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Highland School Librarian

LEIF ERIKSSON, FIRST VOYAGER TO AMERICA, by Katherine B. Shippen. Harper & Brothers, 1951. \$2.92.

This is the story of the young Leif Eriksson and his discovery of Vinland the Good--the mysterious land in the western sea.

In his childhood in Iceland, Leif had heard the tales of his own people, the Viking raiders and merchants, and was moved by the glory and heroism of their adventures. Then, in Greenland, sailors had filled his young mind with haunting thoughts of that strange shore on which no white man had yet set foot.

At twenty, he was in command of his own merchant galley, and, in this, he was the first man to navigate the long stretch across the Atlantic between Greenland and the Hebrides without a stop. But then his life began to differ from that of other young Vikings, for he was destined for even greater experiences--and here is the account of those experiences and of how they shaped his personality and character.



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Miss Shippen has made many literary contributions to our understanding of history--

in THE POOL OF KNOWLEDGE, MIRACLE OF MOTION; THE STORY OF AMERICA'S INDUSTRY, THIS UNION CAUSE, MOSES, and PASSAGE TO AMERICA, of which Margaret Walraven Reid said in the LIBRARY JOURNAL, "A distinguished book... Here in this beautifully written book is propaganda of the right sort for American way of life, for better human relations, for a renewed pride in our country, the greatest on earth."

It is right that the successor to that book should be the biography of the very first man who ever marveled at the green shores and sought to explore the lovely woodlands and meadows of the unknown land that came to be America. Miss Shippen has based her narrative on the Icelandic sagas, and has told the story of this dynamic Viking personality with all the dramatic power and simplicity of a true writer who is also possessed of a deep compassion for humanity in its strength and in its weakness.

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PARENTS - NOTE

"Registration of kindergarten tots is a good reminder that they will need a certified copy of their birth certificate in the fall", states John Sullivan, Chief of Vital Statistics; Nevada Division of Health.

"Those initially enrolling in first grade will also need a certified birth certificate", continued John Sullivan. Immediate application for the needed certified copy will neatly sidestep the bottleneck experienced in so many recent years.

"Our production methods have been modernized", Sullivan cites, "but we can still be swamped if this little chore is postponed by too many parents".

APPLICATION FOR a certified copy of the birth certificate of each child born in Nevada should state the full name of the child, place of birth, date of birth, and the full names of the parents. The state fee of two dollars must accompany the application, with full return address.

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In announcing the appointment of Plinton, who joined TWA in 1957, Thomas B. McFadden, vice president for marketing, defined his new duties as:

"Plinton will be responsible for the appraisal and selection of emerging nations as potential new markets for TWA. In addition, he will plan programs to generate U.S. and International passenger business among national and ethnic groups and will exercise staff supervision over special group sales activities throughout TWA's field sales organization."

PLINTON HAS a rich background in aviation, in general. A native of Westfield, N.J., he served as an Army Air Force ferry pilot and was a flight instructor of the famed 99th "Pursuit" Fighter Squadron during World War II.

As an aviation executive, Plinton helped organize Latin American Airways, Inc., and developed Quisqueya, an air service between Kingston, Jamaica, and Grand Turks and Caicos Islands in the West Indies.

Plinton is a graduate of Lincoln (Pa.) university and also attended the University of Newark. He was serving as manager of Special Group sales at the time of his promotion.

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ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS are needed in various Federal agencies in California and Nevada, Asa T. Briley, Director of the San Francisco Region of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, said today. Entrance salaries for these positions are \$7,696 to \$10,927 a year. Interested persons may file applications with the Interagency Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for the San Francisco Area and Central California, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36122, San Francisco, California 94102.

Further information and application forms for these examinations may be obtained at the San Francisco Regional Office of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Room 11207, San Francisco, Calif. 94102 or from Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Room #5 Basement, U.S. Post Office, Las Vegas, Nevada. 89101.

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