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Furniture store and funeral home; returned to the state legislature in 1956 as the representative from Clarke County, and after apparently winning re-election in November 1958, lost his seat on a contested vote soon after the legislature convened in 1959; was past president of the Iowa Pure Bred Sheep association and secretary of the Iowa Corriedale association; held the French medal of honor, was American Legion post commander, member of the Methodist Church, Masons, Eastern Star and Lions Club; survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Miller of Waterloo, and a son, David Watts of New York City.

ROBERT B. CARSON, attorney and former state legislator, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Bondurant, Iowa March 10, 1960; born March 30, 1920 at Moulton, Iowa, the son of D. Craig and Mae (Black) Carson; graduated from the Moulton high school in 1937; served over three years in the army during World War II, and was stationed in the Central Pacific 34 months; received a B.A. degree from Parsons College at Fairfield in 1947; married to Shirley Delores Sinn of Independence that year, both obtaining their law degrees from the Drake University law school in 1950; began the practice of law at Independence in February 1950; was Buchanan County attorney three terms, 1950-54, and was a charter member and one of the first directors of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys, 1952-53; served as finance chairman and chairman of the Buchanan County Republican central committee; elected to the state legislature in 1954, appointed to the agriculture, appropriations, bank, highways, insurance and judiciary committees, and following his re-election in 1956, was chosen Republican majority leader in the House; did not seek re-election to the 58th General Assembly; traveled abroad during the summer of 1957 and fall of 1959; had been actively campaigning for the Republican nomination for governor of Iowa since January, William O'Connell having become an associate of the family law firm; was president of the Buchanan County Bar Association, member of the Iowa State Bar Association, past president of the Independence Rotary Club, and a trustee of the Iowa United Fund organization; became council member-at-large of the Wapsipinicon area council of the Boy Scouts in 1953, recently was named county chairman of the Crusade for Freedom, and was also an active member of the Masons, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks Club, and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church; survived by his wife.

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