

Review Notices

John W. Foster: Evansville Distinguished Citizen. By Daniel W. Snepp. ([Evansville], 1975. Pp. vi, 87. Illustrations, notes, appendix, bibliography. Paperbound, \$2.00.) Daniel W. Snepp has produced a quite favorable but nonetheless very informative and useful sketch of the life and public service of John W. Foster, a lawyer, historian, and career diplomat. Based on considerable research, this account combines readability with a scholarly approach. The booklet may be purchased by writing to Daniel W. Snepp, 2323 E. Mulberry St., Evansville, Indiana 47704. *Donald F. Carmony, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

The Life That Ruth Built: A Biography. By Marshall Smelser. (New York: Quadrangle Books, Inc., 1975. Illustrations, appendixes, index. \$12.50). This is a big book on a big subject. Smelser does not utilize biographers' traditional sources, for athletes do not have the writing habits and sense of their own historical importance that result in great manuscript collections. Instead, the author relies on the press, interviews, and correspondence with people who knew George Herman Ruth. A Notre Dame professor with an enjoyable sense of humor, the biographer draws also on his own broad knowledge of sports—including the physical and mechanical aspects—and of psychology and on intellectual habits produced by his study of history.

In a detailed, complex, and fascinating book, Smelser demonstrates that the Babe deserves nearly six hundred pages. A player who could pitch, field, and run the bases as well as hit with power, Ruth was perhaps the greatest performer of his time. Surely the most outstanding player when the game moved to the peak of its popularity, he was a revolutionary who contributed more than anyone else to the development of baseball as a heavy hitting sport. Ruth was also tremendously popular. "No other person outside of public life," Smelser suggests at the end, "so stirred our imaginations or so captured our affections" (p. 560).

Marked by efforts to explain as well as describe, the book suggests that serious study of the history of sports deserves to become a larger enterprise. *Richard S. Kirken-dall, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

The Black Hawk War, 1831-1832. Volume II, Letters and Papers; Part I, April 30, 1831-June 23, 1832; Part II, June 24, 1832-October 14, 1834. Compiled and edited by Ellen M. Whitney. *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, Volume XXXVI. (Springfield: Illinois State Historical Library, 1973, 1975. Pp. xxi, xiii, 1358. Notes, maps. \$25.00, \$27.50.) The projected four volume study concerning the Black Hawk War, which is being published by the Illinois State Historical Library principally from its enormous Black Hawk War Collection, has *presumably* reached *roughly* mid-point. Edited and compiled by Ellen M. Whitney, volume I concerning the Illinois Volunteers appeared in 1970. As the above heading indicates, parts I and II of volume II has 1,358 pages of letters and papers running from April 30, 1831, until October 14, 1834. Even so, volume II remains unfinished. Part III, announced to include appendixes and an index to parts I and II, is promised for late 1976. The content for volumes III and IV, and the numbers of parts therefor, if further multiple births are gestating, has not yet been announced. The Black Hawk War Series, this reviewer notes with pleasure, in 1975 received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. On the basis of volumes I and II, this designation is well deserved, for the material here supplied affords much significant and varied information about American-Indian relations in general as well as the Black Hawk War in particular. But librarians, scholars, and others who use this extremely valuable series can be forgiven if they find it quite annoying to cite and describe the rather involved subtitles for volumes I and II. Donald F. Carmony, *Indiana University, Bloomington.*

A Legal History of Money in the United States, 1774-1970. By James Willard Hurst. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1973. Pp. xvii, 367. Notes, sources cited, index. \$11.95.) The distinguished legal historian James Willard Hurst has written widely on the relationships between law and economic development. This scholarly account of the operation of law upon money is divided into two parts: "Functions of Law and Functions of Money," showing the interplay of the two; and "Allocations of Control over the System of Money," which treats national and state govern-

ment authority over money, the regulation and roles of private banks, and the division of responsibility among branches and agencies of the federal government. The book will be of most value to specialists in legal and economic history. *James H. Madison, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

Books Received

Jennison's Jayhawkers: A Civil War Cavalry Regiment and Its Commander. By Stephen Z. Starr. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1973. Pp. xvi, 405. Illustrations, notes, maps, bibliography, index. \$12.95.)

The Complete Tales of Washington Irving. Edited with an introduction by Charles Neider. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975. Pp. xxxvii, 798. \$8.95.)

The Battle of New Market. By William C. Davis. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975. Pp. vii, 249. Maps, illustrations, appendixes, notes, note on sources, index. \$8.95.)

Portrait of a Decade: Roy Stryker and the Development of Documentary Photography in the Thirties. By F. Jack Hurley. Photographic editing by Robert J. Doherty. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1972. Pp. ix, 196. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$12.95.)

Black New Orleans, 1860-1880. By John W. Blassingame. (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1973. Pp. xvii, 301. Illustrations, appendix, tables, notes, bibliography, index. \$9.95.)

The American Century: A History of the United States since the 1890s. By Walter La Feber and Richard Polenberg. (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1975. Pp. viii, 536. Illustrations, maps, suggested readings, statistical data, index. Paperbound, \$8.95.)

Reluctant Reformers: Racism and Social Reform Movements in the United States. By Robert L. Allen, with the

collaboration of Pamela P. Allen. (Garden City: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1975. Pp. 347. Notes, index. Paperbound, \$3.50.)

Henry Winter Davis: Antebellum and Civil War Congressman from Maryland. By Gerald S. Henig. (New York: Twayne Publishers, Inc., 1973. Pp. 332. Notes, bibliography, index. \$7.50.)

The Black West. By William Loren Katz. Revised edition. (Garden City: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1973. Pp. xiii, 336. Illustrations, appendixes, bibliography, index. Cloth-bound, \$12.95; paperbound, \$5.95.)

Rachel of Old Louisiana. By Avery O. Craven. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1975. Pp. xiii, 122. Illustrations, appendixes. \$6.95.)

Ray Ginger's Jokebook about American History. Compiled and annotated by Ray Ginger. (New York: New Viewpoints, 1974. Pp. 139. \$8.95.)

An Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Historians. By Roderick Floud. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1973. Pp. ix, 220. Tables, figures, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$3.45.)

The Pilgrims. By Francis Dillon. Revised edition of *A Place for Habitation: The Pilgrim Fathers and Their Quest.* (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975. Pp. x, 250. Notes, select bibliography, index. \$7.95.)

The Twenty-First Missouri: From Home Guard to Union Regiment. By Leslie Anders. (Westport Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1975. Pp. x, 298. Maps, illustrations, bibliographical essay, index. \$17.50.)

Ancient Indians of the Southwest. By Alfred Tamarin and Shirley Glubok. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975. Pp. 96. End maps, illustrations, index. \$5.95.)

The Anabaptist Story. By William R. Estep. Revised edition. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing

Company, 1975. Pp. viii, 250. Maps, notes, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$3.95.)

Death Song: The Last of the Indian Wars. By John Edward Weems. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. xx, 311. End maps, illustrations, notes on the chapters and bibliography of sources, index. \$10.95.)

Indian Women of the Western Morning: Their Life in Early America. By John Upton Terrell and Donna M. Terrell. (Garden City: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1976. Pp. 194. Notes, selected bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$2.95.)

Folklore: From the Working Folk of America. Selected and edited by Tristram Potter Coffin and Henig Cohen. (Garden City: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1974. Pp. xlii, 468. Notes, indexes. Paperbound, \$3.50.)

The Rockets' Red Glare. By Wernher von Braun and Frederick I. Ordway III. (Garden City: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1976. Pp. vi, 212. Illustrations, bibliography, index. \$9.95.)

Libraries for Today and Tomorrow: How Do We Pay for Them? Who Uses Them? Who Staffs Them? What are Their Services? By Virginia H. Mathews, with an introduction by Allie Beth Martin. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. xii, 228. Appendixes, index. Paperbound, \$3.95.)

The Buffalo War: The History of the Red River Indian Uprising of 1874. By James L. Haley. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. xvi, 290. Maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$7.95.)

Hang for Treason. By Robert Newton Peck. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. 232. \$6.95.)

Lindberg: A Biography. By Leonard Mosley. (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. xxx, 446. Illustrations, source notes, index. \$12.95.)