

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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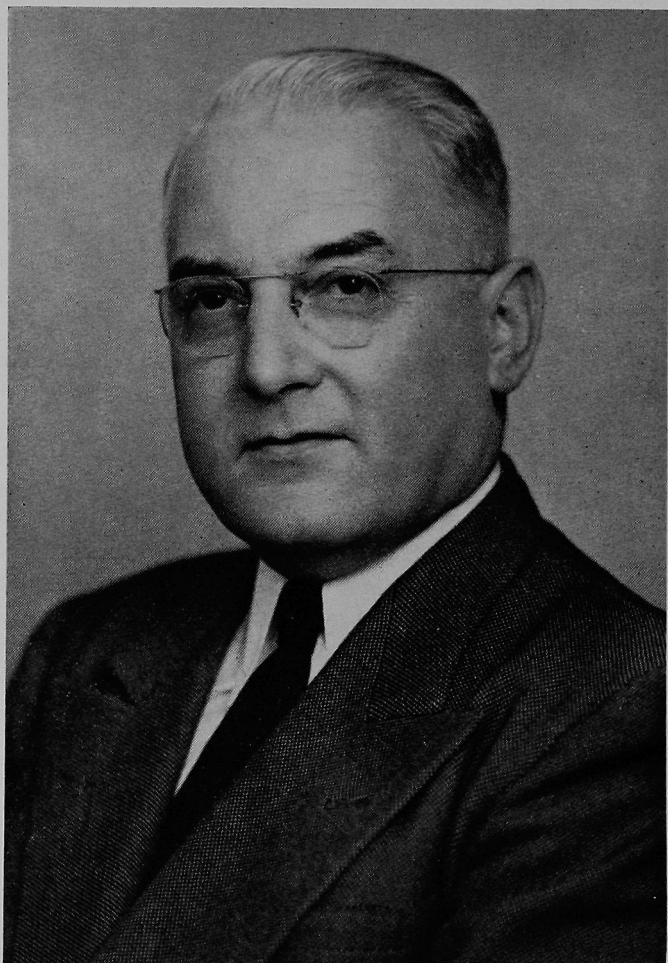
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WILLIAM S. BEARDSLEY  
State Senator, 1933-41  
State Representative, 1947-49  
Governor of Iowa, 1949-1954

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WILLIAM SHANE BEARDSLEY, governor, legislator, druggist, farmer, killed in an automobile accident near Des Moines, Iowa, November 21, 1954; born at Beacon, Iowa, May 13, 1901; son of William and Carrie Shane Beardsley; attended public school at Birmingham, Iowa, and graduated from the Birmingham high school and the Bowen Institute of Pharmacy and Chemistry; married Charlotte E. Manning of Birmingham, and they have four children living, Blaine, Mary (Mrs. Henry F. Schleg), Charlotte (Mrs. Doyle E. Stickell), and Dan; also William, deceased; established a drug store at New Virginia in 1922; in 1940 moved to his 900 acre grain and stock farm near New Virginia; since has been actively engaged in its operation, the past two years having eliminated streams and gullies by installing an extensive drainage system and leveling fields, bringing into new cultivation vast areas; served as state senator from the Clarke and Warren county district in the 45th, 45th extra, 46th, 46th extra, 47th and 48th General Assemblies of Iowa; elected in 1947 as a member of the Iowa house of representatives from Warren county, serving in the 52nd general assembly; nominated by the Republican party and elected governor of Iowa in 1948, and twice re-elected, being one of three Iowa governors to be elected three times and the first to die in office; a member of the Methodist church, the I.O.O.F. and Masonic bodies; his tragic death removing from public life and home community a citizen of experience and ability with a promising future, being so well fitted for further possible service and able leadership.

CARL STEPHENSON, educator, author and a world-recognized authority on medieval history, died at his home in New York, N. Y., October 5, 1954; born at Fayette, Iowa, August 10, 1886; son of Andrew and Julia (Root) Stephenson; was graduated in 1907 from De Pauw University and received M.A. and Ph. D. degrees at Harvard; taught at Princeton, Washington University and the University of Wisconsin and did research abroad on a Belgian Relief Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship; was a professor at Cornell University 24 years, assuming duties there in 1930 and retired in June, 1954; had summer appointments at Chicago University, Columbia University and Stanford University; as an author his best known books are "Medieval Feudalism," "Borough and Town: A Study of Urban Origins in England," and "Medieval History," the

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