

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

MARTIN MORTENSEN, college professor and dairy authority, member of Iowa State College faculty at Ames, died at Houston, Texas, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marie Beale, March 13, 1953; born at Sindal, Denmark, May 29, 1872, son of Peder C. Mortensen; attended public schools in native country and from 1889 to 1892 completed a course in the Royal Teachers Seminary, at Rarrum; taught in the public schools one year before coming to the United States; obtaining work in a creamery at Iowa Center, he soon took charge of the plant and remained there until 1896; entered course of agriculture at Iowa State College and upon graduation entered the employ of the Hanford-Hazelwood Cream company at Sioux City in charge of butter making from 1900 to 1904, the plant becoming the largest in the world of its kind; transferred to Portland, Oregon, in charge of the company's plant there from 1904 to 1908, when he was invited back to Iowa State College as a teacher of butter and ice cream making and dairy plant management and in 1909 became head of the department of dairy industry; credited with pioneering in promotion of the manufacture of cheese at the institution and getting the manufacture of blue cheese, Edam cheese and Swiss cheese started in Iowa; was a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in studying the dairy methods in Great Britain in 1900, again making trips to Europe in 1914 and 1926 to observe European dairying methods; in 1941 was named a U.S. Department of Agriculture representative at the World's Dairy Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, and awarded an LL.D. by Kansas State college in 1934; continued as head of the department of dairy industry and chief of the dairy industry section of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment station to September 1, 1938, when his retirement from duties came as a result of age limitation rule of the college, but since has remained as a teacher; served two years as president of the National Butter Makers association; was a member of the Danish Royal Agricultural association, and received honors on his most recent trip to Denmark, besides signal honors in his field during his lifetime from local, state and national organizations; in 1952 was awarded the Iowa State Faculty citation which goes only to outstanding members of the ISC faculty who have inspired students and leaders in their particu-

lar fields; recipient of the honor scroll of the American Dairy Science association and of the Chicago Alumni Award, he had also been honored for his work in Europe, having been knighted in 1927 by the King of Denmark; a member of Sigma Xi, national honorary science research society; Phi Lambda Upsilon, national honorary chemistry society, Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary society, Gamma Sigma Delta, national honorary agriculture society, Alpha Zeta, agricultural recognition society, and Cardinal Key, ISC men's honorary society; also a member of the American Dairy Science association in which he served two years as secretary-treasurer, two years as vice president and one year as president; married November 14, 1900, to Emelia Christensen in Royal, Iowa, the wife passing away Nov. 4, 1945; survived by their two daughters, Mrs. Marie Beale, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Edna Kelley, Des Moines.

SETH WHITLEY RICHARDSON, soldier, lawyer, U.S. assistant attorney general, chairman of government's loyalty review board, and big game hunter, died at Washington, D.C., March 17, 1953; born at Otterville, near Independence, Iowa, February 4, 1880, son of the Rev. Ira H. and Electa (Whitley) Richardson, and a descendant of Amos Richardson, Boston, 1639; a student at Hamline university, St. Paul, 1899-1900, and received his LL.B. at the University of Wisconsin in 1903; married Nina C. Baker, of St. Charles, Illinois, August 30, 1919, who survives with a daughter, Mrs. Martha R. Weiser, of Ames, Iowa, who share equally in his large estate, the half of the latter being placed in trust, also a sister, Mrs. Nell Miller, San Francisco, and a grandson, Christopher Bruce Weiser; admitted to North Dakota bar in 1903 and commenced practice of law at Kenmare, later at Fargo until 1928; served in World War I as private and later captain in infantry at Camp Pike, Arkansas, in 1918; served as assistant state's attorney of Cass county, N.D., 1904-1908, special assistant attorney general of North Dakota, 1919-1920, U.S. district attorney by appointment of President Harding 1923, and President Coolidge 1924; appointed assistant attorney general of U.S. by President Hoover May 1, 1929, assigned to head the Public Lands and Indian Affairs division; conducted investigations for the Department of Justice of the Salt Creek oil frauds in 1929 and the administration of United States Oil Sale Lands in 1930; represented the United States in an investigation under Senate resolution, of law enforcement in Hawaii; was a partner in the law firm of Davies, Richberg, Tydings, Beebe & Landa, since 1933; was counsel

for the American Medical Association and Pullman, Inc., as well as other corporations in pending government anti-trust suits; also was counsel for various airlines before the Civil Aeronautics board; in 1946 was chief counsel for the congressional committee investigating the Pearl Harbor bombing; nominated in February 1933, by President Hoover, as judge Circuit Court of Appeals, 8th circuit, but senate did not act on nomination; also served as chairman of the subversive activities control board by appointment of President Truman and the government's Loyalty Review board; a member of the Cass county, North Dakota and Federal bar associations, American Legion, the Elks, the Burning Tree Club, Jefferson Island Club, Chevy Chase Club, Metropolitan Club, and the Republican party; a contributor of numerous articles on big game hunting in Africa and the Canadian Northwest.

HARRY PEARSE SMITH, educator, died at Atlantic City, New Jersey, February 17, 1953, in attendance at the National Educational association meeting, having delivered a paper on the program, and was about at the end in delivering a second one, when halted by a heart attack, the last two sentences being later read by the meeting chairman; born at Greeley, Iowa, May 25, 1885, son of Truman P. and Alice Marion (Pearse) Smith; educated at the State University of Iowa, receiving A.B. degree in 1909, A.M. in 1915; studied four summers at the University of Chicago, and received Ph.D. degree at Columbia university in 1925; married Coleen M. Patterson August 11, 1915; served as a teacher and supervising principal in public schools in Iowa 1903-1907, superintendent of schools at Audubon 1909-1912, at Newton 1912-1920, and at Lawrence, Kansas, and professor of education at University of Kansas 1920-1927, professor of education at Syracuse university and director of research in Syracuse public schools since 1927, visiting professor at Ohio State University five summers to 1941; also visiting professor University of Southern California and Drake University; assisted and directed many school surveys in Kansas, Ohio and New York state; a member of the National Educational association, American Educational Research association, Educational Research association, New York state association, American Association of University Professors, National Society of College Teachers of Education, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Phi Kappa; a Republican and member of the Methodist Episcopal church; a contributor to *American School Board Journal* and other educational journals; resided at Syracuse, New

York, and is survived by his widow and one son, Durwood James Smith, a professor at the University of Vermont, Burlington, a sister, Alma Clara of Manchester, Iowa, and two brothers, Alton C. of Des Moines, and Lloyd R. of Minneapolis.

SAMUEL STRAUSS, newspaper publisher, died in New York, N.Y., April 12, 1953; born August 26, 1869, at Des Moines, Iowa; son of Moses and Nannie (Shloss) Strauss; received his early education in Des Moines and attended Notre Dame university; in 1903 married Irene Rosenfield of Rock Island, Illinois, who met her death in 1933 in an automobile crash near Armonk, New York; in 1895 entered the newspaper business in partnership with the late Allen Dawson of Sioux City, Iowa, purchasing the *Des Moines Daily Leader*, merging it later with the *Iowa State Register* then owned by George E. Roberts; sold their interest to Roberts, who later sold the paper to Harvey Ingham and Gardner Cowles of Algona; removed to New York from Iowa in 1903, and for a time was publisher and manager of of the *Commercial Advertiser*, at that time New Yorks City's oldest daily newspaper, which was sold in 1905 to the *Evening Globe* and Strauss became publisher of the new paper; retired from the *Globe* in 1910 and later joined the *New York Times* as treasurer, with which he remained until 1916, when he left active newspaper work; in 1917 established the *Villager* in Katonah, N.Y., which he published until 1925; in 1935 wrote a book, "American Opportunity," which was well received as a philosophical study of economics; surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Julia Elizabeth Strauss Combier, the wife of State Assistant Attorney General P. Hodges Combier; three brothers, Leon, Oscar and Gus Strauss, all of Des Moines; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Mark of New York, and two granddaughters.

CHARLES SULLIVAN BRADSHAW, lawyer and jurist, died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 27, 1953; born at Toledo, Iowa, August 4, 1871; son of the late Judge Centenary Bangs Bradshaw and MaryAnn Hayzlett Bradshaw, pioneer Iowa residents; graduated from high school in Toledo in 1887 and received his law degree from Drake university, Des Moines, in 1896, being immediately admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Des Moines which he continued over 50 years, and at his death was at the head of the firm of Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor and Fairgrave; married Ruth Etherton Baker June 28, 1911, at Indianola, who died November 15, 1918; a member of the American Bar association and the Iowa State and Polk County Bar associations; a trustee of the Coffin

Fine Arts Trust fund, sponsors for a foundation in the Des Moines Art Center; club affiliations included charter membership in the Elks club, and membership in the Des Moines club and Pioneer club; active in Republican political circles and influential in Des Moines and Iowa official affairs, although never holding any other office than the judgeship; survived by two sons, Homer E. Bradshaw, a partner in his father's law firm, and the Rev. Charles B. Bradshaw of Carroll, ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1952, a daughter, Mrs. B. W. Hotchkiss of Woodbury, Conn., and six grandchildren.

NELSON J. LEE, attorney, jurist and legislator, died at Estherville, Iowa, March 22, 1953; born in High Lake township, Emmet county, Iowa, March 11, 1873, of Norwegian parentage, the father a pioneer of the county and held many positions of trust; attended rural schools and moved with parents to Estherville when thirteen years of age, attending high school until 1890; moved to Des Moines in 1891 and attended Capital City business college after which was in merchandise business in Des Moines until May 1897, in the meantime took a full law course at Drake University graduating in May 1896, at which time he was admitted to the practice of law; disposing of business interests returned to Estherville, but ultimately entered the law offices of Dunshee & Allen in Des Moines and later with Dudley & Coffin, until September 1908, when he again returned to Estherville and has since resided there; served as city solicitor one term, and two terms as county attorney of Emmet county; married to Maude Genevieve Deemer of Des Moines in May, 1902; elected state representative from Emmet county in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second extra and Thirty-third sessions of the general assembly; served as assistant attorney general of Iowa in 1911 and 1912; became district judge in 1912 and served until 1923; and at time of his demise was the oldest practicing attorney in the county; was past exalted ruler of the B.P.O.E., Estherville, member of the Rotary club, the Emmet county Bar association and the State Bar Association; surviving are the wife, two sons, Deemer and Robert Lee, publisher of the *Estherville Daily News*, two sisters, and five grandsons.

FREDERICK GUILD AULSBROOK, newspaper and business executive, died at Miami, Florida, November 6, 1952; born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, in 1874; removed with parents to Washington, D.C., where he was a graduate of the Georgetown prepara-

tory school, later entering newspaper work; became associated with the *Omaha World-Herald* shortly after the turn of the century, and later with the Scripps-McRae organization at St. Paul, Minn.; then became advertising manager of the *New York American*, and later was business manager of the *New York Sun*; afterwards served as vice-president of I. M. Taylor and Co., New York investment banking firm; engaged in real estate development at St. Petersburg, Fla., from 1922 to 1928; during World War II, in the Office of Censorship, was in charge of financial and foreign languages mail in Miami, and worked on the secret code used by Hermann Goering for international financial transactions of the Hitler high command, having to do especially with the German leaders' transfer of large sums to the United States and Argentina, and for this work received several Government citations; resided abroad a considerable time, and in the Chevy Chase section at Washington, D.C., from 1937 to 1940; survived by his widow, Mrs. Cassie Aulsbrook, and his son, Knight G. Aulsbrook, first attorney general of Guam and now legal consultant in the Interior Department at Washington.

NOLAN PAGE, colonel of engineers, continental defense planning group, died at Washington, D.C., December 27, 1952; born at Nemaha, Iowa, July 6, 1905, and reared on a ranch near Pendleton, Oregon; received his B.S. degree from Oregon State college, Corvallis, Oregon, and awarded the M.S. degree by the State University of Iowa; a civil engineer in private life and called to duty in 1940; served during World War II in the office of the chief of engineers; served in Korea with the 24th corps as executive officer to the engineers from 1946-47; was invalided home from Tokyo in 1951, having been attached to the engineering branch of general headquarters, Far East command, from 1950 to 1951, and for two years prior to that assignment had served at the Seattle port of embarkation; as a regular army officer, attended the Command and General Staff school, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in 1951, and was decorated with the Legion of Merit; survived by his wife, Mrs. Lois Page, of 1413 N. Barton St., Arlington, Virginia, two half-sisters, Mrs. Earl Mourey, Auburn, Wash., and Mrs. Thomas Hawkesworth, Missoula, Mont., and by his stepfather, Laxton McMurray, Salem, Ore.

HARLAN UPDEGRAFF, educator, died at Pasadena, California, April 14, 1953; born at Sigourney, Iowa, August 22, 1874; son of Ambrose and Hannah (Harlan) Updegraff; an 1894 Cor-

nell college graduate, became principal and superintendent at Knoxville, Iowa, and earned his doctor's degree from Columbia university in 1908; one of Iowa's first school men to enter upon extended professional preparation in the field of education; became head of the Alaskan division of the United States bureau of education, then held various positions in the school administration section of the bureau and became a national authority on the inter-relation of government and education; in 1923 came to Cornell from a professorship of education administration at the University of Pennsylvania, becoming the Iowa's school's sixth president; left Cornell in 1927 and then became visiting professor of educational administration at Swarthmore (Penn.) college, and later engaged as an educational consultant; wrote many articles upon educational administration and higher education in periodicals and annual reports; married Gertrude Bartholomew of Preston, Iowa, in 1901; survivors are a daughter, Dr. Ruth Updegraff, professor in the child welfare research station at the State University of Iowa; a son, Harlan, jr., Pasadena, Cal., and two grandchildren.

MILO A. MANNING, railroad official, banker and legislator, died at Ames, Iowa, April 5, 1953; born at Lanark, Carroll county, Illinois, October 16, 1860; educated in the public schools and completed a business college course at Aledo, Illinois; learned telegraphy at Clarence, Iowa, and became an extra operator and agent in 1879 for the C. & N. W. railway ultimately becoming train dispatcher at Eagle Grove and Boone, Iowa; later held like position at Rawlings, Wyoming, for the Union Pacific railway; went into the mercantile business in 1888 at Crawford, Nebraska, and later at Sheldon, Iowa; in 1903 moved to Ames, organized the Ames Savings bank and served as its cashier until 1912, when he sold his interest in that bank and organized the Commercial Savings bank, being its president for a number of years; a member of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, city treasurer for eight years and later widely known as the assessor at Ames and retired in 1946 at the age of 85; married Clara West in Ames April 6, 1887; a republican and member of the Masonic bodies; survived by two sons, Truman of Ames and Merrill of Bayside, Long Island, New York, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Paustain of Ames, six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

EARL W. VINCENT, lawyer, legislator and jurist, died at Guthrie Center, Iowa, May 22, 1953; born on a farm in Wash-

ington county, Iowa, near Keota, March 27, 1886; was graduated from Keota high school in 1904, from Monmouth college in 1909, and the law school of the State University of Iowa, in 1912, after which he engaged in the practice of law at Guthrie Center; married to Madge Lee in Centerville, Iowa, in 1916; was county attorney of Guthrie county from 1919 to 1922, president of the State Association of County Attorneys 1921-22; served as state representative from that county in the 40th, 40th extra and the 41st General Assemblies; became district judge in 1945 and was serving as such at the time of his demise, a member of the Presbyterian church, the Republican party and the Masonic bodies; survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. R. Y. Taylor of Guthrie Center; a brother, Elmer, of Keota, and three sisters, Mrs. Mae Sturgeon of Keota, Mrs. Charles Weimer of California and Grace Vincent of Keota.

HARRY MARTIN GREENE, farmer, soldier, lawyer and legislator, died at his home near Avoca, Iowa, May 19, 1953; born in the same neighborhood, September 6, 1882; the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Greene; a graduate of the Avoca high school in 1900 and the University of Iowa law school in 1906, and admitted to the bar the same year; served in Company L of the 168th Infantry in World War I for 24 months in France and was wounded twice; a charter member and first commander of Fred Funston Post, American Legion at Avoca, and a member of Rainbow chapter of the Disabled Veterans of Council Bluffs; active in the Masonic order and the Elks; zealous advocate of good roads and named as member of the state highway commission, serving a four-year term ending in 1939; served previously as state representative from Pottawattamie county in the 42nd, 42nd extra, 43rd and 44th General Assemblies, a Republican and survived by his wife, Betty Greene.

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