

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

NELSON G. KRASCHEL, farmer, livestock auctioneer, and governor of Iowa during the New Deal era, died at his home in Harlan, Iowa, March 15, 1957; born on a farm near Macon, Illinois, October 27, 1889, spending his boyhood there; son of Fred K. and Nancy Jane Kraschel; in 1910, when 21 years of age, removed to Harlan, Iowa, where he engaged in farming and raising of livestock, later becoming an auctioneer, specializing in purebred livestock; married April 12, 1913, to Agnes Johnson; studied public speaking as preparation for the career of livestock auctioneering; was placed upon the 1932 Democrat state ticket as a candidate for lieutenant governor through convention nomination to replace Francis G. Cutler of Boone, who withdrew after receiving the nomination in the primary, and gained the election; re-elected in 1934; then elected governor, serving from 1937 to 1939; subscribed to the principles and policies of the Franklin Roosevelt administration and gave support to the agricultural program of Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture; threw the full weight of his administration behind the policy of support of agricultural prices; embarrassed by the strike situation in 1938 at the Maytag Co. plants in Newton, resulting in the sending of troops there; faced an unfriendly control of the state legislature by Republicans, conflicts becoming frequent; interested in farm legislation and sought to encourage the development in southern Iowa of production of beef calves to be shipped to other parts of the state for feeding purposes; also interested in the reduction in farm tenancy in Iowa and increased owner operation of farms; became involved in a violent inter-party altercation with Harry L. Hopkins of the Roosevelt administration over the contest in the Iowa primary election of Senator Guy M. Gillette and Representative Otha Wearin for United States senator, Kraschel being for Gillette, the campaign against the latter being a part of the "purge" efforts to dislodge those who had refused to support the president's attempt to "pack" the U. S. supreme court, which failed in Iowa and elsewhere, Gillette winning both in the state primary and fall election; the Kraschels lost two sons in the World War II period, Dick having been killed in 1943 while serving as a test pilot for experimental aircraft at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and James on Okinawa in September, 1945, an army air force flight engineer; the oldest son, Frederick, also having a distinguished World

War II career; survived by his widow, Agnes, his step-daughter Peggy and son Frederick, a manufacturers representative in Omaha who had been to see his father earlier, but had returned to Omaha just prior to the father's death.

ERNEST R. MOORE, former lieutenant governor of Iowa, legislator and banker, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 4, 1957; born in Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, November 1, 1869; son of Joseph and Jane Sloan Moore, of Scotch-Irish descent and natives of Ireland, where they were married and emigrated to America in the early fifties and settled in Iowa; moved with parents to Cedar Rapids in 1877; attended the public schools; enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and served 10 years, resigning his commission in 1897; re-enlisted in Company C, Forty-ninth Iowa as a private and afterward commissioned a first lieutenant and quartermaster, serving in the Spanish-American war on the staff in Cuba; became a banker in Cedar Rapids and president of the American Trust and Savings bank of Cedar Rapids; married December 25, 1902, to Winifred Evans of that city; served as a delegate to county, state and national Republican conventions; became state representative and served in three sessions 1907-11; elected lieutenant governor in 1916, serving two terms; was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Iowa in 1920, having led in the state primary of the Republican party, but failed to obtain the necessary 35 percent required to be nominated and in the subsequent convention Nate E. Kendall was nominated; had to retire from active politics when he received the appointment as Republican member of the state board of parole in 1937, serving in that capacity three years, retiring at the halfway period upon a six-year term; was a leader locally in many areas of Cedar Rapids business, political, fraternal and civic affairs, upon the water board, county old age pension board, soldiers relief commission and the memorial commission; a thirty-third degree Mason; became grand master of the Iowa supreme lodge in 1924 and served as department commander of the United States Spanish War Veterans; survived by the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Donald T. Brodines of Saxtons River, Vt., Mrs. Robert M. Collins of Council Bluffs and Mrs. Frank W. Davis of Des Moines, and a brother, Samuel of Baltimore; a son having preceded him in death some years ago, a soldier in the army of the U.S.A. in Korea.

JESSECA PENN EVANS-LOEB, glamorous Iowa beauty and artist's model of the 1900s, died the afternoon of May 5, 1957, of a heart attack alone in her cottage, where she had re-

sided for three years at Plainfield, Wisconsin; found sitting in her chair by friends who called the next morning, having suffered a stroke the year previous which had paralyzed her left side; born in Des Moines in the 1880s, the daughter of Mrs. Rounds, who later resided at 1006 Seventh street; grew up here and educated in the city schools; began her art work and professional modeling in the Cumming School of Art in Des Moines; first posed for illustrations, posters and banners; chosen by the celebrated artist Edwin H. Blashfield in the painting of the central figure of a young pioneer woman on the seat of a covered wagon in the painting "Westward," long displayed crowning the grand stairway landing in the stately Iowa capitol building, which brought great renown to both artist and model; married June 19, 1905, at St. Joseph, Michigan, to Ralph W. Evans, advertising manager of the *Des Moines Mail & Times*; continued her art work going East and posing for some of the greatest artists of the country, portraits of her appearing in galleries among the well-known works of art, found also in the famous Louvre in Paris, as well as in America, notable among the latter being the bronze door of the Boston library done by Daniel Chester French, and the decorative panel "Minnesota" by Edwin H. Blashfield displayed in the Minnesota statehouse and another in the Wisconsin state capitol at Madison, and likewise one in the National Art Gallery at Washington, D.C., and her beautiful face and figure adorns murals in the nation's capitol at Washington; reputed to have married four times, one of her husbands being Louis Loeb, born in Cleveland, Ohio, an illustrator for *Harper's* and the *Century Magazine*, who painted her as "Miranda," a portrait which hung in New York's Metropolitan Gallery; an idealist in his art, and his strength lay in allegory and the posing of his models, seeking to develop artistic elements through trying and difficult situations, but highly successful in portraiture; two paintings exhibited in 1906 in New York, both her portraits, one by Mr. Loeb and both bore the name "Jessica," but she was especially proud of a portrait of herself done by Robert Henri that showed her at full length as "The Woman in Black," the canvas then hanging in one of the Philadelphia exhibits as the property of the artist himself; besides working with these painters of renown, she modeled for Mrs. Bryson Burroughs, the sculptress, at her Flushing, Long Island studio, besides posing for other celebrated artists noted for their care in selection of experienced and competent subjects; later a graduate of the Conway School of Acting, becoming an actress and appearing in many plays on the stage; as a member of Mary Mannerings's company appeared in "Nancy Stair," and

for a time in Mrs. Fiske's company, in one instance doing an unusual dance, her talents being varied; surviving nearest relatives are cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson Miller, of New York City, and Mrs. Alice Mack, of Pasadena, California; complying with deceased's request, no services were held and remains taken to Valhalla cemetery in Milwaukee for cremation; a memorial fund established from contributions of friends through the Plainfield Methodist church, of which she was a member.

THOMAS HARRIS MACDONALD, engineer and highway builder, died at College Station, Texas, April 7, 1957; born at Leadville, Colorado, July 23, 1881; son of John and Elizabeth Harris MacDonald; student at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, 1899-1900; B.C.E., Iowa State College Agr. and Mech. Arts, Ames, 1904; D. Eng. (hon.), Iowa State College, 1929; married Bess Dunham, March 7, 1907, who preceded him in death in 1935; began his life work in engineering with the Chicago Great Western railroad company, but quickly was secured by the Iowa State Highway Commission, serving as chief builder of Iowa's highway system from 1904 to 1919, when he became chief of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., serving in that capacity from 1919 to 1939; became commissioner public roads, charge public roads administration, Federal Works Agency, 1939, retired from U. S. service 1953; became chief of head highway research center Texas A. and M. College, 1953; decorated Medal of Merit (U.S.); Cross Legion of Honor (France); Knight 1st class Order of St. Olav (Norway); foreign member Masarykova Akademie (Czechoslovakia); recipient Marston Medal for achievement in engineering, Iowa State College, 1939; member American Association State Highway Officials (executive committee), Beta Theta Pi, Tau Beta Pi, Presbyterian; Cosmos Club (Washington); author of papers on highway engineering, administration and finance; achieved distinguished regard nationally as "the father of the nation's highway system," and more than any other one man was responsible for Iowa's early construction of hard-surfaced primary roads; survived by two children, Thomas H. Jr. and Mrs. Charles W. Weidinger.

ELOISE BLAINE CRAM, zoologist, died at San Diego, California, February 9, 1957; born in Davenport, Iowa, June 11, 1896; daughter of Ralph Warren and Mabel LaVenture Cram; educated in the Davenport schools and received her B.S. degree at the University of Chicago in 1918; her M.S. at University of Washington in 1922 and her Ph.D. in 1925 at the same

university; received special study work at American University, Bacteriologist, Armour & Co. packers, Chicago, Illinois, 1918-19; with Zoological Division Bureau Animal Industry, U. S. Dept. Agriculture 1920-36, engaged in research work on parasitic diseases, specializing on domestic and game birds; a member of Washington Academy of Science, Helminthological Society, Washington, A.A.A.S., Society Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Society Tropical Medicine; had resided at Bannockburn Heights, Bethesda 14, Maryland; spending the winter at San Diego with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Siemen of Hermit, California; had retired in October 1955, from the United States Health Service's National Institute after more than 35 years as a scientist with the government in Washington, retiring as senior zoologist; was one of the founders of the American Society of Parasitologists and served as its president in 1956; a member of other leading scientific groups, and an associate member of the Medical Society in the District of Columbia; a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of the Sigma Xi and the author of a number of scientific articles on helminth parasites, schistosomiasis and other projects; a member of the American Association of University Women, and was a Presbyterian.

LESLIE E. FRANCIS, lawyer, real estate developer and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, February 11, 1957; born on the farm bordering East Okoboji lake near Spirit Lake, Iowa, April 4, 1871, his parents having homesteaded the tract in May, 1860, three years after the Indian massacre that started March 8, 1857; received his law degree from the State University of Iowa in 1893, and began practice in Spirit Lake; served as Dickinson county attorney from 1895 to 1901, and as state senator from the Forty-seventh Iowa district from 1909 through 1915; ran for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator in the state primary in 1922, being defeated by Sen. S. W. Brookhart; became a wealthy real estate owner and moved to Des Moines in 1917; organized a mortgage and finance company; formed a law partnership with George Cosson, but turned his interest more to real estate, becoming involved in financial difficulties, attributing his reverses in the depression thirties to "chasing after land," having bought real estate from Canada to Mexico and from Florida to California; once owned two refineries, a bank in Ranger, Texas, and was in a wide variety of other enterprises, including a tire factory in Des Moines; was legal adviser to the Iowa liquor control commission from soon after it organized in 1934 until May, 1935; engaged in recent years in

writing and management of rental properties held in Des Moines; was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, a charter member of Wakonda club, the Knight Templars and the Shrine; survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Miriam Francis Dodge, a son having preceded the senator in death.

CLAUD COYKENDALL, civil engineer and former secretary Iowa Good Roads association, died at Ames, Iowa, March 5, 1957; born in Carroll county, Iowa, December 18, 1886; son of William D. and Sarah Coykendall; graduated from the high school at Glidden, Iowa, and entered Iowa State College at Ames in the engineering course in 1906, graduating in 1910; was instructor in the college from 1911 to 1913, then becoming a district engineer for the Iowa State Highway commission from time of its organization until 1918; served as Polk county engineer from 1918 to 1919, and engaged in private paving contracting from 1923 to 1928, afterward serving as administrative engineer and assistant to the chief engineer of the highway commission until becoming engineer for a group of contractors in the building of the Alkan highway to Alaska during World War II; then rejoined the highway commission engineering force and served them until 1947; became executive secretary of the Iowa Good Roads association in 1948, serving in that capacity until 1953; active in alumni organizations and served on the Ames city council from 1930 to 1940; married Mary Young August 23, 1911, at Emmetsburg; a member of the Congregational church; and a former president of the Iowa Engineering society; survived by the widow and a son, John C., at Syracuse, New York, a daughter, Mrs. W. Howard Chase, Hobokus, New Jersey, three grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Cleve Straight, Excelsior, Minnesota.

C. GRANT GOOD, importer and authority on Belgian horses, and a former Iowa legislator, died in Boone, Iowa, April 15, 1957; born on a farm in the Pilot Mound vicinity August 15, 1872; the son of John L. and Cathrine Good; educated in the schools of Boone county and two years at Capital City Commercial college, Des Moines; resided in Boone county almost his entire life on his farm in the Ogden vicinity, retiring in 1947 and moved to Boone; was married in May, 1899, to Alice L. Zunkle of Pilot Mound, Iowa; besides farming operations engaged in the importing and breeding of Belgium horses, also doing a large export business in same to Canada, Mexico and the Hawaiian Islands, and in later years in partnership with his son, Lester, dealt in Guernsey

cattle, displaying their livestock many years at state fairs and dairymen's herd meetings; was vice-president of the Belgium Draft Horse Corporation of America and for 38 years had been a member and officer of the organization; also served as president of the Iowa Horse and Mule Breeder's Association, for several terms being its president; was elected and served five terms in the Iowa General assembly as Boone county's representative, first becoming such in 1937; survivors consist of the son, two daughters, two sisters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, the wife having preceded him in death six years previous.

HAROLD LEWIS PIKE, farmer and state fair executive, died at his home in Whiting, Iowa, April 10, 1957; born June 1, 1880, on Pike's farm then known as Whiting Settlement, 3 miles from the present town of that name; moved to the town of Whiting in 1918; farmed in partnership with his brother, Arthur, who died a year ago, and later with an only son, Herbert; elected to the Iowa State Fair board in 1902, upon which he served 54 years; was named in 1903, superintendent of sheep and poultry for the fair; was made superintendent of the fair's cattle department in 1910 and in succeeding years built for the Iowa State Fair one of the best cattle shows in the nation and was elected president of the fair board in 1947; paid special honor by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in 1950, being named the person performing the longest continuous term of service to a fair of any man in the nation; helped organize in 1910 the Monona County Farm Bureau; a member of the Congregational church, the Sioux City Consistory, Abu Bekr shrine and the Whiting Masonic lodge; made an honorary member last June of the Iowa 4-H girls in recognition of his long service to agriculture; married in 1906 to Edith Whittier, a Whiting school classmate and daughter of a pioneer merchant, and they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year; survivors, in addition to the widow and son, Herbert, are a sister, Mildred Pike, and a brother Robert, both of Sioux City, and two grandchildren.

CHRIS REESE, newspaperman, legislator and state official died at Algona, Iowa, February 9, 1957; born at Hovedgaard, Denmark, June 21, 1881; came to America with his parents in 1891, and the family settled in Storm Lake, Iowa; received a high school education; was married to Jennie Pearl Rucker at Alta, Iowa, September 14, 1902, and from this union came four children, Marian, James, Creston and Donald; entering newspaper work in 1906, edited the *Linn Grove Inde-*

pendent, *Remsen News*, *Carroll Times*, *Marshalltown Marshalltonian* and *Farm-Labor World*, *Marcus News*, *Fenton Reporter* and *Whittemore Champion*; was co-editor of the *Algona Upper Des Moines* to 1945, then purchased the *Ocheyedan Press*; returned to Algona in 1947, to remain in the employ of the *Upper Des Moines* until he was confined to bed last fall; became Marshall county state senator for the 1933-36 term and the special session of 1935; later was a member of the state highway commission and previous to 1939 was assistant state printer; in silent movie days directed an orchestra in a Marshalltown theater; also directed the Fenton and Whittemore bands for several summers, and helped organize and directed a Carroll Catholic church band; for several years was Ocheyedan high school bandmaster; a member of the Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge, Iowa Press Columnists and the Izaak Walton League; survived by his widow, four sons and daughters, four brothers and two sisters.

CARL BYOIR, newspaperman and public relations specialist, died in New York, N. Y., February 3, 1957; born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1889; became a reporter on the *Iowa State Register* at 14 and city editor of the old *Waterloo Times Tribune* at 17; entered the State University of Iowa in 1906, with only \$30, all of which went to pay the first semester's tuition fee; was graduated four years later, and had paid all his expenses and had savings of \$6,500 earned by publishing his own and other colleges' yearbooks; after graduation from Columbia University's law school in 1912, published a children's magazine, became an advertising salesman and then went to work for the government as a propagandist; became chairman of the government committee on public information, a forerunner of the Office of War Information of World War II; after the war, engaged in a variety of business undertakings, including the export-import business, several ventures in proprietary medicine and the founding of the American Gear Company; when threatened with blindness due to an acute sinus infection, sought relief in Cuba, where he leased two English-language newspapers; was a director of Schenley Industries, Inc., and the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Illinois; survived by his widow, the former Grace Lancaster, two daughters, Carlita and Roberta, a brother, Ed Byer of Chicago, and two sister, Mrs. Pauline Sahlein and Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, both of Los Angeles.

HARLEY U. GARRETT, state veterinarian, died at Des Moines, Iowa, April 2, 1957; born on a farm near Macksburg, Madison county, Iowa, in 1893; in addition to his general education was graduated from Kansas City Veterinary College and

went immediately to St. Charles, Iowa, where he practiced his profession for 35 years until retirement from active duties in 1946; appointed in 1947 state veterinarian of Iowa, continuing in that capacity until his death; during official service was credited as chiefly responsible for stamping out the 1953 spread of vesicular exanthema in Iowa highly contagious swine disease, as well as improved control of brucellosis, a cattle ailment; served as vice-president of the United States Livestock Sanitary association and a member of the National Veterinary Examining board, also upon the advisory committee of the United States Department of Agriculture; a member of the Westminster United Presbyterian church on Beaver avenue in Des Moines and the Lions club of St. Charles; surviving are the widow, Floye, two sons, Doyle, at Northridge, California, and Kenneth, Colfax, Iowa, and a daughter, Mrs. Nadine Kunz, Minneapolis, Minn.

ARTHUR A. COBURN, former chairman of Iowa State Liquor commission and a retired farmer, died at Cherokee, Iowa, April 29, 1957; born on a farm near Fielding, Cherokee county, October 15, 1880; son of George F. and Mary A. Coburn, who had located there in 1878; educated in the public schools and Buena Vista college, graduating from the latter in 1900; married Anna M. Moessner of Waterloo, who preceded him in death; appointed a member of the Iowa State Liquor commission in 1949, serving one term until June 30, 1955; became chairman of the commission and sponsored the rule which prohibited distilleries selling liquor to the commission from having Iowa sales representatives, blocking purchases from one major company until they dismissed their Iowa representative; also was active in advocating the new liquor warehouse for the state which was built at Camp Dodge and is now in use; was a former member of the Republican state central committee, serving from 1941 to 1949; a member of the Presbyterian church and the Rotary club, a 50-year member of the Masonic lodge and a thirty-second degree Mason, Sioux City Consistory; survived by a son, Franklin of Cherokee; a brother, Francis of Marcus; and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Crocker of Cleghorn.

JAMES E. PATTERSON, lawyer and jurist, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 10, 1957; born November 15, 1883, at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; came to Cedar Falls, Iowa, as a youth and grew up there attending the public schools and the Iowa State Teacher's college there, graduating in 1905; served as principal of the schools at West Point, Iowa, also at Plainfield, this state, and then attended the State Univer-

sity of Iowa, graduating in 1911, receiving an LL.B. degree; practiced law three years in Minneapolis preceding removal to Cedar Rapids in 1914, and practiced law there 39 years before being appointed judge of the municipal court by Governor Beardsley, was re-elected in 1955; survived by the widow, one son, Wade S. Patterson, of Minneapolis, a daughter, Pricilla Challed of Whittier, California, a brother, Raymond of San Bernardino, California, and a sister, Henrietta Darr of Chicago.

ALLEN C. DEVANEY, assistant commissioner of immigration and naturalization in the department of justice, died at Washington, D. C., September 2, 1956; born at Cascade, Iowa, September 2, 1904; son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Devaney, Sr., of Cascade, where he spent his youth; educated in St. Martin's grade and high schools in Cascade; attended the University of Iowa and Marquette university; received his law degree on graduation in 1927 from Georgetown university in Washington; married Genevieve Peters, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska, in Washington, in 1927; served in the department of justice 30 years; final heart attack resulting in his death, followed by 11 months a near-fatal similar attack which hospitalized him in Beirut, Lebanon for several weeks during an official tour of a number of European, African and Near-Eastern countries; survived by his widow, two sons, Robert, 19, and Patrick, 7, his mother and father, two brothers and two sisters.

WATSON H. VANDER PLOEGH, banker, lawyer and president of the W. K. Kellogg Co., died at Battle Creek, Michigan, May 28, 1957; born on a farm near Otley, Marion county, Iowa, December 24, 1888, son of Ruard and Pietje (Terpstra) Vander Pleogh, the former a native of Holland and the latter of New York, the paternal grandfather, Dirk Vander Ploegh, having brought the family to America in 1854, located on a farm in Marion county, but in 1857 moved his family to Pella; educated in the Pella public schools and Central Academy at Pella, from which he graduated; later studied law in the office of his brother, Judge William G. Vander Ploegh, and admitted to the bar in 1912, becoming a law partner with his brother in Knoxville; became cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank and succeeded his father as its president when it became the First National Bank of Pella; afterwards was an Iowa state bank examiner at Des Moines, then in 1931 became a vice president of the Harris Trust Company of Chicago; moved to Battle Creek in 1939 and became president, director and general manager of the W. K. Kellogg Co. suc-

ceeding Mr. Kellogg, and later became chairman of its board, which position he held until his last illness resulting in death; was a director of the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, a trustee of the Herbert Hoover Foundation, Inc., and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, chairman of the Battle Creek Railway Consolidated board and a director of the Bankers Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa; was a member of the Baptist church, Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and a Republican; besides the widow, the former Eva Van Howeling of Pella, is survived by a son, Ruard of Gull Lake, Michigan; a daughter, Mrs. Florence Berghorn, of Lafayette, Indiana; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Huyser of Pella and Mrs. J. H. Cochrane of Des Moines, and eight grandchildren.

EDWIN M. HOLDEN, Spanish-American war veteran, lawyer and judge, died in Boise, Idaho, January 27, 1957; born at Ottumwa, Iowa, March 26, 1870; attended public schools there and was graduated from the State University of Nebraska's school of law in 1894; practiced law in Nebraska two years before removing to Idaho; elected to the Idaho supreme court in 1932 and served continuously until his retirement in 1950, having held the position of chief justice of the court several times; a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served as a lieutenant; survivors include the widow, Julia Ethel Thomas Holden, to whom he was married December 24, 1900; two daughters, three sons, a brother, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

HIRAM COLE HOUGHTON, JR., banker and president of Iowa Bankers Association, died June 16, 1957, at Red Oak, Iowa; born on July 27, 1884, in the same county seat town where he spent his life; son of Hiram C. and Ella Houghton; graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1906; immediately entered the Houghton State Bank established by his father and continued as an officer until his death, then being chairman of the board, having served in that capacity since 1953, when his eldest son, H. Deemer Houghton, succeeded him as president; a second son, Cole Houghton, became vice-president, and a third son, Hiram Clark Houghton is vice-president of the First National Bank at Iowa City; married Dorothy Deemer in 1912, who also is well-known in Iowa public life, being former president of the General Federation of Womens Clubs, and former assistant director of the U.S. Foreign Operations Administration; was an active factor in the business and civic life of his town and community; was city treasurer, school board treasurer, president of the airport commission and president of the Red Oak Savings and Building association; was a

member of the Congregational church, the Masons, the Elks, a charter member of the Rotary club and a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce; surviving are the widow, the three sons and a daughter, Mrs. John J. Williams, Red Oak, nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Roy T. Will and Mrs. Henry Heckert, both of Red Oak.

IRA ELBERT BENNETT, retired editor-in-chief of the *Washington Post* died at Washington, D.C., March 26, 1957; born at Lyons, Iowa, November 2, 1868; son of Francis Rodolphus and Marietta Peck Bennett and a descendant of William Bradford, first governor in the colonies, and of the Holbrook family of Vermont; had a common and private school education; received Litt. D. at Lincoln Memorial University, 1926; married Mabel Dorman Fyler February 17, 1896; was the editor of *Lower Californian*, Ensenada, Mexico, 1889-90; city editor *Union*, San Diego, California, 1892-97; Washington correspondent *San Francisco Chronicle*, 1900-05; editorial writer, 1905-08, editor-in-chief 1908-33 *Washington Post*; special correspondent of McClure Newspaper Syndicate, 1934-38; had been managing editor of *National Republic* magazine since 1953, having previously contributed articles to it; also a contributor to other magazines; staff consultant to the committee on foreign affairs, House of Representatives, 1949-51; decorated by several foreign governments; a Republican; member of Gridiron club, president, 1917, and co-founder of National Press club; surviving in addition to his widow are a daughter, Mrs. Claude Langlais of 3818 Davis place N.W., Washington, D.C., a brother, Joseph H. Bennett of Piedmont, California, a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

PHILIP DUFFIELD STONG, reporter and author, died at Washington, Connecticut, April 26, 1957; born at Keosauqua, Iowa, January 27, 1899; son of Benjamin and Ada Bresta Stong; received an A. B. degree at Drake University in 1919, LL.D. in 1947 and a graduate student in 1924-25; also graduate student Columbia university 1920-21, University of Kansas 1923-24; received Litt.D. from Parsons college in 1929; married Virginia Mause Swain in 1925, who survives him; a reporter on staff of *Des Moines Register* in 1928, followed by editorial work on various newspapers and the Associated Press; writer of fiction issuing a number of books, besides magazine articles.

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