



WILLIAM S. BEARDSLEY
State Senator, 1933-41
State Representative, 1947-49
Governor of Iowa, 1949-1954

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

WILLIAM SHANE BEARDSLEY, governor, legislator, druggist, farmer, killed in an automobile accident near Des Moines, Iowa, November 21, 1954; born at Beacon, Iowa, May 13, 1901; son of William and Carrie Shane Beardsley; attended public school at Birmingham, Iowa, and graduated from the Birmingham high school and the Bowen Institute of Pharmacy and Chemistry; married Charlotte E. Manning of Birmingham, and they have four children living, Blaine, Mary (Mrs. Henry F. Schleg), Charlotte (Mrs. Doyle E. Stickell), and Dan; also William, deceased; established a drug store at New Virginia in 1922; in 1940 moved to his 900 acre grain and stock farm near New Virginia; since has been actively engaged in its operation, the past two years having eliminated streams and gullies by installing an extensive drainage system and leveling fields, bringing into new cultivation vast areas; served as state senator from the Clarke and Warren county district in the 45th, 45th extra, 46th, 46th extra, 47th and 48th General Assemblies of Iowa; elected in 1947 as a member of the Iowa house of representatives from Warren county, serving in the 52nd general assembly; nominated by the Republican party and elected governor of Iowa in 1948, and twice re-elected, being one of three Iowa governors to be elected three times and the first to die in office; a member of the Methodist church, the I.O.O.F. and Masonic bodies; his tragic death removing from public life and home community a citizen of experience and ability with a promising future, being so well fitted for further possible service and able leadership.

CARL STEPHENSON, educator, author and a world-recognized authority on medieval history, died at his home in New York, N. Y., October 5, 1954; born at Fayette, Iowa, August 10, 1886; son of Andrew and Julia (Root) Stephenson; was graduated in 1907 from De Pauw University and received M.A. and Ph. D. degrees at Harvard; taught at Princeton, Washington University and the University of Wisconsin and did research abroad on a Belgian Relief Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship; was a professor at Cornell University 24 years, assuming duties there in 1930 and retired in June, 1954; had summer appointments at Chicago University, Columbia University and Stanford University; as an author his best known books are "Medieval Feudalism," "Borough and Town: A Study of Urban Origins in England," and "Medieval History," the

most widely used textbook in this field; a volume honoring him scheduled for recent publication by the Cornell University Press, entitled "Medieval Institutions: Selected Essays by Carl Stephenson," is bringing together for the first time ten articles published between 1922 and 1947 in British, French, Belgian and American journals; was a member of American Historical Association, Medieval Academy of America, Economic History Association, The History of Science Society, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Beta Kappa; co-editor and translator of books relating to field since 1933, contributor to the leading journals, also of volumes of essays in the United States, England, France and Belgium; married Olive Elizabeth Diall of Brookline, Mass., September 15, 1915, deceased in 1949; survived by two sons, Richard Stephenson of Hastings-on-Hudson, an associate professor of Nuclear Physics at New York University, and James Stephenson, a physician, of New York.

SAMUEL ADAMS LYNCH, educator and author, died at Cedar Falls, Iowa, September 25, 1954; born on a farm near Moro, in Madison county, Illinois, August 27, 1868; was graduated in 1885 from the Edwardsville high school as valedictorian; was graduated in 1892 with honors from the University of Missouri with the degrees of Bachelor of Letters and Bachelor of Pedagogy and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1900 from the University of Chicago; was superintendent of schools for three years at California, Missouri, later with similar experience of four years as head of the English department in the Central high school at Superior, Wisconsin, five years in the Superior State Teachers college, and four years as principal of the Superior high school, following which in 1909 he became head of the English department of Iowa State Teachers college, the work in speech being added to the department in 1911, and in 1934 the courses in philosophy and religious literature placed under his administration, besides which also was given general supervision of fourteen incorporated literary societies until the requirement of that work was discontinued; served as a member of the Teachers college faculty 37 years before retiring in 1946; was author of a book, "Introductory Lessons in English Literature"; married to Edna Russell Baker at California, Missouri, June 30, 1897, who survives with four children, Eugene B. Lynch, superintendent of schools at Red Oak, Iowa, Dr. Gladys E. Lynch, associate professor in the department of speech at the State University of Iowa, Wm. D. Lynch of the Wolverton Printing Co., Cedar Falls, and John E. Lynch of the Nebraska Education Association at Lincoln, a sister, Mrs. Lee Stevinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a brother, John H. Lynch of

South Bend, Indiana, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; was a member of the Presbyterian church, serving as a ruling elder for 13 years at Superior, Wisconsin, and for many years at Cedar Falls; a charter member of the National Association of Teachers of English, active in several other professional organizations, an honorary member of Theta Alpha Phi, in later years a copy writer for a religious publication and since retirement as professor was professor emeritus of the Iowa State Teachers college.

MARION C. HAMIEL, lawyer, legislator and district judge, died at his home in Tipton, Iowa, September 25, 1954; born on a farm in Cedar county, near Springdale, Iowa, September 7, 1898; only son of Henry W. and Louella (Eves) Hamiel; educated in the schools of Cedar county, attended liberal arts college at the State University of Iowa and received a B.A. degree in 1921 and law degree in 1923; married Thelma E. Davis June 4, 1924; entered law practice at Tipton; served as Cedar county attorney from 1925 to 1930, and as state senator from the Twenty-fourth Iowa senatorial district comprized of Cedar and Jones county 1941 and 1942, resigning to become judge January 1, 1943 and served until his death; also served as special assistant attorney general of Iowa, city solicitor of Tipton and president of the Tipton school board many years; a member of the Cedar county and state bar associations, Delta Theta Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Methodist church and a number of fraternal and civic organizations; survived by his widow, two sons, Norman J. and Keith of Tipton, two daughters, Eleanor Van Ostrand of Bennett and Carol, a student at the University of Colorado, and his mother, Mrs. C. A. Pilkington of Tipton.

LEROY EVERTON CORLETT, lawyer, county and city official, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 1, 1954; born March 18, 1875, in Clayton county, Iowa, son of John Edward and Catherine Crawford Corlett; attended public schools in that county, the N. N. University at Lebanon, Ohio, and graduated from Drake university college of law at Des Moines; married Jennie Narcissus Good at Neoga, Illinois, June 25, 1902; was reading clerk in the Thirtieth General Assembly of Iowa; served as clerk of Mahaska county district court from 1907 to 1913; and as mayor of Oskaloosa two terms starting in March 1923; served in active Y.M.C.A. work in France with the A.E.F. in World War I; was Mahaska county chairman of war savings bonds from 1940 to 1947; long has been active in Boy Scout work, serving as vice-president of the Southern Iowa Area Council and in 1947 was elected council president; also was president of the Sixth district bar association, and selected in 1948 as

Oskaloosa's outstanding citizen; a member of the Presbyterian church, Masonic order, Kiwanis club and numerous local business and professional organizations; preceded in death by his wife, and survived by a son, Thomas O. Corlett of Martelle, a daughter, Mary O'Toole Hughes of Fairfield, and a granddaughter, Mary Susan Corlett.

OTIS R. WOLFE, world renowned eye surgeon, of Marshalltown, Iowa, died at Rochester, Minn., September 11, 1954; born in Canton, Illinois, December 15, 1885, the son of Marcus and Rose Wolfe; a graduate in 1910 of the University medical College in Kansas City, Missouri, and took further work in various medical clinics and hospitals; lectured in Europe and South America before the International College of Surgeons and has traveled in Europe, Russia, Central America, Alaska and the South Pacific; devoted the last years of his life largely to children's eye diseases; became renowned as an eye specialist and chief surgeon of the Wolfe Eye Clinic at Marshalltown in which he was associated with his sons; a member of the Marshall county and Iowa State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the medical Academy of Ophthalmology; American Academy of Arts and Sciences; International College of Surgeons; Pan-American Medical Association; American Medical Editors and Authors Association and the Iowa Academy of Science; survivors include his widow, the former Eunice L. Decker, whom he married May 18, 1910; three sons, Dr. Otis D., Dr. Russell M. and Dr. Henry L. Wolfe; (a fourth son, Paul W., was killed in World War II); also eight grandchildren, his aged mother, a brother and a sister.

CHARLES H. MARTIN, banker, died at Pasadena, California, September 24, 1954; born at Kirkwood, Illinois, in 1863; removed to Dodge City, Kansas, and came to Des Moines in 1888; joined with Martin Flynn, Adam Dickey, Oliver H. Perkins, Hiram Y. Smith, Martin Tuttle, A. Sheuerman and others in organizing the Peoples Savings bank in the Flynn block in Des Moines in 1890, becoming its cashier, and Martin Flynn its president; later advanced to president of the bank, which position he held until he retired in 1928, when he went to New York, and in 1930 to Pasadena; bereft in 1926 by the death in Des Moines of his wife, Jennie Dickey Martin, and in the passing later of his son, Manning; a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Des Moines and the Des Moines club; a charter member of the Wakonda club, and in 1900 served as president of the Iowa State Bankers Association; surviving are three granddaughters, Mrs. George Means, Jr., and Mrs. Richard Renner, both of Des Moines; and Mrs. Vernon C. Myers of Norwalk, Conn., a former Des Moines resident,

whose husband is publisher of *Look* magazine; and seven great-grandchildren.

HARRY C. WHITE, stockman, teacher, legislator and state officer, died at Vinton, Iowa, November 16, 1954; born in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 6, 1869, of Irish parentage; moved with his parents when six years old to Benton county, Iowa, where a farm was purchased near Garrison; educated in the rural schools, Tilford Academy and Cornell college at Mount Vernon; taught school for a considerable time; owned and operated a large stock farm and formerly was vice-president of the Farmer's Savings bank at Garrison; married Etta Bumgardner in 1904, who survives with two sons, Harold of Glendale, Arizona, and Donald, of Phoenix, Arizona, and five granddaughters; served as Benson county's state representative from 1910 to 1914 and as senator from the Benton-Tama district for four terms 1914 to 1933, when appointed by the governor as a member of the state board of control, upon which he served until 1938; his death the last of his parents' family of five sons and five daughters, closing a career of long service to the state matched by very few of those in its public life.

SAMUEL R. TORGESON, banker and state representative, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., September 25, 1954; born in Worth county, Iowa, May 28, 1892; received his early education in the local schools; was a graduate of Waldorf college at Forest City Iowa, and of St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minnesota; began his banking career at Hanlontown, Iowa, then moved to Joice, and finally to Lake Mills, where he was president of the Farmers and Merchants State bank until he resigned in 1952, to become secretary of the department of pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Minneapolis; Elected a member of the Iowa House of Representatives serving three terms from 1927 to 1933; was president of the Iowa Bankers Association in 1937-38, and nine years a member of the Iowa Republican state committee from his congressional district; married Emma Dahl of Worth county, who survives him, with a son, Dean Nathan, a student at State University of Iowa; a sister, Threse, Minneapolis, and a brother, the Rev. Thomas Torgeson, Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES SOUTTER CAMPBELL, manufacturer, executive, died September 21, 1954, at his home in New Haven, Connecticut; born August 2, 1887, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; son of James R. and Helen A. (Strong) Campbell; educated in local schools and received his A.B. degree from Yale University in 1909, and B.D. in 1917; married Mary Lathrop Abbe June 15, 1910;

since 1926, president of the Durham-Duplex Razor Co., reorganized in 1937 as the Durham-Enders Razor Co. and at the time the corporation moved its operations from Jersey City, New Jersey, to Mystic, Connecticut; became affiliated the same year with the J. B. Williams Co., Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he also maintained offices; survived by the widow, three sons, Charles Soutter, William Patrick and Robert Abbe, and three daughters, Mary Anne and Joan; a member of the University club, New York.

JOHN R. LOVELL, USAF colonel missing in Korea since December 4, 1950, and recently officially declared killed in combat; born in Ottumwa, Iowa, November 4, 1904; was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1927; holder of an intercollegiate boxing championship and captain of the West Point team; an assistant Military Attache in Berlin at the outbreak of World War II; interned at Bad Nauheim before his return to the United States; subsequently served with Military Intelligence at Washington, D. C., and with Allied Control Commission in Romania, when transferred to the Air Force from 1947 to 1949; served as Military Attache to Romania; survived by his widow, Mrs. Norma M. Lovell, of 4012 North 26th St., Arlington, Virginia.

LEWIS EDWARD LANGLEY, nationally-known horticulturist, died May 30, 1954, at his home in Pueblo, Colorado; born November 21, 1880, at Riceville, Iowa; was graduated from the Riceville high school in 1895, and from Coe college, Cedar Rapids in 1904; won a master's degree at Washington State college and a doctor's degree at Cornell university; became a professor of horticulture at the University of Minnesota, serving in that capacity for 25 years; developed the outdoor chrysanthemum and a species of roses that bear his name; was scheduled to return to Cedar Rapids this year to attend a reunion observing the fiftieth anniversary of his class.

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