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board of trustees of the Des Moines Association of Fine Arts, and the American Institute of Architects; survived by his wife, Ivan, and a daughter, Mrs. John Garner of Coos Bay, Oregon.

CLARENCE FLOYD LETTS, retired farmer and former state representative, died at his home in Washington, Iowa, August 20, 1959; born on a pioneer family homestead north of Ainsworth December 14, 1877, the son of David Grove and Hannah Gale Dickinson Letts; attended rural schools, prep school and Parsons academy in Fairfield until 1896, and studied at Parsons College for two years; married August 9, 1898 to Zelma M. Sawyers, who died in 1953; owned and operated a grocery store in Ames from 1898 to 1903, and then was a clerk and salesman for the Martin Wholesale Grocer Company in Davenport prior to taking over the family homestead in Highland township, Washington County in 1907; specialized in raising hogs and stock feeding; was for several years a township trustee, member of the township school board, and also chairman of the Republican committee of Highland township for many years; served as president of the Washington County Farm Bureau from 1917 to 1919, and was a member of the committee on Liberty Loan drives during World War I; elected to the Iowa house of representatives for the 39th General Assembly from Washington County in 1920, re-elected to the 40th and 40th extra sessions in 1922; served on the county board of health in 1936, and the same year began twenty years service on the Washington County hospital board; had made his home in Washington, Iowa, since retiring about 1944; was a trustee of the First Presbyterian church for many years, president of the board, member of the Masons, Shrine, Knight Templars, and former Rotarian; survived by a daughter, Mary Gale of Washington, twin sons, Grove R. of Ainsworth and David S. of Washington, D.C., and a brother, the distinguished Judge Fred Dickinson Letts in Washington, D.C.

PAUL SAYRE, professor of law, died at Iowa City, Iowa, August 10, 1959; born in Insdale, Illinois July 26, 1894, the son of Rockwell and Susan Lombard Sayre; attended University High School in Chicago, the Tacher School in Ojai, California, received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1916, a law degree from the University of Chicago in 1920, and his doctor of juristic science from Harvard in 1925 while practicing law in Chicago from 1920 to 1924; married in Boston September 22, 1924 to Grace Geyer of Roswell, New Mexico; was a professor of law at Indiana University and editor of the *Indiana Law Journal* for the next three years, became a research fellow at Harvard Law School in 1928, lecturer on civil pro-

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