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AN ACT

That there be granted to the several States for the purposes hereinafter mentioned an amount of public land to be apportioned to each State a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and Representative in Congress to which the States are respectively entitled by the apportionment under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty. Provided, That no mineral lands shall be selected or purchased under the provisions of this act. Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the land thus selected, after being surveyed, shall be apportioned to the several States in sections or subdivisions, not less than one quarter of a section, and whenever there are public lands in a State, subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the quantity to which said State shall be entitled shall be selected from such lands within the limits of such State, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to issue to each of the States in which there is not the quantity of public lands subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to which said State may be entitled, under the provisions of this act, land scrip to the amount in acres for the distribution of the distribution shares said scrip to be sold by said States and the proceeds thereof applied to the use and purposes prescribed in this act and no other use or purpose whatever. Provided, That in no case shall any State to which lands may be thus be granted be allowed to locate the same within the limits of any other State, territory, or the United States, but the surveyors may thus locate such land only in the most convenient or most propitious lands of the United States subject to sale at public auction, and twenty-five cents a lot for all. And provided further, that the land authorized in this act for the purpose of securing the public credit and the means of payment shall be located by such officers as the Secretary of the Interior may designate by any State under the provisions of this act, may be disposed of, and shall be disposed of as any other public lands are disposed of, and shall be disposed of under the provisions of the act for disposing of the public lands.
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THE YEAR 1958 will be a most significant one for Iowa State College because on March 22, the College will have reached the 100th anniversary of its founding. Iowa State College was born of change and in the desire of the citizens of 100 years ago for a new kind of education.

It is fitting for us to pause and reflect on how well our record of the 100 years has lived up to the plans and intentions of the founders. The manner in which we have reached today's position, and the extent to which we have fulfilled these original hopes, have been given a critical appraisal by Dr. Earle D. Ross in this book.

Dr. Ross is one of the foremost authorities on the land-grant movements as a particular phase of American history. He is author of *Democracy's College: the Land-Grant Movement in the Formative*
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Readers will find Dr. Ross’ evaluation of Iowa State College’s contribution during the last eventful century both interesting and informative.

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