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EDWARD P. SCHOENTGEN, wholesale grocer, architect and public official, died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 17, 1944; born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 16, 1873; educated in local schools and Milwaukee academy, and later the Manual Training school at St. Louis; received an S. B. degree in architecture in 1895 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; studied abroad two years in Paris, France, at the Ecole des Beaux arts as a pupil of Jean Louis Pascal, Member L'Institute, and a government architect, also in the French provinces and in Italy. As an architect he established offices in 1899 in St. Louis, then at Council Bluffs, ten years later relinquished his profession to enter the wholesale grocery business; was married in 1901 to Mable Pratt of Des Moines, Iowa, daughter of M. M. Pratt; for twenty-four years served on the Iowa Board of education, and was active in local and state civic and patriotic enterprises; at one time served upon the Iowa capitol commission and has been energetic in war work organizations.

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RHYS T. RHYS, public official, having served as a state mine inspector for thirty-eight years under twelve Iowa governors, died at the University Hospital at Iowa City, Iowa, September 7, 1944; born in Gwaun-Cae Gurwen, South Wales, and came to the United States at the age of eighteen; was the son of Thomas and Ann Rhys; completed his schooling in Ohio; was married December 24, 1898 to Ann Llewelyn at Oskaloosa, Iowa; resided at Ottumwa and was first appointed to the mine inspection post by Governor Albert B. Cummins on November 20, 1903; a charter member of the Mine Inspectors Institute of the United States and a life member of the organization. At the time of his retirement as district mine inspector of Iowa on June 30, 1943, Mr. Rhys was dean of all state employees, and had witnessed first hand the far-reaching progress in coal mine safety in this country.

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W. L. EICHENDORF, lawyer and jurist, died at his home in McGregor, Iowa, October 13, 1944; born in 1889 in McGregor; graduated from the McGregor high school and received a degree in law at the University of Iowa in 1912; started law practice at McGregor, taking over the office and law library of Congressman Thomas Updegraff; served in the World war, returning to his law practice; became judge of the Thirteenth district in 1926 and had served on the bench continuously since. Judge Eichendorf is survived by his wife, a daughter, Betty Jeane; a brother, Harvey Eichendorf of McGregor; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Reynolds of Rockwell City, and an uncle, August Kranert, of McGregor.

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