

After the World War Mr. Severa became interested in the welfare and education of children in the war stricken areas of his native land, and in 1925 established at Brn the American Home School. For many years he was a loyal supporter of the *Damista Matice Skolska* in Cedar Rapids which sought to aid the Czech youth of that city to better know their mother tongue.

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CASSIUS CLEM STILES, former Superintendent of the Public Archives Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa, died in Des Moines May 8, 1938. He was born in Madison County, Iowa, October 17, 1860, the son of Thomas W. and Mary Ann (Stockdale) Stiles. After attending Simpson College, 1880-81, he taught school until 1892. In the following year he removed from Patterson, Iowa, to Winterset, becoming in the same year deputy auditor of Madison County, serving as deputy until 1897, when he became auditor, which position he held until 1901. In January, 1902, he came to Des Moines as a deputy in the office of the Secretary of State, remaining there until 1907, when the Public Archives Division was established in the Historical, Memorial and Art Department. As the first superintendent of that division, Mr. Stiles wrote a manual of classification and filing of archival material widely used in other states. He was also a frequent contributor to the *Annals of Iowa*. In varying position, he had been in public service fifty-eight years. He was a Methodist in religion, and a Republican in politics.

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FRANCIS R. KORNS, lawyer, died as the result of an accident in his home in Des Moines, Iowa, June 29, 1938. He was born January 1, 1873, in Dixon, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Martha (Moore) Korn. After graduating from the public schools of Dixon, Illinois, Mr. Korn took a commercial course at Steinman University, later he took the scientific course at the Northern Illinois Normal, from which he was graduated in 1894. A short time later he came to Des Moines, where he entered Drake University, graduating from the law department in 1899. His home since has been Des Moines. He was chairman of the committee which successfully sponsored the Des Moines plan of government in 1908, was president of the camp community service at Camp Dodge from 1917-19. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Drake University from 1909 until the time of his death.

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DWIGHT N. LEWIS, Mayor of Des Moines and prominent worker among boys, died at his home in Des Moines May 1, 1938. He was born of Quaker parents in Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 26, 1869. He received his education at the East Des Moines High School and at Drake University, he

was graduated from the law department of the latter in 1893. After acting as secretary to the Iowa Railroad Commissioners for about 12 years, he resigned in 1911 to accept the post of assistant Commerce Counsel. In 1917 he was appointed one of the Railroad Commissioners, to which post he was re-elected until 1927, when he resigned to accept the post of State Commerce Counsel, which post he resigned in 1928 to accept the position as vice president of the United Public Service Company, of Chicago. He returned to Des Moines following the dissolution of that company in 1929. In 1932 he was elected to his first term as Mayor of Des Moines, to which he was re-elected in 1934. Unsuccessful in his candidacy for Congress in 1936, Mr. Lewis was elected to the office of Mayor of Des Moines for the third time in March, 1938. For many years state chairman of the Y. M. C. A., he for long has been known for his interest in boys work. For about forty years he had taught a class of boys at the Central Christian Church which was pre-eminently successful. His quiet unostentatious charities, his largeness of heart, and his sincerity won for him a firm place in the esteem of the boys he knew and the state-community which knew him.

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JAMES CAMERON, SR., contractor and business man, died in his home in Keokuk, July 13, 1938. The son of James and Mary Feney Cameron, he was born April 21, 1881, in Keokuk, where he always made his home. Trained by his father in the contracting and fuel supply business, he continued the same enterprises after the death of his father in 1912, extending his interests into several states. He was the treasurer and a director of Cameron, Joyce & Company, which was an outgrowth of one of his father's enterprises, president of James Cameron's Sons, a director of the Keokuk Trust Company and of the State Central Savings Bank, treasurer and director of the Illinois Valley Construction Company, and secretary of the Hannibal Construction Company of Hannibal, Missouri. Successful in business, Mr. Cameron's advice and council was frequently sought in the civic affairs of Keokuk to which he gave freely of his time and energies. In addition he carried on a considerable bit of private philanthropy. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and a member of numerous social and fraternal lodges.

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