

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

FRANK EDWARD HORACK, political scientist and professor emeritus at the State University of Iowa, died at Iowa City, Iowa, November 21, 1956; born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, June 8, 1873; son of Frank J. and Katharyn Mosnat Horack; was graduated from the Iowa City high school and was an 1897 graduate of State University of Iowa, receiving a bachelor of philosophy degree; took his doctorate in philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania as a Harrison Fellow in 1901-1902; married September 6, 1905, to the former Grace Collins; was appointed an instructor in political science at the University of Iowa in 1902, became an associate professor in 1906 and a professor in 1915; was the author of numerous political science papers and books, including "The Government of Iowa" in 1911 and "The Organization and Control of Industrial Corporations"; also was a joint author of a three-volume work entitled "Iowa Applied History Series"; was a member of the American Political Science Association, the Southwestern Political Science Association and of the commission of the American Political Science Association which issued a report on the teachings of government in 1916; for 13 years was secretary of the State Historical Society of Iowa; altogether had been a State University of Iowa faculty member 41 years, retiring in 1943; was primarily interested in American government and had published many articles on municipal and governmental organization and operation; a member of the Unitarian church, Democratic party, Rotary and Triangle clubs; surviving are the widow and a son, Dr. Frank E. Horack, Jr., professor of law at Indiana University.

GROVER COOPER HUBBELL, financier and civic leader, died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 9, 1956; born in same city where he lived his entire life, February 3, 1883, youngest of three children of Frederick Marion and Fanny Cooper Hubbell, the father upon his death on November 11, 1930 reputed to be the wealthiest man in Iowa history; grew up as a youth at Terrace Hill, the Hubbell mansion on West Grand avenue in Des Moines, owned by the father and the estate since 1884; attended Des Moines public schools; Culver Military academy, Lawrenceville (N.J.) prep school and Yale university, where he was graduated with a civil engineering degree; engaged in the real estate business with his father and brother; married September 27, 1905, to Anna Godfrey of Des Moines,

daughter of Col. George L. Godfrey, a Des Moines pioneer; continuing active in business, was a trustee of the Hubbell estate, vice-president of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., treasurer of the Hubbell Realty Co., treasurer of the F. M. Hubbell, Son & Company, Inc., secretary-treasurer and director of Hubbell, Inc., director of the Hubbell Building Co., vice-president and director of the Des Moines Western Railway Co., vice-president and director of the Des Moines Terminal Co., vice-president and director of the Angus Coal Co. of Oskaaloosa, and president and director of Valley Limestone & Gravel, Inc.; also associated with other enterprises, including oil wells, high quality woods, and concrete and gravel deposits; with V. L. Clark operated the Des Moines Saw Mill Co., which manufactured gunstocks for the United States government and the Allies in World war I, later being consolidated in the Penrod, Jurden, Clark Co., which provided high-quality woods for the manufacture of furniture; was a trustee of Drake University and former chairman of its board; during World War II was active in the United Service Organization (USO) in Des Moines; was a team captain in many Community Chest drives; was a longtime member of the Y.W.C.A. board, a past president of the Y.M.C.A. and a member of the camp committee, boys' home committee and finance committee of that organization; his many philanthropies included a gift in 1945 of an 82-acre land and water tract at the southeast corporate limits to the city for development of a recreational area; was given the *Des Moines Tribune* Community Service award for distinguished public service in 1947; despite periodic difficulties with his health, was active as a volunteer worker and-or official in these organizations; had continued active in Des Moines community service and social life in recent years, even though arthritis forced him into a wheelchair; lived in Los Alamos, New Mexico, from 1918 to 1920 while successfully overcoming a lung ailment; besides his sister, the Countess Beulah Hubbell Wachtmeister, who lives in Paris and is 82 years old, is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Frances Ingham, Mrs. Richard Barshell and Mrs. J. H. Windsor, all of Des Moines, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also two nephews, Frederick Windsor Hubbell, president of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, Des Moines, and James W. Hubbell, chairman of the board of trustees of the Bankers Trust Company, of Des Moines, both trustees of the F. M. Hubbell estate and sons of the late F. C. Hubbell, who died in 1947 at the age of 83.

RUDOLPH MARTIN (SPIKE) EVANS, construction engineer, farmer and public official, died at Arnold's Park, Iowa, No-

vember 21, 1956; born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 4, 1890; son of Martin Evans, manager of the Cedar Rapids street railway company; educated in Cedar Rapids public schools, graduating from the high school, and attended Iowa State College at Ames, receiving his civil engineering degree on graduation in 1913; united in marriage to Thurma Marguerite Allen at Laurens, Iowa, April 15, 1919; after graduation had worked as a construction engineer in New York and represented an export-import firm in Australia and New Zealand; returned to Laurens to work on a consolidated school and decided to become an Iowa farmer; became vice-president and general manager of the Laurens Farm Co., which raised 5,000 hogs a year in the twenties and thirties; in the early 1930's held numerous positions important to agriculture was the first state corn-hog committee chairman for Iowa, served as national administrator of the agricultural adjustment administration, as assistant to Secretary of Agriculture under Henry A. Wallace, and served on the federal reserve board as agriculture's representative from 1942 to 1954; acted as hearing officer in the important anti-monopoly case brought by the government against the Trans-America corporation, giant west-coast banking organization; sent by President Roosevelt to England during World War II to work with the British on food problems; also appointed to a board of five top federal officials on employee-loyalty questions, and active in the food and agricultural organization; terminating his federal reserve board service, returned to Iowa in 1954, taking up residence at Arnolds Park, and last spring launched his campaign for the senate; won a primary election contest to obtain the Democratic nomination but was defeated by Senator B. B. Hickenlooper, Republican, seeking re-election on November 6 last; during World War I served with the 116th Engineers in the U. S. Army's expeditionary force; was an Episcopalian and a Mason and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity; survived by the widow and two daughters, Mrs. Robert L. Dorsey of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Mrs. James W. Miller of Ithaca, N. Y.

HALVOR R. STRAIGHT, industrialist and inventor, died at his home in Adel, Iowa, September 28, 1956; born at El Paso, Illinois, August 24, 1882; moved in 1892, with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith Straight, to Fonda, Iowa, where he attended high school; also attended Grinnell college and in 1907 was graduated from University of Illinois as a mechanical engineer and all geology courses available; came to Adel, Iowa, with his parents when the plant of the Dallas County Clay

Products was purchased and renamed the Adel Clay Products Company; later started another brick and clay plant at Redfield, Iowa, and currently had a third plant operated by his son Lee at Centerville, Iowa; became the inventor of cutting knives and numerous other devices used in the manufacture of clay products, his most recent engineering accomplishment being a hydraulic boxcar unloader, manufactured by his Straight Engineering Co. in Redfield, and originally designed to unload cars of soybeans handled by his Iowa Soya Co. in Redfield and sold to terminal operators throughout the country; nationally known by his hobby of collecting rocks, fossils and artifacts; assisted in developing the "Hawbaker Find" along the Raccoon river, where ancient Indian barbecue pits were uncovered containing bones and items the age of which seemed to be at least 1,500 years; had collected a substantial volume of mineral specimens, arrow heads and artifacts suitable for a museum, intending to establish such in connection with the Adel public library; a Mason, Rotarian, a Sunday school teacher in the Christian church and a member of the Des Moines club; active in local civic organizations and national societies; survived by his widow, the son, and two daughters, Mrs. Don Ogg of Adel and Mrs. Erwin Bentz of Washington, Illinois, three sisters and nine grandchildren.

ANDREW H. WOODS, physician, neurologist and psychiatrist, died November 5, 1956, following injuries received in being run down by an automobile while crossing a street at Wellsley Hills, Massachusetts, where he resided in retirement; born August 25, 1872, at Hartwood, Virginia; son of Francis Marion and Julia Miller Junkin Woods; educated in two high schools in Virginia and at Washington & Lee University, here receiving his B.A. degree in 1892 and his medical doctor degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1899, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity; spent a total of 17 years in China as an intern, physician, teacher and investigator for the Rockefeller Foundation, serving for some time as vice-president of Canton Christian college; was a major in the army medical corps from 1917 to 1919, serving as a neurologist in charge of nerve wound work in Bordeaux, France; subsequently served as assistant neurologist at the University of Pennsylvania and did research in the Spielmeyer Clinic in Munich, Germany, before coming to the State University of Iowa in 1928, where he was professor and head of psychiatry and director of the Psychopathic Hospital at the State University of Iowa from 1928 to 1941; contributor of articles to various scientific journals; director of First Capital National

Bank; president Sinclair Realty Co., Cedar Rapids; fellow American Neurological Association; past vice president; fellow American Psychiatric Association; member of Congregational church and a Democrat; survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth Faries Howe, whom he married in 1955, and five children of his first marriage to his first wife, the former Fanny Sinclair of Cedar Rapids, who died several years ago; the surviving children being three sons, Thomas Sinclair, Francis Marion, Robert Pirrie and two daughters, Janet McCleery (Mrs. Park Dickey) and Margaret Soutter (Mrs. Gordon Keith).

ORVILLE D. WHEELER, lawyer and jurist, died November 11, 1956, at an Omaha hospital which he entered September 21; born in 1861, in Missouri, and located at Council Bluffs in 1888 after he was graduated from the University of Iowa, his law class having only 35 students in its graduating class that year; had worked his way through school and immediately entered the practice of law, quickly obtaining a substantial practice; became district judge in 1900, when Judge Walter I. Smith resigned to become a candidate for congress, being appointed by the governor after his selection as a candidate in a district convention for the election the following November; served 34 years on the district bench from September 1, 1900 to January 1, 1934, when he retired; re-entered the practice of law with his son-in-law, Frank Northup, continuing about ten years until 1945, when he retired from active practice; a member of the Masonic order, the Iowa State bar association and a life member of the Elks club; and a past president of the county and district bar association; survived besides his daughter, Gertrude, with whom he had resided since the death of his wife, Helen M. in 1935, by four grandchildren, Frank Wheeler of Omaha, John Wheeler of Greeley, Colorado, Mrs. Charles A. Stewart of St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Helen Dorsey of Hampton, Virginia and six great grandchildren.

WILLIAM WARREN OVERHOLSER, veteran editor and publisher, died at the Sioux City Methodist hospital after a lengthy illness, November 25, 1956; born in Lancaster county, Penn., November 20, 1868; son of Jonathon W. and Clara Kurtz Overholser; educated in the Lancaster county schools, and coming to Iowa, graduated with the first class of the high school at Correctionville, where the family located, and from Cornell academy in 1892, where he was a member of Amphycton society; married Bertha I. Lothian September 12, 1892 (deceased

in 1935) at Correctionville; after clerking there in a general store several years was appointed postmaster at Correctionville, serving from 1889 until 1893 when he became owner and editor of the *Ireton Clipper*, continuing there until 1906 when he purchased the *Sibley Gazette* and in 1931 consolidated it with the *Osceola County Tribune* owned by Lloyd McCutcheon, retiring in 1954 after 24 years as editor of the paper; served as postmaster at Sibley from 1923 to 1936; received from the Iowa Press Association in 1950 its coveted Master Editor-Publisher award six years after his late son, Ralph E. Overholser, publisher of the *Red Oak Express* received the same honor, the latter having served as president of the Iowa Press Association; active in Sibley civic affairs; a member of the Methodist church, Rotary club, Modern Woodmen, Farm Bureau and for eight years president of the Commercial club; was chairman of the Osceola County Republican Central Committee from 1911 to 1923; survivors include two other sons, Craig and Charles, and a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Brammer, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ORVILLE S. FRANKLIN, lawyer and jurist, died at Des Moines, Iowa, November 2, 1956; born on a farm in Taylor county, Iowa, August 12, 1877, and in 1898, when he was 15 years of age, the family moved to Mitchellville, Iowa; went to Iowa State college at Ames where he was graduated in 1898 with a bachelor of science degree and received a law degree in 1903 at the University of Michigan; then, from 1903 until his appointment to the municipal judgeship, practiced law in Des Moines, first in partnership with Charles Mackenzie and later with Guy A. Miller; served as municipal judge in Des Moines from 1916 to 1923 and then elected as a district judge and served until 1954, when he voluntarily retired, the first Polk county district judge to retire under the state judicial retirement act, and other judges praised his service and regretted his retirement; was then 76 years old and had been serving as a judge for slightly more than 37 years; a member of the Congregational church and of the Masons, Shriners, Elks, Woodmen of the World, Redmen and Conopus club; served for many years as a member of the board of the Society for Friendless Men, an organization to aid former prisoners to rehabilitate themselves; survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Henny Franklin, a brother, Earl, of Grover, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. Fern Reeves of Spokane, Washington.

CHAUCER G. LEE, attorney and former judge of district court, died at his home in Ames, Iowa, January 4, 1957; born August

7, 1869, on a farm in Jasper county, near Kellogg, the son of James Lee, a Massachusetts Yankee whose grandfather had fought at Lexington and mother, Sarah Whitcomb Lee, related to the poet, James Whitcomb Riley; attended country school, Hazel academy at Newton, Iowa, Iowa State college at Ames and Drake University at Des Moines; was graduated from Iowa State in 1894, Drake law school in 1895 and admitted to the bar the latter year, immediately beginning the practice of law at Ames, retiring in 1945; served as Ames city attorney from 1896 to 1902 and as district judge from 1907 to 1914; a member of the American Bar association and the Iowa State Bar association, also president of the Story county bar association; during college career at Iowa State college was editor-in-chief in 1903, of the institution's first "Bomb" (annual yearbook) ever published, and in 1903-1904 was editor-in-chief of the *Iowa State Student Daily*; married to Emma McCarthy in 1906, who died in 1953; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Earl Spencer, Waterloo, and two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Daily, Newton, and Mrs. Morton Rose, Santa Cruz, California, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ELMORE A. ELLIOTT, clergyman, legislator and former Des Moines finance commissioner, died at his home in the Capital City where he had resided 51 years, on December 6, 1956; born on an Indiana farm across the Ohio river from Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864; spent his early years farming; attended Westfield College, Westfield, Illinois, and former Western College at Toledo, Iowa, and came to Des Moines in 1898, when he married Lois Shepherd, whom he met at Western College; was an ordained minister of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination and served the former Castle and Miller Memorial churches in Des Moines and other United Brethren congregations at Dawson, Van Meter and Elkhart, and Congregational churches at Ankeny, Johnston, Bondurant and Granger, and during most of these ministries continued to make his home in Des Moines; served in five sessions of the Iowa house of representatives from 1924 to 1930 and was re-elected in 1932 and 1934; earlier served two terms on the Des Moines city council, starting in 1918 and 1920, as city finance commissioner; later for a time was a claim adjuster for the city legal department; surviving besides his widow is a sister, Mrs. Thomas Vardenius, Portland, Oregon.

BURTON E. SWEET, attorney, former Iowa legislator and congressman, died at his home in Waverly, Iowa, January 2, 1957; born on a farm near Tripoli, Bremer county, Iowa, De-

ember 10, 1867; attended school in Fremont township and Waverly, later attended Iowa State Teachers College and Cornell College, and received his law degree from the State University of Iowa in 1895; opened a law office in Waverly, and although a Republican, was elected a representative in the Iowa legislature serving in the sessions of 1900 and 1902; also a United States representative from 1915 through 1923 for the old third Iowa district, known as the "monkey-wrench" district because of its shape; sought a U. S. senate seat in 1924, but was defeated in the Republican primary election by the late Sen. Smith W. Brookhart; continued active in his law practice for 60 years until he suffered a stroke on Christmas day; married Lois F. Riseley on December 12, 1900, who died in 1904, their only child, a daughter Esther, having arrived October 9, 1901; married again on April 19, 1923, in Washington, D. C., to Isabelle Carey; survived by his widow, Isabelle, a daughter, Mrs. Esther Smith, Syracuse, New York, and five grandchildren.

PAUL WILLIAM RICHARDS, attorney and former Iowa supreme court justice, died December 27, 1956, at Red Oak, Iowa, which was also his birthplace March 16, 1874, his entire life having been spent there; son of Charles E. and Mary Richards; was educated in the Red Oak public schools and was graduated from Grinnell College in 1894; after being admitted to the bar in 1896, joined his father in practice of law; had conferred upon him in 1937 by Grinnell College the honorary degree of doctor of laws; was city and county attorney and federal referee in bankruptcy from 1923 to 1933, served as justice of supreme court from 1934 to 1940 and was a United States commissioner of the railroad retirement board from 1939 to 1944; married in 1907 to Stella Powell, who survives with one son Jonathan, associated with his father in the law firm since 1947, and five grandchildren; another son, Paul W. Jr., preceding him in death in 1945; a member of First Congregational Church and the Elks Lodge; was one of southwest Iowa's leading Democrats and remained active in party work until death.

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