

## NOTABLE DEATHS

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SOLOMON ANDREW LAYTON, architect, died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on February 6, 1943; born in Lucas county, Iowa, on July 22, 1864, the son of Andrew Layton and Jennette Miller Layton; completed high school in Red Oak, Iowa, his family being composed mainly of carpenters and mechanics he became interested in the construction of buildings, took a position with an architect named Weigel in superintending construction and learning architectural designing, making progress until he became one of Oklahoma's most noted designers of public buildings; married on March 25, 1885 to Alice Jeanette Wood, who died in Oklahoma City in 1930; removed to Colorado in 1886 and was engaged as a superintendent of construction for mines; opened an office in Denver in 1887, later removing to Texas where he did important work upon a new unit of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas.

Mr. Layton made the run at the opening of the Cherokee Outlet in 1893 and in 1902 opened an office El Reno, in Oklahoma Territory; and in 1907 removed to Oklahoma City, residing there until his death. In addition to preparing the plans for the Oklahoma capitol building and the State Historical building, he designed probably two-thirds of the public school buildings of the state and many of the county court houses; also designed the greater number of business edifices and municipal buildings at Oklahoma City and other cities of the state.

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RALPH E. OVERHOLSER, editor and civic leader, died at Red Oak, Iowa, July 16, 1944; born at Correctionville, Iowa, June 9, 1894; removed to Sibley, Iowa, with his parents and spent his boyhood in the local schools and the newspaper office of his father, W. W. Overholser; after graduating from the Sibley high school attended Morning Side college two years and graduated from the State University at Iowa City in 1920; served as editor of the *Daily Iowan* his senior year at the university; spent a year on the staff of the *Sioux City Journal* before going to Red Oak where in 1921 he took up his life's work as editor and manager of the *Express*; married Alice Sprague of Cedar Rapids on February 28, 1922; became a leader in his profession and in his community, receiving many honors in recognition of his ability and services; at the University of Iowa was president of the Iowa College Press association in 1919-20; besides other fraternities was a member of the AFI society, which annually selects the twelve outstanding seniors; as an able Republican editor served as director of publicity for his party at state headquarters; received the 1944 Iowa Master editor-publisher plaque; served a number of Red Oak civic organizations

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