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new chief of Maryland's bureau of industrial statistics and information, her duties including factory inspection and enforcement of the new child labor laws; made three trips to Russia, disguising herself as an immigrant in the steerage of the vessel on at least one trip, to gather information for the federal immigration commission; her reports are credited with furthering federal legislation regulating the steamship companies' handling of immigrants; did social work in New York from 1916 till 1922, then went to Russia as field director of the American Service Committee during the severe famine in that country; only survivor is a niece, Ann Jelinek of Philadelphia.

JUNIUS G. LUCAS, longtime newspaperman and former state senator, died January 31, 1960 at Iowa Methodist hospital in Des Moines, Iowa; born January 8, 1879 on a farm southwest of Luther, the son of Corydon L. and Nancy Sturdevant Lucas, pioneer Boone County residents; later moved with his family to Madrid, attending grade school there and graduated from the high school in 1895; finished a two-year business course at Palmer College in Le Grand in 1899, learned the printing trade on the Madrid newspaper conducted by his brother, John W., and remained with him for two more years on another paper at Platte City, Missouri; worked as a reporter on the Leavenworth *Times* for about a year, and was also with the Kansas City *Star* for a short time before returning to Madrid to farm for reasons of health; married at Madrid December 15, 1904 to Maude Halsey, who died in 1953; became associated with the *Madrid Register-News* in 1899 and purchased it from J. A. Silford in 1904, beginning a half century of editing and publishing this paper; formed the Western Printing and Lithographing Company in 1910, which with the assistance of two sons, Max L. and Robert L. and son-in-law, Jack A. White, was operated as a family institution in conjunction with the newspaper, specializing in the printing and manufacture of bank and creamery office supplies; became active in civic affairs as a member of the Madrid school board for 12 years, was a member of the board of trustees of the Boone County Hospital, helped reorganize the city government as a member of the city council, was a 4-minute man during World War I, being active in drives, the defense council, and was coal commissioner of the Eighth Congressional District; was past president of the Iowa Press Association, receiving its Master Editor Award in 1938; became active in politics, serving several terms as chairman of the Boone County Republican central committee; served as state senator from Boone and Story Counties from 1944 to 1948, and again from 1952 to 1956; sold the

Register-News to William Wilcox of Adel in 1958; was director of the Farmers Savings Bank, the G. W. York Company, the Red Ball Company, City State Bank in Madrid, member of Grant Club in Des Moines, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, charter member of the Madrid Lions club, and 50-year member and past master of the Masonic lodge; served as Sunday School superintendent and member of the board of the Congregational Christian Church for many years; survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kathryn E. White, Mrs. Lillian R. White, and one son, Robert L. Lucas, all of Madrid; Max L. Lucas, his oldest son, died in 1947.

CLARK WOOD, retired country newspaper editor, died at Vancouver, Washington January 5, 1960; born in Monona County, Iowa June 7, 1869, and came west with his parents by mule train in 1871; went to work as a printer's devil on the *Western Leader* at the age of 13, worked as a reporter and city editor of the *Pendleton East Oregonian*, and was on the staff of the *La Grande Chronicle* before buying the *Leader* in 1896; published it for 51 years before it was merged with the *Milton Eagle* in 1946; wrote, set in type, and printed much of the paper himself; his pithy editorial paragraphs came to be quoted all over the world, especially in the *Literary Digest* and on motion picture screens, few realizing the widely publicized *Leader* was a weekly, one-man operation in the small town of Weston; retired in 1950; had never married and is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Charles W. Myers of Portland.

STANLEY WATTS, funeral director, farm owner and former state legislator, died at Chariton, Iowa, November 20, 1959; born at Kilbourne, Iowa, January 3, 1894, the son of Amos and Anna Watts; attended country school in Van Buren County, graduated from the Birmingham high school in 1912, and studied at Iowa Wesleyan College, the State University of Iowa, Iowa State Teachers College and the Williams Institute of Embalming; taught school five years, working in chautauqua shows during the summer; served in France during World War I as a member of Hospital Unit R from August 8, 1917 to March 12, 1919; married to Fannie Eide of Des Moines at Fairfield December 15, 1917; went into business at Birmingham around 1921, serving four years as mayor; elected state representative from Van Buren County on the Democratic ticket, 1931-1932; removed to Murray, Iowa around 1934, operating a funeral and furniture business in Murray, Lorimor and Macksburg; became active in civic affairs and Clarke County Democratic circles, acquired farm interests in Clarke County, specializing in the breeding of Corriedale sheep; took a partner in the operation of his business which became Watts-Soll

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