

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

GLENN L. MARTIN, pioneer flier, and airplane manufacturer, died at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 4, 1955; born at Macksburg, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1886; unmarried, son of Clarence Y. and Armintha DeLong Martin; received an excellent education, graduating from Kansas Wesleyan university with D.Sc. in 1933, honorary degrees in engineering from University of Maryland and Case School of Applied Science in 1945, honorary D.Sc. from Brown university in 1941, University of Omaha in 1945, and University of Southern California in 1949; began in 1907 to build gliders; designed and built pusher type of airplane in 1908, and taught himself to fly; established one of the first airplane factories in the United States in 1909; held speed, altitude and endurance records and gave many exhibition flights in United States and Canada; qualified for F.A.I. Aviator's Certificate August 9, 1911, and held Aviation Certificate No. 56, and Expert. Aviator's Certificate No. 2, Aero Club of America; attributed to him were: first take-off under a plane's own power, development of a successful parachute which could be opened by the jumper at will, completion of the first extended-over ocean flight, participation in the army's closely-guarded bombing experiments in 1913; incorporated Glenn L. Martin Co., Santa Ana, California, in 1911; moved factory to Los Angeles in 1912; built airplanes for exhibition, flying and sport use until 1913, when first order was received from U.S. war department for Model TT, which was later adopted by the army for training purposes; developed an aircraft construction empire that did better than 250 millions dollars business yearly; personally directed production at his big Baltimore and Omaha, Neb., plants during World War II, and produced 6 types of bombers and one transport during that year, among them were the B-26 Martin Marauder, a twin engined bomber used by the U.S. army, the PBM 1 and 3, giant naval patrol ships, and the Baltimore, a two motored bomber used by the British; constructed the first multi-passenger airplane, twin-engined bomber, torpedo and dive bombers, and a supercargo ship—the Martin Mars; could more than any other man in the history of aviation claim many "firsts," and combined like few men the characteristics of the pioneer and industrial exploiter, the artist and the mechanic, the visionary and the banker; relinquished in recent years the active management of the Glenn L. Martin Co.; was made a fellow of the Royal Aeronautics Society,

London, and won outstanding aeronautical awards including the Collier trophy in 1933 for contributions to aviation, and the Guggenheim award in 1941 for "contributions to aeronautical development and production of many types of aircraft of high performance"; award recently made to his company of the primary defense department contract to build and launch earth satellites; and shortly before death came, he was working on secret armament developments and an invention in the field of explosives; a bachelor, Martin last year established in honor of his mother the Arminta Martin Aeronautical Student fund at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences in California.

PAULINE LEWELLING DEVITT, wife of the late James A. Devitt, and mother of James L. Devitt, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and John Devitt of Los Angeles, California; died December 3, 1955, at the home of the latter; born April 10, 1877, near Salem, Henry county, Iowa; second daughter of Lorenzo D. and Angie Cook Lewelling, both of Quaker parentage, the mother being the first superintendent and matron of the Girls' department of the Iowa State Reform school located in Henry county a few miles from Salem, the family with the institution shortly thereafter being moved to Mount Pleasant and in 1880 to Mitchellville, when Mrs. Lewelling took over the entire management in order that her husband might purchase and devote his time to edit in Des Moines a newspaper which he named the *Iowa State Capital*; ill health of Mrs. Lewelling having developed, the newspaper was sold and Mr. Lewelling resumed superintendency of the State Reform School, from which position he resigned after the death of Mrs. Lewelling in the spring of 1884, later marrying her cousin and moved the family to Wichita, Kansas, becoming a Populist and eventually elected governor of the state; the daughter, Pauline graduating from the Wichita high school and after attending the University of Kansas, taught in the high schools of Kansas; married in summer of 1901 to James Arthur Devitt, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; active in the heated campaigns to give women the right to vote; served as president of the Iowa State Suffrage Association; was a delegate at large from Iowa to the Republican national convention at Chicago in 1920; a member of the state board of education (now the board of regents) from 1921 to 1933; also served as chairman of the public welfare division of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs; was district chairman of the Liberty loan drive in her area in World War I and was also active on the state council of defense; had lived in California since the death of her husband and besides her two sons is survived

by a daughter, Tiah Devitt Dole, New York, who is an author, and by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

SAM D. WOODS, former secretary Iowa Board of Parole 39 years (March 1, 1910-Sept. 1, 1949), died in Des Moines on the way to the hospital, January 24, 1956; born in Goodland, Indiana, July 12, 1872; lived as a child with his parents in Vermont, also in Kansas, and removed with them in 1881, at the age of nine years, to Greenfield, Iowa; graduated from the Greenfield high school and after attending the Capital City Commercial college in Des Moines, became a court reporter in the Fifth Iowa judicial district for Judges Henderson, Wilkinson, Storey and Gamble, serving in that capacity 18 years; married Sallie Whittle of Greenfield, October 28, 1896, and to this union was born one daughter, Dorothy; elected secretary of the Iowa State Board of Parole and assumed duties March 1, 1910, serving in that office 39 years and under 12 governors, some of each leading political party, and upon his voluntary retirement September 1, 1949, held the record of being the second longest in continuous service of any state employee; saw a total of 13,280 former inmates of Iowa penal institutions granted paroles during the period of his official service, at the conclusion of which the records of the board show this statement from the board: "He has played a large part in building up the parole system in Iowa, and much of its success has been due to his untiring efforts and understanding of the problems arising in connection with the supervision of men who are released on parole"; death occurred to the first wife in September, 1913, and in 1915 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Blanche Meyers of Greenfield; was a 50-year member of Crusader Masonic lodge 386 at Greenfield, Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines and the Conopus club, Des Moines; surviving are his widow, Blanche, his daughter, Dorothy Sharer of Montezuma, Iowa; a grandson, Keith Sharer; a granddaughter, Phyllis Sharer; three great grandchildren; a step-son, Roland B. Myers; and a sister, Mrs. L. J. Wilkinson of Laurel, Iowa; burial in Glendale Mausoleum, Des Moines.

Ed L. NEWTON, teacher, farmer, postmaster and legislator, died at Atlantic, Iowa, November 18, 1955; born at Wyanet, Bureau county, Illinois, November 17, 1867; son of Sylvester and Eliza Stratton Newton; first came to the Anita area in 1881 at age of 14, but returned winters to Wyanet to attend school; graduated at the Wyanet high school in 1888; taught rural schools near Anita, where he resided 18 years; served

as Grant township assessor for 17 years, member of the school board for 12 years and state representative from Cass county two terms in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Iowa General Assemblies; also as postmaster at Anita many years under the administrations of Presidents Taft, Coolidge, Wilson, and F. D. Roosevelt; employed in 1919-21 in the Presidents Savings Bank; a Republican and a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic order for 65 years, the O.E.S. for 39 years, and vice-president of the Iowa Pioneer Law-makers Association; shared his home in Anita of recent years with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salmon; was a second cousin of the renowned Charles Sherwood Stratton, widely known as Gen. Tom Thumb; survived by four children, Mrs. Salmon, Glen Newton of Nevada, Iowa, Hobart Newton of Stuart, Iowa, and Emmett Newton, serving with the U.S. Air Force, and a number of grandchildren.

J. CARL BODE, chemical engineer and president of National Carbide Company, died in Manhasset Medical Center, Long Island, November 11, 1955; born in Keokuk, Iowa, November 18, 1901; son of the late Charles J. and Mrs. Ida Karle Bode, the father formerly the cashier of the State Central bank at Keokuk; educated in the Keokuk schools, graduating in 1919 from the high school there, and from the University of Wisconsin as a chemical engineer in 1923; in youth was employed in the laboratory of the Keokuk Electro-Metals Company, also for a brief time after his university graduation; was a member of the local rifle team which he captained in 1922 and 1923; and also did extension work in the Alexander Hamilton Institute; active in civic and fraternal circles while residing in Keokuk, a member of the original board of trustees of the Keokuk Municipal Water Works during its building operations, formerly a director of the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Elks, the Eagles and the Masonic bodies, a trustee of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church and a member of the American Chemical Society; married Marian C. Haubert November 12, 1928; from 1923 to 1928 was a melter at the Keokuk Steel Casting Company and also served as its secretary and assistant manager; started his career with National Carbide at Keokuk and from 1928 to 1935 was chemical engineer, after which he became manager; transferred in 1941 to the company's new calcium carbide plant in Louisville, Kentucky, as works manager; in 1947 was transferred to the New York office as operational manager, and in 1946 became president of the company; in March, 1955, was honored by election to the presidency of the International Acetylene Association

in its meeting at Houston, Texas; survived besides his widow by his daughter, Muriel C., and his mother, Mrs. Ida Bode, who is a patient in Graham hospital, Keokuk.

JAY W. MERRILL, district agricultural extension supervisor of Iowa State college at Ames, Iowa, where he resided, died at East Lansing, Michigan, October 26, 1955, while visiting a son, Irving R. Merrill, research director for the Michigan State university television station since 1954; born at Charles City, Iowa, October 22, 1884; received his education in the Charles City public schools and Iowa State college, graduating in 1909 with his bachelor of science degree; served as assistant manager of the Rogers estate in Elwood, Illinois from 1910 to 1913; first position with Iowa State college was assistant in dairy extension, and from 1915 to 1924 served as county extension director, and in 1924 became district extension supervisor; in 1922 served as president of the Iowa County Agent's association and in 1923 president of the National County Agent's association; received recognition in 1941 for outstanding service to agriculture by the National County Agent's association; in 1952 was technical consultant for livestock disease control short course for foreign veterinarians, and in 1934 and 1935 was state director and first compliance officer in the wheat adjustment program; served as both trustee and deacon of the Ames Congregational church of which he was a member; also held membership in the Gamma Sigman Delta honorary agriculture fraternity, the Epsilon Sigma Phi fraternity and the Ames Camera club; death of Mrs. Merrill recently leaves the son and three grandchildren as the only survivors.

CARL A. WALTERS, ceramic sculptor; died at Saugerties, New York, in the Dale Sanitarium; born at Fort Madison, Iowa, June 19, 1883; son of Nelson Peter and Emily Elizabeth (Larson) Walters; spent his boyhood years in Fort Madison and attended high school there; attended the Minneapolis Art School 1905-1907, Chase School of Art and Henri School of Art, New York, 1908-1909; began his art career making fancy candles, then turned to pastel and oil painting, but his life work was in ceramics and he specialized in creating ceramic likenesses of animals and birds; was noted for a blue glaze technique; once won a Guggenheim fellowship (1936-1937) to expand on his study of the blue glaze technique, which became known as "Walters Blue"; designed and executed glass doors in Whitney Museum; exhibited in Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Art Institute of Chicago, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Portland

(Oregon) Art Association, Detroit Institute of Arts,avenport (Iowa) Municipal Art Gallery, Cincinnati museums, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, Phillips Memorial Gallery, Washington, D.C.; received purchase prize at Metropolitan Museum, 1942; married Helen Lawrence in 1912; lived in Woodstock, N. Y.; three sisters and a brother still live in Fort Madison and are Daisy, Mrs. Samuel E. Reeves, Mrs. Hubert R. Mason and Arthur; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Walters, also resides there; his wife, Helen, and a brother, Harry, having died before him; burial was at Woodstock, N.Y., in a cemetery for artists who lived and worked in the Catskill Mountains area.

FRED PARKER WOODRUFF, soldier, clothier and former state railroad commissioner, died at Knoxville, Iowa, December 17, 1955; also born at Knoxville September 21, 1876; son of Lieut. E. B. and Elizabeth Parker Woodruff; educated in the Knoxville public schools, and married Myrtle M. Elliott September 18, 1901; a veteran of the Spanish-American war, enlisting at age 21 in Co. D 51st Iowa Infantry April 26, 1898, as 1st sergeant; mustered in May 30, 1898; promoted to second lieutenant September 15, 1899; mustered out November 2, 1899, at San Francisco; appointed by Governor Shaw brevet captain upon retirement from service in recognition of bravery during several engagements in the Philippines; served as a captain in World War I, assigned to service in the quartermaster department at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, and in World War II appointed chairman of the first bond drive in Marion county, Iowa; engaged in the clothing and shoe business in Knoxville for many years and elected to the Iowa state railroad commission in 1920, re-elected and served until 1934; a director of the Marion County National bank; one of the founders of Woodruff, Hayes & Co., firm of investment counsellors in Chicago in 1895, and its president or several years; a member of the Methodist church and the Masonic bodies; past Grand senior warden of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and a Republican; surviving are his widow, a son, Elliott of Des Moines and a sister, Mrs. Estella Wright of Knoxville.

WILLIAM A. RINER, lawyer and chief justice of supreme court of Wyoming, died at Cheyenne, Wyoming, November 20, 1955, following a hip fracture suffered two weeks previous; born at Greene, Butler county, Iowa, June 26, 1878; son of William Wesley and Anna L. (Thompson) Riner; received his A.B. degree in 1899 from the University of Southern California, and his LL.B. degree in 1902 from the University of Michigan;

admitted to the bar of Michigan in 1902, and began practice of law at Lansing; moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1902; married Fanny Borst, October 16, 1907; served as city attorney of Cheyenne, 1908-1911; as assistant U.S. district attorney of the district of Wyoming, 1911-1912; appointed judge of district court of Wyoming, 1922, later elected to same office for term 1922-1928; appointed justice of the supreme court of Wyoming by the governor, 1928, later elected to the same office for term 1928-34, reelected for term 1935-42, became chief justice, Jan. 1939-1943; reelected to the same court for terms 1943-51, 1951-59; chief justice 1947-51; a member of the Congregational church, the Masonic bodies and a Phi Beta Kappa; survived by the widow, a son, William Alden, and a daughter, Mary Edith Riner.

FRANK D. MARTIN, printer, sheriff and legislator, died at Davenport, Iowa, November 10, 1955; born at Atchison, Kansas, February 24, 1884; attended Guthrie, Oklahoma schools; became a semi-professional baseball player; married to Molly Paulson in Davenport in 1915, who died a year later; again married July 29, 1926, to Edna R. Schmidt in Macomb, Illinois; resided in Davenport since 1910, when he became an employee of the Quad City Lithograph Company, remaining with that company until 1917, when he became a member of the Davenport police force, and in 1919 was appointed a deputy in the Scott county sheriff's office, serving in that capacity until 1925, when he was elected county sheriff and continued in that office until 1937, when elected on the Republican ticket to the Iowa state senate, serving three terms 1938-1949; chairman of the senate committee on labor, resigned in year last named to become manager of the state liquor store at Davenport, which position he held at time of his death; a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic bodies; survived by his widow and two sons, John F. and William W. of Davenport, and one daughter, Edna D. Martin, New York, N. Y., four grandchildren and a brother, George Martin, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, machine works executive and legislator, died at Ontario, California, June 17, 1955; born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, March 18, 1880; son of John William Moore, Sr. and Ella Iowa (Malcolm) Moore, the latter's father being Dr. John S. Malcolm, who pioneered to Iowa in 1948, homesteaded near Mount Pleasant, and built the first brick house there, making the brick in a hand mold, the mother born in this house in 1860, and named for the state; attended public school at Cross Lanes, West Virginia,

and high school at Fayetteville, West Virginia; graduated in mechanical and electrical engineering at Scranton, Pennsylvania; learned the machinist's trade in the South Side Foundry and Machine Works at Charleston, West Virginia; married Mayme Price of Charleston, November 6, 1913; came to Sioux City in 1907, and established Moore's Machine Works there, of which he was the owner and operator; a Methodist and a Democrat; served as state representative from Woodbury county in the Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth extra session and the Forty-seventh General Assemblies of Iowa, and was a member of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association; survived by his widow, who resides at 5043 W. A. street, Ontario, California.

EDWARD M. MYERS, physician, surgeon and public official, died December 11, 1955, at Boone, Iowa; born in 1872, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; came to Boone in 1902 after graduation in 1900, from medical school at Northwestern University, Chicago, and continued in the medical practice at Boone until November, 1941, when he was appointed superintendent of the state hospital and school at Woodward, Iowa, continuing in that capacity 11 years; was president of the state medical society in 1937 and 1938; named president of the state board of health in 1934 and served a number of years in that capacity; also served as state chairman of the American College of Surgeons; was past president of the Boone county medical society, the second president of the Boone Rotary club and a past exalted ruler of the Boone Elks lodge; preceded in death by his wife, his parents and a brother, John Myers of Des Moines; survived by two sons, Edward M. Myers, jr., and John Ross Myers of Boone, two grandsons, Edward M. Myers III of Boone and John Gregory Myers of Dallas, Texas, and a brother, Charles Haven Myers of Friday Harbor, Wash.

JOHN A. GRAHAM, lawyer, publisher and legislator, died at Audubon, Iowa, December 11, 1955; born on a farm in Audubon county June 14, 1875; attended Audubon high school and Iowa State College at Ames; was graduated from the Drake University law college in 1897; married Anne Kroeger in 1899; founded the old *Audubon Advocate* newspaper; from 1902 to 1910 published the *O'Brien County Democrat* at Primghar; in 1910 returned to Audubon to practice law with his son, Mel M. Graham; later served as mayor of Audubon and county attorney three terms; elected as state representative in 1938 and served in the Forty-eighth General Assembly; also was a member of the state board of bar examiners for several years and served as county chairman of the IERA;

survivors include a son, Mel, Audubon attorney, former state representative and now a member of the Iowa highway commission, and two daughters, Zelwyn Graham of Audubon and Mrs. Milton Krasne of Omaha, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

KENNETH WILLIAM MAINLAND, executive and specialist in fats and oils, International Co-operative Administration, died at Washington, D.C., of a heart attack at his office, December 5, 1955; born at Clinton, Iowa, in 1896; was graduated from the University of Wisconsin; a veteran of World War I, having served in the army; lived at Kansas City, Mo., being in the food manufacturing industry in the Middle West before going to Washington in 1943; first government job was as business analyst with the office of Price Administration; helped plan and administer the wartime food rationing program; joined the staff of the International Emergency Food Council under the United Nations Food and Agricultural Committee in 1945, and had been with ICA since 1948; was chief of the Fats, Oils, Protein and Seeds Branch in the Office of Food and Agriculture as a specialist for food and relief agencies; surviving are his widow, Esther, a son Keith at home, and two brothers, Irvine of Memphis, Tenn., and Russell E. Mainland, Evanston, Ill.

BLAINE SPRAY SMITH, cement manufacturer, died at New Rochelle, New York, October 27, 1955; born at Alta, Iowa, son of William Peter and Christina Gunn Smith; removed with parents to Chicago and educated in public schools of that city where he grew to manhood; married Marie Mary Powell, November 15, 1914; associated with C. & N. W. Railway, Chicago, 1898-1908; salesman of Universal Portland Cement Co., Chicago, latterly a vice-president, 1908-28; president of Penn-Dixie Cement Corp., New York, 1928-36; president and director Universal Atlas Cement Co., New York, since 1936; director of Walworth Company and former director of United States Steel Corporation; director and past president of Portland Cement Association; member of United States Chamber of Commerce, American Society for Testing Materials and American Concrete Institute; a member of the Episcopal church and a Republican; resided at 50 Rockledge Drive, Pelham Manor, New York, with offices in New York, N. Y.; survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Anson W. Krickl and Mrs. Arthur F. Hetherington.

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