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Herring's political campaigns took charge of publicity, continuing in that capacity under former Gov. Nelson G. Kraschel, and in 1939 and 1940 was a special writer on the *Iowa Official Register*; originally a Republican, changed to Democrat in 1939 and became Democrat publicity director, a job he held most of the time the next 12 years; was with Bankers Life Co. as editor of house organs from 1942 to 1945, and most recently was in retirement; contributed to magazines and published two small books, "Unknown Facts about Well Known People" in 1893, and "Jazz History of the United States" in 1925; was one of the organizers of the Des Moines Press and Radio Club; a Congregationalist, and survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Moorhead, and a daughter Verlaine.

WINONA EVANS REEVES, editor, writer and club official, died at Keokuk, Iowa, February 19, 1955; born in Deep Mound, Iowa, August 14, 1872; daughter of Dr. James MacFarland and Helen Isabel Lusk Evans; received preparatory education in Whittier academy at Salem, Iowa, after which she obtained her B.S. degree at Iowa Wesleyan college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in 1891, her M.S. degree there in 1896 and in 1944 was granted an honorary degree of L.H.D.; on December 23, 1897 married Harry J. Reeves, who died in 1944, and to them were born two daughters, Mrs. Robert S. (Helen Lusk) Casey of Fort Madison, and Mrs. Agnes Reeves Colville of Akron, Ohio; served as society and club editor of the *Keokuk Daily Gate City* 1918-1926, editor of the Blue Book of Iowa Women and Blue Book of Nebraska Women 1914-1916, and editor of the *P.E.O. Record* 1918-1930; was a trustee of Cottey Junior college at Nevada, Missouri, a foreign correspondent for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church in 1928, a delegate to Womens International Week in Budapest, Hungary in 1938, Paris in 1939; a member of the National Federation of Press Women and its vice-president 1939-1941, the American Association of University Women, the P.E.O. sisterhood and its national president 1909-1911, the Illinois Women's Press association, and honorary member of the Iowa Press Women's association, the Cordon club of Chicago, the D.A.R. and the Presbyterian church; author of "The Story of P.E.O." and "We Were Saying," a book of essays; active in many societies and other organizations; survived in addition to her daughters by three grandchildren.

FRANK FINLEY MERRIAM, newspaper man, legislator and state executive, died at Long Beach, California, April 25, 1955; born on a farm in a log cabin near Hopkinton, Iowa, December 22, 1865; son of Henry C. and Anna E. Merriam, the oldest of eleven children; worked his way through Lenox college at Hopkinton,

and was graduated in 1888, served as principal of schools at Hopkinton, Hesper and Postville, Iowa, and Wisner, Nebraska; returned to Hopkinton and became publisher of the *Hopkinton Leader* and elected in 1896 to the Iowa house of representatives; elected auditor of state on November 8, 1898 and served until 1903, and in that position was ex-officio commissioner of insurance and superintendent of banking; became publisher of a Muskogee, Indian Territory, newspaper in 1903, but was called to Long Beach, California through family illness in 1910; until 1920 was in the advertising department of the *Long Beach Press*, later the *Press-Telegram*, and afterward a bank president and real estate broker in Long Beach; elected to the California state assembly in 1916 and re-elected four times, and in 1928 went to the state senate; elected lieutenant governor in 1930 and became governor June 2, 1934, when James Rolph, Jr., died in office; married in 1903 to Mrs. Nellie Bronson Day, formerly of Des Moines, the widow of Chas. H. Day, formerly a deputy in the office of auditor of state of Iowa when Merriam was incumbent, who died shortly before his election as governor of California; again married on January 25, 1936, at the age of 70, to Mrs. Jessie Lispey, an Iowa childhood acquaintance and widow of an Iowa banker; experienced a turbulent service as governor occasioned by violent labor strikes and a bitter but successful political campaign for re-election with Upton Sinclair, the novelist, but was defeated in the 1938 election by Clubert Olson, a Democrat.

MALVERN H. KEPLER, lawyer and jurist, died at Northwood, Iowa February 7, 1955; born on a farm near Davenport, Iowa, April 14, 1870, and lived to be the first native-born Iowan to serve on the judicial bench of the 12th district; was the son of John and Ann Douglas Kepler, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to a farm near Toledo in Tama county, Iowa in 1886; entered Western college at Toledo, a school which was subsequently combined with Coe college at Cedar Rapids, where he received his B.A. degree in 1892 and spent the following two years in teaching and farming; entered the law school at the State University of Iowa in 1894, and was graduated in 1896 and admitted to practice, his first two years in Toledo, near his family home, from where he removed to Northwood about January 1, 1923, and since resided; appointed by Gov. N. E. Kendall district judge to fill a vacancy March 1, 1923, and since regularly re-elected to succeed himself; became ill while presiding in court in Mason City in November, 1953, and had not been active on the bench since that time, although he did not resign; a member of the Elks and of the Masonic Lodge; bereaved last July 11 when Mrs. Kepler died; survived by

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