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A portion of Ta-coumba Aiken's mural for Norwest Bank St. Paul. See pages 3 and 17.

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Ta-coumba Aiken and "The Spirit of St. Paul"

St. Paul painter, sculptor and muralist Ta-coumba Aiken painted the mural, a portion of which graces the cover of this issue of *Ramsey County History*, for Norwest Bank St. Paul's sparkling new retail banking superstore. On page 17 he speaks of how he envisioned his work, "The Spirit of St. Paul—Now and Forever."

Books, Etc.

One Hundred Years of Progress The History of Veterinary Medicine in Minnesota

John Arnold and H. C. H. Kernkamp
Edited by Thomas H. Boyd
St. Paul: W. P. Graphics, 1994.
260 pages; \$45 (cloth)

Reviewed by Benjamin S. Pomeroy

This book gives a vivid and excellent review of the history of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. It tells a remarkable story of the evolution of the practice of veterinary medicine and the organizations that contributed greatly to this exciting history.

Veterinary medicine had its beginning before the first graduate of the veterinary college established a practice in Minnesota in 1872. He was joined by an additional ninety veterinarians by 1900, but they were outnumbered by non-graduate veterinarians who were "grandfathered" under the practice act of 1893.

Today there are more than 1,500 veterinarians engaged in various specialties of private and public practices. This book is not only a valuable source of information for members of the veterinary profession, but should appeal to the members of the livestock and poultry industries because of the vivid history of the development of control and eradication programs affecting animal agriculture and public health.

The book is composed of five chapters, each detailing an important story of the evolving process of the profession reaching maturity. Chapter One describes the early practice of veterinary medicine. The next three chapters tell the history of the birth and development of the Veterinary Practice Act

(1893) that regulates the practice of veterinary medicine, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (1903) that is concerned with the control and eradication of animal diseases, and the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (1897) and related organizations concerned with professional enhancement.

The final chapter devotes considerable space to the development of the professional educational programs in Minnesota, the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota in 1947 and the growth of the college into a leading professional school in the United States. Finally, the book is capped by graduating class photographs from the first class to the class of 1993.

The two authors of the book, Dr. John Arnold and Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp, have had long and illustrious relationships with veterinary medicine and have devoted many years in compiling the factual information for the book. They are to be highly commended for their perseverance and their excellent job in bringing this story to fruition. Thomas H. Boyd, a grandson of one of the pioneers of veterinary medicine, Dr. William L. Boyd, did a fine job in editing the manuscript. Dr. Walter J. Mackey, president of the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum, provided the driving force and leadership in making the book a reality.

Benjamin S. Pomeroy is professor emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota and the son of pioneer St. Paul veterinarian Benjamin A. Pomeroy.

They Came to Teach

Annabelle Raiche, CSJ, and
Ann Marie Biermaier, OSB
St. Cloud: North Star Press

Reviewed by Virginia Brainard Kunz

In 1851 four Sisters of St. Joseph from Carondelet, Missouri, led by Mother St. John Fournier, opened a school in the log chapel built by Father Lucien Galtier in St. Paul in 1841. They were the vanguard of all the brave women who for almost 150 years taught in the Catholic elementary schools of Minnesota.

They Came to Teach is a fascinating account of their experiences and the contributions they made to the education of the young. The book is the result of the Shared Story Project, a seven-year effort by women from nine religious orders based in Minnesota to tell their stories: the Sisters of St. Joseph, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of Saint Frances, Franciscan Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille, and Sisters of St. Benedict at St. Joseph, Duluth, Crookston, and St. Paul.

Profiles of nine women representative of their orders include Sister Carmela Hanggi, CSJ, (Caroline Hanggi) who was born in St. Paul in 1875 and founded the School Safety Patrol. This is an excellent and much-needed account of an aspect of education history that began to decline around 1950, 100 years after the Sisters of St. Joseph first put down their roots in St. Paul.

Virginia Brainard Kunz is editor of Ramsey County History.



Sister Annette Relf who founded the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota, now beginning its second century of service. See article beginning on page 22.

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