

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

FREDERICK F. FAVILLE, attorney, jurist and public official, died at his home in Des Moines, February 19, 1954; born on a farm near Mitchell, Iowa, June 5, 1865; son of Amos S. Faville who taught the first public school and organized the first Sunday school in Mitchell county, and represented that county in the house of representatives of the 1870 Iowa legislature; attended Mitchell county public schools and Cedar Valley seminary at Osage; was graduated from Iowa State College at Ames in 1888, received his law degree from the State University of Iowa in 1891, and began the practice of law that year at Sioux Rapids; moved to Storm Lake in 1892 when elected county attorney, serving two terms; elected presidential elector in 1904; appointed district U. S. attorney for Northern Iowa district serving from 1907 to 1913; moved to Fort Dodge and practiced law there, 1918-20; elected a member of the Iowa supreme court in 1920, serving until 1933; standing master in chancery U. S. district court, 1933-34; practiced law in Sioux City from 1935 to 1942, and that year elected code editor and supreme court reporter of Iowa serving until his retirement on account of ill health in 1946; was married to Cora Thornburg, who died in 1919, and their two children, Stanton S. Faville, lawyer, in Birmingham, Michigan, and Mrs. Marion By Aycok of Evanston, Illinois, survive with the judge's widow, the former Josephine Creelman, to whom he was united in marriage on January 1, 1925; received an honorary doctor's degree from Buena Vista college, Storm Lake, of which institution he served as a trustee; a member of American and Iowa state bar associations and American Law Institute, the Presbyterian church, the Masonic order and was a Republican.

JOHN ORVILLE BOYD, lawyer and civic leader, died at Keokuk, Iowa, January 24, 1954; born in Pike county, Missouri, January 21, 1876; son of John W. and Rosalle Baxter Boyd; was graduated from Louisiana, Missouri, high school in 1896; attended the University of Missouri; taught school in rural Pike county in 1896-7 and in Memphis, Missouri, from 1897 to 1902, serving as principal and later as superintendent; read law during school work and admitted to the bar in 1902; practiced law in Bowling Green and Memphis and came to Keokuk in 1905, where he served as assistant to Judge William Logan, president of the State Central Savings bank; became office attorney for the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power

company and later the Mississippi River Power company, and since 1915 engaged in the general practice of law; married in Stanberry, Missouri, December 6, 1906 to Ginerva Anderson who preceded him in death in 1909, and to them was born one son, Bemrose Boyd now residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; married in Keokuk March 12, 1912, to the former Ruth Gaston who died in 1922, and to them was born a daughter, Mrs. Raymond J. (Margaret) Metz, of Detroit, Michigan; and again married on June 1, 1933 to Bertha L. Pflug, a practicing lawyer in Keokuk, who survives; active in church and civic circles; served as superintendent of the First Christian church Sunday school 15 years, a member of the board of trustees of Culver-Stockton college, Canton, Missouri, and its president from 1942 to 1951, awarded honorary doctor of laws degree at the 81st annual commencement of Culver-Stockton in 1947; served as president of the First Judicial Bar association; engaged in extensive law practice; author of "Thirty Years a Judge," "Justice Blindfolded," "A Study of Portia's Law," and other periodical articles; active in civic affairs, educational circles, club and fraternal organizations; a member of the Masonic bodies, Lee county board of education, Y.M.C.A., Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Elks, county, state and American bar associations.

CHARLES WILLIAM PHILLIPS, former secretary of the Iowa state pharmacy commission and state fair official, died at Maquoketa, Iowa, January 2, 1954; born at Andrew, Iowa, January 22, 1868; son of Adelbert and Mary King Phillips; moved with his parents at an early age to Maquoketa, where he received his elementary education; later was graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Toronto, Canada; elected secretary of the Iowa State Board of Pharmacy April 23, 1896, and served in that capacity until July 1, 1908; became a member of the Iowa State Fair board from the second congressional district in 1901, serving the first year as superintendent of sheep and poultry exhibits, from 1902 through 1913 as superintendent of ticket sales, and from 1914 through 1916 as superintendent of ticket auditing, as well as also serving on the board's auditing committee during the years 1903 through 1916; gained state-wide acquaintance through these affiliations and activities in Republican political circles; acquired extensive farm land acreage in the vicinity of Waurika, Oklahoma, and since 1914 devoted considerable time in supervision of same, although retaining his residence in Maquoketa; affiliated with the Masonic order, being a 50-year member of Home lodge, Des Moines; preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Frank, Edward and Wylie, and following the death of Edward, personally assumed re-

sponsibilities as parent to the three bereaved children, Ben C. Phillips, and Dorothy Schoenthaler of Maquoketa and Charlen Cox of DeWitt, Iowa, all surviving with a number of grand-nephews and nieces.

GLEN ARTHUR CUMINGS, agricultural engineer and educator, died at his home in University Park, Hyattsville, Maryland, February 6, 1954; born on a farm near Wayland, Iowa, September 19, 1894; son of Ebenezer Harlen and Emma Johnson Cumings; spent his early life in Wayland community and was educated in the Wayland public schools; was graduated from Iowa State college at Ames in 1917; married August 24, 1924 to Winifred Wenkheimer at Fort Collins, Colorado; served as assistant agricultural engineer 1917-18 at the University of Wisconsin, and during World War I was instructor at the Navy Aviation school at Great Lake, Illinois, 1918-19, and then for eight years professor of agricultural mechanics at Colorado Agricultural college; moved in 1927 to Washington, D.C. and became a research project leader in agricultural engineering in the bureau of public roads, 1939-43, later transferring to the bureau of plant industry at Beltsville, Maryland, where he carried on scientific research work until time of his death; a contributor to many government publications; agricultural experiment station bulletins and scientific journals; served as general chairman of national joint committee on fertilizer application, 1940-41; as chairman of committee on fertilizer application American Society of agricultural engineers, 1927; member fellow AAAS, Gamma Sigma Delta, American Society of Agriculture engineers and Alpha Sigma Phi, Presbyterian church, Masonic order and the Elks lodge; survived by his widow, two sons, Richard and Edwin and one daughter, Dorothy, all of Washington, D.C., and preceded in death by one son, Robert and one daughter, Ruth; buried in Center cemetery near his birthplace.

WALTER CRAWFORD HOWEY, veteran journalist and inventor, died in Boston, Massachusetts, March 21, 1954, victim two months previous of an automobile accident; born at Fort Dodge, Iowa, January 16, 1882, son of Frank H. Howey; educated in the Fort Dodge public schools; first newspaper work was as a reporter on the *Fort Dodge Messenger* in 1902, and afterward was upon the *Des Moines Capital*; then began a remarkable relationship with the Chicago papers, first as a reporter upon the *Chicago American* December 30, 1903, following which in turn he became city editor and managing editor of four Chicago newspapers when competition was hectic and staff changes were frequent; became one of the youngest city editors in the country when he assumed charge of the *Chicago Inter-*

Ocean desk at 24; worked for the *Chicago Tribune* before beginning a 37-year association with the Hearst newspapers in 1917; was closely associated with the late William Randolph Hearst, who considered Howey one of his most trusted editors; left Chicago in 1922 to become managing editor of the *Boston American*; remained in Boston two years before Hearst called him to New York in a consulting capacity; returned to Boston in 1939, and was editor-in-chief of the *Record*, the *American* and the *Sunday Advertiser*, the Hearst newspapers in Boston, at the time of his death; in the early 1930's invented a photo-electric engraving machine, and in 1940 photographs were transmitted 87 miles over a "sound-photo system" he developed; survived by a son, William Randolph Howey, a brother and a sister.

ORA E. HUSTED, farmer and legislator, died at Winterset, Iowa, March 21, 1954; born in Ohio township, Madison county, Iowa, March 20, 1876, a son of Thomas and Mary Susan Husted; spent almost his entire life in that county, devoting his life work to farming and stock raising, and active in Farm Bureau and local matters; married to Etna K. Kale, January 23, 1899, and to that union were born four children, a son dying in infancy; served many years upon township school boards; a Republican and became the representative from Madison county in the 1930-32 General Assembly of Iowa, and served as state senator from the Adair-Madison district from 1932 to 1940; also was in the service of the Iowa tax commission from 1940 to 1950, when he retired and moved to Winterset; active in the Methodist Episcopal church, serving upon the church board for 30 years, and widely known as a church and Sunday school worker and speaker; survived by his widow, two sons, Cressley E. Husted, Des Moines, and Merrill Husted, Winterset; a daughter, Mrs. Esther Miskey, Los Angeles, four grand children and a sister, Mrs. Belle Brown of Winterset.

MILTON PEACO, former legislator and state labor commissioner, died at Clinton, Iowa, March 17, 1954, victim of an automobile accident; born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, January 23, 1878; son of Thomas C. and Mary E. Peaco and when two years old, moved with them to Clinton county; educated in the Clinton public schools and at fifteen years of age entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad as a machinist, continuing in that capacity 37 years; married Sadie E. Cook at Urbana, October 18, 1899; served in the Iowa house of representatives from 1931 to 1937, and as state labor commissioner from 1937 to 1939; served in the 40's on the land commission which operated in connection with the Mississippi

River Lock 13; a member of the Clinton bridge commission from its formation; a member of the Masonic order and was to have received his 50-year pin the Monday following his death; also a member of the Christian church, the Izaak Walton league and the Clinton boat club, and a Democrat; survived by his wife and several nieces and nephews.

LORAN DAVID OSBORN, minister, educator and sociologist, died at Oak Park, Illinois, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Julius Hamilton, May 17, 1954; born at Portland, Michigan, November 13, 1863; son of the Rev. David and Eliza Maria (Faxon) Osborn; was graduated from Kalamazoo college in 1889, and received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1891; a student at the Newton Theological Institute 1891-92; received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago 1900; married Rena Addie Richards of Kalamazoo, August 13, 1896; ordained a minister of the Baptist church in 1894; served as pastor of the Immanuel church at Elgin, Illinois, 1894-98, First church at Centralia, Illinois, 1898-1900, First church at Bloomington, Illinois, 1900-05, dean of liberal arts and president of Des Moines college 1905-1911; associate editor of Home and School Reference Work, Chicago, 1911-12; organizer and director university extension division and professor of sociology at University of Colorado 1912-20; chancellor Des Moines university in charge of educational and internal administration 1920-24; dean of College of Arts and Sciences 1924-26; also professor of sociology University of Redlands 1926-31; director of education department of Los Angeles Institute of Family Relations 1931-43, and regional director for several years thereafter; a member of national and state educational and sociological organizations and author of several important books upon subjects connected with his life's work; made his home during late years at Dowagiac, Michigan.

JAMES P. VAN HORN, minister, educator and hospital official, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 30, 1954; born at Millersburg, Iowa, March 14, 1870, and lived his entire life in Iowa; married August 12, 1896, to Lulu Davis, at Maquoketa, who died in 1949; educated for the ministry, graduated from Cornell college in 1902, and served Methodist churches and institutions in Eastern Iowa for more than forty years; held pastorates at Palo, Oasis, Prairie and Wesley chapel of the Marion circuit, and at Miles, Oelwein and for three years was spiritual leader at Trinity Methodist church in Cedar Rapids; received a doctor of divinity degree in 1919; was superintendent of his church's Cedar Rapids district from 1918 to 1921; named president of Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa, in 1921 and served in that capacity until 1928, when

named to the Cedar Rapids St. Luke's hospital staff; served as president of the Iowa Hospital Association in 1939; following retirement as superintendent of St. Luke's hospital in 1943, preached at Rowley until 1947, driving there every Sunday from his home in Cedar Rapids; survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Hungerford, Coggin, a son, Walter A. Van Horn, Los Angeles, three brothers, three sisters and three grandchildren.

GURNEY CHAPLIN GUE, lawyer, newspaperman and American harness horse authority, died at Merrick, Long Island, New York, August 29, 1953; born in Scott county, Iowa, October 30, 1861; son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth Parker Gue, pioneer Iowa residents; was graduated from Iowa State College of Agriculture, which his father as a member of the Iowa senate was the leader in establishing; was graduated from the law school of the State University of Iowa in 1889; worked as a newspaperman on the staffs of the *New York Sun* and *New York Herald-Tribune*, and engaged extensively in compiling records of race horse breeding, as well as being considered an authority on American harness horses; compiled records of the Gurney, Parker and Gue families and made gifts of them to the geneological library of the Iowa State Department of History; remains were cremated and the ashes returned to Des Moines for burial, graveside rites being had at Woodland cemetery May 7, 1954; survived by a sister, Mrs. Katherine Leonard, LaJolla, California.

GEORGE W. INCHAM, physician, died after being overcome by smoke in a fire that consumed his home in Olympia, Washington, May 21, 1954; born in Algona, Iowa, March 1, 1868; son of Capt. William H. and Caroline Rice Ingham, and a brother of the late Harvey Ingham, former editor of the *Algona Upper Des Moines* and the *Des Moines Register and Leader*; married Emma Reed April 17, 1895, having moved to Olympia in 1893 and practiced medicine there until his retirement from professional work in 1949; survivors include his widow, a son, Dr. Reed Ingham, and a daughter, Mrs. Caroline Klontz, both of Olympia, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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