

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

GERALD E. DuBois, brigadier-general commanding the Iowa National Guard 34th Division Artillery, died at Camp Dodge near Des Moines, March 18, 1958; born in Boone, May 16, 1903, graduated from the high school there and attended Iowa State College for three years; enlisted in the Iowa National Guard in 1934, was a captain and battery commander in the 185th Field Artillery when the National Guard was called for federal duty in February, 1941, appointed to the staff of the Division Artillery as a lieutenant-colonel in 1943, and in July was named battalion commander of the 151st Field Artillery Battalion in Europe; awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action in Italy and decorated with the Bronze Star for heroism in the vicinity of Civitavecchia, Italy, June 8, 1944; when the National Guard was reorganized in 1947, became executive officer of the Division Artillery and commanding general in January, 1954, upon the retirement of Major-general Walter L. Anderson; attended several army schools including the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth; as administrative assistant to the Adjutant General of Iowa, Fred C. Tandy, was largely responsible for the modernizing and constructing of many new National Guard armories throughout Iowa; was superintendent of Camp Dodge and commandant of the Iowa Military Academy in addition to his other regular duties; survived by his wife, Leone; two sons, Duane of the U. S. Army stationed in California, and Jerry; a brother, Gordon W. DuBois of Des Moines; and a sister, Mrs. G. G. Gundmundon of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ROSCOE E. ZERWEKH, former newspaperman, civic leader, and superintendent of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home at Davenport; died at Perry, March 9, 1958; born at Stuart, Iowa, August 20, 1878, moved to Valley Junction with his family in 1894, apprenticed as a printer to the Valley Junction Express where he worked four years; worked for several months on the newspaper at Corydon and in 1898 came to Perry where he acquired and published the *Advertiser* until 1916; married Edna Van Werden of Corydon in April, 1900; was secretary of the Perry Bureau of Commerce for three years, named manager of a locally organized meat packing plant, and later engaged in the farm loan and insurance business; acted as Dallas county secretary of World War I Liberty Loan drives, was a past exalted ruler of the Elks, served as worthy grand patron in the Order of the Eastern Star, and was the first

president of the Perry Rotary Club during over half a century of extensive activity in many worthy communal organizations; for several years was president of the Perry Library Board, belonged to the Congregational church, and the Za Ga Zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine; appointed superintendent of the Iowa Soldier's Orphan's Home at Davenport in 1926, returned to Perry in 1954 as justice of the peace and had only recently resigned due to ill health; survived by his wife, Edna, a resident of the Order of the Eastern Star Home at Boone, and a brother, Albert Zerwekh of Des Moines; his parents, three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

TOM W. PURCELL, newspaper editor and publisher, killed in a traffic accident at Portland, Oregon, February 28, 1958; born at Anamosa in 1874, son of Martin and Mary Gallagher Purcell; educated in local public and private schools; worked on newspapers in Sac City and Ida Grove before becoming associated with the *Hampton Chronicle* in 1897, active as its editor and publisher until 1940 when he sold it to a son, Dwight V. Purcell, although he continued in charge of the editorial department; one of the founders of the Iowa Press Association, serving as a director and later as its president, received Master Editor-Publisher award in 1937; was Hampton postmaster from 1905 to 1914, member of the State Printing Board from 1939 to 1945; became well-known as a breeder of Brown Swiss dairy cattle on his farm near Ida Grove; active in many community affairs and in the Republican political party, being a delegate to every state and presidential convention since 1898; married to Nellie Louise Babcock of Ida Grove, June 16, 1896; member of Shrine, Knights Templar and all Masonic Orders, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, and past governor of Rotary International for District No. 132; preceded in death by his wife and a son, Carl; survived by two sons, Dwight V. of Hampton, Thomas of Gresham, Oregon, and six daughters.

GEORGE LLOYD NORMAN, attorney and judge, died at Keokuk, March 8, 1958; born February 11, 1889 in Bridgewater, Iowa, son of Calvin H. and Amanda Wight Norman; attended the Greenfield high school, graduated from the State University of Iowa college of law in 1912, earning the Order of Coif for scholarship; first entered the law office of Hazen I. Sawyer in Keokuk, and later became a member of the firm of Sawyer and Norman; married Helen Beers of Gilmore City, June 21, 1916; was city attorney in 1918 and secretary of the board of education on which he served 24 years, 13 years as president; was Lee county attorney from 1921 to 1926; on the board of governors of the Iowa state Bar Association for several years, secretary of the Keokuk Gas Service Company, member

of the public library board of trustees, belonged to the First Westminster Presbyterian church, past president of the Keokuk Rotary club, past exalted ruler of the Elks, a Mason, past noble grand of Keokuk lodge No. 13, I.O.O.F., member of the Moose, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and Royal Arcanum; survived by his widow, also two children, George Lloyd, Jr., of Iowa City, and Mrs. John Marion of Keokuk; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Gordon of Greenfield, and a brother, Dr. R. C. Norman of Guthrie Center.

WILLIAM E. MCLELAND, retired farmer, insurance man, and legislator, died at Mason City, Iowa, February 7, 1958; born in Van Buren county, April 16, 1867; son of Nathaniel and Jemima McLeland; moved with his parents in 1869 to the Prairieville community near Marshalltown, Iowa, where he was educated in the public schools and Marshalltown high school; married to Minnie M. Robinson in Albion, Iowa, January 25, 1889; moved to Marshalltown after farming the home place for several years; served as Marshall county auditor from 1903 to 1907 and again from 1916 to 1919; moved back to the farm in 1919, and served in various township offices; was secretary of the Iowa Valley Mutual Insurance Association, Albion, Iowa for twenty-seven years; elected to the state senate in 1924 and again in 1928, being president pro tempore of the senate during the forty-fourth general assembly; was a Republican in politics; member of the Christian church; resided with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Harris, in Mason City, Iowa, for the past seven years; survived by two sons, Robert McLeland of Albion, John McLeland of Liscomb, and one daughter Mrs. Harris of Mason City; also seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

HANSON EDWARD ELY, retired major general United States Army, died at Atlantic Beach, Florida, April 28, 1958; born at Independence, Iowa in 1868, graduated from West Point in 1891; served as a lieutenant in the Spanish-American war. received the silver star for action against insurgent forces in the Phillipines, March 25, 1899, and was commander of General Frederick Funston's well known mounted scout unit; helped to map the Phillipines in 1907; participated in the 1914 expedition to Vera Cruz, Mexico; chief of staff of the First Division before taking command of the 28th Infantry at his own request, and under his leadership winning the first battle in which American troops fought during World War I; known as "Ely of Cantigny" after his regiment captured Cantigny, May 28, 1918; raised to brigadier general and head of Second Brigade of the Second Division; cited for bravery at the battle of Vierzey during the Soissons offensive in which his troops captured more than

7,000 prisoners; led the Fifth Division across the Meuse at Dun-sur-Meuse in what General John J. Pershing called "one of the most brilliant feats in the history of the American Army in France;" served as commandant of the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and as president of the Army War College in Washington during the twenties; retired from last command at Governor's Island in New York harbor in 1931; survived by his wife, Eleanor B., three sons, Colonel Eugene B. Ely, USA (ret.), 1862 Mintwood pl. nw., Washington, D. C., Colonel Louis B. Ely, USA (ret.), Herndon, Virginia, Major John Ashton Ely, Fort Benning, Georgia, and a daughter, Mrs. T. W. Glocker, Atlantic Beach.

FRANK S. O' CONNER, State University of Iowa basketball coach, was killed in a highway accident near Waterloo, Iowa, April 22, 1958; born in Monroe, Iowa, December 21, 1913, attended high school at Newton and was a graduate of Drake University in Des Moines, achieving statewide notice as a spirited athlete; coached athletics at Harrisburg, Illinois and Boone, Iowa before becoming golf and freshman basketball coach at the State University of Iowa in 1948; was an assistant to Rollie Williams in 1950-51; appointed head coach, March 27, 1951; his teams won the Big Ten Conference championship in 1955 and 1956, and played in the National Collegiate tournament those two years; named assistant Olympic basketball coach in 1956 but his duties prevented him from accepting the honor; was a popular figure in the sports world, respected by students and colleagues alike for his friendly sincere manner; survived by his wife, the former Jane Westberg of Boone, and a daughter, Kathleen Jane, 14.

DALE E. CARRELL, newspaper editor and fraternalist, died at Keokuk, Iowa, January 9, 1958; born at Adel, Iowa, in 1888; son of Sam E. Carrell, a prominent Iowa publisher at Adel, Perry, Iowa City, Keokuk and Des Moines; a nephew of Ora Williams, long-time newspaper man and public official in Iowa; associated with his father in the publication of the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* for about 11 years prior to removing to Keokuk in 1922 when the family acquired the *Daily Gate City*, and since 1925 has been president and general manager of that newspaper; always a strong influence for good, was active in civic affairs there and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce; served as an international director, international councilor and district governor of the Lions club and past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge, also was active in Masonic affairs and a member of Kaaba Shrine at Davenport; a brother

Clarence, also associated with the *Gate City*, died several months ago; survived by his widow and a son, Dale, Jr., assistant publisher of the *Gate City*.

MAJ. GEN. ARTHUR WINTON BROWN, former Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Army, died January 3, 1958, at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he had lived for the past 14 years; burial at Arlington National Cemetery; born at Davenport, Iowa, on November 9, 1873; son of Samuel Edward and Mary Louise (Davis) Brown; educated in the public schools of Davenport and Hempstead, New York; received his LL.B. at Cornell University in 1897; married Jessie M. Emery on June 20, 1908, and they had one son, Winton; began his 40 years of service as an enlisted man in May 1898, but was commissioned 2nd lieutenant, U.S.A., in December 1899, while serving in the Philippines in the Spanish American war; advanced through the grades until appointed lieutenant colonel judge advocate N.A. August 5, 1917, becoming advocate general with rank of major general November 30, 1933, then retiring in 1937; member of Delta Chi, an Episcopalian and a Mason; survived by his widow and son of Rochester, New York.

HAROLD C. NICHOL, lawyer and district court judge Eleventh judicial district, died at Ames, Iowa, January 13, 1958; born at Scranton, Greene county, Iowa, May 21, 1894; was a graduate of the State University of Iowa college of law in 1921 and practiced law at Ames with a brother, Roscoe, for 28 years; married to Helen Mackin June 20, 1936; became ill during the holidays at Gulfport, Miss., and was flown back to Iowa; suffered from pneumonia, but had recovered and had taken care of business matters earlier in the day, returning home late in the afternoon, where Mrs. Nichol found him dead in a chair; appointed municipal court judge at Ames October 19, 1949, by the late Gov. William Beardsley; had served as judge in the Eleventh judicial district of Iowa since January 1, 1951; was a World War I veteran, serving in the signal corps, and was a member of the American Legion and the Elks order.

HENRY O. ALTFILLISCH, dentist and former Iowa official, died at Dubuque, Iowa, December 10, 1957; born at Bellevue, Iowa, May 2, 1887, son of Anton and Henrietta Lottman Altfillisch; was a 1901 graduate of the State University of Iowa Dental College, and served on the school's faculty from 1911 to 1920, when he began to practice in Dubuque; was president of the Iowa State Dental society in 1931, and its treasurer from 1934 to 1936; also a member of the Iowa State Board of Dental Examiners from 1923 to 1933; surviving is his widow.

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