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tional Affairs, consultant for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a member of the President's Committee on Employment of Physically Handicapped, the advisory committee of the National Nursing Accrediting Service, the National Citizens Council for Agricultural Life and Labor, the Commission on Educational Organizations, vice president of the National Council of Naturalization and Citizenship, Payne Educational and Sociological Foundation, a director of the National League of Nursing, 1953-1957, inter-session lecturer at Syracuse University in 1956, and was one of 12 American education specialists to tour the Soviet Union in the summer of 1959; edited the American Council on Education periodic pamphlet series, *Racial and National Minorities* and *On American and Contemporary World Politics*, was a member of the editorial staff of the *Journal of Educational Sociology*, since 1937 had written several books, including *Sociology of Childhood*, *Educational Opportunities for Veterans*, with J. S. Roucek, 1952, *Educational Sociology*, 1953, revised in 1954, *One America and Principles of Sociology With Application to Health and Nursing Education*, 1957; was national president of Kappa Phi Kappa, 1952-55, member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Academy of Politics and Social Science, Solvay Institute (Brussels, Belgium), New York Schoolmasters Club, Federal Schoolmens Club, and Presbyterian Church; survived by his wife and one son, James of New York.

VICTOR FELTER, horticulturist, farmer and former state legislator, died May 15, 1960, at Indianola; born on a farm and nursery near Crystal, Tama County, Iowa, April 7, 1877, the son of Harvey and Anna Hillman Felter; received his high school education at Washta in Cherokee County, purchased a farm near Cherokee, exhibited purebred swine at the Chicago International Live Stock Exposition in 1900; attended the first farmers' short course at Ames in 1901, and was secretary of the Cherokee County Farmers Institute, 1898-1903 and one of the first county corn clubs, 1903-1908; married Edith Green at Washta June 8, 1904; directed the famous Iowa "Horn of Plenty" agricultural exhibit which won the grand prize at the San Francisco Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915; farmed in Dallas County three years, judged agricultural and horticultural products at numerous county and district fairs in Iowa and other states, and had a fifty-year association with the state fair as an exhibitor, judge of county exhibits for ten consecutive years, and superintendent of the agricultural building; helped organize several Iowa farm bureaus in 1917, and was Pottawattamie County agricultural agent at Oakland from 1918 to 1926 before purchasing and establishing a large commercial orchard north of Indianola; resigned as president of the Warren County Farm Bureau to become a successful Republican candidate for state representative in 1930, was re-elected to the state legislature in 1932 and 1934, also being president of the Warren County Farmers Institute, 1930-1932, Warren County Fair, 1932-1934, continuing as

secretary of the latter till 1939; was a past president of the Iowa State Horticulture Society, receiving its Gold Merit award in 1953, Iowa Fruit Growers Association, Iowa Fair Managers Association, Iowa Bee Keepers Association and served as director of the school district 27 consecutive years; ceased his fruit growing operations in 1951, and removed to Indianola in October, 1957; elected president of the Indianola Garden Club, and was an active member of the Methodist Church; survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Harold Hopkins, St. Cloud, Minnesota, Mrs. Marvin Cone, Moscow, Idaho, and two of three sons, Victor of Missoula, Montana, and Donald of Cainsville, Missouri.

DAVID O. MCCOY, research engineer and authority in radio astronomy, died at Rochester, Minnesota February 3, 1960; born at La Porte City, Iowa, March 18, 1911, and obtained his advanced education at Iowa State College, earning his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, M.A. in physics and Ph.D. in applied physics in 1938; then became associated with the United States Naval Research laboratory at Washington, D.C., for nine years, receiving the Navy's meritorious award in 1946; joined the Collins Radio Company at Cedar Rapids in 1947 where his work led to basic research and development of the radio sextant, an instrument which permits navigation in any type of weather because it does not operate by means of visual sighting of the sun or moon; as assistant director of the firm's research division, was also active in antenna research and other areas in the field of radio communication; in 1959 was elected a fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers for his contribution to the development of the radio sextant, and was installed as chairman of the Cedar Rapids section in January, 1960; spoke on the field of radio astronomy before many professional and lay groups, wrote a number of technical publications, was a member of several professional fraternities and active in the Methodist Church; survived by his wife, Viola, and two sons, Richard, a student at Cornell College, and David McCoy.

SILAS JACK GALVIN, businessman, civic and Democratic party leader, died at Hampton, Iowa March 28, 1960; born in Marion County August 7, 1878, the oldest son of James Allan and Margaret Haynes Galvin; attended country schools in Marion and Calhoun Counties, graduated from Knoxville high school in 1897, took a short commercial course at Northern Illinois Normal School, Dixon, Illinois and also studied at Highland Park College in Des Moines; taught rural school in Calhoun County in 1896 and in Marion County the next year; married at Des Moines to Ethel L. Craig of Knoxville June 7, 1899; was employed as a stenographer and accountant by the Iowa Pipe and Tile Company in Des Moines for four years before becoming secretary of the Des Moines Brick & Tile Company upon its organization in 1903; purchased a brick and tile firm at Iowa Falls in 1907, operating it as the Galvin Brick & Tile Company till 1911; advanced to assistant manager of the John Deere Plow Company of Moline, Illinois, after two years traveling as a

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