

Iowa's Notable Dead

LOUIS WORTHINGTON SMITH, author and educator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 27, 1947; born at Malta, Illinois, November 22, 1866; studied for a time at Beloit academy, Beloit, Wisconsin, and received his bachelor of philosophy degree from Fairfield college, Nebraska, in 1889; also studied at the University of Nebraska and in 1901 received a master of arts degree from Cotner college, Bethany, Nebraska; a high school and college teacher in Nebraska after graduation, and professor of English at Tabor college, Tabor, Iowa, from 1899 to 1902, when he came to Drake University, Des Moines; was a widely known writer and member of the Drake faculty for thirty-eight years, known for his poetry and prose, as well as for his textbooks on literary composition; named dean of the graduate division in 1936, after serving as head of the English department since 1902; had retired and was given the title of dean emeritus, continuing with the university on a part-time basis in the liberal arts college; a past president of the Iowa Authors club and the Des Moines Prairie club, a member of the Authors club of London, England, and the Poetry Society of America; had published two dozen books, numerous magazine articles, poems and plays, including his volume, "The Mechanism of English Style", published by The Oxford University press, which brought Professor Smith royalties for twenty years; one of the Sons of the American Revolution, he also was a charter member of the Drake chapters of Sigma Delta Chi and Sigma Tau Delta; founder of the English club at Drake, and also the Garrick dramatic club; a member of the Congregational church, and survived by a daughter, Marjorie E. Welborn Smith, at home here, his wife having died in 1941.

JOHN P. WALLACE, publisher and youth counsellor, died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 10, 1948; born at Davenport, Iowa, April 20, 1871; son of "Uncle Henry" Wallace, Iowa pioneer minister and agricultural writer; educated in the public schools of Winterset, Iowa, the Des Moines high school and Iowa State college at Ames; secured farm experience with his father and brother, Henry C. Wallace, on the Wallace farms in Adair county; associated with his brother in publication of *Farm and Dairy* at Ames, and in 1895, with father and brother, established *Wallaces' Farmer*, which later was removed from Ames to Des Moines, and upon which he served successively as advertising manager, business manager and president of the company, taking on additional burdens after the death of his father in 1916 and brother in 1924, the latter being secretary of agriculture in President Harding's cabinet at the

time of his demise; consolidated *Wallaces' Farmer* and the *Iowa Homestead*, becoming president and general manager of the company, his nephew, Henry A. Wallace, being the editor until taking the position of secretary of agriculture in President Roosevelt's cabinet and later vice president.

He was also president of the Capital City Printing Plate company, Des Moines, and in more recent years conducted an insurance agency with his son Ross Wallace; married Elizabeth Maud Gibson, in Des Moines, in 1896, who survives him with three children, Ross Wallace, Des Moines, Mrs. A. W. Voorhes, Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Foster Farrell, Chicago, Illinois; served as a member of the state board of education; was president of the Memorial Union at Iowa State college when the building was erected, and since a member of the Memorial Union board, a member of the Des Moines Library board, chairman of the membership committee of the Red Cross during World War I, a member of the national board of missions of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Des Moines Y.M.C.A. board many years; a member of the executive committee of the National Rural Boy Scouts of America, interested particularly in rural boy scouting; also served as president of the Des Moines Pioneer club; a member of the Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines, and a Republican.

ARTHUR VYNE WOODWORTH, minister, died December 22, 1947, from injury from a fall, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James M. Gwin, 4309 Tuckerman street, University Park, Maryland; born at Grinnell, Iowa, in 1872, son of the Rev. William Walter Woodworth, who held a Congregational pastorate there, a member of an old New England family; a graduate of Amherst college and Yale university, and ordained in the Congregational ministry in 1899; served as superintendent of a Congregational missionary school in the mountains of Tennessee for eight years and held pastorates at Manvel, North Dak., Harwenton, Conn., West Brattleboro, Vt., East Derry, N. H. and McIndee Falls, Vt., and survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Hall Woodworth, Westminster, Vt., two sons and three daughters.

DWIGHT F. WINDENBURG, educator and physicist, died November 14, 1947, at Washington, D. C.; born in 1895 at Lamont, Iowa; served as radio operator in the U. S. navy in 1917-1919 and also in the Merchant Marine afterwards; a graduate in 1921 of Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and received his masters physics degree there in 1923; from 1923 to 1929 taught mathematics in California, at the University of California, the Polytechnic college of engineering at Oakland, and the Long Beach Junior college; removed to Washington in 1929 as a physicist with the Experimental Model

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