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WAYLAND ROY CHRISTIANSEN, former district court clerk, postmaster, county auditor, and state representative, died at the veterans hospital in Knoxville January 28, 1960; born August 12, 1895, at Northwood, Iowa, the son of Hans and Manda Christiansen; attended the public schools in Northwood and Hamilton Business College at Mason City; was a veteran of World War I, receiving the Purple Heart for injuries that caused the loss of a leg in the Argonne in France shortly before the armistice; served as clerk of the district court in Worth County for several years, was afterwards postmaster at Northwood, and Worth County auditor from 1935 to 1950; married to Mary Jane "Mae" Hilborn June 23, 1940; was elected to the state legislature in 1952, and re-elected in 1954 and 1956; had been commander of the American Legion post in Northwood and its service officer for many years, treasurer of the Northwood Independent School District, member of the Masonic Order, and First Lutheran Church; survived by his wife, and two stepsons, Dr. Donald H. Hilborn, Rapid City, South Dakota, and James F. Hilborn, Menominee, Wisconsin.

CARROLL ORRY SWITZER, district judge, attorney, business executive, Democratic party leader, and former civic official, died in Des Moines May 30, 1960; born at Pilot Mound, Boone County, Iowa, May 23, 1908, the son of Walter Nicholas and Martha Frances (Chingren) Switzer; graduated from the consolidated high school at Runnells in 1925, being active in football and state oratorical champion that year, received his law degree from Drake University in 1931, having been president of the freshman class, 1929, member of the varsity football team, 1928-29, and on the student council two years; took graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1931, and became an assistant branch manager of the Butterick Publishing Company in Cleveland, Boston, Philadelphia and Boston for a short time; married in Chicago to Hilda Lorraine Hastie of Omaha, Nebraska, March 19, 1932; was associated with the law firm of Neiman & Leake in Des Moines, 1932-33, before establishing his own practice, assistant city solicitor, 1936-1938, and became a partner in the law firm of Switzer, Jackson, Crawford & Guessford; took a strong interest in politics, serving as president of the Young Democratic Club of Polk County, 1939, the Young Democratic Clubs of Iowa the following year, permanent chairman of the Young Democratic Clubs of America national convention in Louisville in 1940, and delegate to the Democratic national convention that year; was Polk County attorney from 1946 through 1948, chairman of the Iowa delegation to the Democratic national convention, and defeated by William S. Beardsley for governor of Iowa in 1948; appointed federal district judge for southern Iowa by President Harry S. Truman in October, 1949, served through the next year, but Iowa Democratic Senator Guy Gillette exercised his senatorial prerogative to block confirmation by the United States Senate; was a member of the law firm of Switzer, Clarke & Emery, and vice president of Orville Lowe, Inc., and several other affiliated

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