

Sketches of Master Editors

Biographical material on the Iowa Master Editor-Publisher has not been available in complete form, so that political and religious affiliation and business and professional memberships are not necessarily all-inclusive. This pertinent and valuable material was gleaned from the Iowa Press Association's *Who's Who in Iowa*, *The Iowa Publisher*, and from personal correspondence, by two graduate students from the School of Journalism of the State University of Iowa.

The staff position listed is that held at the time the award was made; in most cases, especially on weeklies, an award winner listed as "editor" or "publisher" was actually serving in both capacities.

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| BPOE — Elks | MWA — Modern Woodmen of America |
| DPA — Daily Press Association | NEA — National Editorial Association |
| IOOF — Odd Fellows | RNA — Royal Neighbors of America |
| IPA — Iowa Press Association | SAR — Sons of American Revolution |
| KC — Knights of Columbus | Scot Rite — Scottish Rite |
| KP — Knights of Pythias | SDX — Sigma Delta Chi |
| KT — Knights Templar | WOW — Woodmen of the World |

MARTIN A. AASGAARD (1880-1948) — born Albert Lea, Minn.; educ. Lake Mills HS; married Ragna Mykleby; three sons, one daughter; editor, *Lake Mills Graphic*; in professional journalism, 1896-1948; member, IPA, Lions; Lutheran.

E. P. ADLER (1872-1949) — born Chicago, Ill.; educ. Ottumwa; married Lena Rothschild; one son; publisher, five Lee Syndicate papers, ten Midwest dailies; in professional journalism, 1885-1949; member, IPA, Inland DPA, president, 1917-18; Republican.

KENNETH F. BALDRIDGE (1886-) — born Bloomfield; educ. Bloomfield HS, Drake U., LL.B.; married Kate McClure; one son, one daughter; editor, *Bloomfield Democrat*; in professional journalism, 1909-; member, IPA, NEA (50th pres.), SDX, KP, Mason, KT, Shrine; Disciples of Christ; Democrat.

H. WARD BARNES (1883-1947) — born Fedora, S. D.; educ. Eagle Grove HS, SUI, B.A.; married Maude Morford; one son, one daughter; editor, *Eagle Grove*

Eagle; in professional journalism, 1909–1947; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, WOW, Mason, IOOF, Rotary; Congregational; Republican.

JUSTIN BARRY (1873–) — born Lamotte; educ. Walker HS; married Adelaide Luthera Haight; one son; editor, *Cherokee Daily Times*; in professional journalism, 1891– ; member, IPA, Inland DPA, Mason, KT, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

LEON S. BARNES (1894–) — born Northwood; educ. Northwood HS; married Stella Minor; one son, one daughter; editor, *Northwood Anchor*; in professional journalism, 1912– ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, Mason, KT, Lions; Baptist; Republican.

JESSE M. BECK (1873–) — born Ottumwa; educ. Wapello County rural schools, Penn College, Iowa Wesleyan, B.Sc.; married Edna Needham; three sons; editor, *Centerville Daily Iowegian and Citizen*; in professional journalism, 1899– ; member, IPA, Mason, Phi Delta Theta, Kiwanis; Methodist; Republican.

FRED W. BECKMAN (1873–) — born Clayton County; educ. SUI, Ph.B.; married Anna McCulloch; one son, one daughter; editor, *Knoxville Journal*; in professional journalism, 1898– ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX; Congregational; Republican.

DON L. BERRY (1880–) — born Indianola; educ. Simpson College, Ph.B.; married Bertha Sloan; one son, two daughters; editor, *Indianola Record-Herald and Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1903– ; member, IPA, SDX, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

CLAUDE V. CAMPBELL (1882–1950) — born Story County; educ. Ames HS, Iowa State, B.S.; married Emma Jacobsen; one son, one daughter; editor, *Jewell Record*; in professional journalism, 1904–1950; member, IPA, SDX, Kiwanis; Lutheran; Republican.

GRANT L. CASWELL (1869–1948) — born Boone;

educ. Moingona, Iowa; married Evalena Clark; three sons, one daughter; managing director, IPA; in professional journalism, 1882-1943; member, IPA, SDX, Mason, Scot Rite, BPOE; Republican.

EDWIN PERCY CHASE (1879-1949) — born Anita; educ. Atlantic HS; married Jane Colton; editor, *Atlantic News-Telegraph*; in professional journalism, 1900-1936; member, IPA, Rotary; Republican; Pulitzer Prize for best editorial, 1933.

DUANE E. DEWEL (1901-) — born Burt; educ. Algona HS, SUI, U. of Mo., B.J.; married Dorothy G. Snodgrass; one son, one daughter; co-editor, *Kossuth County Advance*, Algona; in professional journalism, 1924- ; member, IPA, Kiwanis.

W. C. DEWEL (1875-) — born St. Lawrence County, N. Y.; educ. Goldfield HS, SUI, Ph.B., Drake U., LL.B; married Emma Louise Patton; five sons; editor, *Kossuth County Advance*, Algona; in professional journalism, 1898- ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, MWA, Yeomen, RNA, Sigma Nu, Rotary; Methodist.

CHARLES A. DOXSEE (1888-1948) — born Monticello; educ. Monticello HS, Cornell College, B.Sc.; Drake U., LL.B.; married Alma O. Korslund; two sons, one daughter; editor, *Monticello Express*; in professional journalism, 1915-1948; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, KP, Mason, SAE, Rotary; Methodist; veteran, World War I.

J. ORVILLE ELDER (1866-1940) — born Alexis, Ill.; educ. Ill.; married Carolyn L. Rall (died), Josephine Babcock; one son; editor, *Washington Journal*; in professional journalism, 1900-1940; member, IPA, Rotary; Presbyterian.

JAMES C. GILLESPIE (1870-1950) — born Memphis, Mo.; educ. Memphis HS; married Bertha E. Bennett; one son, two daughters; editor, *Le Mars Semi-Weekly*

Sentinel; in professional journalism, 1888–1950; member, IPA, SDX, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

STEPHEN G. GOLDTHWAITE (1868–1947) — born Boone; educ. Boone HS, Brown U., B.A., Des Moines U., M.A.; married Iva Bryant; one daughter; editor, *Boone News-Republican*; in professional journalism, 1890–1947; member, IPA, Iowa DPA, BPOE, Mason, York Rite, Scot Rite, Rotary; Baptist.

JOSEPH F. GRAWE (1843–1933) — born Westphalia, Germany; educ. Bradford HS, Bradford Academy; married Blanche Waite; four sons, six daughters; editor, *Waverly Bremer County Independent*; in professional journalism, 1873–1933; member, IPA, NEA; veteran, Civil War.

JOHN M. GRIMES (1873–) — born Monroe County, Ind.; educ. Monroe County, Indiana U.; married Katherine Sparkman; one son; editor, *Osceola Sentinel* and *Osceola Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1892– ; member, IPA, NEA, Mason, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

JOHN WILLIAM HAGGARD (1869–) — born Kossuth County; educ. Algona; married Segrid Lavold; editor, *Algona Upper Des Moines*; in professional journalism, 1885– ; member, IPA, NEA; Congregational; Republican.

W. EARL HALL (1897–) — born Jefferson; educ. Jefferson HS, SUI, B.A.; married Ruth Reeves; one son, two daughters; editor, *Mason City Globe-Gazette*; in professional journalism, 1920– ; member, IPA, SDX, Sigma Nu; Republican.

E. P. HARRISON (1883–1948) — born Wittman, Md.; educ. Wittman HS; married Ethel Brubaker; one son, two daughters; editor, *Oakland Acorn*; in professional journalism, 1910–1948; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, KP, Mason, KT, Scot Rite; Republican.

JOHN C. HARTMAN (1861-1941) — born Waterloo; educ. West Waterloo; married Ida M. Hummell; editor, *Waterloo Courier*; in professional journalism, 1879-1941; member, IPA, SAR, KP, BPOE; Republican.

FRED W. HILL (1883-1950) — born Grand Junction; educ. Woodbine Normal School, Simpson College; married Edna E. Heckel; one daughter; editor, *Hamburg Reporter*; in professional journalism, 1906-1950; member, IPA, SDX, IOOF, Kiwanis; Methodist.

PHIL HOFFMANN (1868-) — born Oskaloosa; educ. Oskaloosa HS, Penn College; married Anna M. Glaze; one daughter; editor, *Oskaloosa Daily Herald*; in professional journalism, 1885- ; member, IPA, Mason, KP, Rotary; Episcopalian; Republican.

JOHN HUSTON (1881-) — born Ottumwa; educ. Ottumwa HS; married Rose Meany; one son, one daughter; editor, *Ottumwa Daily Courier*; in professional journalism, 1897- ; member, IPA, Iowa DPA, Inland DPA, BPOE, KC; Catholic; Republican.

HARVEY INGHAM (1858-1949) — born Algona; educ. Algona HS, Algona College, SUI, BA., LL.B., Grinnell, LL.D., Morningside College, hon. LL.D., Drake U.; married Nellie E. Hepburn; three sons; editor, *Des Moines Register and Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1882-1949; member, IPA, SDX, Phi Beta Kappa; Congregational; Republican.

FRANK JAQUA (1870-1948) — born Traer; educ. Traer; married Alice L. McCaffrey; two sons, one daughter; editor, *Humboldt Republican and Independent*, *Wright County Monitor*; in professional journalism, 1890-1948; member, IPA, NEA, Rotary; Congregational.

WILLIAM C. JARNAGIN (1879-) — born Colfax; educ. Montezuma HS, ISTC, M.Di.; married Jean Gilchrist; in professional journalism, 1901- ; editor,

Storm Lake *Pilot-Tribune*; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, KP, IOOF, Mason, Scot Rite, Shrine, Kiwanis; Presbyterian.

VICTOR H. LOVEJOY (1871-1944) — born Rippey; educ. rural schools; married May Elden; one son, three daughters; editor, *Jefferson Bee*; in professional journalism, 1893-1944; member, IPA, Rotary; Presbyterian.

J. G. LUCAS (1879-) — born Boone County; educ. Madrid HS, Palmer College, Le Grande; married Maude Halsey; two sons, two daughters; editor, *Madrid Register-News*; in professional journalism, 1895- ; member, IPA, Mason, Lions; Christian; Republican.

JAMES W. McCUTCHEON (1903-) — born Mount Vernon; educ. Mount Vernon HS, Cornell College, B.A.; married Ruth Lynch; editor, *Mt. Vernon Hawkeye Record* and *Lisbon Herald*; in professional journalism, 1925- ; member, IPA, SDX, Mason, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

CHARLES N. MARVIN (1857-1941) — born East Orange, N. J.; educ. Marshalltown HS; married Bertha L. McCausland; one daughter; editor, *Shenandoah Sentinel*; in professional journalism, 1886-1941; member, IPA, Mason, BPOE; Congregational; Republican.

FRANK A. MOSCRIP (1859-1941) — born Rockton, Ill.; educ. Eagle Point, Ill.; married Louise S. Stapley; one son, three daughters; editor, *Marshalltown Times-Republican*; in professional journalism, 1899-1941; member, IPA; Congregational; Republican.

SHERMAN W. NEEDHAM (1881-) — born Sigourney; educ. Sigourney HS, Iowa Wesleyan, B.Sc.; married Grace Darland; one son, one daughter; editor, *Ames Milepost*; in professional journalism, 1905- ; member, IPA, SDX, Mason, York Rite, Shrine, BPOE, Phi Delta Theta.

PAUL A. OLSON (1873—) — born Chicago, Ill.; educ. Story City; married Hildora Jensen; two sons, one daughter; editor, *Story City Herald*; in professional journalism, 1885— ; member, IPA, MWA; Evangelical; Republican.

RALPH E. OVERHOLSER (1894–1944) — born Correctionville; educ. Sibley HS, Morningside College, SUI, B.A.; married Alice Sprague; one son, one daughter; editor, *Red Oak Express*; in professional journalism, 1920–1944; member, IPA, SDX, Rotary; Methodist; Republican; veteran, World War I.

WILLIS W. OVERHOLSER (1868—) — born Lancaster County, Penna.; educ. Correctionville HS, Cornell College; married Bertha L. Lathion; three sons, one daughter; editor, *Sibley Gazette-Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1893— ; member, IPA, MWA, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

J. L. PAPES, SR. (1869—) — born Peoria, Ill.; educ. Keota HS; married Bessie B. Burrese; one son, two daughters; editor, *Marion Sentinel*; in professional journalism, 1885–1949; member, IPA, SDX, Mason, Lions; Methodist; Republican.

THOMAS W. PURCELL (1875—) — born Anamosa; educ. Anamosa; married Nellie L. Babcock; four sons, six daughters; editor, *Hampton Chronicle*; in professional journalism, 1890— ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, KP, IOOF, Mason, KT, Scot Rite, Shrine, Rotary; Republican.

W. G. RAY (1857–1936) — born Grinnell; educ. Grinnell College; married Sarah Haines; two sons, one daughter; editor, *Grinnell Herald*; in professional journalism, 1890–1936; member, IPA, SDX; trustee, Grinnell College; Congregational; Republican.

JAMES R. RHODES (1882–1944) — born Newton; educ. Newton HS, Monmouth, Ill. College, B.A.,

Princeton U., B.A., M.D.; married Helen L. Atkins; editor, Newton *Daily News*; in professional journalism, 1903-1944; member, IPA, Iowa DPA, Inland DPA, SDX, Mason, York Rite, Shrine, BPOE, Yeomen, Rotary; Presbyterian; Republican.

CHARLES S. ROGERS (1868-) — born N. Windham, Me.; educ. Concord, Mass. HS, Iowa Wesleyan, B.Sc.; married Lillian O. Kendig; two sons, three daughters; editor, Mount Pleasant *News*; in professional journalism, 1891- ; member, IPA, BPOE, IOOF, KP, Kiwanis; Methodist; Republican.

WILLIAM S. RUPE (1886-) — born Dickinson, Kans.; educ. Robinson, Kans. HS, Lane U., B.A., Campbell College, B.A., Kansas U., B.Sc., B.A.; married Minta Warner; one daughter; editor, Ames *Daily Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1922- ; member, IPA, Iowa DPA, Mason, Scot Rite, Shrine, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

H. H. SADLER (1882-) — born Beckley, W. Va.; educ. Huntington, W. Va., and Humeston, Central College; married Leona Hunt; one son; editor, Pella *Chronicle*; in professional journalism, 1899- ; member, IPA, Rotary; Baptist; Democrat.

RALPH E. SHANNON (1888-) — born Washington County; educ. Washington HS, Washington Academy, U. of Chicago; married Fannie E. Harwood; two sons, one daughter; editor, Washington *Evening Journal*; in professional journalism, 1906- ; member, IPA, SDX, Mason, Rotary; Methodist; Republican.

EDWARD M. SMITH (1870-) — born Jackson County; educ. Dexter Normal, Drake U.; married Evelyn Crossley; four daughters; editor, Winterset *Madisonian*; in professional journalism, 1899- ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, KP, Mason, Scot Rite; Presbyterian; Republican.

- PAUL C. SMITH (1904-) — born Rock Rapids; educ. Rock Rapids HS, SUI, B.A.; married; one daughter; editor, Rock Rapids *Lyon County Reporter*; in professional journalism, 1926- ; member, IPA, NEA, SDX, Kiwanis; Methodist; Republican.
- SCOTT SNYDER (1876-) — born Dallas County; educ. Adel HS, Drake U.; married Pearl Hughes; editor, Adel *Dallas County News*; in professional journalism, 1904- ; member, IPA, BPOE.
- DAVID SUTHERLAND (1890-) — born Beatrice, Nebr.; educ. Grinnell HS, Grinnell College; married Helen Jordan; one son, one daughter; editor, Montezuma *Republican*; in professional journalism, 1914- ; member, Mason, KP, BPOE, American Legion, Lions.
- ELMER E. TAYLOR, SR. (1861-1943) — born Traer; educ. Traer Academy, Cornell College; married Ella Canfield; three sons; editor, Traer *Star-Clipper*; in professional journalism, 1878-1942; member, IPA, NEA; Congregational; Republican.
- S. E. TENNANT (1889-) — born Delphos; educ. Mount Ayr HS; married Ernestena Beckman; editor, Colfax *Tribune*; in professional journalism, 1909- ; member, IPA, NEA, Mason; Presbyterian; Republican.
- GEORGE C. TUCKER (1879-1947) — born Hamilton County; educ. Webster City HS, SUI; married Grace E. Stuart; one son; editor, Webster City *Freeman-Journal*; in professional journalism, 1900-1946; member, IPA, SDX, BPOE, Rotary.
- C. S. WALLING (1867-) — born Oskaloosa; educ. Oskaloosa HS; married Mary Knight; one son, four daughters; publisher, Oskaloosa *Daily Herald*; in professional journalism, 1885- ; member, IPA, BPOE; Congregational; Republican.
- JAMES W. WILSON (1900-) — born Oskaloosa; educ. Oskaloosa, Albia HS, Coe College, U. of Mo.,

B.J.; married Constance V. Guernsey; one son, one daughter; publisher, Carroll *Daily Times-Herald*; in professional journalism, 1921- ; member, Rotary, BPOE, Mason, SDX, Iowa DPA; Methodist; Republican.

PAUL C. WOODS (1876-) — born Ossian; educ. Fayette HS, Upper Iowa U., B.Sc.; married Amy Luther; two sons, one daughter; editor, Sheldon *Mail*; in professional journalism, 1898- ; member, IPA, NEA, KP, Kiwanis; Methodist.

WILLIAM P. WORTMAN (1867-1936) — born Mills County; educ. Highland Park College, B.A.; married Gertrude Allen; one son, one daughter; editor, Malvern *Leader*; in professional journalism, 1900-1936; member, IPA, SDX, Mason; Methodist.

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PAUL J. MAHANEY

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1932-1951

| Year | Name | Newspaper |
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| 1932 | *Joseph F. Grawe | Bremer County Independent |
| 1932 | *Elmer E. Taylor | Traer Star-Clipper |
| 1932 | *Harvey Ingham | Des Moines Register and Tribune† |
| 1933 | Edward M. Smith | Winterset Madisonian |
| 1933 | *E. P. Adler | Lee Syndicate Papers† |
| 1933 | *W. G. Ray | Grinnell Herald |
| 1934 | W. C. Jarnagin | Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune |
| 1934 | *W. P. Wortman | Malvern Leader |
| 1934 | *F. A. Moscrip | Marshalltown Times-Republican† |
| 1934 | *G. L. Caswell | IPA Managing Director |
| 1935 | *John C. Hartman | Waterloo Courier† |
| 1935 | *M. A. Aasgaard | Lake Mills Graphic |
| 1936 | *James R. Rhodes | Newton Daily News† |
| 1936 | K. F. Baldridge | Bloomfield Democrat |
| 1937 | T. W. Purcell | Hampton Chronicle |
| 1937 | *E. P. Chase | Atlantic News-Telegraph† |
| 1937 | *V. H. Lovejoy | Jefferson Bee |
| 1938 | *H. Ward Barnes | Eagle Grove Eagle |
| 1938 | *J. Orville Elder | Washington Journal† |
| 1938 | J. G. Lucas | Madrid Register-News |
| 1939 | Jesse M. Beck | Centerville Iowegian† |
| 1939 | John M. Grimes | Osceola Sentinel and Tribune |
| 1939 | Scott Snyder | Dallas County News |
| 1940 | W. C. Dewel | Kossuth County Advance |
| 1940 | C. S. Rogers | Mount Pleasant News† |
| 1940 | Paul C. Woods | Sheldon Mail |
| 1941 | *C. N. Marvin | Shenandoah Sentinel† |
| 1941 | *Frank Jaqua | Humboldt Republican and Independent |
| 1941 | *E. P. Harrison | Oakland Acorn |
| 1942 | J. L. Papes, Sr. | Marion Sentinel |
| 1942 | Leon S. Barnes | Northwood Anchor |
| 1943 | Don L. Berry | Indianola Record-Herald and Tribune |
| 1943 | S. W. Needham | Ames Milepost |
| 1943 | *George C. Tucker | Webster City Freeman-Journal† |
| 1944 | Fred W. Beckman | Knoxville Journal |
| 1944 | *S. G. Goldthwaite | Boone News-Republican† |
| 1944 | *R. E. Overholser | Red Oak Express |
| 1945 | *Fred W. Hill | Hamburg Reporter |
| 1945 | J. W. McCutcheon | Mt. Vernon Hawkeye-Record |
| 1945 | William S. Rupe | Ames Daily Tribune† |
| 1946 | *Paul A. Olson | Story City Herald |
| 1946 | John W. Haggard | Algona Upper Des Moines |
| 1946 | W. Earl Hall | Mason City Globe-Gazette† |
| 1947 | *Charles A. Doxsee | Monticello Express |
| 1947 | H. H. Sadler | Pella Chronicle |
| 1947 | Justin Barry | Cherokee Daily Times† |
| 1948 | *J. C. Gillespie | Le Mars Sentinel |
| 1948 | Phil Hoffmann | Oskaloosa Daily Herald† |
| 1948 | C. S. Walling | Oskaloosa Daily Herald† |
| 1949 | *C. V. Campbell | Jewell Record |
| 1949 | Ralph E. Shannon | Washington Evening Journal† |
| 1949 | Paul C. Smith | Lyon County Reporter |
| 1950 | John Huston | Ottumwa Daily Courier† |
| 1950 | W. W. Overholser | Sibley Gazette-Tribune |
| 1950 | S. E. Tennant | Colfax Tribune |
| 1951 | D. E. Dewel | Kossuth County Advance |
| 1951 | David Sutherland | Montezuma Republican |
| 1951 | James W. Wilson | Carroll Daily Times-Herald† |

*Deceased

†Daily