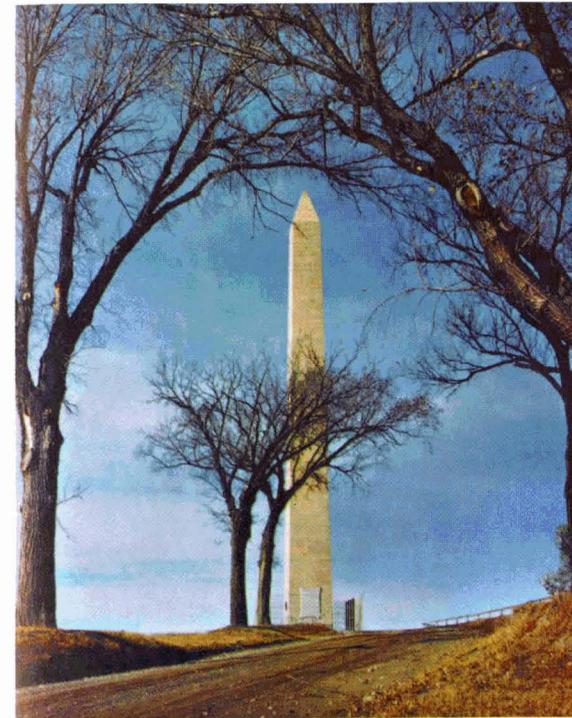


The *Amana Colonies*

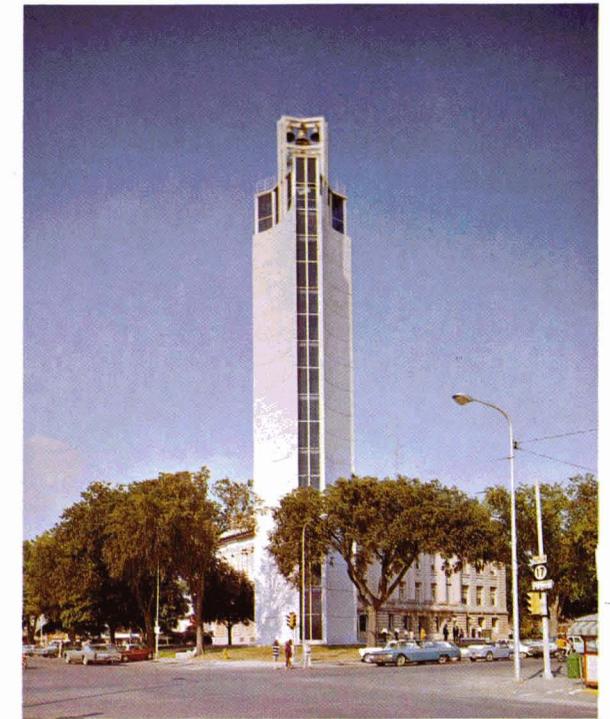
Old-World life and customs are preserved in the midst of modern-day technology in the seven villages of Amana. Religious traditions unique to the Amana sect are faithfully followed. Comprising 25,000 acres, the colonies are known throughout the country for their warm hospitality, good food, and generous welcome. They landed in Iowa in 1855, and began tilling the soil and plying their trades. They are as well-known for their workmanship in woolen articles, such as blankets, and for their furniture products, as they are for their good nature. Their Oktoberfest each year is a highlight for visitors.



OLD MONUMENTS NEW



Commanding a magnificent view of the broad sweep of the Missouri River at Sioux City, is the Floyd Monument. This 100-feet high shaft of granite was erected in 1901 to mark the burial place of a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804.

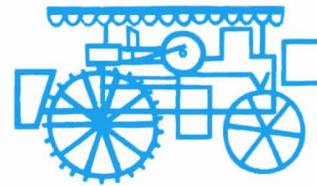


Mid-America's newest landmark is the 167-feet high Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower at Jefferson. A glass paneled elevator carries visitors to an observation tower, where they can watch the Flemish chimes and Deagan Carillon sound the time and bell concerts.



Indians at Tama

Each year near the middle of August, the residents of the Mesquakie Settlement hold their nationally famous Pow Wow. They are oft-times visited by members of Indian tribes from other regions, who join in the dancing. A few of the original type tipis and wik-i-up's are preserved for inspection, and authentic, Indian-made items are available. There are also several scenic drives through the settlement of the 600 Mesquakie.



Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion

The puffing, chugging and hissing of more than 100 old-time steam engines each September signals the start of the popular Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion at Mount Pleasant. Over 200,000 persons visit the event annually, stirring up memories of another generation. The engines, exhibited by private collectors, make up one of the largest and most varied antique steam power displays in the world. The reunion is a 5-day event, beginning each year five days before, and ending on, Labor Day.





A Touch of Abe Lincoln

Harlan House, on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, evokes memories of the Great Emancipator. President Lincoln's son, Robert Todd, was married to the daughter of Iowa Senator Harlan. Civil War era atmosphere is preserved throughout the house.



Wyatt Earp Home

A farm family named Earp lived in this Pella home. One of their six sons was later to become famous as Marshal Wyatt Earp. Until the age of 16, he had been groomed to take over his grandfather's law practice, but the call of the western frontier pulled him into lasting fame as a lawman.

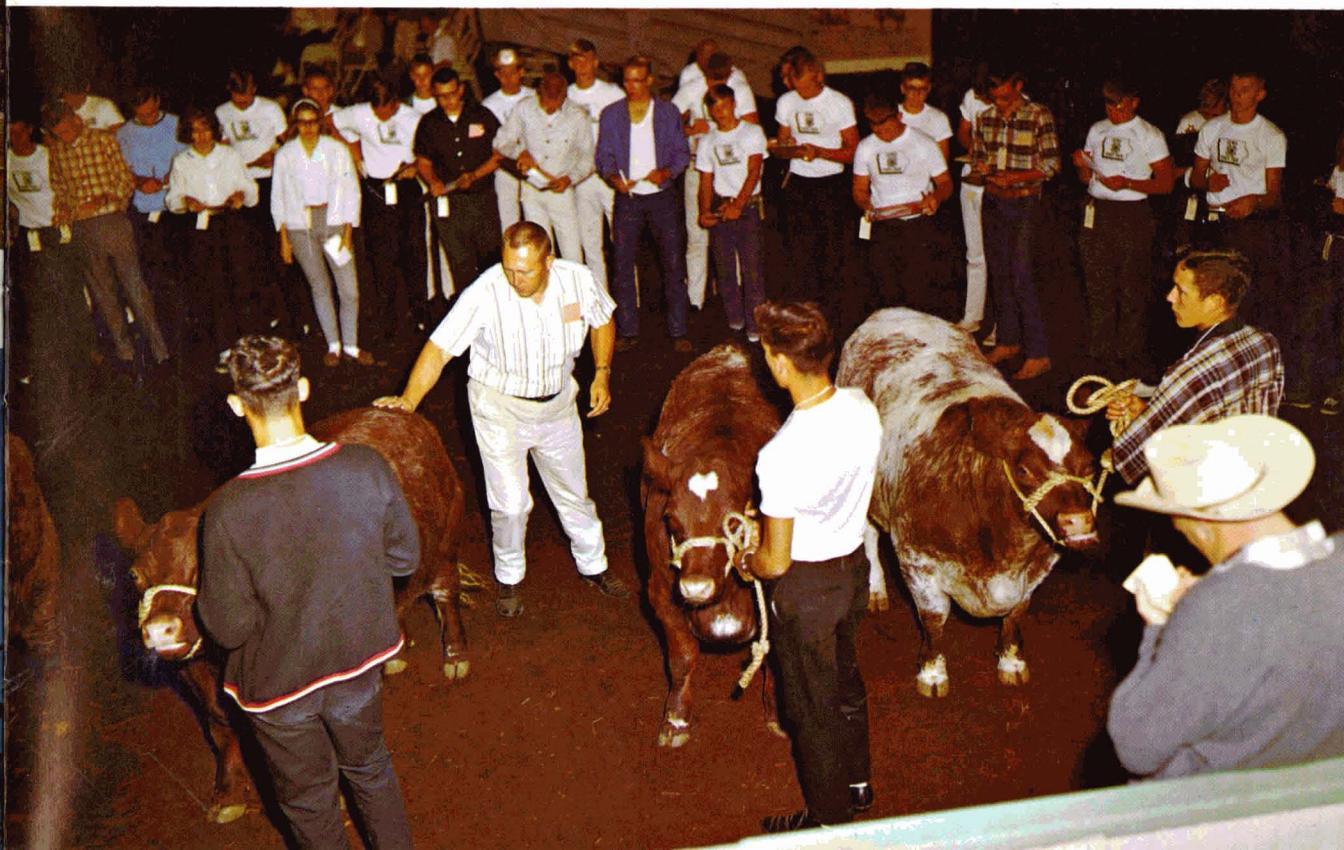


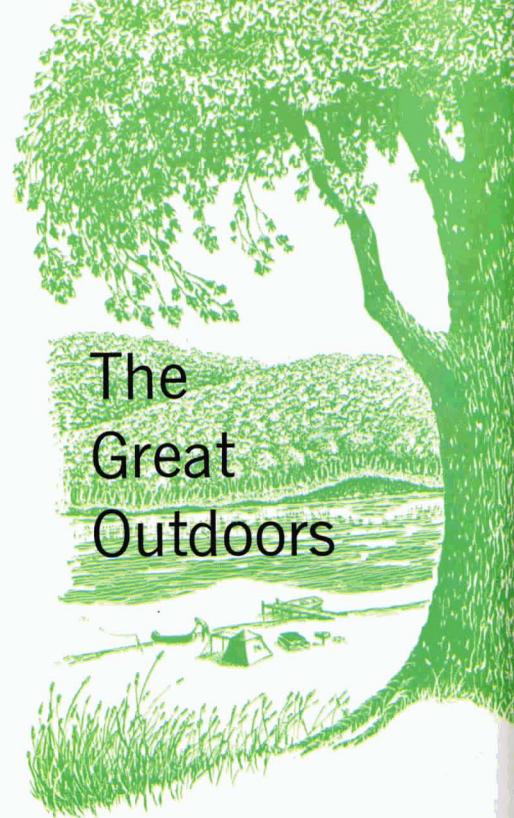
Modern, Productive Farming

Iowa's agricultural fame has spread throughout the world. Farm productivity has led to visits by heads of state and agricultural experts from many foreign lands. Iowa enjoys a longtime reputation as a leader in producing top-quality livestock, such as these state fair champions.

A Gala Attraction

America's greatest agriculture and livestock exhibition is the Iowa State Fair, in Des Moines. All of the color and atmosphere of the midway, judging circles, displays and events excite more than half a million people each year. The grandstand events traditionally feature show business stars, big-car auto racing, thrill shows, and sulky races. The 378-acre fairgrounds accommodates over 4,000 tents and trailers in a pleasant wooded area. This is the fair made famous in Phil Stong's book, "State Fair", later made into several movies. Held in late August.





The Great Outdoors

SCENIC STATE OWNED RECREATION AREAS

Name of Area	County Location	Nearest City	Picnicking	Swimming	Camping	Boating	Fishing	Hiking	Showers
Ambrose A. Call	Kossuth	Algona	●		●			●	
Backbone*	Delaware	Strawberry Point	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Barkley	Boone	Frazer							
Beed's Lake*	Franklin	Hampton	●	●	●	●	●		●
Bellevue	Jackson	Bellevue	●		●			●	
Bixby	Clayton	Edgewood	●					●	
Black Hawk Lake†	Sac	Lake View	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bob White*	Wayne	Allerton	●	●		●	●		
Browns Lake†	Woodbury	Salix	●	●		●	●		
Brush Creek Canyon	Fayette	Arlington	●					●	
Cayler Prairie	Dickinson								
Clear Lake†	Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake	●	●	●	●	●		●
Dolliver Memorial	Webster	Lehigh	●		●		●	●	●
Echo Valley	Fayette	West Union	●				●	●	
Fish Farm Mounds	Allamakee	New Albin							
Fort Atkinson	Winneshiek	Ft. Atkinson							
Fort Defiance	Emmet	Esterville	●		●			●	
Galland School	Lee	Montrose							
Gardner Sharp Cabin	Dickinson	Arnold's Park							
Geode*	Henry	Danville	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Geo. Wyth Memorial	Black Hawk	Cedar Falls	●		●		●	●	
Gitchie Manitou	Lyon	Larchwood	●						
Green Valley*	Union	Creston	●	●	●	●	●		
Gull Point†	Dickinson	West Okoboji	●	●	●	●	●		●
Hayden Prairie	Howard	Lime Springs							
Heery Woods	Butler	Clarksville	●				●	●	
Indian Village	O'Brien	Southerland							
Inn Area†	Dickinson	West Okoboji							
Kalsow Prairie	Pocahontas	Manson							
Lacey-Keosauqua	Van Buren	Keosauqua	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Ahquabi*	Warren	Indianola	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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Lake Darling*	Washington	Brighton	●	●	●	●	●		●
Lake Keomah	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake MacBride*	Johnson	Solon	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Manawa†	Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs		●		●	●	●	
Lake of Three Fires*	Taylor	Bedford	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Wapello*	Davis	Drakesville	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ledges	Boone	Boone	●		●		●	●	●
Lennon Mill	Guthrie	Panora					●		
Lewis and Clark†	Monona	Onawa	●	●	●	●	●		●
McGregor Heights	Clayton	McGregor						●	●
McIntosh Woods†	Cerro Gordo	Ventura	●	●	●	●	●		●
Maquoketa Caves	Jackson	Maquoketa	●		●			●	
Margo Frankel Woods	Polk	Des Moines	●					●	
Mill Creek	O'Brien	Paullina	●	●	●	●	●		
Mini-Wakan†	Dickinson	Orleans	●			●	●		
Nine Eagles	Decatur	Davis City	●	●	●	●	●		●
Oakland Mills	Henry	Mt. Pleasant	●		●		●	●	
Okamanpedan†	Emmet	Dolliver	●			●	●		
Palisades-Kepler	Linn	Mt. Vernon	●		●	●	●	●	●
Pammel	Madison	Winterset	●		●		●	●	
Pikes Peak	Clayton	McGregor	●		●			●	●
Pikes Point†	Dickinson	West Okoboji	●	●		●	●		
Pilot Knob	Hancock	Forest City	●		●			●	
Upper pine Lake*	Hardin	Eldora	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lower Pine Lake		Eldora	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pioneer	Mitchell	Riceville	●						
Plum Grove	Johnson	Iowa City							
Point Ann	Clayton	McGregor							
Prairie Rose Lake*	Shelby	Harlan	●		●	●	●		
Preparation Canyon	Monona	Moorehead	●					●	
Red Haw Lake	Lucas	Chariton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rice Lake†	Winnebago	Lake Mills	●	●		●	●		
Rock Creek*	Jasper	Kellogg	●	●	●	●	●		
Sharon Bluffs	Appanoose	Centerville	●					●	
Sheeder Prairie	Guthrie	Guthrie Center							
Spring Lake	Green	Grand Junction	●	●		●	●		
Springbrook	Guthrie	Guthrie Center	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steamboat Rock	Hardin	Steamboat Rock	●				●		
Stone	Woodbury	Sioux City	●		●		●	●	●
Trappers Bay†	Dickinson	Lake Park	●			●	●		
Turkey River Mounds	Clayton	Guttenberg							
Twin Lakes†	Calhoun	Rockwell City	●	●		●	●		
Union Grove*	Tama	Gladbrook	●	●	●	●	●		
Viking Lake*	Montgomery	Stanton	●	●	●	●	●		
Walnut Woods	Polk	W. Des Moines	●		●		●		
Wanata	Clay	Peterson	●					●	
Wapsipinicon	Jones	Anamosa	●		●		●	●	
Waubonsie	Fremont	Sidney	●		●			●	●
Wild Cat Den	Muscatine	Fairport	●		●			●	
Woodman Hollow	Webster	Lehigh					●	●	

STATE FOREST AREAS

Pilot Mound Forest	Boone	Pilot Mound	●						●
Holst Forest	Boone	Fraser							●
State Forest Nursery	Story	Ames							
Stephens Forest	Lucas, Monroe	Chariton	●		●		●	●	
Shimek Forest	Lee, Van Buren	Farmington	●		●		●	●	
Yellow River Forest	Allamakee	Waukon Junction	●		●		●	●	
White Pine Hollow	Dubuque	Luxemburg						●	

*State-owned artificial lakes over 100 acres. (Outboard motors, not over 6 H.P., allowed.)

†Natural lake, any size motor allowed.

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Combination Bridge and Cloverleaf at Sioux City