Editor's Corner

In this issue of Heritage we return to Lewis and Clark with an article on the role Sacagawea played on the expedition. Readers may notice in this piece that the central letter in the name of this Shoshone woman is sometimes spelled with a j and sometimes with a g. The spelling I originally learned in school was Sacajawea (pronounced SACK uh juh WEE uh), but more recently historians have used Sacagawea (pronounced Suh CAW guh WEE uh). We have preferred the latter spelling, although direct quotations in the article preserve the former.

The other two articles deal, in one way or another, with Euro-American settlers, one well known and one not. Laura Ingalls Wilder is a household name, thanks to both her books and the television series, but I doubt if many have before thought of her as an advocate for eating "local and seasonal." Ross Bigham, on the other hand, is probably not even a household name in White City, Kansas, but his life was an interesting and productive one.

Looking ahead, if we can get enough submissions, we would like to devote a future issue of Heritage to the one-room school. If any of our readers have memories--good or bad--about the advantages and disadvantages of a one-room school education, or the social and community activities related to this icon of rural Great Plains life, please consider sending us an article.