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EUGENE MANNHEIMER, rabbi and civic leader, died September 8, 1952, in his home at Des Moines, Iowa; born November 3, 1880, at Rochester, New York, son of Sigmund and Louise (Herschman) Mannheimer, German Jewish descendents; removed with parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood and was educated in the public schools and Hebrew Union college, graduating as rabbi in 1902; received his B.A. degree in Cincinnati University, and assumed his first rabbinate the same year at Sioux City, Iowa; did post graduate work at Chicago University and Columbia University; came to Des Moines in 1905, as rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, retiring in 1947, since which time he has been rabbi emeritus; married Irma Schloss, of Des Moines, April 17, 1917; active in Red Cross, war loan and charities campaigns; instrumental in organizing the Federated Jewish Charities, now known as the Social Service of Des Moines, also the Jewish Settlement association, now the Jewish Community Center, and the United Jewish Philanthropies, now the Jewish Welfare fund; a member of National Conference of Christians and Jews, Foreign Policy committee of Des Moines and past president of the Iowa Conference of Social Work; a Rotarian, a thirty-third degree Mason and a member of the speaker's bureau of the Iowa Masonic Service committee; has served for a number of years as a member of the board of trustees of the School of Religion at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and an active member of the board of the Bureau of Jewish Education; surviving besides his wife, are two sons, Robert E. of Des Moines, and Richard S. of Los Angeles, California, a brother, Leo Mannheimer, and a sister, Edna Manner, both of New York, N.Y.

Anthony Milroy McColl, public official, legislator and lumber and grain dealer, died at his home in Woodward, Iowa, September 14, 1952; born at Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, May 19, 1858; the American-born parents, Hugh D. and Jane McColl, with their twin sons Anthony and Donald, came to Dallas county, Iowa, in 1876, located on a farm near Woodward, and engaged at that place in the lumber and grain business, Donald later establishing the same business at Perry, Iowa; elected in 1890 and served three terms as clerk of the Dallas county district court; married October 3, 1903 at Woodward to Bess C. Craft; served one term in the Iowa state senate and in 1913 re-elected to that position, sitting as

a member in the session that year, but resigned in June to accept appointment as a member of the state board of control, serving in that capacity by reappointment for 17 years, being its chairman several times; was instrumental in securing the location of the Woodward State Hospital and School at that place and active in all civic and municipal affairs, together with political movements in the county and state; served as a delegate from his county to every Republican state convention for a period of 72 years; a member of all branches of the Masonic order, the Elks, the Lions club, and a recent honor received was the naming of a local park and recreation center at Woodward as McColl park; for fifty years served as a trustee of the Thomas D. Gregg Fund, involving management of a substantial number of properties and other assets; survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Jean M. Milroy of Washington, D.C., who had been in the home with her parents during the father's last illness.

THOMAS JEFFERSON FITZPATRICK, botanist, educator, civil engineer and publisher, regarded as one of the most eminent botanical authorities of the midwest, died at Lincoln, Nebraska, March 28, 1952; born April 2, 1868, in Centerville, Iowa; acquired his advanced education at Wesleyan University, 1889, State University of Iowa 1889-95, B.Sc. 1893 and M.Sr. 1895, University of Chicago and University of Nebraska; held position of teacher and curator at University of Nebraska; experienced as a civil engineer and a publisher; was first head of Graceland college at Lamoni, Iowa, and member of the faculty there from 1895 until 1900, when he went to Iowa City, Iowa, to serve as superintendent of the public school system, remaining there until 1908, when he returned to Graceland college and rejoined the faculty, remaining until 1912, when he resigned and removed to California for a year, when he was called by the University of Nebraska; owner of the Lamoni Chronicle for a period while a resident there; also helped establish the local library, contributing a large number of books from his private collection which was extensive, once comprising over 30,000 volumes; a member of some thirty scientific and educational associations; was a prolific writer principally along botanical lines, also on engineering, history, and biography, some articles being published in the Annals, and one of his articles, "The Place-Names of Appanoose County, Iowa," being published in American Speech; also others of this series, published in the Annals, being "The Place-Names of Des Moines County, Iowa," "The Place-Names of Lee County, Iowa," and "The Place-Names of Van Buren County, Iowa;"

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