



## *Herbert Hoover Library*

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### ***America's Darling – A Documentary Shown at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library - Museum November 18, 2012***

**West Branch, Iowa, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum** - A documentary film about the achievements of Jay N. Darling, particularly in his leadership as a conservationist, will be shown in the Hoover Museum Auditorium on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. The director of the film, Sam Koltinsky, will make introductory comments and answer questions following the movie.

2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of J.N. “Ding” Darling. He was a Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist, a staunch conservationist, and a personal friend of President Herbert Hoover. This entertaining documentary tells the story of how Darling influenced Presidents, shaped America’s landscape, and won the hearts of fellow citizens.

Beginning in 1917, Herbert Hoover became a periodic subject in Ding Darling cartoons, many of which were compiled for the book *As Ding saw Hoover*. A friendship formed between the two men when Hoover invited Darling to the White House for a weekend visit. The Hoovers received many letters asking for help during the Great Depression and Darling became one of Hoover’s agents who would investigate the cases in Iowa. Over the years the two men corresponded regularly. They shared a love of fishing and the conservation of natural resources.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa, just ¼ mile off I-80 at Exit 254. America’s Darling is free but regular museum admission will be charged to go through the galleries. Please call 319-643-5301 for more information.