

## Iowa's Notable Dead

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"Bide" Way studied pharmacy in Des Moines, and passed the state board of pharmacy examination at the age of twenty, but due to his youth received an assistant's certificate, which was the second such certificate issued in the state; began as a pharmacist at Britt February 26, 1890, and maintained his certificate during his lifetime, though not using it for many years; with his brother, Thos. A. Way and Ed. Healey, under the firm name of Way Brothers & Healey, bought the John Kenyon drug store, his brother paying for "Bide's" share, the only time he ever was in debt and then only briefly; selling the drug store joined with his brother and others in organizing what became the Western Electric Telephone company at Britt, which grew rapidly, extending to other towns through northwest Iowa, southern Minnesota and South Dakota, eventually being sold to the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Mr. Way eventually purchased the interests of associates and had served successively as secretary, treasurer and vice president of the Western, and moved with the general offices to Mason City, in 1901, and became a part of the Northwestern Bell June 1, 1929, of which he became vice president, serving in that capacity until 1934, when he retired, but continued upon its board of directors until 1946; continued his residence at Mason City and the summer home at Dodge's Point, Clear Lake, during his years of retirement; with his wife, Mina, devoted a great deal of time to St. John's Episcopal church at Mason City, being a most liberal contributor both to its building and retirement of debt; served as chairman of the local Salvation army board, a charter member of the Rotary club and a member of the Elks lodge.

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WILLIAM CARDEN, businessman and legislator, died at his home in Winfield, Iowa, March 18, 1950; born on a farm near Middletown, in Des Moines county, Iowa, August 24, 1865, the son of William and Isabelle Miller Carden; attended the State Normal school at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and finished his education in Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa; taught school about three years and then entered the hardware and implement business at Winfield; served as postmaster under appointment from Pres. William H. Taft, after which he entered the banking, insurance and real estate activities, becoming vice-president of the Winfield National bank, and also had been vice-president of the Farmers National bank since its organization in 1916; served three terms in the Iowa house of representatives from 1902 to 1906 inclusive, and eight years in the state senate from 1927 to 1944 inclusive; active in the Presbyterian church, as an elder for fifty years and superintendent of its Sunday school forty-two years; honored by the

church as moderator of the Iowa Presbytery and vice-moderator of the Iowa synod, positions rarely held by laymen; a trustee of Parsons college thirty-four years; vice-president of the State General Insurance Co., of Des Moines; married Fannie DeLashmutt November 18, 1891, who with an adopted daughter, Thelma Carden, survives; the last of a family of seven brothers and a sister; a leader in civic activities and for some years a vice president of the Pioneer Lawmakers of Iowa; a member of the I. O. O. F., the Masonic bodies and the Lions club.

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E. L. C. WHITE, newspaper publisher, died February 23, 1950, at his home in Spencer, Iowa; born in 1885, in Fairfax, Missouri; located at Villisca, Iowa, in 1909, where he became part owner and manager of the *Villisca Review*; removed to Spencer in 1916 and became editor and publisher of the *Spencer News-Herald*, which he continued to direct until 1936 when he retired, during which period he also was associated with the *Storm Lake Register* and the *Sheldon Sun*; devoted much time to public interests and community affairs; one of the organizers of the Clay county fair; headed the committee which developed paved roads in the county; became chairman of the committee that put Spencer banks under waivers in 1926, and helped reorganize one bank, so that depositors lost nothing, and another in which the loss to depositors was only five percent; headed a committee that obtained location of a hospital at Spencer; active upon war finance committees and bond campaigns; served as president of the Iowa Press association in 1935, and in same year his paper was awarded honors as the best weekly paper in the United States; was one of the founders of the Spencer Golf and Country club, and past president and life director of the chamber of commerce; survived by his wife and a son, James, a student at Northwestern university, Evanston, Illinois.

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MAURICE F. DONEGAN, U. S. attorney and jurist, died March 24, 1950, at Davenport, Iowa; born in Welton township, Clinton county, Iowa, September 2, 1875, the son of Jeremiah and Mary Lucey Donegan, pioneer settlers in that county; reared on the farm near Welton, attended rural district school, later DeWitt high school, St. Ambrose academy in Davenport and Creighton academy in Omaha; was graduated from Creighton university with an A. B. degree in 1895; received his master's degree from Georgetown university, Washington, D. C. in 1898; took two years in the law college at Georgetown, completing his legal training at the State University of Iowa, where he received his

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