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sional committee and for six years a member of the state central Democrat committee, during which time he acted as treasurer for two years, and as its chairman for four years 1910 to 1914; appointed by President Wilson as United States Marshal for the Southern district of Iowa in 1914, holding that office until 1922, when he was named clerk of the Federal court, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1932, after 30 years in that office; was a director of the Druggists Mutual Insurance Association of Algona, a director of the Union Bank and Trust company of Ottumwa, and had made his home in Des Moines since 1922; a member of the Catholic church and survived by his wife, Bertha.

MARY ELEANOR FAHNESTOCK, world traveler and author, died December 31, 1954, at her Georgetown residence in Washington, D. C.; born in 1880 at Wadena, Iowa, as Mary Eleanor Sheridan; educated at Visitation convent and Trinity college at Washington, and became the wife of A. Bruce Fahnestock, Sr., the inventor, who passed away in 1934; an active member of the Women Geographers and the American Newspaper Women's club; in 1938, after a three-year cruise in the South Seas aboard a 65-foot schooner, became known in the area as "Schooner Mary," and wrote a best-selling book, "I Ran Away to Sea at Fifty," the cruise aboard the yacht Director I lasting from 1934 to 1937; embarked in February 1940 on Director II on an expedition sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History to record aboriginal music, study bird life and chart remote islands, accompanied by her two sons, A. Bruce Fahnestock, Jr. and John Sheridan Fahnestock, the party also including fourteen other young men, Mrs. Fahnestock being the only woman on the trip, and served as chief cook in charge of twenty-three tons of food; but nine months after the expedition set sail for the South Seas with the good wishes of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the yacht foundered on a reef a few miles off Sydney, Australia, the mishap blamed on faulty charts 200 years old, as the British wartime authorities had denied them use of newer charts, fearing they might fall into the hands of potential enemies; surviving beside her son, John Sheridan of Park Hall, Md., is a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Plummer of Media, Pennsylvania, a son, Bruce, being killed in war action in New Guinea in 1942.

WILLIAM NELSON JUDD, legislator, city and railroad official, died January 13, 1955, at Des Moines, Iowa, while serving as a member of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, after six terms in the House of Representatives from Clinton county; born May 4, 1887, at Schuyler, Nebraska; son of Marshall and Harriet Potter

Judd; removed with his parents when two years old to Clinton, Iowa; attended Clinton public schools and began work at the barber trade when 15 years old; entered the service of the C. & N.W. railroad as a freight brakeman December 17, 1906, and promoted to conductor in 1913; became terminal yardmaster at Belle Plaine in 1919, and promoted in that position at Clinton in 1923, retiring in 1952, after 48 years service with the company; married January 4, 1906, Katherine Paulsen, who preceded him in death May 15, 1951; subsequently married on December 9, 1952, to Olga Wilkie Herrick; served as part-time lobbyist for the Iowa State Policeman's association, and his political career extended over a period of 35 years carrying him from the Clinton city council chambers to the Iowa state-house; served as a member of the Clinton city council from 1926 to 1934, and as mayor of the city in 1944 and 1945; elected as state representative in 1936 and served four consecutive terms, then from 1950 to 1955 in the same position, becoming chairman of the railroad committee of the house of representatives in 1953; a member of the First Presbyterian church, American Railway Supervisors, Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, Iowa State Sheriffs association and the Iowa Association of Firefighters; also affiliated with the Masonic bodies, Elks lodge, Iowa Farm Bureau, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Veterans Association of the C. & N. W., Clinton Humane Society, Clinton Moose and Eagle lodges; survived by his wife, a son, Orrin Judd, Clinton, two grandchildren, six great grandchildren, five brothers and six sisters.

GEORGE FIELD SUTHERLAND, minister and retired Methodist foreign missions official, died December 5, 1954, at Memorial hospital at Morristown, New Jersey, his home being at 15 Green Village Road, Madison, New Jersey; born in Maquoketa, Iowa, in 1876; was graduated in 1899 from Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa and later received an honorary D. D. degree from that institution; became interested in missions as an undergraduate; on graduation joined the Upper Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; after the 1940 merger of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and Methodist Protestant Churches to form the present Methodist Church, became a member of the North Iowa Annual Conference of the combined church; was simultaneously the pastor of three churches in Iowa; attended and was graduated in 1903 from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, and went to 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, as a secretary in the Young People's department of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he remained in various capacities with the Board of Foreign Missions, cover-

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