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RICHARD M. BREAUX describes the racial climate in the schools of Buxton, Iowa, in the early twentieth century. He argues that at a time when segregation and racial violence were on the rise across the country, the presence of African American teachers and integrated schools in Buxton were key factors in residents’ memories of racial harmony in the town.

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DAVID W. SCHWIEDER AND DOROTHY SCHWIEDER trace and analyze the political career of H. R. Gross, U.S. congressman from Iowa’s Third District from 1948 to 1974. They conclude that his focus on government spending did not result in a major budgetary impact, but his legislative style improved the deliberative process and his close scrutiny of fiscal legislation provided a degree of accountability often lacking in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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At a meeting of the Bull Elephant Club in 1974, former broadcasting colleague and then Governor of California Ronald Reagan presented Congressman H. R. Gross with a shirt bearing the logo “H.R. Gross 144.” Every session, Gross introduced in Congress the eponymous H.R. 144 (cleverly named because House bills start with “H.R.,” for “House Resolution,” and a gross equals 12 dozen, or 144), a measure that proposed a general program of fiscal restraint. For more on Gross’s political career, see the article by David and Dorothy Schwieder in this issue.

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