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GEORGE ALLISON WILSON, attorney, jurist, Iowa legislator, governor and U. S. senator, died September 8, 1953, at Des Moines, Iowa; born April 1, 1884, on the farm south of Menlo, Adair county, Iowa, to which his father, James H. ("Prairie Jim") Wilson, came from New York after service in the Civil war; rode a horse four miles to the public school in Menlo; attended Grinnell college from 1900 to 1903, waiting upon tables for his board and tending a furnace for his room; served as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in 1904, and entered the law course at the State University of Iowa that fall; won his "G" at Grinnell and his "I" at Iowa, in basketball; while governor appointed John Chalmers, his Iowa basketball coach to the district bench in Dubuque county, where Chalmers is still serving as judge; began law practice in Des Moines upon graduation from law school in 1907; continued as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in the sessions of 1906, 1907 and 1909, and as secretary of the senate in 1911; elected county attorney of Polk county in 1914, and appointed district judge in 1917, being 33 years of age when he went upon the bench; re-elected district judge in 1918 for a four-year term, but resigned in 1921 and resumed the practice of law; elected and served in seven sessions of the Iowa senate from Polk county, from 1927 to 1935; married Mildred Zehner in Des Moines, December 8, 1921, who with three sons, James, George Jr. and John, and a daughter, Mary Ann, survive; elected governor of Iowa in 1938, and served two terms; elected United States senator in 1942, serving one six-year term; resumed practice of law in Des Moines, which he continued in partnership with his son, George, Jr., until his death, concluding one of the notable official careers of leading Iowa public men.

JOSEPH H. ANDERSON, farmer, public official and legislator, died at his home in Thompson, Iowa, September 24, 1953; born on a farm in Winnebago county, Iowa, near Forest City, in 1871; received his education in the rural schools of his county and at the State Teacher's college at Cedar Falls, from which institution he was graduated in 1898; served two years as principal of the school at Fairbanks, Iowa, since which time he engaged in farming with exception from January 1, 1905 to January 1, 1913 during which time he served as clerk of the district court of his county; elected in 1914 as representative from the ninety-fifth district to the Iowa

state legislature and re-elected in 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922 and 1924, becoming speaker of the house in the Fortieth and the Fortieth extra session of the General assembly; became a widely known figure in co-operative creamery circles, being a past-president of the Iowa and National Associations of Co-operative Creameries; from 1928 to 1934 was a member of the Iowa state board of education; also served as a member of the board of education of Waldorf college at Forest City, Iowa, and in a similar capacity with the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church in America; survivors include the wife, two sons, Orland, of Thompson, and Merlin, of Ames; and four daughters, Mrs. Alfred Field, Forest City, Mrs. Ray Wunder, Sanborn, Joy Anderson, Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. W. O. Bowers, Long Beach, Cal.

PHIL HOFFMAN, editor and publisher, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, October 1, 1953; born in Oskaloosa August 16, 1868, and spent his entire life in that city; attended Oskaloosa high school and William Penn college there; entered the *Oskaloosa Herald* newspaper office as a reporter in June, 1885, and quickly displayed talent as a reporter; the paper, then a weekly, became a daily two years later and he enjoyed expanded responsibilities; quit the newspaper after four years and for some years operated a steam laundry, but in 1896, with his brother, the late Charles V. Hoffman, purchased the *Herald* to which he literally devoted his entire life; named by the Iowa Press association in 1948 as a master editor-publisher; widely known for his many charities and strong advocacy of temperance; wrote and published a 100-year history of Mahaska county, giving the proceeds to the Mahaska county historical society; held several lay positions in St. James Episcopal church; was a past president of the Rotary club and was active in the Masonic lodge and Eastern Star; was a past vice-president of the Home Loan & Savings association of Oskaloosa and until his death was a member of its appraisal committee; for about three years was a sergeant in the old Company F of the Iowa National guard; besides his wife who resides at 807 High ave. E., Oskaloosa, is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Smith, Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, laundryman and savings and loan banker, died at Clear Lake, Iowa, October 8, 1953; born at Putnam, Illinois, October 12, 1878; son of a pioneer Iowa Christian preacher and a resident of Des Moines more than 60 years; obtained his education in the Des Moines schools and entered the laundry business in 1895 with his brother, Howard Wilson, operating the University laundry and later consolidated with the Munger laundry and conducted the

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