Review Notices*

The Life and Times of a Hoosier Judge. By John Lewis Niblack. (Greenfield, Ind.: The author, 1973. Pp. 350. Illustrations. Paperbound, $8.50.) Judge Niblack's reminiscences treat of varied facets of his life and many topics concerning Indiana developments and episodes for the past several decades. His observations about items covered, as his pronouncements through the years, will doubtless elicit varying degrees of approval and disapproval. His earthy and unusually frank portrayal of boyhood days in rural Knox County is useful in reconstructing rural life in the early decades of this century. His considerable discussion of Indiana politics in the 1920s is helpful to those attempting to interpret such politics, particularly the disgraceful swath cut therein by David C. Stephenson. One gets the impression that Niblack knows more than he can document about this unsavory chapter, but as a judge he would presumably agree that his evidence and assertions must be weighed against those of others before a verdict is reached. *The Life and Times of a Hoosier Judge* may be obtained from the Ober Book Store, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; from L. S. Ayres and Co. in Indianapolis; or from Judge Niblack, Marion Circuit Court, W-506 City-County Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Twelve Months in New-Harmony; Presenting a Faithful Account of the Principal Occurrences Which Have Taken Place There Within That Period; Interspersed with Remarks. By Paul Brown. Reprint. *The American Utopian Adventure* series. (Philadelphia: Porcupine Press, Inc., 1972. Pp. 128. $8.75.) Robert Owen's great effort and large input of money to make New Harmony a utopian community in the 1820s are well known. Through the decades since, many writers have commended Owen for his devotion and generosity, even when they have disagreed with him about various items regarding his experiment. One of his earliest and sharpest critics was Paul Brown, who first published *Twelve Months in New-Harmony* in 1827. Brown attacked Owen from the left, condemning him for not establishing a true community of property. Faulting Owen and William McClure for not divesting themselves of "solicitude about *private personal property,*" Brown

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charged that "this overweening care and anxiety about *individual exclusive property,* (which it is the very essence of a community to subvert) has given rise to all the troubles of this place" (pp. 20-21). This volume affords a needed reminder that common or collective ownership of property in its literal sense was not established in the Owenite community at New Harmony. Considering the extent to which Paul Brown must have been a thorn in Owen's flesh, republication of *Twelve Months in New-Harmony* by the "Porcupine Press" seems especially appropriate!

Indiana University Southeast: A Brief, Informal History. By Gerald O. Haffner. (New Albany: Indiana University Southeast, 1973. Pp. 67. Illustrations, tables, appendices. Paperbound, $2.95.) "This brief, informal history of IUS is intended to give us a better understanding of where we have been, where we are, and, hopefully, these historical and current bearings will give us a modicum of wisdom in helping us recognize the right direction for the years ahead" (p. 1). From wartime beginnings in 1941 to 1973 when Indiana University Southeast moved from Jeffersonville to a new 180 acre site in New Albany, Haffner, professor of history at IUS, describes academic developments, campus life, and facilities at this southeastern regional campus of Indiana University. "Indiana University Southeast," he writes, "has not developed and is not existing in a vacuum" (p. 1); thus, he endeavors to place the school not only in the context of a rapidly growing Indiana University in general and a rapidly developing university extension program in particular but also to describe it in terms of the general background of national and world events from 1900 to 1973. Numerous appendices provide further administrative and financial details and interesting statistical profiles of faculty and students. In his prologue Haffner admits that objectivity is a source of worry for any writer of local or institutional history. Although he may not have achieved the degree of objectivity he desired and although his pride in Indiana University Southeast is readily apparent, he has pieced together a "brief, informal history" which "reflects and emphasizes institutional development; relates the problems faced by administrators, faculty, and students; gives some assessment of the school's effectiveness; and suggests a few directions for the future" (p. 2). This history of Indiana University Southeast may be pur-

chased for $2.95 (checks made out to Indiana University Southeast) from the Bookstore, Indiana University Southeast, 4201 Grant Line Road, P. O. Box 679, New Albany, Indiana 47150. *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

A Horse-and-Buggy Doctor in Southern Indiana, 1825-1903. By Elisabeth Zulauf Kelemen. (Madison, Ind.: Historic Madison, Inc., 1973. Pp. 136. Illustrations, notes on illustrations. Paperbound, $3.95.) William D. Hutchings practiced medicine in southern Indiana for approximately the last half of the nineteenth century. Born in Kentucky in 1825, Hutchings as a young man "read" medicine in Scott County, Indiana, and later graduated from a medical academy in Louisville. He began his career in Indiana in Wooster, Scott County; later moved to Lexington, Indiana, in Jefferson County; and finally settled in Madison where he continued his practice until near his death in 1903. Noted for his successful treatment of diphtheria, Hutchings served at various times as a United States Examining Surgeon and as an examining physician for several insurance companies and was a member of the Jefferson County and Indiana State medical societies. A staunch Democrat, he was also twice elected joint representative to the Indiana General Assembly from Scott, Jefferson, and Clark counties. *A Horse-and-Buggy Doctor in Southern Indiana* is a potpourri of memories of the Hutchings family and of southern Indiana in general during a period when it took great "spiritual energy and intellectual courage to face the harsh realities, the many unknowns and bleak uncertainties" of life (p. 37). Replete with photographs of family, friends, and Indiana scenes; excerpts from family letters; poems written by Hutchings' wife, Matilda Christine Koehler; and home remedies recorded by Hutchings' eldest daughter, Maude, the booklet, written by Hutchings' granddaughter, is "offered . . . not so much to recite the story of a single family as to give an overview of what the situation was for many Midwestern families, whether of greater or less [*sic*] means" during the late nineteenth century (p. 37). Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Memorial Museum which has been established by Historic Madison, Inc., in Dr. Hutchings' former office and dispensary. *A Horse-and-Buggy Doctor in Southern Indiana* may be ordered from Historic Madison, Inc., Madison, Indiana 47250 for $3.95 plus $.14 postage. *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*