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of the navy; his quiet, solid conservatism was credited with being a good counter-balance to the more impulsive advice sometimes given the president by his colleagues; his navy reputation was one of much executive ability, at sea or ashore, "a cold logician," and a stern disciplinarian; had been president of the Navy Historical Foundation since 1950; awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in World War II as well as many other American and foreign decorations; author of *I Was There*, the story of his wartime experiences; survived by an only son, Rear Admiral William H. Leahy.

JAMES G. PATTERSON, district judge, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa May 22, 1959; born in Jasper County August 6, 1871, the son of William J. and Elizabeth Steele Patterson; received his early education in Mahaska County schools, was a teacher for two years, 1891-92, and completed pre-law studies at Oskaloosa College in 1894; enrolled at the University of Iowa, obtaining a Ph.B. degree in 1899 and LL.B. in 1901, and upon admittance to the Iowa bar, began the practice of law in Oskaloosa that year; married June 10, 1908 to Maude McClure who died July 8, 1958; served as Mahaska County attorney from 1909 to 1913 and as Oskaloosa city solicitor, 1925-6; became a recognized authority on legal drainage matters and had served as advisor to the Mahaska County board of supervisors on such issues; appointed judge of the Sixth judicial district at Oskaloosa in February 1928, succeeding Charles A. Dewey; retired December 31, 1958 after 30 years on the bench; owned several farms and was much interested in fishing and farm development; was a long time member of the Iowa and Mahaska County Bar Associations, the Iowa District Judges Association, the Masonic lodge, the Shrine, a Republican in politics, and active in the First Presbyterian Church.

FREDERIC LARRABEE, attorney, realtor, farm supervisor, cattle breeder, and former state senator died at his home in Clermont, Iowa August 27, 1959; born at Clermont November 3, 1873, the son of William and Anna Matilda Appelman Larrabee, his father being governor of Iowa from 1886 to 1890; graduated from the Clermont High School, the University of Iowa in 1897, and received his law degree from the university in 1898; studied for a time at Columbia University, established a law practice and real estate business in Fort Dodge in 1901, and supervised a number of farms in northern Iowa; was a first lieutenant in the 56th Regiment, Iowa National Guard, and battery adjutant several years; elected a Republican state senator from the Twenty-seventh District comprising Calhoun and Webster Counties in 1909, serving continuously through the Thirty-sixth

General Assembly in 1916; was a past chairman of the Webster County Republican central committee, and a delegate to the Republican national convention in Cleveland which nominated Calvin Coolidge for president in 1924; noted for his interest in raising Brown Swiss dairy cattle, and was president of the Iowa State Dairy Association from 1929 to 1937; belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and the order of the Elks; left Fort Dodge about 1953 to make his home in Clermont; had never married, being survived by a sister, Miss Anna Larrabee of Clermont.

MAX OTTO LORENZ, statistician, died in Palo Alto, California July 1, 1959; born at Burlington, Iowa September 19, 1876, the son of Carl Wilhelm and Amalie Marie Brautigam Lorenz; the first coffee roasting establishment in Burlington across from the First Congregational church on Fourth Street, operated by his father, was sold to A. J. Benner, founder of the Benner Tea Company; received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1899, taught in the Burlington high school for two years, and was an instructor in economics at the University of Wisconsin from 1901 to 1907, obtaining his doctorate from that institution in 1906; served as deputy commissioner of labor and industrial statistics in Wisconsin until 1909; special agent for the U. S. Bureau of Census for a year, and statistician with the Bureau of Railway Economics from 1910 to 1911; married Nellie F. Sheets October 28, 1911; was an associate statistician with the Interstate Commerce Commission from 1911 to 1916, secretary of the 8-Hour Commission the following year, and director of statistics for the Interstate Commerce Commission until his retirement in 1944, making his home in Palo Alto, California; co-authored a text, *Outlines of Economics*, and originated the "Lorenz Curve" used in population studies.

BRUCE F. STILES, state conservation official, died in Des Moines July 17, 1959; born at Decorah, Iowa, June 23, 1897; attended the public schools in Decorah and at Cherokee, and studied at Morningside College in Sioux City and Drake University in Des Moines; served in the navy during World War I; appointed conservation officer for Council Bluffs in 1938, and was instrumental in organizing conservation leagues in both Mills and Pottawattamie Counties; advanced to chief of the Fish and Game division of the state Conservation Commission in 1942, assistant director of the commission in 1946, and named director August 15, 1948 to succeed G. L. Ziemer who had resigned; the work of the conservation commission was greatly expanded under his administration with carefully planned programs being instituted to increase fish and game recrea-

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