A NEW HAND ON THE REINS

"The Leland D. Case Library for Western Historical Studies is one of the finest collections I have seen anywhere." So states Dr. J. Gilbert (Gil) Hause who became President of Black Hills State College last September. Dr. Hause was aware that BHSC has many attributes when he came on campus last fall. But, he reports, "One of the most pleasant surprises was to find the several special collections which are housed in the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center."

"I have visited with Dr. Case on several occasions," Dr. Hause adds, "and I have personally viewed the rest of his library in Arizona which will one day be at Black Hills State College. Dr. Case's colleague in western history collections, John Gilchriese, is also very interested in the history collections at Black Hills State College. In conversations with him, he has offered assistance in building the existing collections.

"Other collections such as the E.Y. Berry Collection and the Father Szalay Collection combine to make Black Hills State College the center of western historical studies in this region. I am pleased that Black Hills State College has attained this distinction; it is fitting that a comprehensive college have the ability to provide this research resource to the population it serves."
A New Hand On The Reins --- (Continued)

Dr. Hause's enthusiasm for the Library's mission (an intense commitment to the study of the American West) is understandable. He lists international education and the history of Colorado (his native state) and The West among his special interests. He has already exhibited strong support of the Library and is certain to be one of its most energetic champions. He is a most welcomed advocate.

Dr. Hause, a native of Fort Lupton, CO, came to Spearfish from the University of Northern Colorado (formerly Colorado State College) where he received his A.B. in English and Social Studies and his M.A. in Secondary Education. He earned his Doctor of Education degree at the University of Colorado.

At Greeley, Dr. Hause held a wide range of administrative and academic posts, including Vice President for Public Service, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Vice President for Public Affairs, Dean of Academic Services and Director of Office of Social Programs, Coordinator of Administrative Services, Professor of Education, and many other responsible positions.

In addition, he was Chief-of-Party of Colorado State College/US Agency for International Development Project in Bangladesh, Director of Institute of Education and Research, the Graduate School at the University of Dacca, and also educational consultant to U.S. AID and American Consulate in East Pakistan.

He will be among the select group of American educators picked to go to the Republic of China in June in the interests of furthering international education.

A former U.S. Naval Reserve Officer, Dr. Hause served on active duty aboard the Flagship for Commander Fleetair in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. His active duty tour spanned the years 1952 - 1955.

Dr. Hause and his wife Trudy, who holds a B.A. in elementary education, have three sons. Their oldest son is married and employed by the Colorado Department of Parks and Recreation. Another son is engaged in the real estate business in Aurora, Colorado. Their youngest son attends Spearfish High School. The Hauses' reside at 1015 Pinedale Drive, Spearfish.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL BLACK HILLS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Dr. Gilbert C. Fite, University of Georgia, and Dr. Glenn H. Smith, University of North Dakota, will be the keynoters at the Fifth Annual Black Hills History Conference, April 28 - 29 at the Holiday Inn of the Northern Hills near Spearfish. Dr. Fite will speak on the topic, "Pioneer Farming in Dakota: Promise and Problem," at the evening banquet that will culminate the first day's program. Dr. Smith's paper "Prairie Fire: The Non-Partisan League on the Northern Plains," will be presented at the noon luncheon that will conclude the conference on Saturday.

Eight other papers of historical interest will be presented during four sessions scheduled Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Topics include such varied subjects as "Annie Tallent - First White Woman in the Black Hills;" "His Wife Goes Everywhere With Him;" "The Black Hills Ku Klux Klan - 1920's Vintage;" "A History of Animal Management at Wind Cave National Park;" "The Significance of the Stratosphere Flight - 1935;" "Excavations at the Boulder Canyon Site;" "Hunting the Urban Elephant;" and "The Organization of the Ogla Band System on The Pine Ridge Reservation in the 1880's."

Speakers will be Katherine Twomey, Hot Springs, SD, Clara Lobdell, Rapid City, SD, Charles Rambow, Sturgis, SD, Kim Morgen, Hot Springs, SD, Gene Bauer, Black Hills State College, Spearfish, SD, Alice Tratebas, South Dakota Archeological Research Center, Sturgis, SD, Larry Agenbroad, Chadron, NB, State College, and Ray Howe, Black Hills State College.

Registration gets underway at 12:30 on April 28 and a social hour at 6 p.m. will precede the Friday evening banquet. Late registrations will be taken from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Saturday.
The Fifth Annual Black Hills History Conference

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Unlike past years, when the Saturday sessions were held at the College, all sessions on both days will be held at the Holiday Inn. Conference fees, as usual, are minimal: Registration - $2.50; Friday banquet - $5; and Saturday luncheon - $3.50.

Dr. Sever L. Eubank, chairman of the Social Science Division at BHSC, who is also chairman of S.D. Board of Cultural Preservation, will again ramrod the conference. Further information about it can be obtained by writing him at BHSC, Spearfish, SD 57783. Telephone: 605-542-6212. Paul Haivala of the Social Science Division has been appointed Conference Chairman.

A highlite of the conference will be the announcement of this year’s winners in the annual Leland D. Case Awards in Western History. Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories - Senior, open to professional and amateur historians from all walks of life; Junior, for students below the college level; and Senior Citizen, for older citizens who prefer not to enter the Senior category which is also open to them.

The Prizes are awarded for historical essays of superior quality dealing with the history of the American West. Special consideration is given to essays devoted to the Black Hills and surrounding region. All entries become the property of Black Hills State College and are added to the research holdings of the Ieland D. Case Library for Western Historical Studies.

Paul Haivala of the Awards Committee reports that more than twice the number of entries were received by the March 1 deadline than were received last year. The prize money comes from a special contest fund provided by Dr. Leland D. Case of Tucson, Arizona, noted Western historian and journalist.

Last year’s winners were selected in the Senior and Senior Citizen categories. Senior winners were Miss Avis R. Anderson, Glendale, MT, for a fine essay, "... and Lutherans in Dawson and Custer Counties, Montana," first place; and Dr. Hyman Palais, Arcata, CA, for a splendid description of "The Discovery of Gold in the Black Hills", second place. Winner in the Senior Citizen category was Bayard C. Erskine Knoxville, TN, who wrote about "The Life of Poke Alice Tubbs," notorious Sturgis, SD, character who was the "talk of the town" when he was growing up in "Scooptown."

No entries were received this year or last in the Junior category, but the Awards Committee is hopeful that these essays will be forthcoming as word of the contest spreads. The Committee is greatly encouraged, though, by the increase in entries in the other two categories. It is pleased, too, with the quality of the essays.

Attendance at this year's history conference is expected to be up too as announcements of it went out by first class mail for the first time. Pre-conference interest, happily, is reported to be high. Historical papers for the 1979 conference are already being solicited.

The throaty command to action of the frontier Cavalry, which also typifies the spirit of the Case Library field historians, is the theme for the Centennial celebration of Sturgis, S.D. Selected to lead the charge was Richard B. Williams, retired Sturgis educator, author, authority on Bear Butte, and Field Historian for the Case Library at his alma mater. Appointment of the coordinator for the community's year-long celebration of its 100 years of exciting history was made by the town's Mayor and confirmed by its City Council. It recognized the wisdom of the axiom, "When you want something done, get a busy man to do it." Busy could be, but isn't Dick Williams' middle name.

In the first of a series of profiles on the lively Case Library Field Historians, we'd like you to meet this truly remarkable fellow. Born in 1906, the Williams family moved by wagon from Miller, SD, to eastern Meade county.
When Dick was only three years old. His parents and three sisters, along with Dick, lived in a "soddy" for two years, 20 years in a "dugout" and in 1931 they built an "adobe" brick house.

Dick attended grade school at Plainview and Marcus, tiny rural settlements on the grassy prairie high school at Miller and at Rapid City where he graduated in 1925. He graduated from Black Hills State College in 1930 when it was still a teachers' college, with degrees in History and English.

He began his long teaching career at Vale, on the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project, where he met his future wife, Ruth Kingsbury. They were married in 1932 and he took a teaching job in Sturgis that fall. He remained with the Sturgis school system for a remarkable 41 years! He was assistant superintendent of the consolidated Meade district, geographically one of the largest in the state, when he retired in 1973. In the interim, besides teaching, he had served many years as principal of the junior high school, serving a category of students he particularly loves, and the school was given his name -- a great honor for a living educator. In addition, he had managed to earn his Master's degree from the University of Wyoming at Laramie.

Dick has served his community in many capacities throughout the years, including a long tour as secretary of its Chamber of Commerce. He has remained its most enthusiastic booster and is still called upon to delight visitors with his colorful accounts of its history -- and that of the challenging region where he grew to manhood -- when VIPs come calling. He is wonderfully articulate and in constant demand as a very entertaining speaker. Among the countless beneficiaries of his knowledge and wit are visitors to Bear Butte State Park, which he helped to get established, where he has spent many summers as an Interpretive Specialist for the State, Game, Fish & Parks Dept.

Meanwhile, this very busy fellow has co-authored, Last Grass Frontier, a history of the cattle industry on South Dakota ranges, with which he has first-hand knowledge, and has delivered numerous papers at historical conferences. He was recipient in 1976 of the Dakota State College Distinguished Service Award for his invaluable contributions to the state for his invaluable contributions to the state's history preservation. He is also a founder and, for many years president of the Old Fort Meade Historical Assn. which maintains a Cavalry museum at the old military post.

Dick and Ruth have three married children - "Gersh," a petroleum geologist in Colorado, Judy (Mrs. David) Iverson, Sturgis, and Marshall a teacher in the junior high school that bears his father's name.

Summing up "The Dick Williams' Story, If Bear Butte Could Speak," Park Manager Jerry Oehlerking wrote in the March/April issue of South Dakota Conservation Digest, the following:

"Yes," quoting the ageless butte, "I have seen great men come and great men go, leaving their mark in history, but few have done as much to preserve the beauty and history of their land for future generations than R.B. Williams."

This, then, is the caliber of Field Historians laboring on behalf of the Case Library. Who can doubt that the Library's mission -- and the Sturgis Centennial -- will be anything but highly successful?

It is to be expected that many of the historically significant material during the Sturgis Centennial will be preserved for posterity, and scholarly adaptation, in the Case Library following the local observance. Forward ho ................
Joining the growing lists of volunteer Field Historians since the last issue is Harold Schunk, Johnson Siding, Rapid City, SD 57701, who brings impressive credentials to his new assignment. Of Sioux descent, Schunk retired a couple of years ago after 35 years with the Indian Service. His last post was the superintendency of the Rosebud Indian Reservation of south-central South Dakota. He is a past president (and still a director) of the S.D. State Historical Society. More about him in a future profile.

At-Large historians who continue to serve with intense zeal are:

John Gilchriese, 1975 E. Kleindale, Tucson, Arizona, whose knowledge of "The Gun Fight at the OK Corral," belies the fact that he wasn't really there when the famous duel took place;

Rex Allen Smith, Box 538, Fayetteville, AR, whose "Moon of the Popping Trees," has received rave reviews as a definitive work on the incredible Messiah Craze. He was raised on a Meade County, SD, ranch.

Jerome A. Greene, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225, who enriched last year's Black Hills History Conference with a fine paper;

and the incomparable Leland D. Case, 9900 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710 whose tremendous gifts launched the Library for Western Historical Studies that bears his name and continues to excite the people of the region.

Continuing to serve as Field Historians is the Black Hills, in addition to Williams at Sturgis, are Mrs. Mabel Brown, Box 746, Newcastle, WY, determined publisher of "Bits and Pieces" and recipient of numerous awards in the field of history in Wyoming; and Marshall (Double Barrel) Truax, Box 597, Hot Springs, SD, first sheriff of the Jedediah Smith Corral of The Westerners, who has demonstrated consummate skill in rounding up historical memorabilia in the Southern Hills for the Case Library.

There have, unfortunately, been some resignations because of illness among the regional Field Historians. They came from Dr. Lura Camery, former BHSC faculty member, now residing at Valley House Healthcare in Tucson, and Mrs. Patricia Mechling of Rapid City, who performed exceptional service for five years as editor of Black Hills Nugget, quarterly publication of the Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research, Inc., a most worthy and useful resource tool. We are indebted to them for their keen interest and grateful for their efforts on behalf of the Case Library. We wish them speedy and complete recoveries from their illnesses.

Other Field Historians are being recruited and will be announced in a future issue of The Black Hills Historian. There is plenty of work to go around and dedicated searchers for the material that properly belongs in the Case Library are urgently needed. Archivist Dora Ann Jones is eager to apply her considerable skills to preserving, organizing, and accessioning the collected historical material. Let's keep her busy!

LATE FLASHES

Nobody has done more research on the fascinating life of Annie Tallent, the first white woman in the Black Hills (Dec. 1874), than Clay Curran, veteran former principal of Lead, SD, High School. Curran, former sheriff of the Black Hills Corral of The Westerners, died last November in the VA Center in Minneapolis at the age of 90. Shortly before his death, his wife Louise, a former faculty member at BHSC, turned over his extensive research material on Mrs. Tallent to the Case Library. Mrs. Curran died March 15 at the Deadwood hospital. The Currans, who resided at Lead for over 60 years, will be sorely
missed. They left a legacy of valuable historical material that will endure and be of extreme benefit to researchers and scholars.

Dr. Sever Elbank and Archivist Dora Ann Jones represented the Case Library (and BHSIC) at a recent statewide conference in Pierre aimed at South Dakota involvement in the U.S. Newspaper Project, a National Endowment for the Humanities program aimed at locating, identifying ownership and the history of all newspapers ever published in each state. It is a monumental project that has already been successfully completed in Iowa. It will have beneficial residual implications for the collections in the Case Library. The findings will be included in a newspaper bibliography of microfilm holdings compiled by the Library of Congress. Newspapers, past and present, are mirrors of community life and a rich resource tool for professional historians and buffs alike. The project will be coordinated by the Historical Resource Center at Pierre headed by State Historian Dayton Canaday.

FRIENDS OF THE CASE LIBRARY

Miss Dora Ann Jones, Special Collections Librarian at the Leland D. Case Library for Western Historical Studies, reports an impressive number of generous gifts to the Library since the last issue. They augment the extensive contributions donated earlier by Mr. Douglas Crozier of Berkeley, CA, a longtime friend of Dr. Case, who gave the Library 179 books, journals, maps, and periodicals covering a range of useful materials. Mr. Crozier's graciously gift included 79 first edition books, many of them autographed. The collection will be invaluable to researchers and scholars making use of the Library's growing resources.

Among the more recent gifts were these additional donations by Dr. Case:

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