A Hero Nonetheless: Albert Miller Lea, 1808-1891

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howers in 1952 in Chicago when he worked on the nomination com-
mittee and there he developed a casual acquaintance. Mamie Doud
Eisenhower was born in Boone, Iowa where her birthplace has been
preserved. The book is enhanced by several nicely reproduced photo-
graphs and is a credit to the author.

*A Place to Grow: Revitalizing Iowa's Economy*, by David B. Hinton.
$3.75 paper.)

Written by a member of the Iowa Development Commission and
a Marshalltown native, this book is really a treatise on the author's
viewpoints of where Iowa is going in the future. It is a strategy of
action for economic growth in the Hawkeye state.

*A Hero Nonetheless: Albert Miller Lea, 1808-1891*, by Robert M.
pp. 152, illustrations, notes, appendixes, index, $14.95 cloth.)

A very readable book and one well worth the price. The author
has performed an excellent task of pulling together bits and pieces of
information about Albert Lea into one source. Residents of Minnesota
know that one of their cities is named after this man, while Iowans are
aware that it was Lea who did more than any single person in giving
the name to their state. He really popularized the name "Iowa"
through his famous book, *Notes on the Wisconsin Territory*. This is a
handsomely illustrated work with Lea's original maps nicely repro-
duced and best of all the profits from sales go equally between the
Iowa and Minnesota State Historical Societies. A cause well worth
any reader's support.

*Geology of Iowa: Over Two Billion Years of Change*, by Wayne I.
Anderson. (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1983. pp. 268, illus-
trations, maps, references, index, $32.50 cloth, $17.95 paper.)

The author, head of the earth science department at the Univer-
sity of Northern Iowa, has written the first general overall summary of
the state's geologic past—a chronological account of the rock forma-
tions that underlie the farmland and cities of Iowa. Specially prepared
maps portray the various geographic settings of ancient Iowa from
Precambrian times to the coming of man. He explains the environ-
ment of deposition or formation for each of the state's major rock
groups and describes key fossils. It is written for the general audience
—interested citizen, teacher, and beginning college student and is
richly illustrated and highly informative. A much needed and long
awaited general textbook.

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