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WILLIAM R. BOYD, editor and educator, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 6, 1950; born at Lisbon, Linn county, Iowa, May 19, 1864, the son of Jasper W. Boyd and the former Elizabeth Osmond; spent his boyhood in Tipton, Iowa, and attended its public schools; attended Parsons college two years and graduated from the college of liberal arts of the State University of Iowa in June 1889, having earned his way by teaching school and working in a store; principal of the school at Mechanicsville two years, editor of the *Tipton Advertiser* two years, and editor and associate editor of the *Cedar Rapids Republican* sixteen years; served as postmaster of Cedar Rapids from 1899 to 1909, resigning to become chairman of the finance committee of the state board of education, in which position he served with fidelity and distinction until his retirement on account of his health in 1949; received honorary degrees of doctor of laws both from the State University and Coe college having been a lecturer upon political economy for a time at the latter institution of which he was a trustee; president of the Cedar Rapids Perpetual Savings & Loan association since 1918 and a director since 1904; served on the governing board of the Jane Boyd Community house, named for his late sister; an authority upon political and historical events he lectured and wrote extensively since retiring from newspaper work, articles of merit appearing in many magazines and newspapers; long gave energy and forceful leadership in Iowa higher educational affairs, and perhaps more responsible than any other one individual for the growth and development of the medical college and hospital at the State University of Iowa; always a student and self-effacing he kept abreast of current affairs and the trends in many fields, speaking and writing with insight and vigor; married in 1930 at Rochester, N. Y. to the former Lou F. Hadley, who survives; had membership in community organizations, the Masonic bodies and the Presbyterian church.

FRED CRAMER GILCHRIST, lawyer, state legislator and U. S. congressman, died March 10, 1950, at Laurens, Iowa, born June 2, 1868, the son of Prof. James C. and Hannah Cramer Gilchrist, at California, Washington county, Penn., and lived there and in West Virginia until 1876, when the family moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where the father established and was the first president of the Iowa State Normal school, now known as Iowa State Teachers' college, from which the son graduated in 1887, going

immediately to Laurens where he lived on a farm in Sherman township; taught in the rural schools near Laurens and was principal of the Laurens school one year and at Rolfe two years; became county superintendent of the schools upon reaching his majority in 1889, serving two years, the youngest official in that capacity in the state at the time; served as a member of the Laurens school board twenty-five years; graduated from the law school at the State University of Iowa in 1893 and was admitted to the bar, returning to Laurens where he practiced law continuously for fifty-seven years; elected state representative in 1901 from the Pocahontas-Humboldt district, serving in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, and in 1922 was elected senator for the Fiftieth senatorial district, serving two terms until 1930, at which time he was elected to the 74th congress from the old 10th Iowa district, now the 8th, composed of fifteen counties in northwestern Iowa, and re-elected six times, serving until January 1, 1945; remained at Laurens after retirement in the practice of law with his son who entered the partnership in 1922; had been active in legal phases of the drainage law of Iowa, and was sponsor for the Iowa corn-warehousing act, later used by the U. S. department of agriculture in the corn sealing programs assisting in financing farm operations; was the author of the Gilchrist amendment to the constitution of Iowa, establishing the county as the unit for state representatives and limiting the number; a leader in formulating the farm program in congress and regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the house; married to Ellen Louise Hurley in 1896, who survives with three children, Mrs. L. B. Hakes, Mrs. Mavis Allen and Fred Gilchrist Jr., all of Laurens; a member of the Masonic order and the Methodist church.

BAYARD CHANDLER ("Bide") WAY, pharmacist and telephone company executive, died at Mason City, Iowa, February 24, 1950; born on a farm near Forest City, Iowa, June 28, 1869, one of eight children (all now deceased) of Chandler C. and Georgiana Way, the family name having origin in France and spelled Vey; there being no W in the English alphabet until about the thirteenth century, when added it was first called "double V, and the V in Vey changed to W, the early spelling in England, from whence the family stemmed, being Wey and Weye, later became Waye, and then the last 200 years in the United States, has been Way. Chandler C. Way was a surveyor in McDonough county, Illinois, and in north Iowa, and moved to Ellington township, Hancock county, and later to Britt in 1878, where he in turn was a county superintendent of schools, a banker and a land agent.

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