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Letters from a World War II Hoosier Pilot
Ralph H. Schneck and Donald R. Schneck

This is the true story of a young boy from Posey County, Indiana, who had a dream to fly. The outbreak of World War II enabled him to fulfill that dream. Cheerio and Best Wishes is told entirely through the letters Ralph H. Schneck wrote to his family and friends. Detailed narrative and commentary from his son provide explanation and background information.

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The Biography of William Carroll Latta
Frederick Whitford and Andrew G. Martin
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Great people lead great universities. Purdue University is fortunate to count its thirteenth faculty member, William Carroll Latta, as one of those people. Certainly, thirteen proved to be a lucky number for Purdue and agriculture in Indiana. This book recounts William Latta’s far-reaching influence on agriculture at the university, throughout Indiana, and on a national level. Recognized as the Father of the School of Agriculture and of Extension at Purdue, Latta was an early and tireless promoter of the university and what it could do for the people of the state. From developing the four-year agriculture program, to conducting practical agricultural research prior to the creation of Purdue’s Agricultural Experiment Station, to leading Purdue’s agricultural outreach efforts to bring the university to the people, Latta’s contributions are still evident in Purdue’s modern-day agricultural programs.
white, wooden fences to today's state-of-the-art facilities such as the Bowen Laboratory for Large-Scale Civil Engineering Research and the online hub for the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES). Bridges and More honors Purdue's School of Civil Engineering with historic images and an appealing account of 125 years of education, research and a profession that is, as the title suggests, about so much more than bridges.

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A Seasonal Guide to Midwestern Gardening
B. Rosie Lerner & Beverly S. Netzhammer
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Robert C. Kriebel
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Although a self-taught botanist, Charlie Deam once served as state forester for Indiana and is revered as a pioneer in the field of botany. He traveled more than 100,000 miles throughout the state in his lifetime collecting 73,000 plant specimens. His four volumes about the flora, grasses, shrubs, and trees of Indiana resulted, among other things, in three honorary degrees. Deam’s herbarium and 3,000-volume botanical library are now housed at Indiana University.

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Susannah Mayberry
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D. C. Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana
M. William Lutholtz
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Robert C. Kriebel
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