



WILLIS G. C. BAGLEY
Mason City
Treasurer State of Iowa
1939-1943

wife reared a large family, four sons becoming identified with Iowa newspapers and one of the daughters became the wife of J. M. Beck, editor of the Centerville Iowegian. As a Civil war veteran he became Department Commander of Iowa of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1924.

At five years of age the son removed with the family from Oskaloosa to Sigourney, the father severing his connection with the Oskaloosa Herald to become publisher of the Keokuk County News. After a brief career as a salesman and with the home newspaper in 1903 John R. Needham at the age of thirty moved to Centerville and with Mr. Beck purchased the semi-weekly Iowegian which they since have published continuously. The Iowegian acquired the daily and weekly Citizen in 1916 consolidating the papers. For forty years he has been an active factor in community development, civic enterprises and municipal affairs of every character, and at time of his demise was a director of the Centerville National bank.

He was married on June 9, 1920 to Bess Barton in Centerville where they have resided and she survives him, as do also his brothers and sisters—Charles K. Needham, formerly publisher of the Grinnell Register, Edna N., wife of J. M. Beck of the Iowegian, Emma J., wife of Wm. V. Minter, Los Angeles, Cal., Sherman W. Needham, of Ames, Iowa, publisher of the Ames Milepost and superintendent of state printing, Anna Belle, wife of John W. Axmear, Keswick, Iowa, and Will H. Needham, Jr., of the Keokuk County News, Sigourney, Iowa. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Burial was had in the Oakland cemetery in Centerville, the service being taken part in by the Elks lodge of which he was a charter member .

WILLIS GAYLORD CLARK BAGLEY, banker and state treasurer, born in Magnolia, Wisconsin, October 29, 1873, died at Des Moines, Iowa, October 20, 1943; son of Shepherd S. and Louisa Cain Bagley; received education in the Mason City, Iowa, public schools; at seventeen entered employ of First National Bank of Mason City, occupying every position from errand boy to president, holding the latter position for ten years; in 1895 married Winifred Bogardus at Mason City; served as a member of Mason City school board twenty-two years, president sixteen years; president the Chamber of Commerce five years.

Mr. Bagley's entire business life was engaged in the banking business until 1938, as a republican he was elected state treasurer of Iowa, and at time of his death was serving his third term, having been re-elected in 1940 and 1942. He had not previously been a candidate for public office. He was treasurer and president of the Iowa Banker's association, and also served as vice president of the Iowa division of the American Banker's association and for

five years served as treasurer of the Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance association; also he was treasurer of the Northwestern States Portland Cement company, of the Midland Investment company, and of the First Methodist church twenty years.

Besides his wife he is survived by three children, Margaret L., Burton B. and Robert W.; was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and various orders. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist church at Mason City Friday October 22, and burial in Elmwood cemetery in that city.

DAVID EDWARD HADDEN, druggist and weather observer, died at his home in Alta, Iowa, September 20, 1943; born Oct. 22, 1866 in Killrush, Ireland; graduated from Wesleyan college, Dublin; came with his parents to LeMars in 1881, and in 1887 removed to Alta; first an employe of Chas. E. Cameron as a druggist, later a member of the firm and in recent years sole owner; received the degree of doctor of science from Morningside college; was in one place of business fifty-six years; in 1909 was made a member of the state pharmacy commission and served eight years; served on the Alta school board, the county board of education and the library board; was active in the Methodist church and a republican.

For more than fifty years Mr. Hadden kept accurate record of weather observations with instruments set up in his own yard and this service was given high praise. His great hobby in life, however, was as an amateur astronomer, and on astronomy he engaged in writing and lecturing. In this field he became honored by membership in the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain and a member of the American and Belgian astronomical societies. He had an observatory of his own, and in 1900 was one of a party of eminent astronomers to go to North Carolina for observation of a total eclipse of the sun. His contribution to scientific publications in America and in Europe gave him world-wide fame. He was married in 1888 to Emeline Dier of LeMars, and a son and daughter survive.

HARLEY H. STIPP, attorney, born February 25, 1872 at State Center, Iowa; died August 27, 1943, at Des Moines; received his bachelor of arts degree in 1896, his master of arts degree in 1898 at Grinnell college, and graduated from Harvard law school in 1901, beginning the practice of law in Des Moines immediately in the firm of Bailey and Stipp and at the time of his death the firm was Stipp, Perry, Bannister and Starzinger; served as president of the Iowa Bar association, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, member of the Des Moines civil service commission, president of the Rotary club, member of the city plan commission, president of the Hawley Welfare foundation, trustee of the Edmundson foundation and vice chairman of the advisory committee

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