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MATTHEW HENRY CALDERWOOD, farmer, banker and legislator, died at Eldridge, Iowa, May 22, 1945; born May 4, 1863, in Winfield township, now a part of Sheridan township, Scott county, Iowa, the son of Henry and Nancy Ann Calderwood. The father came to America from Ireland in 1847 and for one year operated a sawmill at LeClaire before moving to the farm. A rural resident all his life, Mr. Calderwood served his community in many capacities, a champion of improved farming, better roads and good schools; attended rural schools in his youth and studied one year at Northern Indiana Normal school, Valparaiso, Indiana; married Sarah Ritchie Brownlie of Long Grove, Iowa, on September 20, 1887, and they went upon the farm at Eldridge, where his life was spent; aided in the organizing of the Eldridge Savings bank in 1889, serving as vice-president until 1901 when he became president and continued until 1931; was Scott county's representative in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies; first secretary of the Scott county Farmer's Institute, also secretary of the Eldridge Mutual Telephone company since 1902, and director and past president of the Mississippi Valley Fair and Exposition; a former justice of the peace and president of the local school board for many years; a member of the Christian church and numerous fraternal societies. Six children survive him, a son and a daughter residing at the home in Eldridge.

OLIVER JAMES FAY, physician and surgeon, died in Des Moines, Iowa, June 2, 1945; born in Postville, Iowa, July 2, 1874; graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1898, and received his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Illinois in 1902; after internship at Augustana hospital, Chicago, Illinois, came to Des Moines in 1904; married in the same year to Helen Knapp, of Charles, Iowa; became eminent as a surgeon and practiced his profession in Des Moines forty-one years; built a noteworthy medical library of 1,500 volumes which he presented to Iowa Methodist hospital at Des Moines as a nucleus for additional gifts from the profession; achieved leadership in Des Moines medical circles; served as president of the Iowa State Medical society in 1924 and a member of the trustees since that time; was a past president of the Polk county Medical society, a staff member of the Iowa Methodist hospital and also of the Broadlawn general hospital; became chief district surgeon for the Rock Island railroad, consultant surgeon for the Burlington and Northwestern railroads, and retired medical director of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company; served as medical director of the Iowa Industrial Commissioner from the date of its establishment in 1913 until his death; was a fellow of the American Medical association, fellow and charter member of the Amer-

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