"Look ahead, not 50 years, but 500!"

That's the advice LEland D. CASE gave to participants in the two-day workshop for field historians of the LEland D. CASE LI-brary for Western Historical Studies (LEDLWHS) on the campus of Black Hills State College in August. He pointed out the idea of creating a center at Spearfish for the

"in-depth study" of the history of the region is "catching on."

"There is a growing clan of people interested in history," CASE declared. "The popularity of the television series, 'Roots,' may have something to do with it. It's not entirely autobiographical either;
it's also social ... I think of my contribution (which he described as eventually including 5,000 books) as a start."

CASE challenged the participants to broaden their search for historical reference material from books to ephemera, "that fugitive material" that includes old letters, notes, photos, clippings, and diaries. "When collections of such material abounds," he asserted, "then our library will have drawing power for writers and scholars as well as tuition-paying students." Not just tomorrow, but "500 years down the road."

"Man's noblest delight, CASE quoted MARK TWAIN, "is creative discovery -- to give birth to an idea, to discover a great thought -- an intellectual nugget right under the dust of a field that many a brain plow has gone over before." And, quoting FLAUBERT, CASE added, "If one has a determined purpose, it's surprising how often it is aided by chance."

CASE further inspired the participants with a "sure-fire" formula for success -- adoption of the three C's -- communications, coordination, and cooperation. "It works," CASE emphasized.

DR. GIL HAUSE, president of BHSC, pointed out the library is "the center of all activity on campus." He said the college is ready to "reinvest time, labor, and hopefully a little money" in the growing research library. However, he reminded, "there is not enough money for all the services desired. The only answer, our only hope, is to utilize the abilities of those who have a love for this type of thing. We're enlisting your help. Your efforts are going to bear fruit for the students and people of this region for a long time to come. It's kind of a contagious thing, and I am greatly encouraged by the dedication of the talented people who have offered to help."

DR. HAUSE announced that he had appointed PAUL HAIVALA of the BHSC social science faculty to serve as "contact" man between the LDCLWHS faculty committee and the volunteer workers. He disclosed that HAIVALA is a full-time professor who had agreed to serve because of his own strong commitment to the objectives of the library. EDWIN ERICKSON, director of the E. Y. Berry Learning Center, in which the LDCLWHS is housed, reiterated DR. HAUSE'S remarks by telling the volunteers "we want your help, we need your help."

"We have something here that's just super," ERICKSON declared. "We have the makings of the best western collections in this entire region. What we're concerned about is finding all this valuable archival material and seeing that it doesn't disappear. We want to see this material preserved and centralized here so researchers won't have to run all around for it. That's our mutual mission. The president (DR. HAUSE) is committed to it, I am committed, the faculty committee is committed. We are looking for dollars as well as books and archival material. We're not interested in competing with museums for artifacts. Together, we can get the job done!"

Highlighting the opening session of the workshop was a pledge of volunteer help from DORA ANN JONES, part-time special collections librarian, in staffing the LDCLWHS. Offering their services part of each week were MATTIE HERSDRUD of Sturgis, former member of the S. D. Board of Regents and chairperson of a state-supported education committee, and JEAN TRUMPE of the Old Fort Meade Museum and Historical Research Assn., who has been a guiding force in that active organization. Also expressing interest in furthering the library's mission was HELEN REZAILO, former BHSC instructor in creative writing who has written for such prestigious publications as The Reader's Digest and The New York Times.

Another encouraging development was the participation of JAN WERNER, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer
Program (RSVP) at the Spearfish Senior Citizen Center. She was present to learn how her group of volunteers could help. The possibility of developing a corps of older Americans in the Dorsett Nursing Home at Spearfish to clip significant historical items from area newspapers for the library was enthusiastically explored. It was CASE who suggested the title, "Dorsett Clippers," for this promising group of volunteers eager to stay busy and useful in retirement.

Field historians present for all of the sessions were MARSHALL TRUAX of Hot Springs, HAROLD SHUNK of Rapid City, MABEL BROWN of Newcastle, WY, and DICK WILLIAMS of Sturgis. Other interested participants, who also contributed significantly to the discussions were MR. AND MRS. CUSHMAN CLARK of Deadwood (he's vice-president of the S. D. State Historical Society and she's a former librarian), MR. AND MRS. MYRLE HANSON of Spearfish, both active in the Older Americans program; IRMA KLOCK of Lead (a prolific free-lance writer on historical subjects), CLARA LOBBELL of Rapid City (Deputy Sheriff of the Black Hills Corral of The Westerners), IRMA ZINK, former chief librarian of American University, Washington, D.C., now retired, MEL SKARSTEN, for 18 years a member of the BHSC faculty and formerly head of its Department of Education, also now retired, and BH Historian editor BOB LEE of Sturgis.

Representing BHSC at the workshop, in addition to DR. HAUSE, ERICKSON, and HAIVALA, were DRS. EUBANK, and MILLER of the LDCLWHS faculty committee, and DR. CHARLES SCHAD, along with the ever-helpful DORA ANN JONES.

DR. HAUSE, in concluding the workshop, expressed special appreciation to CASE for coming up from Tucson to spark the discussions. He challenged the field historians, faculty committee, and other volunteer workers to match CASE'S vigor, imaginative ideas, and determined dedication. "I am very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment I've seen here," DR. HAUSE declared. "It presages great things ahead."

There was a consensus that the workshop had been both instructive and productive. But it wasn't all serious business. As usual, when academic historians and buffs get together, there were coffee break disagreements about the accuracy of certain historical legends. One participant, for instance, expressed doubt that George Washington had ever actually tossed a silver dollar across the Rappahannock River as some historians claim. "The river's too wide," he contended, reporting he had visited the site where the herculean deed was supposedly performed.

But Field Historian TRUAX reminded that "a dollar went a lot farther in those days!"

There was no doubt, following the inspirational workshop though, that the LELAND D. CASE LIBRARY FOR WESTERN HISTORICAL STUDIES is destined to go "a lot farther" in the years ahead — all 500 of them!
IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES

PAUL HAIVALA, who has a special interest in the history of northwestern South Dakota, having been born and raised at Buffalo, is the new "contact man" for the LDCLWHs. He will work closely with the library's field historians and other volunteer workers in advancing the mission of the facility.

He attended BHSC for several years off and on after graduating from high school in 1951 and then went into the military service. He returned to BHSC for his undergraduate degree, graduating in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. From 1959 - 1964 he taught in the Belle Fourche Public School System.

HAIVALA earned his Master of Education degree at BHSC in 1964 and the following year began teaching in the college's social science division. He took two years off (1972 - 1974) to earn a Doctor of Arts degree in teaching (history) at the University of North Dakota.

Active in the growth of the annual BHSC History Conference, HAIVALA also serves on the faculty committee of the LELAND D. CASE LIBRARY FOR WESTERN HISTORICAL STUDIES.

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APPOINTMENTS PENDING

The faculty committee of the LDCLWHs, meeting August 31, voted to nominate 11 persons as field historians for the library. The names of the nominees will be submitted to President GIL HAUSE for recommendation to the State Board of Regents which must confirm all such appointments. Those confirmed will be announced in the next issue of The Historian.

In other action, the committee voted to schedule the annual Black Hills History Conference for April 27 - 28, 1979. Letters will be mailed out in October inviting papers for the Conference. In addition, the committee voted to change the Junior category of the annual LELAND D. CASE HISTORICAL WRITING CONTEST to "Student" category in hopes of getting more students to enter.

HAIVALA was selected as chairman of the committee. Recognition was made by the committee of the gift booklet describing the Hot Springs, South Dakota, mammoth site, given to the LDCLWHs by the Fall River County Historical Society. It was announced that CLARA LOBERG of Rapid City had agreed to permit the audio-visual service of the college to make copies of the tapes she had recorded at the Fifth Annual Black Hills History Conference last April.

It was the consensus of the committee that tapes should be made of all presentations at future conferences.

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THIS IS RETIREMENT?

One of the most effective field historians for the LDCLWHs is MARSHALL (DOUBLE BARREL) TRUAX of Hot Springs, a third generation Black Hiller, who accepted the assignment in 1974 after a long and distinguished career of public
service. Born at Hill City, TRUAX went to grade school at Nemo where he worked for the Homestake Mining Co. during summer vacations. He graduated from Lead High School and attended BHSC while it was still a teacher's college before obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in education at Northern State College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, from which he graduated Cum Laude.

During World War II, TRUAX was a civilian War Relief Representative for the American Red Cross in Italy from 1944 to 1946. His service there was so outstanding that he received a Bronze Star from the Italian Red Cross. He subsequently served as Public Welfare Officer for the U.S. Army in Japan from 1947 to 1950. For this service he received Certificate of Achievement in 1950. He is also recipient of the U.S. government's highest civilian honor, the coveted Medal of Freedom.

Following the war, TRUAX attended the University of Chicago's School of Social Service where he received his Master's Degree in 1952. He was engaged in public and private social service work in Chicago for the next 21 years. In addition, he was active in many community programs there, including the Episcopal Church. His social service assignments included the directorship of the Equal Care for Children Project, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, the Lawrence Hall/Randall House, which earned the Human Relations Award from the Chicago Commission on Human Relations during his tenure, and the Florence Crittenton Anchorage. He also saw service as Associate Director of the Children's Division, Cook County Department of Public Aid.

Returning to the Black Hills in 1971, TRUAX helped to organize the Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center and became one of its incorporators. He also organized (with some "pitchforking" from a fellow in Tucson named Case) the Jedediah Smith Corral of The Westerners and served two years as its sheriff. He became active in the Fall River County Historical Society, the Kiwanis and Elks Club, and was appointed coordinator of the Bicentennial program in Hot Springs in 1974, serving in that capacity for three years.

He is currently chairman of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission that has been instrumental in restoring the old Evans Hotel, an early-day showplace of the region, and converting it into 85 apartments for the low income elderly. In addition, he has helped to restore the old St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs after it had been abandoned and almost lost as a church for over seven years. Appropriately, he now serves as Senior Warden and Licensed Lay Reader there. But that isn't all! He is also the Democrat nominee for the South Dakota Senate from the three-county District 25.

"I thank God for all the fine friends I have here in Hot Springs and in the Black Hills," TRUAX confides. "Friends and family, that's what makes life worthwhile — and the opportunity to serve, in whatever capacity you can, the community in which you live. I am happy to be living in a place that has so much to offer and so many good people to help make life interesting, exciting, and meaningful.

"I love history," this busy field historian adds, "especially of our own area and I think the work we are doing in building up the LDCLMHS is one of the most important contributions we can make to the present and to the future."

The LDCLMHS is fortunate, indeed, to number among its field historians a man of TRUAX'S competence, experience, drive and devotion. He is one of our shiniest stars!
THE GOOD NEWS — AND THE BAD

There's good news — and some bad news! The good news is that the LDCLWHS has received a large number of donated items since the last issue. The bad news is that space limitations prevent listing all of the items. Perhaps they can be identified in a future issue or in a separate mailing. For this issue we will only list the donors — to whom we are sincerely grateful.

The largest single acquisition since the last issue came from the estate of MRS. MARY MINERS, through ALLEN G. WILSON attorney, at Hot Springs. Donated were 108 items, principally books, including much rare material. They are welcomed additions to the Library and will be of extreme value to researchers. Field Historian MARSHALL TRUAX of Hot Springs has promised to provide an extensive report on MRS. MINER for the next issue.

Generously donating an additional 99 books, including 35 from the personal library of the late U. S. Senator FRANCIS CASE of South Dakota, was his brother, LELAND D. CASE of Tucson, Arizona, the chief benefactor of the Library. Many of the volumes are autographed and are valued first editions. This additional gift again reflects CASE'S firm commitment to contribute significantly to the increasingly important research facility that bears his name.

Another major contribution came from Field Historian HAROLD SHUNK of Rapid City, former long-time Indian Service superintendent, who is one of the most active buffs in South Dakota, even in retirement. SHUNK donated 60 tapes created for his popular radio show entitled, "South Dakota Indians Revisited." Drawing on his extensive experience on the Indian reservations of the two Dakotas, both as a day school teacher and agency superintendent, SHUNK describes many facets of the Sioux culture. Writers and scholars on Northern Plains subjects will find these tapes of inestimable value. DR. CHARLES SCHAD of the BHSC faculty, a long-time friend of the donor, was instrumental in convincing SHUNK that the LDCLWHS was the proper repository for these historical important tapes. But, as a field historian of the Library, SHUNK didn't need much convincing.

Also donating welcomed additions to the library since the last issue were the following friends:

MS. MARY GARMAN, Sundance, WY, three books.

MRS. VERLYSS V. JACOBSON, Lennox, SD, a genealogy.

MS. MARIE P. ANDERSON, President, Hurley, SD, Historical Society, pioneer history.

MRS. CHARLES J. TWOMEY, Hot Springs, SD, two books.

DR. J. GILBERT HAUSE, President BHSC, Spearfish, SD, two books.

ROBERT H. LEE, Sturgis, SD four items.

Our heartfelt thanks to the donors for these generous gifts. Appropriate recognition will be extended at the Library and in a future listings of the holdings there.

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THANKS, GRANDPA!

"How come," a college freshman asked me, "you're hep on history?"

He had asked. He had to listen—

as I told him about my grandfather, Dr. Francis L. Case who spent his final years in the southern Black Hills.
Grandpa cut quite a figure there as I was growing up. His barrel-sized chest made it easy to swim underwater like an otter in Evans Plunge, at Hot Springs. When he emerged, shaking his long, white dripping sideburns, he often had applause. Grandpa liked that.

Back in northwestern Iowa (he always pronounced it eye-OH-wah) he had quite a reputation as a self-taught veterinarian. I think he really enjoyed staying up all night to drench and to save a sick cow -- especially if it had been given up by a professional "Ames man" from Iowa State College. Grandpa's clothes always held a slight scent ofaconite, his favorite remedy for ailing critters. When he moved to the Hills, he gave up active practice but occasionally responded to an emergency call.

Once we went together by horse and buggy to a ranch along Red Canyon where a gelding needed corrective surgery. The owner took us to a sloped clearing, where the animal lay with hobbled feet. My job was to sit on its head, but a convulsive jerk sent me rolling. Grandpa was reseating me when the horse again lurched violently, its head catching Grandpa's chin. It was a fearful belt.

"You HAY-shun," he exploded, "You HAY-SHUN!"

Grandpa never cussed. And if I hadn't been studying American history I couldn't have realized his expletive erupted from subconscious depths. In his boyhood back in "York State" he had known soldiers who served under Washington and whose families still had bitter memories of Hessian mercenaries.

I've been grateful to Grandpa ever since that day at Red Canyon ranch for his outburst. It opened my mind. It personalized history. No longer was my textbook just a collection of dull dates and dredged-data. It was live -- people in an ongoing stream. How they feel, what they think and dream, what they do -- these are the components of history they record in letters, and diaries, accounts and deeds, newspapers and books. Such things should be preserved and made usable because today is yesterday, tomorrow.

This is why, I explained to that questioning freshman, some of us are so hep to history and eager to have your help in building at BMES a great Library for Western Historical Studies.

LELAND D. CASE
Tucson, Arizona

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A(OTHER) DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

JOSEPHINE ALTMAN CASE of Tucson, Arizona, wife of the benefactor of the LDCLWHS, was recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Literature degree at LaGrange, Georgia, last June in recognition of her outstanding work as a professional lecturer and singer. She has lectured extensively on American folk art, especially that of the American Indian, and has accumulated a remarkable exhibit of Indian artifacts over the years that is now valued at over $25,000. Her contagious enthusiasm for music, arts and crafts of folk origindates from her undergraduate days at Northwestern University (where husband LELAND received his MA) and has been heightened by studies in the Black Hills, the Southwest, and Old Mexico.

MRS. CASE, who studied voice in Italy, France, and Sweden, has made countless appearances, generally in the costume of the countries she has visited, and has enriched her performances by singing the songs of the people of those countries. Our congratulations to her for this fine recognition.

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"Why search for the past?"

"The quest for the past helps us locate ourselves. It renders our formative years more comprehensible and places our own experiences in a larger context -- part of a continuity that has endured and will endure."

"Above all, it helps define our own development as individuals in relation to an externality that is greater than all of us." PATRICK QUINN, Northwestern University News, September 1978.

"It is vital to sound historical studies of the future that not only books but such ephemera as letters, clippings, diaries, store records, photos, and so on be rescued before they are burned or trucked to the sanitary land fill. With a loose organization around the Hills, composed of activated enthusiasts, the library/archives at Spearfish stands a very good chance of acquiring and preserving such materials. LEELAND D. CASE, September, 1978.

+++ WORK OF A CRAFTSMAN +++

Many visitors to the LDCLWHS have commented favorably about the fine hand-tooled leather cover on the "Book of Remembrances," which contains the congratulatory letters sent by many prominent Americans on the occasion of the dedication of the library in 1976. It is the work of Kraig McFarland, BHSC student from Belle Fourche, whose ancestors were among the first white settlers of the Black Hills. His splendid gift reflects pride of craftsman- ship and will long be widely admired.

+++ MODERN-DAY JOHNNY APPLESEED +++

"An Informal Chronicle of the Westemers" is the title of a dandy article in the September/October 1978 issue of the American West. It was authored by RAY BILLINGTON, senior research associate of the HENRY E. HUNTINGTON Library and describes LEELAND D. CASE, one of the organization's founders, with being "a modern-day Johnny Appleseed, scattering new corrals across the land." The article concludes with a listing of all the corrals, including those in eight foreign countries. It illustrates what can be accomplished by a small group of dedicated people with vision and initiative -- such as those with the LDCLWHS.
BE A FRIEND

Those interested in becoming Friends of the Case Library (everybody is welcome) are encouraged to "saddle up" with those already in the vanguard of enthusiastic supporters. Cash contributions as well as gifts of western historical material are earnestly solicited. Make checks payable to "Black Hills College Foundation (Case)" and mail to Black Hills State College, Spearfish, SD 57783.

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