

Iowa counties; was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor in 1920, and for United States senator in 1922; served as committeeman from Iowa on the Democratic national committee from 1924 to 1928; elected governor of Iowa in November 1932 and re-elected in 1934; elected United States senator from Iowa in 1936, and defeated for re-election in 1942; was delegate at large to the national Democratic convention in 1940; appointed deputy administrator of the Office of Price Administration in February 1943, but resigned the following November, remaining since in Washington representing various interests. The senator's father, James Herring, died at the age of 88 in February 1945, having resided some years at the Herring home in Des Moines.

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W. F. (MONT) HUNTER, newspaperman and 45 years an Iowa editor, died September 12, 1945, at Webster City, Iowa; born in Eldora, Iowa, June 9, 1862, son of J. D. Hunter, a pioneer editor who came to Iowa in 1856 from Indiana, as owner and editor of the *Eldora Sentinel*, later residing at Iowa Falls. The family moved to Webster City in 1866, the father purchasing the *Hamilton County Freeman* from Charles Aldrich, its founder; and there "Mont" Hunter entered upon his life's work at fifteen years of age, becoming first a printer, then a reporter, and finally an editor. His grandfather, W. A. Hunter, at the age of twenty had founded an abolition newspaper in Indiana and operated a "station" on the "underground railroad" to help slaves escape into Canada, until those of the opposition sentiment wrecked his newspaper plant in 1857, when he joined his son in Iowa. In 1900 "Mont" Hunter succeeded his father in the editorial chair and since continuously has served his community and developed into a leader in his profession in the state. During his forty-five years' work upon the one paper he saw twelve other weeklies and six daily newspapers launched in Webster City, and only twice did his paper change its name; first in 1900 after merging with the *Tribune* to become the *Freeman-Tribune*, and in 1917 merging with the *Journal* to become the *Freeman-Journal*. The significant earlier name was retained from the days of the militant grandfather, whose flaming spirit and forthrightness descended to and oftentimes directed the thinking and utterances of his able and worthy scion. Mr. Hunter was married December 2, 1887, to Alletta Young, who died May 11, 1891; and on Thanksgiving day, 1899, was married to Minnie Jane Pettinger at Sioux City, the widow and two daughters surviving. A Republican through the years he enjoyed political leadership in his county and congressional district, though never seeking political office.

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CLIFFORD P. SMITH, jurist and church leader, died at his home in Newton, Massachusetts, August 9, 1945; born near Geneva,

Indiana, in 1869, son of J. B. and Amelia Peabody Smith; educated in the public schools of Geneva and came to Mason City, Iowa, at the age of twenty to study law in the offices of Blythe & Markley. Mrs. James E. Blythe was his sister. After graduation from the law department of the University of Iowa in 1891 and practicing briefly at Kalispel, Montana, and Sioux City, he returned to Mason City in 1893 and joined the law firm, which became Blythe, Markley & Smith, in which he continued until 1900, when Gov. Leslie M. Shaw appointed him as district judge to succeed Judge John C. Sherwin, who took his seat on the Iowa supreme court that year. Judge Smith served until 1908 when he resigned to go to Boston, Massachusetts, as first reader in the Christian Science church there. His legal attainments and his prominent connection with that church elevated him to a position of leadership in its religious, business and legal affairs, serving as first reader, trustee of the publishing society, general counsel, lecturer, editor and writer. During his service he was designated by the organization to prepare and conduct the funeral services for Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science faith. Judge Smith married Myrtle Holm of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1900, who with one daughter, Mrs. Muriel Smith Dean, of St. Paul, Minnesota, survive him.

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HEINRICH H. BOETTGER, labor official and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 7, 1945; born in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, April 6, 1884, of German parentage; educated in public schools and attended Bethel military academy at Warrentown, Virginia, and later completed a business college course. He engaged in the cigar manufacturing business for many years at Davenport, having learned his trade in his father's factory. In 1904 was elected president of the Davenport Cigar Makers Union; also served as secretary and president of the Davenport Trades and Labor assembly, and three terms as secretary of the Workingmen's Industrial Home association; represented the Iowa State Federation of Labor at the Denver convention of the American Federation of Labor held in November, 1908, and has represented the Cigar Maker's Union for six years at the State Federation conventions. Mr. Boettger served as a representative from Scott county, Iowa, three terms beginning in 1909; had been an employee of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at Sioux City and Des Moines for twenty-eight years, and at the time of his death was service bureau manager at Des Moines. He was a Democrat and a member of various fraternal orders. Surviving are his wife, Kathrine; one son, Patrick Jerome; and two brothers, Edward A. of Davenport and Chris of Hackensack, N. J.

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CHARLES DANA REED, meteorologist, died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26, 1945; born on a farm near Coon Rapids, Carroll

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