

ROYAL JOHN HIGGINS, farmer and legislator, died on his farm in Highland township, Greene county, Iowa, December 17, 1944; born near Henry, Illinois, on June 18, 1879, his parents being John and Emeline Higgins; a resident of the Jefferson community since 1911; employed as a young man by Swift & Company, at St. Joseph, Missouri; married Alice Belle Howard December 5, 1901, the wife passing away November 11, 1915, three children surviving the union. Mr. Higgins was again married January 2, 1920 to Carrie R. Knox at Dana; served as school director, township trustee and a member of the Forty-first General Assembly from Greene county; a member of the Methodist church and active in farm organizations.

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CHARLES W. TAYLOR, farmer and legislator, died December 20, 1944, at Chicago, Illinois; born on a farm south of Victor, Iowa, January 29, 1878; moved with parents to Audubon county August 10, 1881; received his education in the rural schools and Drake University, Des Moines; engaged in farming, live stock breeding and feeding; served as township school treasurer many years, and a member of the Forty-third General Assembly; married to Gertrude Cozine on May 27, 1903, who with three daughters survive him; was a Mason and a Democrat.

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A. V. BRADY, farmer, banker and legislator, died at Sanborn, Iowa, October 13, 1943; born also at Sanborn September 9, 1885; educated in the Sanborn public schools and State University law school at Iowa City; actively engaged in farming since 1905; married in 1910 to Marguerite E. Kings, of Sanborn; served as an officer of the local farm bureau since its organization and at one time was its president; also a director of the Sanborn Savings bank and the Sanborn school board; represented O'Brien county in the state house of representatives in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth extra sessions; a member of the Masonic order and a Republican.

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I. J. BURK, farmer and legislator, died at Rippey, Iowa, October 20, 1944; born on a Greene county, Iowa farm, May 1, 1877; attended Washington high school and continued to reside upon a farm until 1913, when he was married to Hattie Underwood; removed to Rippey and engaged in the automobile business, though still owning and operating his farm until his death; served as mayor of Rippey, and represented Greene county in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth General Assemblies; is survived by his wife and two sons, Lyle S., president of Liberty National Bank of Chicago, and I. J. Burk, Jr., manager of Burk Auto Co. in Rippey; was a Republican and active in local civic organizations.

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