

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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roll in 1899, living there continuously ever since; engaged in various local civic activities; one of the organizers of the Carroll Trust & Savings bank which he served as vice-president from 1909 to 1920; served as member of the Carroll city council eighteen years, the city park board, and upon the board of trustees of the city library; among the civic projects to which he devoted considerable time was the west city park bearing his name, having presented the city with the real estate comprising the site; married Daisy Sallinger at Carroll July 19, 1900, and they observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July, 1950; only the widow survived him, as their only child, John Paul, died in infancy; prominent in Masonic activities and a member of the building committees of both the Masonic temples, one being destroyed by fire; a member of all the Masonic organizations at Carroll, the Chamber of Commerce, the Wild Life Conservation association, and the Carroll country club, being a member of the board of directors of the latter.

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LEE W. ELWOOD, lawyer and legislator, died at Cresco, Iowa, December 28, 1951; born on a farm near Elma, Iowa, December 27, 1888; son of Frank D. and Katherine Harris Elwood; was graduated from the Elma public school in 1906, the University of Iowa law school in 1909, and opened a law office in his home town when twenty years of age; engaged in the real estate business in connection with the practice of law; elected to the Iowa house of representatives in November, 1912, reaching his twenty-fourth birthday less than two months thereafter, and no record has been shown that a younger man ever held a chair in the Iowa legislature; served three sessions and was elected speaker pro tem of the house in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly; married to Alice C. Church in Elma, June 27, 1917, and in April, 1926, moved to Cresco, where he formed a law partnership with his brother, Dale Elwood, and in 1933 Gerald E. Lyons became a member of the firm, which since has been Elwood, Lyons and Elwood; served as attorney for the appeal board during World War II, and was a member of the board of governors of the Iowa State Bar association at the time of his death; has long been an exponent of good roads for Iowa, and as a member of the legislature, aggressively supported the legislation from which the state's primary road system resulted; took an active part in civic and fraternal affairs in the community; a member of the Congregational church, the Masonic bodies, the Woodmen and Elks, and a leading Republican in his county and the Thirteenth Judicial district; survived by his widow, a son, Fred of Cresco,

and two daughters, Mrs. William Landholt, Elma, and Mrs. William Jaeger, St. Paul, Minn.

WILLIAM E. DENNISTON, lumberman, died at Newton, Iowa, November 7, 1951; born near Reasnor, south of Newton, on a Jasper county farm, in 1868, son of early-day Jasper county settlers; came to Newton sixty-one years ago when employed by a building contractor; two years later started bookkeeping at a lumber yard owned by the late Fred L. Maytag, owner of the Parsons Bandcutter Co., and later founded the Maytag Company; after twelve years purchased the lumber yard, which he has since operated; formed a partnership fifty-seven years ago with T. M. Partridge of Minneapolis, Minn., and together they gradually acquired lumber yards in neighboring towns, initiating an ownership by the Denniston family and Partridge interests that now numbers some forty lumber yards scattered throughout central Iowa, his two sons, Roy W. and Homer W. being active in the business; one of the founders and a former president of the Newton Home Savings and Loan association, with which he had been connected for thirty-eight years; a director of the Jasper County Savings bank since 1925; helped organize the Newton Commercial club, now the Newton Chamber of Commerce; identified with the United Presbyterian church, where he became ill before his death; a staunch supporter of every civic project that furthered the growth and progress of Newton; surviving besides his two sons are five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Lulu Emery of Newton.

JOHN W. RATH, meat packing executive and institutional executive, died at Waterloo, Iowa, December 22, 1951; born February 26, 1872, at Ackley, Iowa, son of John and Elizabeth Mosier Rath; received his education in the public schools and business college; removed to Waterloo in 1891 and with his cousin, E. F. Rath of Dubuque, that year founded the Rath Packing Company, and served as its president from 1898 to 1943, then becoming chairman of the board of directors until 1950, and was chairman of the finance committee until his death: married Maude Harbin August 21, 1895; served as president and director of the National bank of Waterloo, a director of the Illinois Central railroad company, director and member of the executive committee of the American Meat Packers, chairman 1931-34, vice-president of the National Live-stock and Meat Board since 1935, trustee of the Waterloo waterworks from 1912 to 1931 and its chairman thirteen years, one of the organizers, a president and director of the Waterloo Rotary club, member of the Union League club of Chicago and numerous Waterloo civic clubs and fraternal orders,

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