

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

PAUL ANTON OLSON, editor, author, traveler and community leader, died at Story City, Iowa, November 15, 1954; born in Chicago, Illinois, September 5, 1873; son of Peder and Aletta Olsen, and came with them to Iowa at the age of three months; completed his education in Story City, having started hand-setting type at the age of 12 in the office of the *Story City Review*; went to Chicago at the age of 15 where he lived 16 years; on the staff of the *Western Fireman* and *Journal of Public Works* for nine years, six of them as associate editor; for seven years editor and publisher of *Ungdom Tidende* and was owner and operator of his own Olson Printing Company in Chicago, and during many of these years found time to write a column for his old home town paper, coming back to Story City in 1905 and purchased the *Story City Herald* and on September 5 last year completed a 50-year guidance of its destinies as a tri-county weekly; united in marriage on January 1, 1898, with Hildora Jensen of Chicago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jensen of that city, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter, Paul Hilman, who preceded him in death in 1945, Earl in 1900, who died in infancy, Arthur Elwood, who joined him in the newspaper office, and Olive Octavia, now Mrs. August Rosenberger of Estherville; toured Norway, Sweden, Denmark and England in 1936, being a delegate to the World's Sunday School convention that year in Oslo; author of "Seeing the Old World Through New World Eyes" (1936), "Pictorial Souvenir of Story City" (1910), "Jubilee Book of Story City" (1931), "Panorama of Forty-Three Years as a Country Editor" (1948), the "History of Story County" for the Iowa Press Association's "Who's Who in Iowa" (1940), publisher of several pamphlets, radio speeches and newspaper articles which he wrote under the pen name of Lister Farsund; member of the Trades Council in Chicago two years; delegate to the International Typographic convention in Toronto, Canada, in 1904; charter member and president of the Story City Greater Community Congress six years, and its secretary 12 years; member of Story City library board since its organization up to his death, 32 years; member of Story City school board for six years; served as Story City precinct Republican committeeman for 30 years, and Story county Republican chairman for three terms; a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Story City Camp secretary for 40 years; on October 25, 1945, was signally honored when more than 250 persons including representatives of newspapers, churches,

political and civic units gathered at the Story City Community hall at a banquet in his honor, sponsored by the Story City Greater Community Congress, being awarded a bronze plaque bearing the inscription "For wisdom, integrity and unselfish service in the community for 40 years as editor-publisher of the *Story City Herald*"; in 1946 received the Iowa Master Editor-Publisher award from the Iowa Press association at the annual banquet in Des Moines—the highest honor in his profession; in December 1951, honored nationally when he was named "Editor of the Week" by "The Publisher's Auxiliary," national trade publication, for his "contributions to community and country while serving faithfully the honor and honesty of the American press"; a member of the Methodist church in Chicago for 16 years; later was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church, and the past 49 years has been a member of the Grace Evangelical U.B. church in Story City; numerous official positions held in churches included delegate to the general conference of the M.E. church in Chicago in 1904, delegate to 6 general conferences of the Evangelical church at Cedar Falls in 1919, Detroit in 1922, Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1926, Milwaukee in 1930, Akron, Ohio in 1934, Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1938; served as trustee of the Grace Evangelical church for over 40 years, and its Sunday School superintendent for 33 years; president of the Chicago District of Epworth Leagues three years, and secretary of the same six years, and president of Chicago's District Choir Association four years; wedded to his profession and church, he likewise was aggressive in civic affairs and a leader in community movements.

NICHOLAS F. REED, druggist and Federal official, died December 8, 1954, at Des Moines, Iowa; born October 1, 1868, in Joliet, Illinois, and in 1870 came with his parents to Iowa, residing first at Eldon, where he obtained an education in the public schools, graduating in 1884 in the high school; clerked in a grocery store there two years, and for eight years was in the restaurant business; studied pharmacy and became a registered pharmacist at the age of 26; entered the drug business at Eldon, remained there six years, then in 1901 moved to Ottumwa where he established a drugstore, eventually becoming the owner of three drugstores in Ottumwa and a total of 12 in that area, also was interested in banking and manufacturing enterprises; was honored in being elected to the presidency of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association and served upon its executive board; since 21 years old has served in some official capacity in the Democrat party; was two years chairman of the Wapello county Democrat central committee, five years town committeeman in Eldon, four years a member of the Ottumwa ward committee, four years a member of the Sixth district Democrat congress-

sional committee and for six years a member of the state central Democrat committee, during which time he acted as treasurer for two years, and as its chairman for four years 1910 to 1914; appointed by President Wilson as United States Marshal for the Southern district of Iowa in 1914, holding that office until 1922, when he was named clerk of the Federal court, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1932, after 30 years in that office; was a director of the Druggists Mutual Insurance Association of Algona, a director of the Union Bank and Trust company of Ottumwa, and had made his home in Des Moines since 1922; a member of the Catholic church and survived by his wife, Bertha.

MARY ELEANOR FAHNESTOCK, world traveler and author, died December 31, 1954, at her Georgetown residence in Washington, D. C.; born in 1880 at Wadena, Iowa, as Mary Eleanor Sheridan; educated at Visitation convent and Trinity college at Washington, and became the wife of A. Bruce Fahnestock, Sr., the inventor, who passed away in 1934; an active member of the Women Geographers and the American Newspaper Women's club; in 1938, after a three-year cruise in the South Seas aboard a 65-foot schooner, became known in the area as "Schooner Mary," and wrote a best-selling book, "I Ran Away to Sea at Fifty," the cruise aboard the yacht Director I lasting from 1934 to 1937; embarked in February 1940 on Director II on an expedition sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History to record aboriginal music, study bird life and chart remote islands, accompanied by her two sons, A. Bruce Fahnestock, Jr. and John Sheridan Fahnestock, the party also including fourteen other young men, Mrs. Fahnestock being the only woman on the trip, and served as chief cook in charge of twenty-three tons of food; but nine months after the expedition set sail for the South Seas with the good wishes of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the yacht foundered on a reef a few miles off Sydney, Australia, the mishap blamed on faulty charts 200 years old, as the British wartime authorities had denied them use of newer charts, fearing they might fall into the hands of potential enemies; surviving beside her son, John Sheridan of Park Hall, Md., is a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Plummer of Media, Pennsylvania, a son, Bruce, being killed in war action in New Guinea in 1942.

WILLIAM NELSON JUDD, legislator, city and railroad official, died January 13, 1955, at Des Moines, Iowa, while serving as a member of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, after six terms in the House of Representatives from Clinton county; born May 4, 1887, at Schuyler, Nebraska; son of Marshall and Harriet Potter

Judd; removed with his parents when two years old to Clinton, Iowa; attended Clinton public schools and began work at the barber trade when 15 years old; entered the service of the C. & N.W. railroad as a freight brakeman December 17, 1906, and promoted to conductor in 1913; became terminal yardmaster at Belle Plaine in 1919, and promoted in that position at Clinton in 1923, retiring in 1952, after 48 years service with the company; married January 4, 1906, Katherine Paulsen, who preceded him in death May 15, 1951; subsequently married on December 9, 1952, to Olga Wilkie Herrick; served as part-time lobbyist for the Iowa State Policeman's association, and his political career extended over a period of 35 years carrying him from the Clinton city council chambers to the Iowa state-house; served as a member of the Clinton city council from 1926 to 1934, and as mayor of the city in 1944 and 1945; elected as state representative in 1936 and served four consecutive terms, then from 1950 to 1955 in the same position, becoming chairman of the railroad committee of the house of representatives in 1953; a member of the First Presbyterian church, American Railway Supervisors, Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, Iowa State Sheriffs association and the Iowa Association of Firefighters; also affiliated with the Masonic bodies, Elks lodge, Iowa Farm Bureau, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Veterans Association of the C. & N. W., Clinton Humane Society, Clinton Moose and Eagle lodges; survived by his wife, a son, Orrin Judd, Clinton, two grandchildren, six great grandchildren, five brothers and six sisters.

GEORGE FIELD SUTHERLAND, minister and retired Methodist foreign missions official, died December 5, 1954, at Memorial hospital at Morristown, New Jersey, his home being at 15 Green Village Road, Madison, New Jersey; born in Maquoketa, Iowa, in 1876; was graduated in 1899 from Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa and later received an honorary D. D. degree from that institution; became interested in missions as an undergraduate; on graduation joined the Upper Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; after the 1940 merger of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and Methodist Protestant Churches to form the present Methodist Church, became a member of the North Iowa Annual Conference of the combined church; was simultaneously the pastor of three churches in Iowa; attended and was graduated in 1903 from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, and went to 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, as a secretary in the Young People's department of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he remained in various capacities with the Board of Foreign Missions, cover-

ing both domestic and foreign missions in India, China, Japan, Korea and Southern Europe; served long as treasurer of the Board of Missions; relinquished that post in 1946 but continued from then until his retirement in 1953 as treasurer of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; was a trustee of several colleges and universities in China and South America; was formerly president and treasurer of the Missionary Education Movement, now the Joint Commission on Missionary Education, a division of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America; also had served as president of the Madison Board of Education; a widower and leaves only a daughter, Miss Mary Sutherland of Madison.

LUCIUS A. ANDREW, banker and former state banking superintendent, died January 18, 1955, at his winter home at Orlando, Florida; born in Ashland, Wisconsin, November 29, 1875; son of Archibald and Helen Reed Andrew, married June 8, 1904, to Hazel Summerwill, of Newton, Iowa; received his education in Illinois schools; was associated with several newspapers in Illinois before coming to Iowa, and was editor and publisher of the *Newton (Ia.) Record* prior to starting in the banking business in 1905, at Ottumwa, Iowa; was president of the former Citizens Savings Bank, at Ottumwa, before becoming state banking superintendent in 1925, in which position he served until 1933, during the peak of the depression and through the "bank holiday," following which many banks did not resume operation; was president of the Iowa State Bankers Association in 1925; in 1933 was president of the state bank division of the American Bankers Association; also was a member of the national bankers' National Recovery Administration (NRA) code committee, and in the same year was named temporary receiver for Royal Union Life Insurance Co., Des Moines, and later became co-receiver in the "permanent" receivership; in recent years had been associated with his son, L. A. Andrew, Jr., in a Chicago, Illinois, bond business and resided in Evanston, Illinois; survived by his wife, his son in Kenilworth, Illinois, and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM R. RAYMOND, accountant and educator, died November 3, 1954, at Ames, Iowa, following his sustaining a broken hip October 23, in a fall; born July 23, 1870, in Council Bluffs, Iowa; was graduated from Grinnell Academy in 1890, where much of his education was secured; received the AB degree from Grinnell College in 1894, and took graduate work there for the next two years; also did graduate work at the University of Chicago during the summer sessions of 1910, 1921 and 1922; was accountant and office manager in Detroit from 1896 to 1898; held positions with the Industrial School for Employees and the Nelson

Manufacturing Company at Edwardsville, Illinois, from 1898 to 1905; taught in the high school at Burlington, Iowa, from 1905 to 1907, when he joined the Iowa State College staff at Ames; during World War I served for two years as director of educational work at the YMCA at San Antonio, Texas, and director of the National War Work council of the YMCA with headquarters in New York City, and since has served as professor in the department of English and speech at Iowa State College; married Helen Clapp June 16, 1896, who preceded him in death on March 12, 1953; a member of the Congregational church at Ames and other organizations; survived by two daughters, Winifred at Ames and Ruth of Evanston, Illinois; also a sister, Mrs. W. K. Stacy, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

WALTER A. NEWPORT, attorney and jurist, died January 9, 1955, in his home at Davenport, Iowa; born January 21, 1891, at Perry, Iowa, where he attended school in 1909; attended Drake University for a year and graduated from the State University of Iowa law school at Iowa City in 1915; married Cathrine Cook in 1916, who preceded him in death; married Marie Frahm Steffen June 4, 1924, in Davenport; practiced law in South Dakota five years prior to returning to Iowa; served as assistant county attorney of Scott county and was twice a candidate for attorney general of Iowa; chairman of the Republican county committee 12 years; appointed district judge December 30, 1947, by Gov. Robert D. Blue, to fill a vacancy, previous to which he had served as referee in bankruptcy for the Davenport division of the U. S. district court; affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Masons, Elks, Moose and Eagles lodges; surviving besides the widow are two sons, Wayne and Walter A. Newport, Jr., both of Davenport, a sister, Lena Hirsch, Pasadena, California, a brother, Lawrence, Roseburg, Oregon, and eight grandchildren.

WILLIAM W. STIFLER, educator, died at Amherst, Massachusetts, December 2, 1954; born at Davenport, Iowa, in 1871; was graduated from the University of Illinois; after teaching in colleges and universities went to China in 1917 and remained there for seven years in college teaching; returned to this country to become acting professor of physics at Williams College and went to Amherst in 1925; also was a visiting professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Columbia; retired in 1953, becoming professor emeritus of Physics at Amherst College; surviving are his widow, a son, William Jr. of Woodstock, New York, and a daughter, Mrs. George Waller of Indianapolis.

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