

portant show ring in this country, Canada, and in South American shows.

Dean Curtis served on many national and international livestock investigating committees and commissions. He had been a member of the Iowa state board of agriculture, director of the executive committee and one of the founders of the International Livestock exposition, president and director of the Percheron Horse Association of America, member of the American Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, a member of the Saddle and Sirloin club, Chicago, Ill., and was a frequent contributor to livestock and agriculture papers. In 1893 he married Olive Wilson, of Harper, Iowa, who died April 1, 1943, and their survivors are two daughters, Mrs. C. J. Murray, New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Wallace Whittaker, Somerset, Virginia.

During all his career Dean Curtis was helpful in large degree to the scientific progress of Iowa agriculture—a close personal friend and co-worker with Secretary James Wilson and Secretary Henry (Harry) C. Wallace in the broadening field of mid-west agriculture and the allied interests of cornbelt animal husbandry. Few men have left a greater impress in an educational way upon the generation in Iowa of which he was a part.

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THOMAS CONRY, churchman and educator, president-emeritus of Loras college, died at Dubuque, Iowa, July 29, 1947; born on a farm near Masonville, Iowa, January 27, 1869, the son of John and Mary (Whalen) Conry; grew up on the farm and attended district school in Coffins Grove township, Delaware county; was graduated from Loras college in 1895 and in 1898 from Laval-Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, where he was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic church; served as assistant pastor of St. Raphael's cathedral at Dubuque until 1901, when he was appointed to the English department at Loras college; appointed college president in 1924 and served until 1939 when he became president-emeritus. The distinguished educator was named prothonotary apostolic in 1934 and received an honorary doctorate of laws from St. Ambrose college, Davenport, in 1939, in recognition of exceptional accomplishments in the field of Catholic education. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Conry was appointed vicar-general of the archdiocese in 1934 and held that position until 1944; also was the first editor of *The Witness*, diocesan weekly newspaper, serving for many years, and was the author of a number of poems and articles dealing with education, literature and religion.

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JOHN M. RANKIN, legislator and jurist, died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 20, 1947; born on a farm in Fulton county, Illinois, June 9, 1873; educated in rural schools and Western Normal college at Bushnell, Illinois; studied law in Chicago Kent College of Law; practiced law in Chicago from his admission to the bar in 1904

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