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Featured State Historical Society of Iowa Flickr Albums



[A.M. "Pete" Wettach Collection](#)

Courtesy of State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City

[A.M. "Pete" Wettach](#) was a professional photographer from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, working from 1928 through the 1970s, who specialized in agricultural photography. He worked for the Farm Security Administration's Tenant Farmer Program in the 1930s and 1940s, and had the opportunity to photograph many of his southeastern Iowa neighbors. His 50,000 photos ([see album for examples](#)) document transitions in farm life brought about by technological change and the introduction of modern amenities to rural residents. An Iowa Public Television documentary, "The People in The Pictures," tells his story, as does *Bountiful Harvest* by Leslie Loveless, a book published by the University of Iowa Press. Exhibits of his work have traveled across the state of Iowa.

Image: Wilfred Rotter in the doorway of a chicken coop with a pail full of eggs. 1940s. SHSI #1936 A.M. "Pete" Wettach Collection State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City.



[Pictorial Highlights on the Iowa NYA](#)

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The [National Youth Administration \(NYA\)](#) was a federal agency established in 1935 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal for economic recovery. The program's purpose was to help unemployed young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 find part-time jobs through which they could earn money to further their education. A [photograph album in the State Historical Library and Archives collections](#) provides a rare glimpse into the NYA work conducted across the state, which ranged from park improvements to toy production

Image: National Youth Administration workers cutting wood strips for doll beds. Farmington, Iowa. circa 1940.