“Vic Lovejoy was a powerful editor writing great editorials,”“He was an advocate for all kinds of good and great things. He was sharp-penned and well-thought, and he inspired a lot of young journalists growing up here back in the ’teens and ’20s.” James Andrew, local historian

Those young journalists were W. Earl Hall, who became editor for the Mason City Globe-Gazette for 43 years; George H. Gallup, a journalism professor, advertising executive and founder of the Gallup Poll, and Kenneth MacDonald, who was a top editor of the Des Moines Register for 50 years.

The book “Prairie Chronicle: The Life and Times of Victory Hugo Lovejoy,” authored in 2005 by a grandson and great-grandson, is available at the Jefferson Public Library.